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**A very happy and prosperous
New Year
to all our members**

Chairman's Letter

Dear Member,

1997 for me was not the best of years, but my belief in human kindness was strengthened following all the best wishes messages and help I received. My grateful thanks go especially to all the committee and to John Burr in particular for the sterling work carried out in my absence.

Preliminary award courses have again been held, with a very high success rate, which definitely bides well for the future of umpiring in Avon. A level 1 theory session has been held, again with a good success rate and I'm sure you will join me in wishing those candidates every success.

Congratulations go to Richard Powell, who deservedly gained his Level 2 umpire coach award, that makes three we now have in the area. **Well done Richard !!**

Finally I feel sure we all wish our two Level 2 candidates, Steve Alger and Sharon Gibson, every success in the next couple of months when they will be striving to their goals, Good Luck !!

Enjoy your umpiring

Peter

REMINDER

Six match cards must be completed and returned to John James by
June 30th 1998 at the latest if you wish to remain on the League
register for next season.

No further reminders will be issued.

INJURIES

Dealing with injuries that occur during the course of the game is based mainly on common sense. It is also important that both umpires work as a team with regard to all injuries and discussion should take place prior to the start of the game as to the course of action to be taken.

If a player is injured and is laying prone on the pitch or in the case of any head injury the most sensible course of action is to stop the game immediately and summon assistance for the player. Try not to get involved yourself unless you are a qualified first aider. Taking this action will prevent any delay which might worsen the injury, and will also prevent any danger to that or other players should the play remain or go back to the area where the player is injured.

It must be remembered that should such an incident occur, either umpire may blow to stop the game; in fact because they have a wider angle, the disengaged umpire sometimes will spot these incidents quickest. Once the injury has been dealt with and it is safe to continue, the game shall be restarted with a bully where the ball was when the game was stopped, assuming no free hit has been awarded. Should this be within 16 yards of the backline the bully should be taken on the 16 yard point level with where the ball was when the game was stopped. All players except the two involved in the bully shall be 5 yards away.

With less serious injuries that occur when no foul has been committed, most times the player involved will remove themselves from the field thus requiring no further action from the umpires. Should an injury occur as a result of a foul, it is normally best to stop time and allow treatment to take place prior to restarting the game with a free hit or appropriate penalty.

Injuries to goalkeepers should always be attended to without delay, treatment being allowed to take place on the pitch, as most teams do not have a substitute keeper.

In summary: **at all times USE COMMON SENSE and DO NOT GET INVOLVED**

1997/98 COMMITTEE

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| Chairman | Pete Lovell |
| Secretary | John James |
| Treasurer | Val Harding |
| Committee | John Burr |
| | Liz Powell |
| | Richard Powell |
| | Janet Wilson |

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

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DEAR MARGE

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Marge

Could you please verify when a ball may be lifted into the circle? Recently it was suggested to me that it was OK to raise a ball into the circle from a long corner, surely this is not the case?

Dear Member

The ball must not be intentionally raised from a long corner and if dangerous should be penalised with a free hit to the defence on the sideline.

The ball may be raised over an opponents stick or goalkeeper on the ground into the circle providing it is not dangerous or likely to lead to danger. However not all balls otherwise lifted into the circle are forbidden, a ball bouncing into the circle should be judged according to the dangerous play rule.

Dear Marge

May a player who is not on her feet play the ball?

Dear Member

Provided she is not obstructing an opponent and her actions are not dangerous or likely to lead to danger (remember it could be dangerous to herself) and she plays the ball with the correct side of the stick no offence will have occurred.

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

Please note that the West Territorial Discipline Officer 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 the new Red Card Report Form issued by the E.H.A. 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.

Please see below Clifton's outstanding home fixtures in the National League, should you be free to do so, you will find it extremely helpful to your own umpiring to watch some of these matches.

CLIFTON FIXTURES 1997/8

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| 14/02/97 | Clifton | v | Slough |
| 28/02/97 | Clifton | v | Ipswich |
| 14/03/97 | Clifton | v | Hightown |

HELP

Many of you are aware that we regularly hold Preliminary umpires awards.

To run these awards we require the assistance of several teams who play friendly matches that we have arranged. Our grateful thanks go to all those teams who have assisted us in the past. However to continue these ventures we need the continued support of all teams in Avon.

A letter will soon be going to all clubs requesting their assistance wherever possible, but could we request our members to actively encourage their clubs to help in this matter, recently it is becoming increasingly difficult to find teams, and it is in the interests of all concerned that these events continue.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>VENUE</u> |
|---------------|---|-----------------|
| 08/02/98 | West U19 County Tournament | Clifton College |
| 01/03/98 | Bae U18 Schools Championships | Milton Keynes |
| 01/03/98 | West Mini Hockey Championships | Clifton College |
| 02/03/98 | Bae U16 Schools Championships | Milton Keynes |
| 08/03/98 | West U14 County Championships | Clifton College |
| 15/03/98 | West U19 Clubs Championships | Clifton College |
| 21/03/98 | West County Championships | Various |
| 22/03/98 | West U16 County Championships | Clifton College |
| 28 - 29/03/98 | West Vets Championships | Bournemouth |
| 09/04/98 | U16/U18 European Six Nations Tournament | Milton Keynes |
| 18/04/98 | Inter League Tournament | Milton Keynes |
| 02 - 03/05/98 | West County Championships | Bournemouth |
| 09/05/98 | U19 Club Championships | Milton Keynes |
| 10/05/98 | Cup / Plate / U15 Cup Finals | Milton Keynes |
| 17/05/98 | Vets Finals | Milton Keynes |
| 20/05/98 | World Cup | Utrecht |
| 23 - 24/05/98 | County Championships Finals | South |