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Chairman's Letter

Dear Member,

Summer Leagues have finished and I understand all of them have been successful. Certainly our own at Clifton College has been very successful. All teams have had an opportunity to play under the new rules with some very interesting results in some instances. Do try to umpire a couple of games with the new rules before League matches start in September. My thanks to all who have umpired and helped with coaching and testing during the Summer League.

As I start my final year as Chairman I look forward to a season which looks to be every bit as full as last year. We have already planned PUA courses, started linking with schools to find young umpires, started planning coaching courses for January. We have a larger than usual number of Junior County home games.

Please let me know if you wish to attend one of our courses or wish to umpire at Junior County Games.

Also please give thought to the Committee and your Association and how you would like to see both develop. Do not leave it until the next AGM. Consider that your next Chairperson could take the Association into the next Millennium!! The Committee at this time is still one person short of the minimum number. If you feel you might be able to help and would be interesting in joining us please give me [or any Committee member] a ring.

With this Newsletter there is a list of National League games. Do try to get along to one or more of these. Apart from supporting our only National Premier League team from the West, you will usually see great hockey and some of our top umpires. Do come along!

Keep the letters coming to Marge - she's raring to go I am told!

Keep the phone calls coming - we love the chats!

Have a great season

Best Wishes

John

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.

1996/97 COMMITTEE

Chairman	John Burr
Secretary	John James
Treasurer	Pete Lovell
Committee	

Val Harding

Liz Powell

Richard Powell

Lynda Watts

ALL Committee members are there to help should you have any questions

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DEAR MARGE

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Marge

Recently I had cause for concern with regard to the standard of umpiring displayed by one of my colleagues. I did speak to them after the game, but felt that their performance was such that I would have liked to have reported it to someone so that they may get assistance and ensure that other teams did not suffer in the same way. Does a formal complaints procedure exist for umpires?

Dear Member

The answer to your question is yes. Although we hope these are isolated incidents the following procedure does exist:

1. If two committee members see an umpire who is not up to standard, or
2. If the committee receive three written reports from clubs and or umpires about an individual umpire

The committee will discuss the matter at the next committee meeting and decide upon a course of action.

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

INSURANCE

Several members have asked about insurance for the coming season. We have recently received the necessary form from All England and have enclosed it with this newsletter should you wish to take up the option

*Please note that the West Territorial Discipline Officer for the coming season is :-
**D.J.Davies , Top House, High Street, Hindon, SALISBURY, Wiltshire, SP3
6DJ.***

*Should you have cause to red card any player this coming season, enclosed with
this newsletter is a Red Card Report Form. Please ensure that both umpires
officiating complete this and send it to Miss Davies A.S.A.P. Let's hope this does
not become necessary.*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
05/08/96	New rules come into effect	
25-31/08/96	U21 European Cup	Cardiff
15/09/96	U21 County Tournament	Clifton College
22/09/96	AEWHA Cup (Preliminary round)	
06/10/96	AEWHA Cup (Round 1)	
13/10/96	U18 County Tournament	Clifton College
27/10/96	U16 County Tournament	Clifton College
03/11/96	AEWHA Cup (Round 2)/ Plate (Preliminary round)	
27/11/96	U16 BAe West Schools	Cheltenham
01/12/96	AEWHA Cup (Round 3)/ Plate (Round 1)	
06/12/96	U18 BAe West Schools	Clifton College
15/12/96	AEWHA Plate (Round 2)	
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
24-26/01/97	U21 Indoor European Nations Cup	Czech
31/01-02/02	Indoor U19 & Schools Finals	Crystal Palace
16/02/97	U14 County Tournament	Clifton College
21-23/02/97	Indoor European Club Championships	Amiens
23/02/97	West County Championships	Home Venues
02/03/97	West Mini Finals	Clifton College
02/03/97	AEWHA Cup (Round 4)/ Plate (Round 3)	
05/03/97	AEWHA U16 Schools Championships	Milton Keynes
06/03/96	AEWHA U18 Schools Championships	Milton Keynes
08-09/03/97	West County Championships	Bournemouth
16/03/97	AEWHA Cup (Round 5) / Plate (Round 4)	
23/03/97	West Veterans Tournament	Clifton College
27-31/03/97	U18 & U16 International Tournament	Germany
28-31/03/97	European Clubs Cup Winners Cup	
06/04/97	AEWHA Cup (Round 6) / Plate (Round 5)	
13/04/97	U19 Clubs	Clifton College
18-20/04/97	National League Promotion/Relegation	Milton Keynes
26-27/04/97	AEWHA County Championship Finals	East

10/05/97	AEWHA U19 Club Championships	Milton Keynes
11/05/97	AEWHA Cup (Round 7) / Plate (Round 6)	
16-19/05/97	European Club Championship	
18/05/97	West AGM & ALM	Taunton
24/05/97	AEWHA Veterans Championships	Milton Keynes
25/05/97	AEWHA Cup / Plate / U15 Cup Finals	Milton Keynes

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

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership, if you have done so your new rule book is enclosed with this newsletter. If you have not, in case you have mislaid the previous one sent, enclosed with this Newsletter is a renewal form for this purpose.

Thanks to Alan Giles who sent me the following quotation, which he shared with those of us present at the AGM. Perhaps it explains why we sometimes have problems as umpires, and why players react in the way they do !

Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play. It has a mixture of hatred, jealousy, boastfulness and disregard for all rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence, in other words it is:

war minus the shooting

George Orwell 1945

At the AGM John Burr mentioned that there appeared to be forming a group of umpires who were congregating at Clifton's National League games, to observe a higher standard of both play and umpiring. Below you will see a list of Clifton's home games should you wish to become part of this group, or merely to support the West's premier ladies club side.

22nd Sept. 1996	Clifton v Hightown
5th Oct. 1996	Clifton v Ipswich
9th Nov. 1996	Clifton v Doncaster
22nd Feb. 1997	Clifton v Balsam Leicester
15th March 1997	Clifton v Slough
22nd March 1997	Clifton v Trojans
12th April 1997	Clifton v Sutton Canada Life

In addition to this a pre season is to be held at Clifton College Sports Ground the details of which are :-

Saturday August 31st/ Sunday Sept. 1st. Two games Saturday, three Sunday [times/match details still to be finalised].

Teams involved are Alton, Aldridge, Bracknell and Clifton.

All spectators are welcome.

Once again the Summer League has proved to be a great success, for your information these were the final standings:

Division A

	W	D	L	For	Against	Points
Redland I	5	1	0	20	3	16
Possibrands	4	1	1	20	10	13
Clifton	3	2	1	14	12	11
BAC I	2	2	2	12	10	8
Weston	1	1	4	7	12	4
Bath	1	1	4	7	18	4
Yate	1	0	5	10	25	3

Division B

	W	D	L	For	Against	Points
Winscombe	3	2	0	13	5	11
Old Bristolians	3	0	2	7	11	9
Redland II	2	1	2	9	8	7
Westberries	1	2	2	6	5	5
Jaspers	1	2	2	7	8	5
BAC II	1	1	3	7	12	4

Congratulations to both Redland I and Winscombe on their wins.

With the majority of matches being played to the new rules we hope this has given a head start to the teams and the umpires involved.