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Chairman's Letter

Dear Member,

A particularly warm welcome to the 25 or so new members who have joined us for the first time this season, and welcome back to the 7 who have rejoined. We hope you find your membership worthwhile and use the Association to help with your umpiring questions, problems and points of view. Please feel able to contact ANY member of the Committee concerning any matter to do with umpiring and hockey. You will find the Committee telephone numbers in this Newsletter.

During the Non-League month of January there will be two coaching courses. One will be for Level 1's who feel a refresher course would be helpful, and the other for Level 1's who feel they might like to develop their umpiring further, maybe with a view to taking games in one of the higher leagues, or maybe to consider moving towards a Level 2. If you are interested please contact any member of the Committee.

"We wish Pete Lovell every good wish in his assessment game for National League. It would be so good to see him achieve this goal after all the hard work and dedication he has given to Women's Hockey".

Best Wishes

John

Special Event

Gill Clarke (Olympic final umpire) and **Margaret Hunnaball** ('A' register umpire) are in the West and have kindly agreed to speak to our Association on **Saturday 12th January**, time and venue to be advised.

This is a great opportunity to listen to the experiences of two umpires who have reached the pinnacle of the sport, an event **not to be missed**.

Please, please, please make every effort to attend !!! . Events like these occur only very occasionally.

NB The event is open to all who are interested.

YOUNG UMPIRE SEARCH

It may have taken a while but we have realised that we have to join the rest of sport and start recruiting younger people directly into umpiring and not wait until they have finished playing.

The opportunities for umpires now are really quite amazing, if they are prepared to work hard and be dedicated to the sport. Tournaments take place not only all over the country but the world. We've just had the first British umpire officiating in the Olympic Final which is a great achievement for Gill Clarke - Well done !

However it doesn't happen overnight and it does involve a lot of hard work and commitment. Even if you don't want to go that far, it can be an enjoyable and rewarding time with local hockey.

We need young people, 16-18 years old, male or female, to join us and try umpiring, if they don't like it, so what ! they haven't lost anything but at least they will have had some umpiring experience and will enjoy the game more afterwards.

What can we offer them?

1. umpire coaching, plus material to help towards further coaching, Level 1 and 2.
2. 2.Put them in touch with clubs running youth teams to start with.
3. 3.Offer an umpire mentor, someone who does not actually coach them but will offer independent advice and guidance.
4. 4.Help when required.

We all know that sport has become more professional and I'm afraid as umpires we must do the same. We owe it to our sport to show young people the opportunities the sport has to offer it's umpires.

Youngsters leave our sport because they feel it has nothing to offer them and vice versa, but that's not true, the opportunities do exist and we must encourage these youngsters to take up a very fulfilling career.

You, our membership, are the ones that are out there, and know who these youngsters may be, why not offer them a chance to become umpires, tell them to contact us.

If you know someone who would like to be involved with hockey, but not playing, ask them to give us a ring, ring anyone on the committee, but let's stop thinking of umpiring as a retired players sport.

If they are willing to show commitment we will help them to fulfil their potential as an umpire.

Anyone who knows someone who may be interested ring **Lynda Watts** or any member of the committee.

DEAR MARGE

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Marge

When a long corner is lifted dangerously where should the resultant free hit be taken from?

Dear Member

The answer is actually in your question. Because the offence means that there is now a **free hit** to the defence, like all free hits within 16 yards of the backline outside the circle, it may be taken from a point up to 16 yards from the back-line in line with the offence, parallel to the side-line. In other words, in the case quoted, on the sideline up to 16 yards from the back-line. Don't forget all players, except the taker, must therefore be 5 yards from the ball.

Dear Marge

Please, please help me!

Recently I umpired a game and my colleague was a very good looking young man, I couldn't take my eyes off of him. Regrettably after the game he could not see that I only had eyes for him, and left rather abruptly. Please, please help me find him.

Dear Member

I think maybe you have the wrong Marge, my talents do not extend to the personal problems. However I do hope that your obvious liking for this young man did not spoil your concentration during the game, we all know how important it is to keep 100% concentration at all times.

After the game you say he left abruptly, again I can only hope that first you had time to talk about the game, another important feature for all of us.

Unfortunately I am unable to help you in your quest to find this young man, but can only hope that one day you will have the opportunity to meet up with him again.

Dear Marge

So many players seem to be under the impression that for a goal to be scored from a short corner that the ball must hit the backboard. Surely this is not the case?

Dear Member

No it is not the case. If the first shot at goal is a hit, the ball must cross the **back-line** at a height of no more than 18 inches. However should the first shot at goal be either a flick or a scoop it may enter the goal at any height provided there is no danger.

Please remember should the first shot at goal be hit at height of less than 18 inches and it is subsequently deflected either by a defender or an attacker it may then enter the goal at any height, as may any subsequent shot at goal, again subject to the danger aspect.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
15/12/96	AEWHA Plate (Round 2)	
28-30/12/96	U21, U18 & U16 Territorials	Milton Keynes
12/01/96	Open Evening. Guests Gill Clarke & Margaret Hunnaball	T.B.A.
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	Avon Vets Tournament	Clifton College
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
09/03/97	Avon 2nd XI Tournament	Clifton College
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.

Enclosed with this Newsletter are the West Club's Women's Hockey League Rules Extract for the guidance of Umpires 1996/97 Season

I'm sure you will all find them useful.

CLIFTON FIXTURES 1996/7

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

Appointments

Your committee have made the following appointments recently:

AEWHA Cup Prelim	Bath v Yeovil	Pauline Clay
AEWHA Cup Round 1	Yate v Isca	Jeanette Bokacz
	Bude v Bath	Sue Lancaster
U18 County	Avon v Devon	Shelagh Millman
U16 County	Avon v Devon	John Burr
AEWHA Cup	Yate v Exeter	Steve Cox

AEWHA Plate

Possibrands v Yeovil

Jeanette Bokacz

Philippians v W.Bassett

Simon Croucher

Newent v Bath

Liz Powell

Congratulations and thanks go to those concerned.

AGM

Your committee are considering moving the AGM from May to September each year, to do this we realise that we would require to change the constitution at our next AGM and would therefore have to post notice prior. Before we take this step we thought it would be apt to canvass your views.

Should you have any comment with regard to this, either for or against please contact any committee member with your thoughts.

1996/97 Committee

Chairman John Burr

Secretary John James

Treasurer Pete Lovell

Committee Val Harding

Liz Powell

Richard Powell

Lynda Watts

HELP !!!

I have managed to put together a library of past Newsletters of the Association, but I am unable to locate a copy of Newsletter Number 5, should any member have a copy of this I would be grateful if they would forward a copy to me.

Anyone wanting a copy of any previous Newsletters only need ask I will be only to willing to forward copies.

Thanks Pete Lovell

Your committee wishes all it's members a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Enjoy the rest and join us on January 12th for our Open Evening.