

# Newsletter

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## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

The start of the season is upon us and enclosed are the following:

### Six Match card

To remain on the active list an umpire must umpire at least six matches per season, which are recorded on the enclosed card and signed by the team captains. As soon as you have completed the card return it to Peter Lovell.

Remember only umpires on the active list can umpire league games.

### West League Umpire Guidance

This has been amended since last season. Please ensure therefore that you read through it before the league season starts.

### Rule Book

If you have renewed your membership a new rules book is enclosed, however if there is no rulebook a membership renewal form is enclosed instead.

***DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES INSURANCE COVER.***

### Red Card Report Form

Enclosed is a new red card report form, please destroy all previous copies.

It has recently been announced by the EHA that they are to

introduce the umpire match card throughout the country in an attempt to standardise how an umpire remains active. As a county who have led the way there will be no change for our members.

### Reassessment

John Burr and John James have again kindly taken responsibility for this task during the forthcoming season. They will be contacting those of you who are due to be reassessed during the forthcoming season. Please help them to help both you and us. Don't forget they will be more than willing to answer any question you may have.

Many thanks to John and John for their work last season and for assisting us in the forthcoming season.

Our next level 1 course will commence shortly so if there is someone you know who wishes to take up the whistle please contact Pete Lovell. As you know we need as many new umpires as we can to allow for those retiring.

Best wishes and good umpiring for the forthcoming season.

Regards

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## Rule changes for the coming season

Please read carefully further changes have been made since the last Newsletter.

### Captains.

Because we have rolling substitutes, the need for each team to have a captain actually on the pitch and wearing a distinctive arm-band throughout the game has become unnecessary and confusing. It has therefore been agreed that the **captain can be on the pitch or on the substitutes bench** at particular times in the game. The exception shall be when/if a captain is suspended. In these circumstances an alternative captain must be nominated and must wear the arm-band.

### Goalkeepers.

No goalkeeper can play **outside their own half** of the pitch (except when taking a penalty stroke). In essence, this means that goalies cannot go to the opposing circle edge (during prolongation of penalty corners at half or full-time) in an effort to assist in keeping the ball within the circle.

### Personal Penalties.

Substitute players (those on the bench) are under the control of the umpires and can be cautioned, warned or suspended temporarily or permanently. In the **event of a suspension, the number of players on the pitch shall be reduced** accordingly.

### Raised Ball.

It should be noted that this is a change that relates to Rules **interpretation**. It should make a big difference to the game as long as it is **understood by players, coaches and umpires**. "Understanding" in isolation (i.e.

players only or umpires only) will not bring about the deserved level of change.

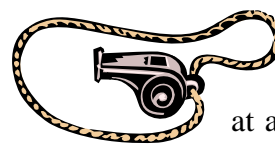
The wording is: **The interpretations have been revised to emphasize that it is not an offence to raise the ball unintentionally from a hit (including a free-hit) anywhere on the pitch (including into the circle) unless it is dangerous or likely to lead to dangerous play.**

### Penalty Corner

If the ball becomes trapped in the goalkeeper's protective equipment, the umpire shall award a **penalty corner**. (Until July 1<sup>st</sup> it was a bully that was awarded at the top of the circle.

## KIT

In the last Newsletter your Chairman talked about the need for umpires to look smart and to wear distinctive colours to the two teams. A supplier has been found who is able to supply polo shirts in varying colours at a very reasonable cost, £3.00 each. We suggest the two colours most suited would be yellow and red and they are available in various sizes ranging from small to XL.



Also available to our members are Mini Fox 40 pealess whistles at a cost of £4.50 each. It is important that umpires have a sharp and distinctive whistle and the Fox 40 fits the bill.

For more information about these or any other item of umpiring equipment contact any member of the committee.



# Summer League

Below are the final tables for our Summer League.

Thank you to all the teams and umpires that made it such a great success.

## Div 1

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Redland	5	3	1	1	+5	10
Clifton	5	3	0	2	0	9
BAC	5	3	0	2	-2	9
Possibrands	5	2	1	2	+1	7
Bath	5	2	0	3	-1	6
Winscombe I	5	0	2	3	-3	2

## Div 2

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Yate	5	5	0	0	+19	15
Old Bristolians	5	3	0	2	+12	9
Westberries	5	2	1	2	+3	7
Winscombe II	5	1	2	2	-8	5
Yatton	5	0	3	2	-12	3
Jaspers	5	0	2	3	-4	2

Congratulations go to both Redland and Yate for their respective victories.

Congratulations also go to six umpires who gained their Level I Award during the summer, they are:-

- Esther Clarke
- Sarah Bufton
- Paul Smith
- Alan Francis
- Fiona Bull
- Jo Shepherd



I'm sure you will give them all the support you can during the coming season.

Two of our members have also gained their level I Umpire Coach Award during the summer, well done **LYNDA WATTS & GILL PROPHEP**.

These achievements combined with the number of satisfactory reassessments & umpire coachings during the summer made this one of the most successful summer leagues ever and special thanks go to the organisers, **Janet Wilson** and **Gill Prophet**.

## 6 Match Cards

If you are an active umpire your six match card for the coming season will have been enclosed with this Newsletter. As always you are required to complete a total of six matches before

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2002**

Please return your card as soon as it is completed, you **do not** have to wait until the end of the season.

**Any problems or concerns contact Peter Lovell on 0117-9091025**

## Open Meeting

The **A.S.H.U.A.** have extended a warm welcome to all of our members to a coaching evening being held at Old Bristolians Club House Failand on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2001 at 7pm.

### Programme

- 7.00pm. Quiz
- 7.30pm New Rules
- 7.40pm Advantage
- 8.00pm Breakdown and manufactured fouls.
- 8.20pm Getting it right
- 8.45pm Drinks break
- 9.05pm The role of the umpire coach.
- 9.25pm Sandie Richards
- 9.45pm Open forum
- 10.00pm Finish



This is a very good chance to meet up at the beginning of the season and amongst other things ensure that we all interpret the new rules in the same way and to hear from experienced umpires and coaches.

**Please make every effort to attend**

# Dear Marge

Your questions answered  
Your questions answered



Dear Marge,

I saw in the press that there is to be an experiment with both umpires able to blow in both circles. Is this going to be in place this year?

Worried

*Dear Worried,*

*You are right to be worried – I certainly am! Fortunately it is only an experimental rule and in the English Hockey Association only those at the top are to try it out. Those of us who umpire in the regions and at grass roots do not have to concern ourselves with it just yet.*

On a personal note I honestly think the umpires will find it difficult to implement as it does not help cooperation between umpires and may hinder it. I can see scenarios where umpires become irritated with each other! We will wait and see.

*Marge*

In the absence of letters this month one thing I would like to underline is the change of the rule concerning the ball becoming lodged in a goalkeeper's clothing or equipment. After years of using this scenario as a trick question we now find that the EHA agree with you in retrospect!

From the start of this season the penalty for this occurrence will be the award of a penalty corner (instead of a 16 yard bully!). It does seem rather hard on goalkeepers but this is now the rule. It would seem that everything is now to be seconded to the effort to allow more goals to be scored!

**Come on folks we need your letters, Marge just hates sitting around twiddling her thumbs. Why not send her a letter, tax her brains and get your name in print**

## 2001/2 Committee

Chairman:

Gill Prophet 9652716

Secretary:

Peter Lovell 9091025

Treasurer:

Bob Pearce 9622139

Committee:

Joe Garry

Liz Powell

Lynda Watts

Janet Wilson



### Quiz Night – Social Evening

Old Bristolian's Clubhouse

November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7.30pm – 10pm



**Come along and show off your knowledge at this quiz night!**

**A chance to show your friends and colleagues how clever you are and socialise at the same time. Who knows a chance for a laugh as well.**

**Questions on many different subjects.**

**If you are unable to come with others as a team, you can team up with others on the night.**



**The bar will be open and nibbles will be provided**



**Please give this event your support**

## CAPTION COMPETITION



Here are just a few of the suggestions for last month's caption competition:

- 1) "I think I've found that fork you lost."
- 2) "Ooh, this corset's killing me."

But the winner and congratulations to Simon Croucher is:  
**"Don't look now, but granddad's fallen asleep at the table again."**

A pealess whistle is on it's way.

**Now for this month's:**



Lesley Bayne, Pete Lovell and John Burr relaxing before the Christmas meal.

There is another pealess whistle on offer for the best caption – so why not give it a go.  
Send your entries to: Peter Lovell, 6 Salisbury Park, Salisbury Road, Downend, Bristol,  
BS16 5RY or Email to: [Peterlovell@tesco.net](mailto:Peterlovell@tesco.net).

# Web Site



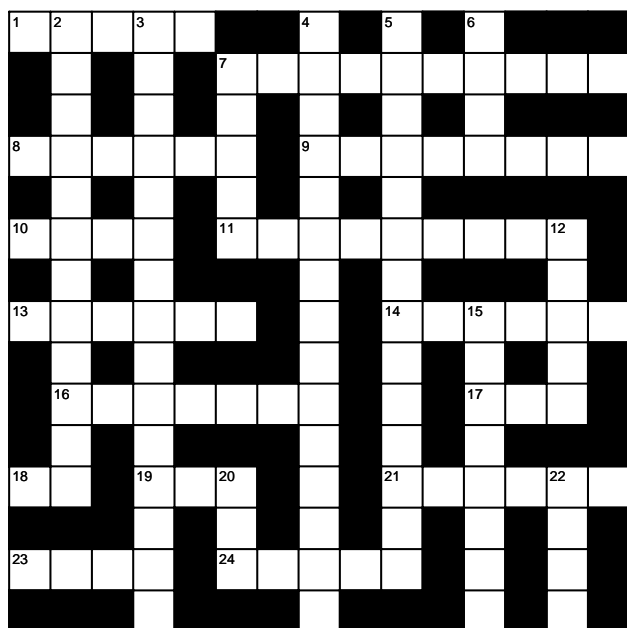
**For those of you with Internet access our web site address is:**

**[Www8.50megs.com/acwhua](http://Www8.50megs.com/acwhua)**

**Please visit and let us have your comments.**

**NB There will shortly be a new launch of our web site**

# Crossword Competition



## Across

- 1 There should be 48 of these worn by both umpires and players on the field (5)
- 7 Hopefully the two umpires will be this (10)
- 8 Where most artists work (6)
- 9 Give that mixed-up kid a yell in the hope of improving her manners (8)
- 10 What the disgruntled spectators do in vain (4)
- 11 My Rare Pot is the kind of suspension by yellow (9)
- 13 Male defenders might be flattered to be called this, but not the female of the species (6)
- 14 Hats before noon can make one breathless (6)
- 16 Eve rose out to look down (7)
- 17 A New Yorker initially will make this port in a storm (3)
- 18 Endless pass leads to this comparatively (2)
- 19 The striking hockey accountants will want to find this (3)
- 21 No one could accuse Anne Robinson of being this (6)
- 23 This is useful on the bowling green but must be avoided by us. (4)
- 24 The over theatrical umpire might be accused of being one of these (5)

## Down

- 2 Bistros count is mixed for these old fashioned illegal moves (12)
- 3 What umpires are rarely accused of showing (15)
- 4 But possibly they are accused of showing this (15)
- 5 Or a vicars ducal mix up would describe this heart condition (14)
- 6 I am removed from the full name of Bill to make another contraction (4)
- 7 The old adage says don't cast a ..... before May is out (5)
- 12 Very few of the teas we are offered could be described as this (5)
- 15 All good sides need this to compete (8)
- 20 In going to Peter you might find this pinnacle (3)
- 22 Essential part of level 1 qualification (4)

**A peales whistle for the first correct entry received**

## And Finally Some Dates For Your Diary

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### September

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 21 County Finals at Millfield
- 16<sup>th</sup> Avon 1<sup>st</sup> XI Tournament at Clifton
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Open Meeting at OBs Clubhouse**
- 29<sup>th</sup> League

### October

- 6<sup>th</sup> League
- 13<sup>th</sup> League
- 27<sup>th</sup> League

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> League
- 4<sup>th</sup> Under 19 Counties at Millfield
- 10<sup>th</sup> League
- 17<sup>th</sup> League
- 18<sup>th</sup> Under 16 Bae Schools at Bath
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **Quiz night – Social at OBs Club**
- 24<sup>th</sup> League
- 25<sup>th</sup> Under 18 Bae Schools at Bath

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> League
- 8<sup>th</sup> League



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### January

- 26<sup>th</sup> League

### February

- 2<sup>nd</sup> League
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Under 17 Counties
- 9<sup>th</sup> League
- 10<sup>th</sup> Under 15 Counties
- 17<sup>th</sup> Under 14 Counties
- 23<sup>rd</sup> League

### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> League
- 9<sup>th</sup> League
- 10<sup>th</sup> Under 19 Clubs
- 16<sup>th</sup> League
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Avon Vets Tournament**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> League

### April

- 13<sup>th</sup> **Avon 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Tournament**
- 20<sup>th</sup> County Championships
- 21<sup>st</sup> County Championships
- 27<sup>th</sup> Vets Championships
- 28<sup>th</sup> Vets Championships

