

## **VOLUME 17**

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### **Chairman's Letter**

Dear Member,

This is my last letter to you for this season - indeed when you read it we shall have had our AGM!

I do want to thank all of you who have given so much support to the Committee this season. We have not had the open evenings that we have had in the past but have concentrated more on the "hands on" approach. This seems to have been very popular and helpful. We have had more coaching courses and run more club evenings than ever this year and with regard to this I must thank the members of the Committee who have given so much time and effort to make these events the success they have been.

We have had more people ask for coaching; more people umpiring Junior County games; more people ringing up to comment, chat, discuss umpiring matters, than ever.

New Rules sessions are organised and details are in this Newsletter. Do try to get to one of the summer league evenings. If you would like to umpire one of the Summer League games please let me know as soon as possible.

I look forward to meeting many of you during the Summer League - do please contact me if we can help you in any way -

Best Wishes

John

### **NEW COACHING VIDEO**

The Hockey Association have produced a new Umpire's coaching video.

The Association have purchased a copy for general use.

Enclosed with this Newsletter are further details should you wish to purchase one for yourself and/or your club.

## NEW RULES

The following rule changes have been announced for **next** season and will become effective from 5th August 1996.

1. There will be **no** offside.

It is expected that this will transfer the balance of power towards the attackers. Their influence upon events will be increased. More goals, fewer whistles and increased open spaces around the circle will result.

*This change will possibly result in a change of positioning by the umpire and should you wish to see the effects of this please read the article on **Summer League** later in this Newsletter.*

2. Within the 25-yards area.

a. All long corners to be taken from the side line five yards from the corner flag on the side on which it went out. Such a line, 12 inches long, will need to be marked inside the sideline.

*Please note the long corner **must** be taken on the side line.*

b. For free hits, hits-in and corners, all players other than the striker must be five yards from the ball when it is played.

*Please note this applies to **ALL** dead ball situations within the 25 yards area to both the attack and the defence.*

3. Start/Restart of the game.

The requirement that the "Pass back" does not go over the centre line is removed.

*This allows the ball to be played in any direction along the ground from the pass back.*

Also a number of amendments have been made to the Rules, which cover improvements to existing wording. These will be notified to you when the new rule book becomes available.

# SUMMER LEAGUE

## Open Coaching Evenings

Once again this summer your committee is arranging a summer league at Clifton College. The league will consist of two divisions and will be played on Mondays and Thursdays commencing at 6.30pm.

The purpose of this league is to test for level 1 and for coaching of qualified umpires. It has been decided this year to play the first division to the **new rules** that will be effective next season, so that players and umpires alike can try them out and see the effects. The second division will be played to the current rules.

The first two evenings (**23rd & 30th May**) are to be all First Division affairs, with the **new rules**, and some of our more experienced umpires have agreed to act as guinea-pigs so that you may stand behind them with coaches in attendance and see the effects of the new rules on umpiring. How will they cope with **no offside** ? and will their positioning change dramatically ? These are the questions we hope to answer. The umpires will be available after their games to answer any questions you may have.

**ALL** members are welcome to these first two evenings and it is hoped that as many of you as possible will attend, so that we may all have a head start. Should you wish to bring any guests who are not members of this Association you may do so at a cost of £3.00 per person. **Please support these events** they promise to be both entertaining and informative.

## DEAR MARGE

### YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Marge has decided to start her summer holidays early this year but before she left she left this message for you.

Thank you all for your letters and questions this season on a variety of subjects. Some of them have certainly tested my knowledge of the rules and, I have to admit, there have been occasions when I have had to resort to that all important rule book for clarification.

I'm sorry I won't be around to answer your questions this time, but **please** keep your questions coming, they can only benefit us all.

Have a good summer.

Marge

***Should you have any questions for Marge, no matter how trivial, please send them to any member of the committee.***

## ***FORTHCOMING EVENTS***

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
11/05/96	U19 Club Championships	Milton Keynes
12/05/96	West AGM & ALM	
18/05/96	National Veterans Championships	Milton Keynes
19/05/96	AEWHA Cup, Plate & U15 Finals	Milton Keynes
<b>23/05/96</b>	<b>Summer League Open Coaching Evening</b>	<b>Clifton College</b>
24-27/05/96	European Club Championships	
<b>30/05/96</b>	<b>Summer League Open Coaching Evening</b>	<b>Clifton College</b>
13-16/06/96	4 Nations Tournament	Milton Keynes
20/07-04/08	Olympic Games	Atlanta
<b>05/08/96</b>	<b>New rules come into effect</b>	
25-31/08/96	U21 European Cup	Cardiff
15/09/96	U21 County Tournament	Clifton College
13/10/96	U18 County Tournament	Clifton College
27/10/96	U16 County Tournament	Clifton College
27/11/96	U18 BAe West Schools	Cheltenham
06/12/96	U16 BAe West Schools	Clifton College
28-30/12/96	U21, U18 & U16 Territorials	Milton Keynes
05/01/97	Indoor Clubs	Yate
12/01/97	Indoor U19 Clubs/Schools	Cheltenham
19/01/97	Indoor U16 Schools	Cheltenham
16/02/97	U14 County Tournament	Clifton College
23/02/97	West County Championships	Home Venues
02/03/97	West Mini Finals	Clifton College
08-09/03/97	West County Championships	Bournemouth
23/03/97	West Veterans Tournament	Clifton College
13/04/97	U19 Clubs	Clifton College
18/05/97	West AGM & ALM	Taunton

***Should any member have an event that they feel would be of interest to other members, please do not hesitate to send details to any member of the committee for inclusion in this newsletter.***

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

*Membership fees are again due and enclosed with this Newsletter is a renewal form for this purpose. Please complete as soon as possible.*

### **A.C.W.H.U.A. SUMMER LEAGUE 1996**

#### **FIXTURES**

	<b>6.30pm</b>				<b>7.45pm</b>			
May 23rd	Portishead	v	Yate	(A)	Clifton	v	Weston	(A)
May 30th	Redland	v	Portishead	(A)	Bath	v	BAC	(A)
June 3rd	Redland II	v	Westberries	(B)	Winscombe	v	Old Bristolians	(B)
June 6th	BAC II	v	Jaspers	(B)	Yate	v	Clifton	(A)
June 10th	Winscombe	v	Westberries	(B)	Weston	v	Bath	(A)
June 13th	BAC	v	Redland	(A)	Jaspers	v	Redland II	(B)
June 17th	Old Bristolians	v	BAC II	(B)	Portishead	v	Clifton	(A)
June 20th	Yate	v	Weston	(A)	Winscombe	v	Redland II	(B)
June 24th	Bath	v	Redland	(A)	BAC II	v	Winscombe	(B)
June 27th	Portishead	v	BAC	(A)	Westberries	v	Jaspers	(B)
July 1st	Redland II	v	Old Bristolians	(B)	Bath	v	Yate	(A)
July 4th	Clifton	v	BAC	(A)	Winscombe	v	Jaspers	(B)
July 8th	Westberries	v	BAC II	(B)	Weston	v	Redland	(A)
July 11th	Portishead	v	Bath	(A)	Jaspers	v	Old Bristolians	(B)
July 15th	BAC II	v	Redland II	(B)	Yate	v	Bath	(A)
July 18th	Clifton	v	Redland	(A)	Weston	v	BAC	(A)
July 22nd	Westberries	v	Old Bristolians	(B)	Weston	v	Portishead	(A)
July 25th	Yate	v	Redland	(A)	Bath	v	Clifton	(A)

Division (A) will be played to the new rules

Division (B) will be played to the current rules

**The first two evenings will be open coaching evenings and are all A Division matches, will be umpired by experienced umpires and coaches will be in attendance to answer any questions that may arise**

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**1996/97 COMMITTEE**

Chairman	John Burr
Secretary	John James
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Committee	Val Harding
	Liz Powell
	Richard Powell
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