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The League season starts for some teams this weekend. Both 1st XIs are in League action, Men in Sheffield, Ladies at Chichester.

Next weekend sees the Mens 1s in their first home action in both League and Cup. On Saturday 29 it is against local rivals Old Georgians, on Sunday 30 it is against Bromley and Beckenham also at 12.

Lets make Sunday 30 a club day, come along. support the 1s, have some food and drink and play some fun hockey.

The Club Handbook has been issued, get your copy from your Captain. In return give him your club subscription.

For full League fixtures and results, club information visit club website.

Mens fixtures for September

Sept 22				
1 st	Sheffield U/B	A		
Shadows	Reading 3	H	1400	
Pilgrims	W & W Hawks	H	1330	
Gondoliers	Haslemere	H	1500	
Sept 29				
1 st	Old Georgians	H	1200	
2 nd	Canterbury	A		
3 rd	Wimbledon	H	1500	
Shadows				
4 th				
Pilgrims	Maidenhead	A	1200	
Gondoliers				
Sept 30				
1 st	Bromley & B	H	1200	England Hockey Cup.

Other friendly games may be organised by captains.

Ladies Fixtures for September.

22-Sep-06	1st	Chichester Priory Park 1's	L	A	Chichester High School, Kingsham	15.00
"	2nd	Woking 2's	F	H	Broadwater Water	10.30
"	3rd	Wanderers 4's	F	H	Broadwater Sand	12.30
"	4th	Cranleigh 2's	F	H	Broadwater Water	12.00
"	5th	Southampton 4's	F	A	Southampton Sports Centre	10.30

29-Sep-06	1st	Wimbledon 2's	L	H	Broadwater Water	13.30
"	2nd	Purley Walcountian 2's	L	A	Purley Walcountian HC	11.30
"	3rd	Bank of England 1's	L	A	Bank of England Sports Club	12.00
"	4th	Mitcham 1's	L	A	Ricards Lodge High School	10.30
"	5th	Barnes Hounslow Ealing vets	F	A	Hampton Community College, Hanworth Rd	10.00

Match reports

Mens

Camberley & Farnborough 2's 1 - 6 Shadows (Ady 2, Ben G 2, Alex, Leon)

Another start to a new season, with new faces and some not-so-new, were welcomed by the surprise appearance of Mr Sun and Mr Heat for this pre-season friendly against some new opposition who were in the league above us last season.

With the Camberley Crufts event and the bouncy castle (and ice cream van) in close proximity, the supporters could be forgiven for staying away for the first half as some stiff legs from both sides failed to create too much, although one of the three former Shadows captains on the pitch (The Weeman) slid in at the far post with defence and keeper to spot his arrival. Unfortunately, the ball hit the outside of the post, and having missed all of last season away travelling, he was grateful to take half his knee-off in the process after only 7 minutes – a nice scab to come!

The Shadows did manage to grab a goal just before the break, as a Ben Gray shot was blocked by the keeper, only for the rebound to fall to the Wee-one. In lots of space, he swept it far post where Mr Clargo was on hand to convert it for the first goal of the season.

With our faces starting to resemble the colour of our shirts by half-time (maybe we need to add suncream to the First Aid kit?), we emerged vibrant and took a quick 3-0 lead within the first 5 minutes of the resumption. First, the Weeman charged down the right wing to cut in and lay the ball back to Gray, who spanked it home for 2-0. Then, new captain Ben Proudlove played a free-hit into the D and, Ady was on-hand to deflect it for 3-0 and his second. They grabbed a consolation goal when the skip wafted at thin air trying to control a bouncing ball and they out-numbered us on the break to convert for 3-1.

Some much needed rotations amongst the forwards and midfield, enabled us to keep fresh legs, and it paid off with 3 more goals before the end. Some selfless play by the Weeman set Alex up for a simple conversion for 4-1, before Alex's blocked shot fell to the Weeman to convert for 5-1. Feeling like he had sufficiently topped up his tan on the bench, Ben G brought himself back on to grab a sixth (and his second) after some good work by Ady.

So, a great win by the Shadows to start the season. The defence looked pretty solid with Woody between the sticks, the experienced Dave's at full-back, and Sal's little bro Mike in the middle. Deano, Jon, and Charlie H all ate ground today, and the young legs of Charlie B and Robbie proved most helpful.

Thanks to Stumble for the 1st half umpiring, and also to the Oppo for the Pizza afterwards. Let's hope the good form carries over to next week!!

Ladies reports

Guildford Ladies 2nds 2 vs Epsom 2nds 3

After a successful season playing Summer League hockey and some gruelling Monday night fitness sessions on Stoke Park, Guildford Ladies 2's team were feeling fitter than this time last year. The first Saturday fixture was a "friendly" against Epsom Ladies 2's, currently a division higher than the newly promoted 2's. An intense warm up with majority support of Keith's newly established "Toilet Ban" 45 mins before push-back ensured that by the time we went on pitch, we were sweating and feeling those smug shirts we all missed so much after the summer drinking sessions. Captain Clare however was less than delighted to get an unwanted pre-match cool down when she mis-timed her arrival onto the pitch and got drenched when the water sprays went on. At the first whistle the gap between the two teams was clear to all - Epsom's fitness was far superior and Guildford proved slow to emerge out of the blocks. We were caught unaware in the first half and Epsom managed to covert two goals from open play despite some great defending. After an inspiring team talk by Keith at half time, a different Guildford side emerged, hungry for a better performance. Communication improved tenfold and we used our midfield to our advantage given our tiring legs. We were unlucky to concede a goal from an attacking short corner, despite some fantastic saves from ex Epsom goalkeeper Joe Lee. However Guildford's gutsy persistence up front was rewarded when Judith slipped a tricky shot into the back of the net. Laura then scored a cracking goal from the top of the D to make it 3-2 with minutes to spare.

Overall, this was a great result, with particular mention to our youngsters Hannah and Sarah who did a storming job up front. The team would also like to welcome Sally Parr who made her Guildford debut from Woking and say thanks to Geanie for umpiring and the 1's and 3's for their much appreciated sideline support. Finally, our debut Thanks for Coming Award goes to Ciara Willis for her Britney Spears impression and thumbs up all round for the new match teas - we all loved the Lasagne - so big thanks to the Chef.

MOM went to Jane for the 2nd save off the line in 2 weeks. Keep up the good work.

Next Match: Saturday 22nd September vs. Woking Ladies 2's (Home 10:30am)

Guildford Ladies 4XI v Horsham Ladies 5XI (1-8) Friendly

Team: Claire A, Claire D, Chelle, Eleanor, Louise, Jess, Harriet, Aisling, Sonja, Lindsay, Phyzz, Charlotte, Fi and Nadine

This was not the start to the season we hoped for, but the score line did not reflect the entire match. Horsham had a couple of fire crackers on their team, without whom would not have been quite as effective. We had debuts from 3 Colts this week who all played extremely well and without whom the rest of us would have been off the pitch with heat exhaustion! It wasn't all bad and we made lots of good runs during the game. Hitting and defensive work will be the focus of this weeks training!

Next week we play Cranleigh 2's (Friendly), hopefully we can put out a better performance this week against one of our league opponents.