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## *Chairman's Letter*

Dear Member,

As you will know from our last newsletter John Burr stood down as Chairman and John James stood down as Secretary at our recent AGM. Both have served our Association for a number of years, and I take this opportunity to thank them again for their unstinting efforts for the Association. We all wish them both, the very best for the future. I am assured by them, that they will not be disappearing from the scene, and that we will still be seeing them out on the field, if not umpiring, giving some of their invaluable knowledge back to the grass roots. Perhaps, if anyone would like their help, you could give me a call, the Association is for all umpires and not just the elite. I also take this opportunity to thank Malcolm Kingshott for his efforts as a committee member over the last two years and again look forward to seeing him out with his whistle.

These departures from our committee have led us to welcoming Pete Lovell back, this time as Secretary, and to Lynda Watts and Janet Wilson joining the committee as full members rather than co-opted. The new committee has met since the AGM and is already planning for next season.

Those of you who attended the AGM will recall that we had a lengthy discussion with regard to how umpires are being treated by the teams (generally worse than in the past) and how we as an Association can support umpires who have found themselves in an awkward or nasty situation. During the match don't forget that there are two of you and that this is the ideal time to show the teams that you are the best team on the field. Don't be afraid to talk and decide between you how to deal with the situation. If after the game you are still feeling unhappy then do not hesitate to call any member on the committee who will be more than happy to discuss the problem which you have had either over the phone or over a drink. The committee can only help you to correct the bad behaviour of teams if we are advised of problems which you have encountered, either by supporting you or making complaints to higher authorities.

If you have any topics which you would like to be the subject of an open evening or covered in the newsletter please contact any member of the committee.

Finally I wish you an enjoyable summer break, however short, and look forward to seeing you recharged and ready to go at the start of next season.

Best Wishes

Gill Prophet.

# Avon County Women's Hockey Umpires Association

*Welcome to the Avon Umpires Association Web Page*

## www8.50megs.com/acwhua

We have developed a web site for the association. It has been published but it is still very much under development.

It has information on the following: -

Coaching **Help available to improve your skills.**

Discipline **Need help with what to do?**

Events & Fixtures **What is going on.**

FAQ **Feedback**

Links **Other useful hockey sites.**

Membership Benefits **Why you need us!**

Newsletters **Loads of information!**

Who are we? **Committee members, Constitution and Procedures**

Why Umpire? **Why do we need umpires? And why you should think it!**

Young Umpires **Think you are too young and inexperienced...forget it you're not.**

**Go visit, see what you think and feed it back to us.**

**We will be publishing the Summer League tables and any other useful information ready for next season.**

**If you have any comments or ideas please let us know you can E-Mail me on: -**

**Lyndawatts@cableinet.co.uk**

**or Pete Lovell on:-**

**Peterlovell@tesco.net**

**Happy summer surfing !!!**

**Lynda**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
03/09/00	Under 21 County Tournament	
17/09/00	Avon 1st XI Tournament	Clifton
21-23/10/00	Under 18 & Under 16 Regional Tournaments	
05/11/00	Under 19 County Tournament	
12/11/00	Under 16 & Under 18 Bae Schools Championship	
28-29/12/00	Under 21 Regional Tournament	
04/02/01	Under 17 County Tournament	
11/02/01	Under 15 County Tournament	
18/02/01	Under 14 County Tournament	
04/03/01	Mini Regions	
11/03/01	Under 19 Club Championships	
18/03/01	Avon Veterans Tournament	
07/04/01	Avon 2nd XI Tournament	
21-22/04/01	County Championship Weekend	
28-29/04/01	Veterans Championship	

## **2000/01 Committee**

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## **REMINDER**

Membership subscriptions are now overdue. Anyone still not paid will have a renewal form with this Newsletter. Please complete this and return to Val Harding as soon as possible. Val will then forward your new rule book as soon as they are available.

Remember membership includes insurance.

# Dear Marge

## Your questions answered

Dear Marge,

When I realised that I was going to umpire regularly last season I went out and bought a pair of grey trousers and a bright yellow jumper. At a recent tournament, however, I noticed that many umpires were wearing black trousers and a variety of different coloured tops.

What is the correct dress these days?

Confused

Dear Confused,

It is very pleasing to hear that you are taking umpiring seriously enough to buy the kit; I hope you continue to enjoy your games. The reason for such confusion emanates from the top (as usual!). The National League umpires needed a kit which did not mean them changing colours every match. The first colour chosen was pink with black edging. Consequently black instead of grey skirts and trousers were worn to coordinate colours. This season they have opted for orange but again with black.

These colour changes affect us in the West Region because the umpires who wish to progress to the National League will need to be prepared with the correct kit. The colour changes then permeate down into the counties and very soon everybody is wearing similar colours.

The colour changes are not obligatory. At West level they are encouraging umpires to wear black but grey is still acceptable up to this level. The orange shirts are still only for National League umpires so please continue wearing your bright colours.

Dear Marge,

All last season I thought I was giving a good decision when, at penalty corners, if the ball was not stopped I gave a free hit to the defence. Recently though, I was asked about this by some players. They said that I need not blow for the free hit straight away but wait to see if the ball is stopped by another player. I did not think that was allowed.

A Learner

Dear A Learner,

I'm afraid that the players are right in this instance. If a ball is not stopped at the first attempt by the attack outside the circle then unless they shoot at goal straight away, you need to give them another opportunity to stop it outside the circle. The team has not fouled until a shot at goal is taken so you cannot give a

free hit until the shot is struck towards goal. As often as not there is no shot at goal so no whistle is needed.

This is a very tense time for the attackers and to give a foul against them for poor skill can make the umpires life even more difficult as they feel that you have not been entirely fair to their team. You will earn a few more friends by hanging on to your whistle just that bit longer!

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

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### **SIX MATCH CARDS**

Six match cards must be completed and returned to John James by **June 30th 2000** at the latest if you wish to remain on the League register for next season.

Should anyone have any questions or concerns then please contact your new Secretary, Pete Lovell on 0117-9759644

***No further reminders will be issued.***

### **SUMMER LEAGUE 2000**

This year's summer league "pushed back" on 25th May 2000. There are 13 teams who will be playing on Mondays and Thursdays to provide opportunities for umpires to be assessed/reassessed, coaches and tested.

The task set the association this summer is to provide coaching and testing for twelve level 1 candidates, three level 2 candidates and a number of reassessments. This has made opportunities for our established umpires to join in this year's summer league very limited. We apologise to anyone who had asked for coaching and we have been unable to meet their request.

This is an enormous task taken on by the association each summer and it's success is dependent on the good will of the teams, the coaches and the assessors. All teams that enter the summer league, do so, on the understanding that some umpires are still learning and therefore will make mistakes. The coaches and assessors give up considerable amounts of their free time to make this league a success for all involved. It is also hoped that at the end of the evening everyone will have had some fun and the associations thanks go to the teams involved, the coaches, the assessors and everyone else involved in this year's summer league.

Anyone wishing to support this event can find us at Coombe Dingle sports ground between 6.30pm and 9.30pm until the end of July, fixtures appear on the next page of this newsletter.

Results will be posted to our web site on [WWW8.50MEGS.COM/ACWHUA](http://WWW8.50MEGS.COM/ACWHUA) or the Western Daily Press.

Any queries please contact Janet Wilson 0117-9828039 or Gill Prophet 0117-9652716

Date	Time	Div					
25th May	6.30pm	One	Yate	0	v	1	Clifton
	7.45pm	Two	Old Bristolians	3	v	1	Westberries
1st June	6.30pm	One	Redland	0	v	1	Possibrands
	7.45pm	Two	BAC II	1	v	3	Yatton
5th June	7.00pm	Two	BAC II		v		Westberries
	8.15pm	Two	Yatton		v		Jaspers
8th June	6.30pm	One	Possibrands		v		BAC
	7.45pm	One	Bath		v		Redland
12th June	7.00pm	One	Possibrands		v		Bath
	8.15pm	Two	Old Bristolians		v		Yatton
15th June	6.30pm	One	Winscombe		v		BAC
	7.45pm	Two	Jaspers		v		Westberries
19th June	7.00pm	One	Redland		v		Yate
	8.15pm	One	Clifton		v		Bath
22nd June	6.30pm	Two	Old Bristolians		v		Jaspers
	7.45pm	Two	BAC II		v		Winscombe II
26th June	7.00pm	One	Winscombe		v		Possibrands
	8.15pm	Two	Winscombe II		v		Westberries
29th	6.30pm	Two	BAC II		v		Jaspers

June							
	7.45pm	One	BAC		v		Yate
3rd July	7.00pm	One	Winscombe		v		Clifton
	8.15pm	One	BAC		v		Bath
6th July	6.30pm	Two	Winscombe II		v		Old Bristolians
	7.45pm	One	Winscombe		v		Redland
10th July	7.00pm	One	Clifton		v		Redland
	8.15pm	Two	Yatton		v		Winscombe II
13th July	6.30pm	One	Bath		v		Yate
	7.45pm	One	Clifton		v		Possibrands
17th July	7.00pm	Two	Winscombe II		v		Jaspers
	8.15pm	One	Bath		v		Winscombe
20th July	6.30pm	One	BAC		v		Clifton
	7.45pm	One	Possibrands		v		Yate
24th July	7.00pm	Two	Westberries		v		Yatton
	8.15pm	One	Yate		v		Winscombe
27th July	6.30pm	Two	Old Bristolians		v		BAC II
	7.45pm	One	Redland		v		BAC

***This is your Newsletter and any comments or views you may have would be gratefully received, please send them to any member of the Committee***