



TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOCKEY CLUB

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August 25th 2011

Dear Member,

2011/2012 SEASON

Welcome back to hockey.

The new season is almost upon us, with matches starting in early September,

This letter covers three main areas,

- 1) Membership and Subscriptions;
- 2) Pre-Season and Early Season, including training, availability and matches;
- 3) Other News.

In addition, at the end of the letter we have some exciting news about how you can enter a ballot to buy a ticket to watch hockey at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Please read the letter carefully and take any necessary action asked of you.

Both Ladies and Men's sections are raring to go. Jen Hunt takes over from Elisabeth Floyd as Ladies Club Captain and joins Jane Jordan and Lisa Boldrini as a member of the Ladies Playing Committee which oversees playing matters. The Ladies Section will run 5 teams. The Ladies 1st XI will play in Division 2SE of the East league, and under new captain Roberta Organ and coach Chris Wilson are keen to win promotion back to their rightful level. After their success last season both the 4th and 5th XIs have been promoted to Division 4 of the Kent Women's League.

The Men enjoyed outstanding success last season, both the 1st XI and the Monarchs gaining promotion. This season the 1st XI, under the continued stewardship of captain Gav Rimmer and coach Pete Turner, will play their home games on the water-based pitch at Tonbridge School. The Vets will play in Division 2 of the Kent Open League, and the Grasshoppers will join the Surrey Grass Conference.

The weekly teamsheet will continue to appear on the Club's website - www.twhc.co.uk – which will again be linked to FixturesLive.com for all fixtures and results. The website should be your first point of call for all the information you need.

1) **MEMBERSHIP and SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions and Playing Fees

With this letter is included:

- a membership form
- a standing order mandate form

We ask that you complete the **membership form** and return this, together with your **annual subscription payment**, to our Membership Secretary, Kira Boulton

Kira Boulton
Membership Secretary TWHC
8 Avon Street
Tunbridge Wells
Kent, TN1 2JG

Membership forms and annual subscription payments are due on 1st September and must be settled by the end of September at the latest. Please pay up in good time and avoid the embarrassment and hassle of Committee Members having to chase up non-payers.

The **How to Pay** section below explains in detail how you can pay for the coming season. There are many options. Choose one by 30th September at the latest and if it's by standing order do make sure the first transfer goes through in September.

Please contact the Membership Secretary Kira Boulton without delay (kira.boulton@yahoo.com or tel no **01892 519 920**) if you have any queries on any aspect of membership. Fees are due by 30th September at the latest, so please contact Kira in good time to enable her to respond to you.

At the end of this letter is a full list of all Senior and Junior subscriptions and fees for the coming season. Ages are as at 1st September 2011 when deciding which age category you or your child fall into.

As for last season, we are again offering an incentive to introduce new players to the club: **any current club member who introduces a new player in the age range 18 years and over to under 35, who is not previously known to the club (ie. not recorded on any TWHC Membership database) and who subsequently pays a full (not discounted) subscription for their relevant playing category, will receive a £50 discount on their own subscription for each new member introduced, up to the value of their full subscription.**

HOW TO PAY

We are again offering you the opportunity to pay Membership Fees by online bank transfer, cheque, or in the case of senior playing fees by standing order.

CHEQUE

Please complete the Membership Form and return it promptly with your cheque to the Membership Secretary, Kira Boulton, at the address indicated on the form.

INTERNET BANK PAYMENT

If paying your fees in full in one instalment by Internet Bank payment the Club account to pay to is:

Bank:	Lloyds TSB Bank plc.
Branch:	Tunbridge Wells
Account Name:	Tunbridge Wells Hockey Club
Sort Code:	30 – 98 – 77
Account No:	01792868

If paying in full by IB payment please ensure you use your name in the reference so we can identify your payment when it hits the bank account. If you have selected this method of payment please indicate this on the Membership Form. Please then send the form promptly to the Membership Secretary, Kira Boulton, at the address indicated on the form.

It would be of enormous help if you could make your payment in full and promptly. However if you are a Senior Playing Member and wish to spread your payments the following applies: -

STANDING ORDER ARRANGEMENT

Senior players fees may be spread by standing order (again this year without credit charge) over the six months September 2011 to February 2012 inclusive. If you wish to take advantage of the standing order facility you should act promptly to set it up with your bank. **Please complete the standing order instruction form and send it directly to your bank**, and indicate your payment method on the Membership Form.

POST DATED CHEQUES

If you wish to spread your payments and can not do so by Standing Order then we will accept post dated cheques provided that:

- the cheques are all received together
- the first cheque is dated in September
- the last payment is completed by end February, and
- the cheques total the full amount due.

Cheques will be presented on or about the day they are dated. All the cheques should accompany your completed Membership Form and be received by the Membership Secretary in September.

Any membership and fee queries should be addressed to Membership Secretary Kira Boulton by e-mail (kira.boulton@yahoo.com) or by phone (01892 519 920).

2) PRE-SEASON AND EARLY SEASON

Trials at Hawkenbury Astro

Ladies trials will be held on:

- Saturday 3rd September 10.00am – 1.00pm for all existing and new players, and
- Sunday, 4th September 11.30am – 1.30pm with the focus on 1s, Royals and 3s and anyone not able to make Saturday trials (please note this is a changed time to the one advertised earlier).

Men's trials will be held on Saturday 3rd September from 2.30 to 5.00 pm.

Matches / Availability

If you cannot attend the trials then please give your early-season availability to:

Ladies Chair of Selection: Jane Jordan –Tel: 01892 516010; e-mail jejordan@talk21.com

Men's Chairman of Selection: Charlie Nyren –Tel: 07811 911573; e-mail charlie.nyren@sky.com.

A preliminary list of early-season fixtures is given at the end of this letter. Please note that this is “work in progress” – matches are still being arranged by our fixture secretaries. Some of the gaps are likely to be filled in. Starting times and venues, where not indicated, are still to be confirmed.

All fixtures and pitch times will be displayed on the Club website via links to FixturesLive. These may very occasionally be subject to change. The weekly team-sheet, which will be displayed on the website, is your sole confirmation of match times.

Note that, in addition to use of the Astro pitch at Hawkenbury, we will use pitches at Tonbridge School Sports Centre. Changing facilities are available at the Nevill and at Tonbridge School,

but our use of the changing rooms at Tonbridge School Sports Centre will be limited, depending on use by the school.

Training

The Ladies and Men will again train separately, details as follows:

Ladies

Wednesdays, starting 17th August at 7.30 to 10.00 pm Ladies elite and club training
Hawkenbury

Men

Wednesdays, starting 17th August at 8.00 to 9.30 pm Men's 1st and 2nd XI squad
Tonbridge School training (by invitation)

Tuesdays, starting 13th September at 8.00 to 10.00 pm Men's club training
Hawkenbury (Note: this starts 1 week later than announced earlier)

STOP PRESS:

Chris Page is offering to run a 7 a-side competition on Tuesday evenings 8.30 - 9.30pm **if there is enough interest.** He proposes a men's, ladies and mixed competition with teams playing 2 x 25 min games per night playing every 3 weeks.

If you are interested in participating please email Chris Page (page432@aol.com)

Playing matters:

The Playing Committees will continue to oversee playing matters in the coming season.

Ladies Playing Committee: Jane Jordan, Jen Hunt and Lisa Boldrini

Men's Playing Committee: Chris Page, Charlie Nyren and James Wattenbach

Coaches: Ladies 1st XI – Chris Wilson

Men's 1st XI – Pete Turner

The Ladies 2nd XI – this season called the Royals – will be the Ladies development side. The Mens 2nd XI and Monarchs XI will be continue to be development sides. Development sides will comprise a mixture of junior players who have the potential to play at a higher level and experienced senior players.

Captains

Ladies 1 st XI	Roberta Organ	Men's 1 st XI	Gav Rimmer
Royals XI	Lisa Boldrini	2 nd XI	Will Graystone
3 rd XI	Lou Bateman	3 rd XI	TBA
4 th XI	Sarai Howkins	Monarchs XI	Charlie Nyren
5 th XI	Denise Holme	Veterans XI	TBA
		Grasshoppers	Jamie Crawford

Ladies Club Captain Jen Hunt Men's Club Captain Chris Page

Playing Members

Please at all times

- * arrive at the pitch in good time, ready to start your game
- * do not interrupt the game being played before your game
- * do not play with hockey balls on the astro until the game before yours has finished
- * respect umpires decisions.

Goal Keepers

Could all goal keepers (or others) who have TWHC GK kit please make this known to your Chair of Selection and bring to the Trials so that we can review its state and suitability. Thank you.

Nevill Pavilion

We regain full use of the Nevill Pavilion from the cricket club on Saturday 17th September. Changing facilities at the Nevill will not be available before this date.

Teas will be available at the Nevill after matches from Saturday 17th September onwards. All players are expected to return to the clubhouse after their games and look after their umpires and opposition. For matches played at Tonbridge School teas will only be provided for TWHC teams unless Robert Lancaster is informed by the home team captain in advance that the opposition will be returning to the Nevill, in which case teas will also be provided for the opposition.

Umpires

Richard Hemsley continues as Umpires Appointments Secretary and will again be looking for volunteer umpires from within the Club to umpire for both senior and junior fixtures. The Club supplies qualified Level 1 umpires to both ladies and men's league umpire pools as well as for our club games. Would those who are suitably qualified please make themselves available to Richard for appointment to games.

3) OTHER NEWS

Kit

This season both the Men's and Ladies sections have new Training Kit and Shorts/Skorts available for purchase. Information about the Ladies Kit has already been e-mailed, and the Men's information will be e-mailed this week. If you haven't received an e-mail about this by Friday 26th August please contact Jen Hunt (Ladies Club Captain) at jenhunt2010@gmail.com or Chris Page (Men's Club Captain) at page432@aol.com for details.

Website

The club website address is: www.twhc.co.uk. The team sheet will be posted here every week together with fixtures, results and other club news and information.

Press Reports

Denise Holme continues as Press Officer, ensuring that the Club receives good coverage in the Courier each week. Could captains please ensure that Denise receives regular reports of your matches.

100 Club

At the end of this letter is a form for you to complete if you wish to have the chance of winning a cash prize during the coming season. For more details please contact Richard Heritage on 07710 813754.

Social Events/Key Dates

The Club has a vacancy for a Social Secretary – someone who is willing to organise a programme of social events. If you are interested, please contact Chairman Robert Lancaster on 07715 115487. Details of key dates for social events will be posted on the club website.

The Club Dinner Dance will be held at the Spa Hotel on Saturday 4th February 2012
- so please get this date in your diary!

TWHC Golf Society

Please be aware of the above - all members are welcome to join. We hold three meetings a year and life membership is just £30 (send a cheque made payable to TWHC Golf Society to Roger Davies and you will be added to the mailing list).

Olympics Tickets

The Club has taken advantage of an offer from England Hockey and has purchased a number of tickets to watch hockey at next year's London Olympic Games – 28 tickets at £20 and 12 tickets at £35. These are tickets to watch one session of two Pool Matches taking place between 29th July and 7th August 2012. We will make these tickets available for playing members to buy by ballot. If you are a playing **member aged 18 years or over, and you pay your annual membership fee by 30th September 2011 you will be eligible to enter the ballot to buy an Olympic ticket.** Each ballot winner will be eligible to buy 1 ticket only. Please tick the box on the Membership Form if you wish to enter the ballot to buy a ticket to watch Olympic hockey.

Finally, we wish you all the very best of luck for a successful and really enjoyable season in 2011/12.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Lancaster

Chairman

Roger Davies

Hon Secretary

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2011-12.

The Committee proposes that subscriptions remain unchanged at the following levels:

Non-Playing Members £10

Social Members £10

The subscriptions (all £10) of Senior Playing Members and of Junior Playing Members are included in the Playing Fees detailed below.

PLAYING FEES 2011-12

The Committee has adopted the following Playing Fees (*Inclusive of above subscription*).

Figures in parenthesis are the monthly amount payable over 6 months by standing order when the first such payment is made before 30 September 2011

ADULTS

Full Adult	£300	(£50)
Under 25	£180	(£30)
Under 21 at 1 st Sep 2011	£114	(£19)
University/Student living away (in full time further education)	£ 10	

JUNIOR SECTION

Under 18 years at 1 st Sep 2011(Sat and Sun)	£ 150
Under 18 years at 1 st Sep 2011 (Sunday only)	£80
Under 16 years at 1 st Sep 2011(Sat and Sun)	£ 180
Under 16 years at 1 st Sep 2011 (Sunday only)	£ 130
Under 14 years at 1 st Sep 2011	£ 110
Under 12 years at 1 st Sep 2011	£ 90
Under 10 years at 1 st Sep 2011	£ 70

FAMILY - One Senior Playing Adult plus

- One dependant (any age)	£360	(£60)
- Two dependants (any age)	£432	(£72)
- Three or more dependants (any age)	£492	(£82)

NB. A second playing adult is expected to pay a Senior Playing fee.

DUE DATES

Subscriptions and Playing Fees are due on the 1st September 2011 and must be paid in full or standing orders activated before the 30th September 2011 – the above instalment rates assume the first standing order payment will be made in September. If for any reason a standing order is not practical then we will accept post dated cheques PROVIDED they cover the full amount due and are received by the club before 30 September 2011. We are particularly grateful to the many members who greatly help both our cash flow and our membership administration by settling in full at the outset of each season.

OTHER PLAYING FEES

The above playing fees cover most weekend hockey, coaching and training during the normal season, September to April. Other hockey may attract a league, festival or tournament fee and/or a match fee. Such hockey includes summer hockey, midweek leagues and tournaments or festivals. Details are available from Club Captains.

INCENTIVE SCHEME

Any current club member who introduces a new player in the age range 18 years and over to under 35, who is not previously known to the club (ie. not recorded on any TWHC Membership database) and who subsequently pays a full (not discounted) subscription for their relevant playing category, will receive a £50 discount on their own subscription for each new member introduced, up to the value of their full subscription.

Early Season fixtures

Ladies

Team	Ladies 1st XI East Women's League Division 2 South East	Ladies 2nd XI (Royals) Kent Women's Outdoor League Premier Division	Ladies 3rd XI Kent Women's Outdoor League Division 1	Ladies 4th XI Kent Women's Outdoor League Division 4	Ladies 5th XI Kent Women's Outdoor League Division 4
27/08/11	Lewes A 11.45	Folkestone Tournament A tbc	Folkestone tournament A tbc		
03/09/11	Brighton H 1.00	Ladies trials, 10.00 - 1.00 pm Hawkenbury			
04/09/11	Ladies trials, 11.30 - 1.30 pm Hawkenbury				
10/09/11	BBHC H Hawk L 10.30	Mid Sussex A 10.30	Holcombe 3 H Hawk L 12.00	East Grinstead 4 A 3.00	Wellcome tbc
17/09/11	Basildon 1 A L	Kings Alleyns 1 A L	Bexleyheath & Belvedere 2 H Hawk L 1.00	Folkestone A Optimist 3 L 1.00	Kings Alleyns 2 H Hawk L 11.30
24/09/11	Folkestone 1 A L 1.30	Ashford (Kent) H Hawk L 1.00	Remnants 1 A L	Remnants 2 H Hawk L 11.30	Meopham 2 A L 10.15
01/10/11	Holcombe 2 A (reverse venue) L 12.15	Bromley and Beckenham 3 A L	Sevenoaks H Hawk Acorns L 1.00	Tunbridge Wells A 5	Tunbridge Wells H Hawk 4 L 11.30
08/10/11	Brentwood 1 A L 2.00	Gravesend 1 H Hawk L 1.00	Holcombe 3 A L 12.00	Gravesend 3 H Hawk L 10.00	Gillingham A Anchorians 3 L 10.30

Men

Team	Men's 1st XI Kent/Sussex - Regional 2	Men's 2nd XI Kent Area - Division 2	Men's 3rd XI Kent Open League Premier B	Monarchs XI Kent Open League Division 1	Men's Vets XI Kent Open League Division 2	Grasshoppers 1 Surrey Grass Conference
27/08/11	Training H Ton F 10 - 1					
03/09/11	Men's trials 2.30 - 5.00 Hawkenbury					
04/09/11	Training H Ton F 9 - 1					
10/09/11	Holcombe 2a + H Ton F training 9 - 1			Sevenoaks 7 H Hawk 1.30		
17/09/11	Triangular + H Ton F training 9 - 1	Kings and Alleyns 2 A	Kings and Alleyns 3 A	New Beccehamian 2 H Hawk 2.30	Bromley & Beckenham Vets A	
24/09/11	Training / friendly H Ton F 9 - 1	Sevenoaks 4 H Hawk 2.30	Bromley & Beckenham 5 H Hawk 4.00	Bromley & Beckenham 6 A		Epsom Vets H Nev 2.45
01/10/11	Blackheath 1 H Ton F L 11.30	Blackheath 2 A L	Sevenoaks 6 H Hawk L 2.30	Sevenoaks 7 A L	Blackheath 5 A L	
08/10/11	Crawley 1 A L 1.30	Gore Court 3 H Hawk L 2.30	Gillingham Anchorians 2 A L 1.30	Bexleyheath & Belvedere 4 H Hawk L 11.30	Marden Russets 4 H Hawk L 4.00	Blackheath Vets H Nev L 2.45

Hawk = Hawkenbury; Ton F = Tonbridge School Foundation (water);
Ton R = Tonbridge School Rowans (sand); Nev = Nevill (grass)

TWHC 100 CLUB

August 2011

Dear Member

I would like to invite you to join the TWHC 100 Club for the 2011/12 season. This is a fund-raising draw that gives members a chance to win a cash prize of

£30

£15

£10

in each of the 6 monthly draws during the season, with an additional prize of

**** £100 ****

to be won at the **Annual Grand Draw** in November.

The monthly draws will generally take place in the Club House on the last Saturday of each month, with the first one this year on **Saturday 29th October 2011**.

Draw results will be posted on the Club House notice board as well as being put on the website.

If you would like to take part please complete the form below and return it to me with your payment. Cheques should be made payable to TWHC 100 Club, or alternatively you could pay by internet/telephone banking or set up a standing order scheduled for payment annually in August or September (so you'll never forget in the future!) to:

TWHC 100 Club, sort code 30-98-77, account no. 01792752.

Please do this **NOW** to guarantee your preferred number(s), & by **October 22nd** to ensure that you're entered into all draws this season!!

Good Luck!

Richard Heritage

Please return this form to:

Richard Heritage, Grove Cottage, Vicarage Road, Burwash Common, Etchingam, TN19 7LH or email RHeritage@hotmail.com

I would like to join the 100 Club for the 2011/2012 season and enclose my cheque payable to **TWHC 100 Club** for £12.00 (per number) / have paid by internet or telephone banking / have set up a standing order. (Delete as appropriate)

What is/are your preferred number(s)? (first come, first served!)

Name:

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Address:

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Signed:

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