



Fareham Hockey Club Limited

Affiliated to Hampshire Hockey Association

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Pre-Season Newsletter – August 2011

Dear Club members, parents & friends

I hope you have all had a great summer and are building up those fitness levels as the 2011/12 season is nearly upon us!!

New Pitch

What an exciting season awaits us, last September it was our new clubhouse, this season it's a new astroturf pitch!! The old pitch has been replaced with the new pitch ready for use in early September 2011. This will give us a first class playing surface right next to our first class clubhouse facility!!

The new surface will allow us to further develop our hockey at all levels within the club and increase the likelihood of being able to attract talented new players. Hockey at a local, county and regional level will also benefit from the new pitch and clubhouse set up. As you will appreciate, funding the new pitch has not been easy, especially with the existing and ongoing financial commitment to the new clubhouse and in the current economic climate. Funding has been agreed jointly from within the Club and with our partners Henry Cort Community College and Fareham Borough Council. It is important to recognise that a small number of generous Club members and friends have contributed significantly to the funding mix referred to above; we are very fortunate to have them, without whom we would not have been able to replace the old pitch this year.

Official Opening of the Clubhouse – Sat 10 September

*On Saturday 10 September we are hosting an official opening event for the clubhouse. We postponed the original date in April 2011 due to the Men's 1st XI National League play-offs. **Please come along to celebrate and mark this special occasion with us.** A number of dignitaries will be attending, including the President of England Hockey and the Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham. The schedule for the day is:*

09.30 – 11.00

England v Argentina – World Cup Rugby (not hockey!!) – live on ITV – come and watch England's first group match in the clubhouse with bacon baps, coffee & tea to accompany!!

10.00 – 12.00	Junior Coaching session for U-12s, U-14s and U-16s with Brett Garrard, ex- GB & England hockey star (you may have heard him commentating for the BBC at the recent Euro-Hockey championships!!). All juniors welcome to attend, just turn up - £3.00 per head. All FHC junior coaches are also encouraged to attend.
12.00 – 14.00	Inter-club game on the new pitch – details tbc!!
13.00	Buffet in clubhouse for invited official guests and Club management committee
14.00	Official opening ceremony
14.30	Men's 1 st XI match v Southgate
16.00 (approx)	Ladies match - tbc

Membership (from Paul Jones, Membership Secretary)

The way you will pay for your hockey this season has changed, as agreed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting in May 2011.

We have dispensed with match fees for playing in individual matches (except for U-13s). The reasons for this are that collection of match fees for 250+ games and subscriptions for a club with 300+ members of various categories is a massive logistical exercise, involving a significant number of transactions and the handling of vast amounts of cash. There are also hours of administration by captains/managers collecting and recording these transactions which is followed by significantly more hours of administration in banking and accounting for these funds. There are massive inefficiencies in this system and a huge burden on the volunteers who administer this process. From time to time, players 'forget' to bring fees with them on match days and tracing 'catch up' payments has proved problematic. Additionally it has proved difficult to implement an efficient system to collect fees for senior training.

It has also become apparent that the unwieldy system has resulted in a small number of members managing to complete the entire season playing regularly without paying a subscription. As a result, a simplified collection system has been introduced to ensure that revenues are maximized and all members are contributing fairly.

Members will pay a fee at a set level dependent upon their status that will include subscription, match & training fees. The exception is the junior U-13 teams where there are more players than available games so a fee inclusive of all matches is not workable.

There will be **no match fees paid for senior matches** in the regular playing season (September 2011 – March 2012). Match fees for games played outside these times will be charged on a game by game basis. The fees will be inclusive of all training fees between September 2011 and March 2012. A record will be maintained of attendance at training. The fee structure for the forthcoming season is detailed below:

Full Member

Subscription, match & training fees

Annual	£488.00*
Monthly (x12)	£41.00*
Monthly (x8)	£61.00*
Sept & Dec	£244.00 (x2)*

(* denotes £10.00 of vouchers included for food & beverage purchases within the Club)

Student/Unemployed/U-18

Subscription, match & training fees

Annual	£200.00
Monthly (x8)	£25.00
Sept & Dec	£100.00 (x2)

Junior U16 (playing in senior matches)

Subscription, match & training fees

Annual	£176.00
Monthly (x8)	£22.00
Sept & Dec	£88.00 (x2)

Junior U-16 (no adult matches)

Subscription, match & training fees

Annual	£96.00
Monthly (x8)	£12.00
Sept & Dec	£48.00 (x2)

Junior U-13

Subscription & training fees only

Annual	£72.00
Monthly	£9.00
Sept & Dec	£36.00 (x2)
<i>Match fees</i>	<i>£3.00 per match</i>

Non playing/social member

Subscription

Annual	£20.00
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Spouse, partners & parents

Subscription

Annual	£5.00
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Coaches, helpers

Subscription

Annual	£5.00
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Notes:

1. Members not using training facilities are able to obtain a rebate at the end of their payment period, or season, whichever comes first.
2. Due consideration will be given to injured members, and rebates are negotiable.
3. Occasional players should discuss their situation with the Club membership team.
4. Summer league matches and junior training after 31st March 2012, are not included.
5. Family membership negotiable with the membership team.
6. Post match food on Saturday and Sundays will be included for all players.

A **Club Membership form** will need to be completed at the start of the season. **Every member** will be required to complete this form, plus their bank **Standing Order form** (if paying by monthly instalments).

The Club Membership form and Standing Order form will be available shortly on the club website www.farehamhockey.co.uk. Also we have organised club days when Paul Jones will be in the bar with **membership forms** and **standing order forms** for completion, including fees payment, help with completion of paperwork or to answer any questions. These dates/times are:

- **Friday 2 September from 6.30pm**
- **Saturday 3 September from 4.00pm (approx) – possible inter-club match that day (tbc)**
- **Friday 9 September from 6.30pm**

Paul Jones, Membership Secretary

Tel: 01329 827124 (Home) or 07770 613541 (mobile) or email ppj@pmbgroup.org.uk

Team Captains

For the 2011/12 season the **captains** for the senior teams are:

Church	Rob	Men's 1st	rob.church@sky.com
Faherty	Ed	Men's 2nd	ef@soton.ac.uk
Lemon	Steve	Men's 3rd	steve.lemon413@mod.uk
Fox	Jamie	Men's 4th	Foxy_85@hotmail.co.uk
Rowley	Vince	Men's 5th	vince.rowley@ntlworld.com
Seebold	Chris	Men's 6th	seebold374@btinternet.com
Leeming	Brett	Men's 7th	brett_leeming@yahoo.co.uk
Davey	Chris	Men's 8 th	td1205@tiscali.co.uk
Maddock	Nichola	Ladies 1st	nicholamaddock@yahoo.co.uk
Blyth	Rebecca	Ladies 2nd	rebecca.blyth@fareham.ac.uk

Fixtures

Full fixtures for the season are in the embedded document below. PLEASE NOTE: you should check the Club website for the most up to date fixture information during the season. Pushback times for Saturday 9.45am start, then 11.30am, 1.15pm and 1.30pm depending on the Men's 1st XI games.



Club Fixtures
2011-12-170811.xls

Training

NOTE: All training is at Henry Cort Community College – see schedule below:

Men's 1st XI & 2nd XI Training – Tues & Thurs - 20:00-22:00, starting Tues **6 Sept**

Men's Senior Club Training - including U14/U15/U16 – Thurs starting **8 Sept** from 18:30-20:00

Ladies 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI Training including Girls U14 – Tues starting **6 Sept** from 18:30-20:00.

Junior Training on Friday starting **9 Sept** at 18:00-19:30 ([U-8](#), [U-10](#)) and 18.30-20.00 ([U-12](#)).

Website

We will be launching a new Club website this season. Watch out for announcements!!

Olympic 2012 hockey tickets

As announced previously, the Club has bought a total of 32 tickets for Olympic hockey pool matches through a special England Hockey scheme. 4 tickets have already been raffled at the 2011 Dinner Dance and 2011 Junior presentation evening, leaving 28 tickets.

Our policy for the remaining 28 tickets is as follows:

4 – Raffles 2011/12 season - tbc

Remaining 24 tickets will be allocated as follows – more details to follow (**NOTE: you need to pay for these 24 tickets**):

13 to junior members (some will need to be supervised by adults)

11 to senior members (10 open draw, 1 CRB-checked coach)

We will place two boxes on the clubhouse bar during the season for members to enter their names with a draw in March 2012.

More details will be announced during the forthcoming season.

On behalf of the FHC Management Committee I hope you all have a great season!!!

Best wishes

David Brocklebank

Honorary Secretary

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