

70 Minutes

August 2001

A New Season

With a new season just weeks away Bloxwich Hockey Club could be at a pivotal point in its history. In recent years the number of male players in the club has reduced to the point that it is becoming difficult to turn out four teams each week. The number of ladies playing has also reduced. Amongst talk of a possible merger with other clubs, it has been decided that the club will stay individual and try and recruit new players. This is not just a task for the committee, the captains, etc but for all of us. Last season in the 3rds I played dads, students, kids, almost anyone I could drag along to get 11 (10,9 or even 8) bodies on the pitch. Whilst not ideal it ensured games took place. What it did not do was get any new regular playing members. If we want Bloxwich HC to survive it is vital we attract new players. Next time someone mentions hockey to

you, get them to come along and watch, play, drink, bring their kids to training, anything, but get them involved. If even only half the playing members attracted just one extra player teams would find selection easier and I might just lose my coveted 5th team player of the year trophy which I have held for the last 5 years!

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Subscriptions

Each year the treasurer has difficulty obtaining subscriptions from all players. There really is no excuse for this. Bloxwich HC offer a standing order system which makes paying (relatively) painless over a period of months. A form has been included with this newsletter, and is available on the club web page, so please take advantage of this. Failure to pay subs by the due date will result in not being selected. If you have any problems with subs please speak

to the membership secretary or treasurer.

Colts Training

Colts training will restart on Sunday 2nd September at Jenny Lee School. Don D'Abreau has kindly agreed to run this but needs help. If you can give some time on a regular or semi regular basis, give Don a call. It is vital that we attract colts to the club so attract anyone you can to come along and experience hockey. By the way, its free!

Club Badge

Did you know Bloxwich HC has a club badge? No nor did I! If you have one of any description (on an old shirt, old fixture card, anything) please get in touch with Dave Cole. It would be nice to revive it.

Pre-Season (friendly?) Game

On September 8th, there will be two matches within the club (one

ladies, one mens) to
blow the summer
cobwebs out of your
legs ready for the new
season. This will be
followed by a social
session to blow the
cobwebs out of your
drinking arm and liver.
It will also be the
chance to bring friends,
kids, mams, dads,
anyone, along to watch,
perhaps play, and
socialise with us and
see what Bloxwich HC
is all about.

Bloxwich on the Web

Bloxwich HC has hit
the World Wide Web.
At present the site is
under construction but
already has some items
worth a look at. The
URL is:

www.bloxwich.0catch.com

(that's a number 0 not a
letter o)

Thanks go to Alan
Leach for this new
adventure. I'm sure he
will welcome
suggestions for its
future development.

Badged and Ready