

BROMLEY & BECKENHAM
HOCKEY CLUB



*Bromley & Beckenham
Inaugural
End Of Season Dinner
2005 - 2006 season*

*Bromley Court Hotel
Saturday 8th April 2006
6.30pm - Midnight*

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Sunday 9th April 2006

*Memorial Football Match
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Bromley & Beckenham Hockey Club Season 2005-6

A season to remember

I'm sure there's a few of you here who if asked 2 seasons ago at your annual dinner, would you ever expect to see the headline above would have choked on your G&T.

Well a little over one year ago a number of people starting talking independently to myself and Mike Bluett from all areas of what was then two separate clubs. We were asked about exploring the possibility of merging our clubs each with over 100 years of history and a strong local rivalry. At the end of March 2005 we both went to our respective committees to put the notion of a merger to our members. About a million emails, phone calls, memos, and meetings later, on the 29th of June 2005, we officially merged our two clubs to form Bromley & Beckenham Hockey Club.

Fielding 17 senior sides, and a junior section boasting 350 members we were expecting the first season to be mainly focussed on getting everyone a game, and working through the administration challenges of having this many members. We are the second largest club in the country (by number of affiliated teams), and are now the only club in the borough of Bromley to have a junior section.

As chairman what makes me most proud this season are the huge successes all through the club, our realistic ambitions at the beginning of the season were mostly based around consolidation and integration of the two old clubs. I have been constantly amazed by how much everyone involved has been prepared to go that extra mile, whether it has been umpiring an extra games, or helping out with admin, and my sincere thanks to all those who have chipped in.

Men's highlights

We'll start at the top I guess, a huge season for the men's 1's winning the southern League's Premier division in our first season, gaining promotion to the National League. A fantastic effort by all involved, Simon Letchford as coach, manager Andy Harrison, fitness coach and general hockey guru James Butterfill, and of course John Warren as captain and general aerial threat. Not to be outdone, Ian Saunders and his 2nd team, gained promotion to London League premier division after winning their league and remaining unbeaten, finishing the season with a goal difference of 89 ! The 3rd XI followed this also gaining promotion, narrowly finishing second in their league, my thanks to Adam Grainger who captained this side, and steps down after 6 years at the helm. The men's 4th team also gained promotion, Chris Dodd's side finishing as champions of Kent open div. 2, again having a goal difference twice that of the second placed team. Of those teams not promoted the

2A's had a great season finishing 5th in the same league at the 2nd XI, the 3A's, the 5's and the weasels all consolidated their positions in their respective leagues. The vets lie 7th in their league, however with 18 points this seems a little harsh. The Ravens, the only merged side this season, and our most forward thinking side (they are frequently in the bar first), lie 5th in their league with games in hand. My thanks to Nevil Wharton, club Captain and Mike Bluett, vice chairman for all their work during the season.

Women's highlights

Again a fantastic inaugural season for the first team, gaining promotion with 2 games to spare, and finishing as champions in the East League div. 1 South, and therefore gaining promotion to the East Premier league, which should they progress next season, would see them also gain promotion to the national league. Captain Alison Fox, with the coaching team of Sam Djavit and Scott Falconer have done a great job. After the bold decision to enter both the first and second team into this league, the 2nd team were very unlucky to be relegated on the last day of the season after some very brave performances.

The women's 3rd team captained by Alison Rockhill and Tina Hamilton have had a mixed season in their first year. The 4th and 5th sides run by Antoinette Whitfield and Gail Arnott, have struggled with availability and injuries, but the 5th team narrowly missed a top three finish on goal difference of just a single goal. Both sides have worked hard to ensure the progression of our talented juniors through the sides. The first and second teams, who have regularly fielded Sarah Crosley and Sophie Davies who are both U16, have reaped the benefits of this. Janet Battersbee's 7th team have again helped ensure that all who wish to play hockey have been able to do so.

Finally my thanks to Tim Carter – Hon. Treasurer, and Phil Sheehan – Pitch / Men's Fixture Secretary and Nicky Parsley – women's fixture secretary, who have all provided vital support and organisation over our first season. All their jobs were made considerably tougher by having double the amount of work due to the merger, and also that as a new club, there were new and unrecognised challenges to face. They have coped admirably with these, to ensure that the section has increased its profits, and ensured a game for every one all season.

Junior highlights

Brombeck Juniors have enjoyed a successful season thus far. Unlike our senior section however the final stages of our season extend well beyond Easter. Our Mini section (U10's) have had a successful season in terms of numbers attending and in participating in a number of round robin tournaments, There are however no competitions for this age group. There are National Mini Hockey competitions at U11 and U13 age groups. Our U11 boys won the County competition and have

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qualified for the Regional finals on 23rd April. Our U13 boys lost in the semi Finals of the County competition against the eventual winners Langley Park. The U13 girls reached the quarter finals of their competition.

In the leagues our U14 boys are currently top of the Kent League and our second team (an U13 side) are second. In the regional league we ended up 3rd to just miss out on the playoffs, unfortunately having to play our last match without any of our representative players. The U14 Girls have won their Kent pool winning all matches and are awaiting to play the other pool winners in the Kent Final. In the Regional league they again won their pool winning all matches but lost the quarter final playoff, their only defeat of the Season.

The U16 boys play in three leagues. They have won their Kent Pool, winning all games and are due to play their quarter final playoffs on 23rd April. The 'B' squad won their Mercian regional league but lost their quarter final match against Southgate who have reached the final playoffs.

The 'A' squad play in the Premier league and finished second losing a very close match to Canterbury last Sunday. They have already qualified for the league playoffs on 7th May. The U18 boys and girls both ended up third in the Regional leagues behind National league competition and both top the county leagues.

So whilst many competitions are still undecided we have made excellent achievements in our first year. We have large numbers of players achieving representative honours. In the girls section we have 11 county players. The boys have excelled - we have some 30 plus county players at U13-16 level, with large numbers also achieving divisional selection.

The club owes a huge thank you to all the Junior coaches and helpers who give up hours of their time, literally every week of the year, not just the season, to organise and run not just the coaching sessions and matches, but all the others issues in running our junior section which has a membership of approximately double that of the adult section of the club.

The future is looking very bright indeed.

Menu

Starter

Parma ham with slices of melon

Vegetarian Starter

Avocado, Tomato and Mozzarella Salad



Main

Noisette of english lamb with rosemary sauce
chef's vegetables and potatoes

Vegetarian Main

Fillet of Sole with Prawn, Lobster Sauce.



Sweet

Profiteroles filled with chantilly cream,
served with hot chocolate sauce

Coffee and Mints





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