



Here is the fourth and end of season 2002/3 edition; I trust you found the previous three of interest. Now is a time to gather our breath and decide how to build on the success of the last season during the summer. If you have any ideas or can offer any help to your committee then please come forward and make yourself known.

What happened in the Leagues?

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Men's 1st X1 – Crowned champions having only lost one league game and also only losing in the semi-final of the Kent Cup, they have had a truly marvellous season. Manager Steve Rudducks, Captain Chris Allbut and Vice Captain Rob Abbott have all along with the coaching of Pete Burnham produced a side to be proud of this season. Well done to all the squad, after a well-deserved rest they will be looking to build on this success next season.

Ladies 1st X1 – As well as the men have done the ladies unfortunately have achieved the reverse by finishing bottom of there league. It is most likely they will be relegated but this will not be known for certain until late May. Sally Fairman has had a tough start in her first season as captain but to her and the teams credit they have kept there spirits up and will be working hard in the close season to put things right for next season.

Men's 2nd X1 – A stuttering season by the very high standards they have set themselves in recent times. They eventually finished up runners up on goal difference above the third placed side and now await league re-structuring to see if they get promoted (highly unlikely). Again like Sally, Mark Ashby has had a baptism of fire in his first season as a club captain as with Adrian Webster as his Vice Captain. For two fairly young people they have handled the situation well.

Ladies 2nd X1 – Like the new captains above Sharon Young has had a difficult season, results have been poor and they will be relegated by coming bottom of there league. Hopefully they will find next season more enjoyable by playing in a league more suited to there standard, however, Sharon and her Vice Captains have worked hard to keep the morale of the side going in very difficult circumstances.

Men's 3rd X1 – Also crowned champions of there league, with a nucleus of players this side has grown as the season went on and Captain Mat Jobson with his Vice Captain Jasper Thind have worked tirelessly to produce a fine side.

Ladies 3rd X1 – Vicky Bilby another new captain has seen the squad perform well in the first half of the season and with several new younger players being integrated into the side, results have been very satisfactory. This momentum will need to be continued for next season to help produce the stars of the future for the ladies section.

Men's 4th X1 – Like the ladies 2nd X1 they will be relegated but this should allow them to grow as a squad next season and find a standard more suited to their abilities. Captain Mark Whiteacre and Vice Captain Darren Laws who are both fairly new to the club let alone the game of hockey have done a sterling job in supporting the higher elevens and also in starting the re-building process of new younger players for the future.

Men's 5th X1 – Eventually finished a very respectful 3rd in their league, Captain Dave Davenport and Vice Captain Frank Andrews have unearthed some real young talent for the future. As the season has gone on this team has grown with several fine results towards the end.

Men's Veterans (Hamlets) – Another fine season culminating in the winning of the Burnt Ash Veterans Tournament. Not only have results been good in both the cups and friendlies but also the numbers of vets is on the increase. This allowed us to field two full sides at the Burnt Ash tournament. They also had a very successful end of season curry night at the sports club to round things off in style.

Colts – The Under 14's have continued to improve and were rewarded with their first win towards the end of the season. This recent success must be built on during the summer as we push forward with the club's ambitions to not only having a ladies under 14 side but also other age groups for both boys and girls. They had their end of season party and awards recently at the Sports Club where awards winners were as follows: Best Boy 'Ed Andrews', Best Girl 'Coral Jones' & Most Improved Player 'Scott Moore'.

Men's hockey director Paul Harvey is encouraged by the progress and success the section have had this season, one direct result is it has allowed the club to enter an extra men's side for next season. He would like to thank everyone for all the support he has received and would like to hear from anyone who would like to be a captain or vice captain for any of the men's sides next season.

Ladies hockey director Debbie Henderson after a tough season feels the ladies need to go away and re-group over the summer and decide how much commitment they can make throughout the elevens. If this is forthcoming she is hopeful like the men of starting up another eleven on a trial basis. Debbie would also like to thank all the members for their support in this a particularly difficult season and is hopeful that next season proves more fruitful.

Both hockey directors would also like to advertise for more help from any members (but especially ladies) with the colts set up. This could range from admin duties to becoming fully qualified coaches who can go into the schools. This area is the future of our club and at present the numbers need to be increased in order to ensure that the future is in safe hands.

Training?

Summer and pre season training will be taking place re fitness and skills for adults and colts. Debbie Henderson has already announced that Ladies fitness training will start at the club from Tuesday 24th June at 8pm and will be taken by 'Woody'. Andrei has also arranged 3 dates in the summer for Colts; these are Sunday's the 15th June, 20th July and the 17th August from 10am again at the club. Full details will appear on the Website, otherwise, please either contact the relevant Hockey Director or Colts co-ordinator Andrei Mendis for further details. Season 2003/4 winter training will also be announced in due course via the next Newsletter or Website.

Summer Hockey?

The Mixed Priory League and Men's/Ladies & Vets Greenwich Tournament invites have already been received and BBHC will be entering teams. If you wish to take part please contact Ian Brine or Sarah Tuckey for Priory and Debbie Henderson, Paul Harvey or Koki Sehmi for Greenwich. Full details of dates, opposition etc. are on the Website. Clayton Little is also organising a Vets side in the summer on behalf of Shaun re a league at one of the Medway clubs, for more details contact Clayton direct.

Rule change – for those of you who are not aware there is a couple of rule changes surrounding short corners for next season and it is possible these may be used in the above games, please check with the appropriate organising bodies. A short corner no longer needs to be stopped before the first shot on goal, however, it must come outside the 'D' first. Secondly, from the first short corner shot defenders on the line may now raise their stick above shoulder height. For full details of these changes see the latest rule book or go to the HA website.

Club Kit? – (as supplied by Lea Ray Sports Co Ltd)

Any existing or new members who still require kit please contact Chris Brookes or go directly to the website to order.

BBHC April 2003 AGM

This took place on the 24th April at the Sports Club and thanks go to all those who attended. Hopefully you feel the outgoing committee have been operating with the clubs best interests at heart and that the new incoming committee will continue to progress this. If you have any concerns or issues please see a new committee member, it is your club and we need to know your views. Your new committee is made up as follows:

President & 200 Club Rep

Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Ladies Director of Hockey

Men's Director of Hockey

Ladies Fixture Secretary & Pitch Co-Ordinator

Men's Fixture Secretary

Ron Patrick

Francis Saldanha

Jeanette Grabham

Bruce Graves

Debbie Henderson

Paul Harvey

Sue Moore

Clayton Little

Press, Publicity & Sponsorship Officer
Social Secretary
Colts Co-Ordinator
Kit Officer
Club Welfare Officer
BHSC (Bexleyheath Sports Club) Representative

Robert Brookfield
Dan Lucas
Andrei Mendis
Chris Brookes
Sarah Tuckey
Vacant

Derren Westbrook is also on the committee and will be allocated a post in due course. If you wish to become a co-opted committee member then please contact any of the above. Thanks also go to Phil Price, Ian Cole and Claire Woodbridge for offering to help out Robert Brookfield with some of his portfolio responsibilities.

Bexley Borough Hockey Forum?

Representative on the Bexley Hockey Development Group 2003/04

Andrei Mendis

Angela Kefford-Watson

Phil Watson

Colts Representative

Ladies Adult Representative

Men's Adult Representative

Note: Phil will be standing down shortly due to work commitments and a replacement is required.

The committee for this has now been voted on and the constitution agreed. The clubs in the borough with the local council are working on ways and ideas to promote the running of the game within Bexley. They are also looking at the facilities and coaches/training that are required to support this both within the schools and for the 4 clubs at the facilities they offer within the borough. If you have any views or can help on this then please make contact with Phil/Angie Watson, Andre Mendis or a BBHC committee member.

Publicity/Advertising?

Website – www.bbhockey.co.uk still lots to do on this but it is now starting to take shape and we will soon have some photos of our winning sides and recent social events to display. For next season we will have all the fixtures put up and team profiles along with membership details.

Press/Publicity – The Kentish Times have been working very pro-actively with the club and have given us excellent coverage over the season. This will culminate in a feature about the club, which is due to appear over the coming weeks, for further details please see Bobby Brookfield.

200 Club?

Ron Patrick has again run this very successfully for us this season but is still on the look out for new members. If your interested see Ron Patrick or check the website for details or an application form.

Sponsorship/Advertising?

Now is the time to look for new sponsors and advertisers for next season, please speak to your contacts, friends and local organisations/companies. This is a major source of income, which will allow us to offer improved facilities etc. for future seasons. If you can offer any help or advice then please contact Bobby Brookfield/Claire Woodbridge.

Touring?

Eindhoven – The Van's men's side revisited this wonderful city again at Easter and a great time was had by one and all. Stories and pictures are on the website.

Portsmouth – The ladies are about to embark on their festival at the end of May (24th to 26th), full report and hopefully photos will appear on the Website in due course. For further details contact Debbie Henderson or Sharon Young.

Social?

End of season Club Dinner – As you read this it has just taken place at the Marriott Hotel. We trust the night was memorable and many thanks go to Sarah and her team of helpers for making it a special occasion. Award winners were as follows:

Men's 1st Team Player of the Season	Peter Stanley
Ladies 1st Team Player of the Season	Sarah Tuckey
Men's 2nd Team Player of the Season	Dave King
Ladies 2nd Team Player of the Season	Keeley Wond
Men's 3rd Team Player of the Season	Bruce Graves
Ladies 3rd Team Player of the Season	Karen White
Men's 4th Team Player of the Season	Anthony West
Men's 5th Team Player of the Season	Alfie Johnson
Veterans Players of the Season	Steve Billings/Simon Brown
Top Goal Scorer	Mark Ashby
Most Improved Young Player	Alex Webster
Teams of the Year	Men's 1st & 3rd XI's
Club Man of the Year	Robert Brookfield
Club Lady of the Year	Sue Moore

The next social event will be around the time of the trials/open day; Dan will announce a date and details in due course (it is likely to be around the end of August for your diaries).

Special Occasions?

Engagements – For those who do not know Paul Harvey and Sarah Tuckey announced their engagement recently and will be getting married next summer, I am sure you would like to join me in congratulating them.

Marriages – Some of our other members have decided it is time to tie the knot over the next few months, so again congratulations to Sally Fairman, Alison Hall and Chris Allbut and their relevant partners.

Babies – Our treasurer Jeannette Grabham has announced she is pregnant so from all your friends at the club Netty and Jim, congratulations!!

And Finally!!!

Well done to all you BBHC members on making this one of the most enjoyable seasons since the merger 5 seasons ago. Not just on the playing side but also for everyone's efforts socially and organisationally in making this a club of which we can all be proud of.

Bobby Brookfield
Press, Publicity and Sponsorship
17th May 2003