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NEWSLETTER OF WEST BRIDGFORD MONARCHS HOCKEY CLUB

New Season: New Pitch

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the pitch development fund. With the grants that Martin has managed to access, we have managed to maintain club funds at a reasonable level, which has in turn meant that subs and match tax are held at the same rate as last season.

We are grateful to the National Hockey Foundation, Rushcliffe Council and the East Midlands Airport Community fund, each of which have made significant grants towards the project. We are also more than grateful for the commitment of the school to the project - both financial and in terms of the required "legwork" - without which it would have remained a dream. Finally, we have received a number of generous business sponsorships, recorded on plaques around the pitch.

Training starts on August 3rd and we will be using the playing surface from the start of the season in September. The pitch looks great - and we need to keep it that way. This means making sure that mud stays on the field, rubbish is cleared after your game, etc, etc.

The pitch **opening day** will take place on Saturday, September

5th. We are delighted that the pitch will be formally opened by two distinguished West Bridgfordians (school and club) - President of European Hockey, Martin Gotheridge and England and GB International, Helen Richardson.

The programme for the day at time of writing is as follows:

10.30am: Monarchs 4s v

Monarchs U16s

11.30am: Monarchs 1sts v

Players 1sts

12.45pm: W Bridgford School XI v Presidents XI

1.45pm: Official Opening:

Helen Richardson/Martin Gotheridge

2.00pm: West Bridgford 1sts v Belper 1sts

3.30pm: Grizzlies v All Star XI

4.30pm: WB Vets v

Peterborough Vets

3.00pm: Possible cricket game on field

Hog roast, beer, etc, all afternoon

Evening Event with Food/Disco £5.

I hope that as many members and friends as possible will come along to enjoy the occasion.

Playing Record

P W D L F A Pts
WB

1L	22	6	7	9	66	70	25
2L	22	5	4	13	55	85	19
3L	22	7	5	10	53	65	26
4L	22	10	3	9	60	40	33
5L	22	0	1	21	35	124	1
6L	22	9	2	11	49	64	29
7L	20	9	4	7	44	46	31
8L	16	8	3	5	34	29	27
GR	16	5	6	5	24	29	21

Mon

1L	18	14	3	1	59	26	45
2L	18	11	4	3	53	18	37
3L	18	12	3	3	58	11	39
4L	18	2	3	13	10	65	9

Once again our ladies sides took pride of place in last season's achievements. The 1st team not only gained promotion to the Midland League but also won the Notts Cup, both firsts for the club. The 2nds also gained promotion, while the 3rds just missed out and the 4ths improved through the season. A few challenges ahead!

On the men's side, we had no promotions, while the 5ths (comfortably) and the 6ths (on goal difference) suffered relegation. The 8ths came nearest to success, missing out by a couple of points after a highly successful season.

The End of Season Tournament was again blessed with decent weather and we were delighted that Joan was able to attend to blow the starter's whistle for the **Mike Price Challenge**

match. This time a strengthened President's Select XI took on Doug Stuart's Club Stalwart's XI, running out comfortable (!) 8-7 winners after a game of fast flowing hockey and not much defending. The day itself was enjoyed as much as ever, kicking off with the traditional match between the Grixxlies and the All Stars, won, also traditionally, by the Grizzlies!, after a hard fought and skilful match.

Team Captains

Here is the list of team captains for the forthcoming season:

Men: Paul Sibley, Ali McIntosh, Ben Lambourne, Mark Johnson, Phil Elliott, Nick Hemm, Richard Bonsall, Jon Clewes, Brian Jones.

Ladies: Izzy Staton, Liz Archer, Sharon Cheetham, Amy Nathan/Lindsay White

Committee

Congratulations to **Pete Bonnett** who has been elected Club President. As well as having been a team captin, Pete has put a great deal into our junior set up over the last few years, both on Saturdays, where he has played for a long time in our development teams, and on Sundays, where he has helped coach the U11s for the last few years and on Mondays, where he has done rather more than his share of training sessions. Add to that, his recently achieved his Level 2 coaching certificate and his general reliability and good

humour and you will see that we have elected a deserving and popular president for next season. **Geoff Bail** continues as Club Chairperson. Thanks to everyone else who has stood down for your service to our club.

Other main posts are as follows:

Secretary: Martin Ebsworth, Naomi Boulter;

Treasurer: James Cashmore, Social: Andy McCarroll, Ellie Bowles;

Fixtures: Mark Johnson, Claire Good;

Juniors: Bob Douglas, Liz Abba.

Parking

This remains an ongoing problem and we need you to co-operate as much as possible on match days. This means:

- If you can, please leave your car at home;
- If you park on Swithland Drive, please don't create a nuisance for residents;
- If you park on Loughboro Road, please park completely on the verge and facing the hedge. The pavement on Loughboro' Road must be left clear
- Please use the extra spaces that we installed last summer

Fixture Cards

These will be available from your team captain at the start of the season and there will also be a stock behind the bar.

Social

Once again, we have a range of social events organised for the coming season. The first **Curry and Quiz** will take place on October 17th and our main **beer festival** will take place from Thursday November 12th and will hopefully include a Sunday jazz session again.

A new venture is the **wine tasting** evening on December 5th followed by the **Christmas Social (/fines night)** on the 12th.

Watch this space for dates for the Dinner Dance (provisionally April 10th), the End of Season Tournament (provisionally April 17th), Curry and Quiz 2 and Beer Festival 2.

Training

Mens training will start on Monday nights from August 3rd at the school, ladies also at the school on Wednesdays from September 2nd. High team training for both is on Thursdays. See the website for more details and don't forget that the men will train on the Tuesday of the Bank Holiday week.

Please remember to lock your car and hide any valuables away at all times.

Juniors

Junior coaching will be starting again from Sunday, September 6th, 9.30 to 11.00. This season junior coaching will be on the new pitch at West Bridgford

School. The cost per session has increased to £1.50.

Older girls will again also be welcome at Monarchs training on Wednesday nights, while we welcome all youngsters aged 8 and over on Sundays- any younger, I would want to discuss with parents first.

We will be entering all the usual competitions and leagues and we would be grateful for any help you can offer, either Sunday//Monday/Wednesday coaching or managing teams. Give Liz Abba or me a call if you think you could contribute in any way.

We are gearing up our junior coaching by starting an after school club for WB School's feeder primaries in September and we hope to do something similar in East Leake later on during the season. While there aren't unlimited resources (!) to do this, we would possibly be able to take on more, if you know of a local secondary school that might be interested in offering something similar.

Players

With the size of both sides of the club, we do have a fair turnover of players and we always welcome new faces - so please keep your eyes/ears open for talented (and friendly) hockey players looking for a new home.

Your Details

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Geoff if you have received it by email.

If you have received it by post and have a current email address, please put it on your reply slip (or better still register on the club website) so that we can add it to the database.

Club Kit

All members (except mens' 1sts, 2nds and 3rds who have team kit) should by now have been supplied with club shirts, replacements will cost you £20 each so look after them and put your names in the collars! New members will be supplied with kit on payment of their subs.

Clubs First

We were delighted to finally be awarded the Clubs First accreditation by England hockey. This makes us eligible for grants (including the National Hockey Foundation grant towards our share of the pitch) and is becoming a requirement for the work that we are promoting in schools. The certificate was awarded by England International, Chloe Rogers, on a very cold Sunday morning at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to ensure that we were successful in this, particularly Sharon Cheetham and Rachael Fell who both put in an immense amount of work to get everything together.

New Rules

A reminder about the new rules that will change the way the game is played. The main changes are:

- Free hits can be taken to oneself;
- Free hits around the D must be passed around the D before being hit in.

To help get the hang of these rules, members may want to watch the 1st team play or to attend the next **Umpires meeting**, which takes place at the clubhouse on September 22nd.

Newsletters

Now we have such a good website, there seems little point in producing D Notices throughout the season, so it is likely that this will be the one and only copy for 2009/10. Please keep up to date by checking out the website regularly - once registered you will be able to access match reports, results, tables, news, socials, etc. However, if you have any items that you would like to include on the site please send it to by email to Geoff (geoff@wbhockey.co.uk)

Have a great season!

Bob Douglas