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NORWICH CITY HOCKEY CLUB NEWS LETTER JULY 2004

Welcome Back

The 2004/2005 seasons preparations start in earnest this month with the new league starting at the end of September. Hopefully everyone has had a good, albeit brief summer and are now looking forward to a new season.

Congratulations to all those teams who got promoted last season. Let's hope we can all build upon these successes. Let's not forget that the main reason we play hockey is to enjoy ourselves, so above all the club would like to wish all its members an enjoyable new season.

Membership

Annual subscriptions are due in advance of the season. It is vitally important that the club receive your subscription fees as soon as possible. The normal subscription applies if you pay by 31/10/04. If you pay after this date there is a late payment subscription. If you **pay by Club Day (22nd August) there is a discounted subscription**. If you fail to pay your Annual Subscriptions by 31 October, which should be paid to **Trudie Cunningham** at the following address...

6 Old Chapel Road, Freethorpe, Norwich, NR13 3LU

.....it is rumoured she will pay you a visit!! Your payment should be accompanied by a completed Membership Form, a copy of which is attached. If you are an under 18 (as at 1st September 2004) please could you ensure you complete the Youth Membership Form. If you are under 13 (as at 1st September 2004) you do not need to pay an Annual Subscription and do not need to complete a Youth Membership Form at this stage. If you have any queries/concerns with your annual subscriptions please look on the club website at www.norwichcityhc.co.uk and go to 'information' or see below. Alternatively contact Henry Wanchoo direct on 01603 812220.

	Discounted Subscription	Normal Subscription	Late Payment Subscription
Full Members	£50	£60	£65
Full Members – unemployed	£29	£35	£37.50
Student Members (18 – U23)	£29	£35	£37.50.
Junior Members (13 – U18)	£25	£30	£32.50
Under 13 (Mini-hockey)	Free	Free	Free
Associate Members	£15	£15	£15
Family Membership	£115	£115	£120
Life Full Membership	£500	£500	£500

Club Day - 22 August 2004

This years Club Day will take place on Sunday 22 August commencing at 10.00am. The format will be pretty much as previous years with the event open to all Club Members, male and female, aged

13 years and over. Attendees will then be split into squads of equal strength for a mini-tournament. This has proved a very enjoyable event over previous years and is a good opportunity to get together before the season starts in earnest and is also an ideal opportunity for new and prospective members to see the club in action.

As usual Pies and his team will be masterminding the event, organising the barbeque and hopefully the weather. If you would like to attend either e-mail clubday@norwichcityhc.co.uk or advise either your team captain or one of the following;

Pies 01603 433825 (H)

Karren Long 01603 78998(H), 07887 484224 (M)

Ali Wardale 01603 812216 (H)

After last years experiment we will be looking at the inclusion of some mini-hockey matches to make the event more of a family occasion. Confirmation of this to follow. We will also be trying to arrange for a supplier of hockey equipment to be in attendance.

Training

For those of you who are not already aware, fitness training has already begun and takes place on Monday evenings at Eaton Park. There are both men's and ladies sessions and all members are encouraged to attend. Sessions start at 7:00pm by the Pitch and Putt car park. As several teams are playing in a higher league next season it is vitally important that we are as fit, if not fitter, than the opposition. The Men's Club Captain has already been spotted setting an example – is he after a 1st XI place?

Club training starts on Wednesday 21 July at Taverham. The Thursday sessions run by Ali Wardale will be starting in the same week. Wednesday training is open to all senior club members and there is also a session run for the ladies colts. Ladies training starts at 7:00pm til 8.30pm (6:15pm for Ladies 4ths til 8pm) and Men's at 8:00pm til 10.00pm. Please could everybody make every effort to attend. With the higher levels of hockey we are now playing we need to ensure we have the necessary skill levels.

Fixtures

Fixtures start on **4 September** with the league starting on the **25 September**. More details will be available on Club Day and will be posted on the web site. There may be additional games played before this date to aid team selection. It will aid your captains to pick teams and ensure that you are picked for the correct team if you can attend Wednesday night training during pre-season. Men's captains will be meeting every Monday next season to select sides. If your availability is unknown at this meeting you will not be selected for the Saturday.

For further details please contact your team captains directly.

New Members

The club is always on the lookout for new members so if you know of anybody that may be interested in playing please let us know. Enquiries can be made via e-mail to membership@norwichcityhc.co.uk or via the captains.

The ladies are interested in any goal keepers that may be out there. If you can help please contact one of the ladies officials.

75th Anniversary Year

This year is the 75th anniversary of the formation of Norfolk Wanderers Hockey Club. There will be additional events and fixtures to celebrate this during the coming season and we hope that you will all try to get involved as much as possible. More information regarding these events will follow.

Club Kit

This year the club shirts are to be provided by TK. The new shirts will be of significantly better quality than those we have had over the last two years. Those who would like a new shirt who already have a polo shirt purchased in the last two years (provided it is still in good condition) will be able to trade in their old shirt for a discount on the new club shirt. The returned shirts will be used as youth kits and will be the property of the club. The new shirts will be available at club day and

Wednesday night training sessions during pre-season.

The price will be £20-£25. As well as the club shirt club members should play in yellow socks, black shorts (men) and green skirts (ladies). The club has a small stock of socks and shorts available and these items of kit are also available via Gilmour Sports. If you do not already have the correct kit please contact Nicholas Hooper on 01603 473105.

The club is also looking at additional items of clothing for both senior and youth players. More details to follow.

Taverham (TRF)

Our long running search for a permanent clubhouse is looking like coming to an end. Taverham High School has been awarded sport specialist status and will be building new facilities as a result, starting during this season. This will include new changing rooms that will be available for us to use at the weekend and a club room that would be our permanent home, replacing the Bob Carter Centre.

The total cost of the new facilities will be in the region of £500,000, a significant proportion of which is to be raised by the club. We will be forming a committee to coordinate the raising of this money and if you would like to volunteer (parents especially welcome), donate or know of anybody who would like to help, please contact any of the club officials.

Improvements to the pitch will have begun by the start of the new season with new goals and the construction of new and improved dugouts.

Social Events

The first event of the season will be club day, details of which are above. There will also be a paintball day in mid September for those who are interested.

The Men's dinner will be in early November and there will be a Christmas social in early December.

The Annual Dinner dance will be part of the 75th Anniversary Celebrations and will be in late May 2005. The exact dates of these will depend on fixtures and will be confirmed shortly. Please remember that these events are coming up and try not to get double booked.

There will be additional smaller events and team events running throughout the season.

Coaching Course

For those of you that may be interested in coaching (playing members or parents) a Level 1 Coaching course - the basic coaching course – is being held at Harleston Magpies HC on Sunday's September 19, 26 and October 3. Further details and an application form can be obtained from Ali Wardale 01603 812216.

AGM

At this years AGM the following officers were elected

President - Graham Britton, Chairman - Peter Wright, Hon. Secretary – Steve Playford, Hon. Treasurer – Henry Wanchoo, Men's Fixture Secretary – Henry Wanchoo, Ladies Fixture Secretary – Leigh-Ann Worrall, Ladies Club Captain – Caroline Illing, Men's Club Captain – Ian Phoenix, Membership Secretary – Trudie Cunningham, Social Secretary – Nick Hooper, Publicity Officer – Nick Hooper, Youth Development Secretary – Ali Wardale, League Liaison Officer – Ali Wardale, Umpire Liaison Officer – Paul Gallop, Auditor – Kelvin Houghton, Men's 1st XI Captain – Pete Morgan, 2nd XI Captain – TBA, 3rd XI Captain – TBA, 4th XI Captain – Ady Marr, 5th XI Captain – David Tann, 6th XI Captain – Ali Wardale, Ladies 1st XI Captain – Emma Pile, 2nd XI Captain – Sue Tomlinson, 3rd XI Captain – Jenny Buck, 4th XI Managers – Kaya Bath/Leigh-Ann Worrall

Communication

E-Mail address – keep in touch: If you have received a printed copy of this newsletter, but now have an e-mail address by which we can contact you please e-mail enquiries@norwichcityhc.co.uk with your e-mail address. You will receive more information and earlier

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