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AT LAST - HERE IT IS! WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR

The very first Newsletter for Avon Umpires Association Members. The Association came into existence in March 1989 with the intentions of

- a. Encouraging more people to take active participation in umpiring.
- b. To raise umpiring standards in the county.
- c. To provide a forum for discussion of umpiring matters.

To update members newsletters will be produced three times a season with information on matters pertaining to umpiring.

Any member of the committee will be happy to discuss umpiring problems or matters of interest if you care to contact us. They are :-

Chairman : Liz Bennison

Secretary : John James

Treasurer : Pete Lovell

Committee : John Hallett

Tracey McCorquodale

John Knight

Joe Garry

Richard Powell

HAVE A GOOD SEASON !

P.S. Don't forget the AE Disciplinary Code. Ask your club secretary for a copy of the AE White Book when it arrives. It is printed in full in the book and explains how cards affect players.

MEMBERSHIP

Since the inception of the Association there has been a steady flow of new members. Despite the promising start there is still room for more. So if you haven't joined us yet, remember we are here to help you with both information and practical advice, so come on and join us. (Application form attached) It is only an initial outlay of £6 for which you get a rule book and an umpire's badge, along with Newsletters like this. Your renewal subscription will only be £3 per season.

Talking of rule books and badges, we hope to hand both of these to all of our signed up members in the near future, but we are in the hands of the publishers and suppliers.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

7 th September	07.00	Beginners Theory	Westberries Club
10 th September	10.00	Beginners Practical	Redmaids School
14 th September	08.00	Open Meeting	Imperial Club
6 th November	06.30	Beginners Theory	Bristol University

Full details will be sent to club secretaries.

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THE NEW 'C' TEST

Since November 1988 we have tested 57 candidates of whom 54 were successful. An excellent success rate. Congratulations to all who have passed.

From 1st September 1989 the new 'C' test comes into operation under the auspices of AE. These are the pertinent points :-

- a. It will cost £3 per test. (£1 extra for retesting in the same season).
- b. Two theory papers both of which have to be passed.
- c. Minimum of three full length games must be umpired before the test match.
- d. The test match will be between two good standard (first XI) clubs, or U18 or U21 county teams.
- e. Age limit, 55 years.

Full details from John James.

This is obviously a higher standard than previous years and a programme of coaching etc. is being arranged for aspiring candidates. (Details to follow.)

AE and the HA are seeking agreement on a new joint basic award for both associations. We'll let you know as soon as possible re details.

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NEW RULES 1989

There are four new rules this season, some already in operation! They are:

- a. Three substitutes are permitted in any match.
- b. The goal keeper is prohibited from lying down across the face of the goal before the first shot at goal has been made from a penalty corner.
- c. The goalkeeper is now allowed to stop a shot at goal above the shoulder with the stick, as long as this is not dangerous.
- d. The ball can now only be raised deliberately by a scoop or flick, except in the circle where any shot is permissible providing it is not dangerous. However bear in mind the Penalty Corner rules !

All these rules will be discussed on 14th September at the Imperial Athletic Club.

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FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

In the next Newsletter we hope to have :-

- a. A personal column for hatches, matches and dispatches etc. in the umpiring world. Also any successes, however small, that you or your umpiring friends have, will be interesting.
- b. Letters covering umpiring problems and matters of interest from you.

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