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Member Information Booklet



“to cultivate, promote and practice the games of cricket, lawn tennis, lacrosse, squash, bowls and hockey”

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Welcome

Thank you for choosing to become a member of Brooklands Sports Club and welcome to the Club.

This booklet has been put together to give you some basic information on our Club and its facilities and to help you to get the most out of your membership.

About us

Brooklands Sports Club is a not-for-profit organisation which is owned and run by its members. The management of the Club is overseen by a board of directors, but most of the day to day business is conducted by the Club's sporting 'sections': Cricket, Tennis, Hockey, Lacrosse, Bowls and Squash.

Each section has its own committee of volunteers and makes arrangements for its own sport and members.

We have no formal links to the gym which shares our site and so membership of the Club does not entitle members to use the gym (or vica versa).

Getting involved

Although your details will be passed to the sections for which you registered when you joined us, sadly, because each section is run by volunteers, it may not always be possible for them to contact each new member individually.

In order to find out how to get involved, your best starting point is this booklet and the Club website. Each section posts information on the website detailing training nights, match-days, fixtures and contact details for captains, organisers and coaches. Simply make a note of the time, come down on the day and introduce yourself and you will receive a warm welcome.

Membership cards

You should now have received your membership card for the Club. This card **should be carried whenever you visit the Club** and you should be prepared to produce it as evidence of your membership whenever you are asked to do so.

If your card shows a membership number, this represents your unique membership record and should be quoted in all Club correspondence.

The letters on your card correspond to the sports for which you are registered, with your primary sport shown first (please page 6 for more details).

Club Rules

The Byelaws, Rules and Regulations of the Club are available on the Club website. Please familiarise yourself with them before you use the Club.

Bringing guests to the Club

Members who play sport may occasionally bring a guest who is not a member to play with them at the Club providing that they do not bring the same guest on more than three separate occasions each year. Similarly, social members are entitled to bring a guest to use the Club bar providing that the same guest is not brought on more than on six separate occasions each year.

Please note that, whenever a guest of a member is on Club premises, the member who brings the guest to the Club is responsible for ensuring that their guest complies with the Club Rules.

Clubhouse and Bar

The Club bar is operated on behalf of the Club and the gym by an independent franchisee. The bar caters to members and is a members-only area, but it is not part of, nor run by, the Club. Since Brooklands does not receive any money from the bar please remember that, if you are contacted regarding fundraising activities, simply buying a drink will not help the Club or sections to raise the funds which we need in order to survive.

Pitch and Astroturf hire

The Astroturf pitch at Brooklands is available for private hire when it is not being used by one of the sections. The surface is ideal for football, lacrosse and hockey amongst other activities. For details of availability and prices and for information on how to book, please see the Club website. Other Club facilities may be available for hire on an individual basis. For more details please contact the Development Officer using the details on page 2.

Sponsorship

With over 1000 members, numerous successful and prominent travelling teams, a popular website, large grounds and cross-over with hundreds of gym members, Brooklands offers excellent opportunities for sponsorship. If you or your company are interested in sponsoring us or advertising at the Club, please contact the Development Officer using the details on page 2.

Your membership and how it works

Subscription years and 'primary' sports

The Club operates different 'subscription years' depending on which sport a member chooses as their 'primary sport'. If you choose a winter sport (Lacrosse, Hockey, Squash or Junior Football) your membership runs from 1 October to 1 October. If you choose a summer sport (Cricket, Tennis or Bowls) your membership runs from 1 May to 1 May. Please note that every member pays subscriptions to the Club on an annual basis and the Club does not normally offer 6 month / part season rates.

Changing or adding sports

Your membership entitles you to play any/all of the sports which the Club offers for no extra charge*. The sports which you chose on your membership application form will be the sports for which you are currently registered and which are shown on your membership card. If you want to get involved with a sport for which you did not initially register, you should contact the Membership Secretary in order for your details to be passed to the relevant section.

Paying by Direct Debit

Most sections encourage their members to pay subscriptions by Direct Debit. Paying in this way reduces the administrative burden and expense of collecting subscriptions and also allows members to split payment into two equal halves on 1 May and 1 October each year. Please note, however, that this concession does not entitle members to pay only one half of their subscription by Direct Debit. Members who cancel their Direct Debits mid-season will nevertheless owe their remaining subscriptions and the Club will seek to collect these arrears as a debt.

Ending your membership

Your membership of the Club will continue from year to year until the Club is notified that you wish to resign. To do so, please provide notice in writing to the Membership Secretary at the email or postal address shown on the inside cover of this booklet. Please note that if you fail to notify the Club of your intention to resign, the Club will continue to contact you and to attempt to collect your subscriptions, thereby incurring wasted costs which could otherwise be invested in sport. Please let the Club know if you wish to resign as a member.

*unless you joined us as a social or bowls-only member

The sections



Brooklands Cricket Club

Brooklands Cricket Club was established in 1883 as one of the founding sections of the Club. We were also a founder member of the Cheshire County Cricket League - one of the most respected club leagues in the country.

Seniors

We currently run four senior teams in the CCCL - 1st XI, 2nd XI and 3rd XI Saturday sides and a second 3rd XI side which plays on Sundays.

We also have links to Brooklands Sale Moor, who play in the CCCL Saturday 3rd XI league.

Juniors

We run many junior sides in various leagues - the precise details of which vary from year to year depending on demand and numbers. In general, we offer cricket to all juniors with competitions divided into Under-9, Under-11, Under-13, Under-14, Under-15 and Under-18 age-brackets.

In addition to age-group cricket, we run a junior Academy to develop our most promising young cricketers and offer annual tours to the south of England and biannual tours abroad.

In October 2005 Brooklands CC became the 428th club in the country to gain ECB Clubmark accreditation. The accreditation means that we have met all of Sport England's criteria in relation to being a child friendly club.



Getting involved

The club always welcomes new players. If you or your child are interested in playing for the club or attending practice, take a look at our website (cricket.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk) for details of nets and contact information. Feel free to come along on a match-day and speak to coaches or team captains or to turn up at practice.

Whatever your age and ability, if you want to play tennis, Brooklands is the Club for you. With 10 all-weather astroturf courts (4 of them have floodlights) and 4 grass courts, you will have every opportunity to enjoy the sport and improve your standard of play.

We have 7 teams playing in the South West Manchester League and 3 in the North East Cheshire League, which will give you ample opportunity to demonstrate your tennis skill at all levels. We are also one of only a handful of tennis clubs in Cheshire to have been awarded Clubmark status in 2010 which recognises good practice and high operating standards.



Coaching

Our Head Coach and his team organise individual and group coaching. He will help you and your family to get the most out of the game. For details on coaching and how to book sessions, please see our website.

Using the courts

The courts are protected from use by non-members by a combination lock code which is available from the tennis membership officer, whose contact details are on our website. Please lock the courts if you are the last one to leave and do not disclose the numbers to non-members.

Informal use of the courts depends on availability, with coaching and league matches taking priority. In extremely busy periods, with other people waiting to play, it would be appreciated if you finish the set you are playing and let others onto the court. Only adults are allowed on the grass courts and the groundsman will display a notice to show if they are playable.

Please note that all members should be able to produce their membership card when asked to do so by another member.

Social tennis

Social tennis sessions are held every week at the Club. We also run weekly Junior's nights and Men's nights. Details of days and times can be found on our website. Throughout the year we also hold a number of social events and an annual tournament to which all members are invited.

More details

More information on coaching, social nights, team tennis and contact details can be found on our website (tennis.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk).

Brooklands Hockey Club comprises Men's and Ladies Hockey. The Men merged with Manchester University in 1992 and play as 'Brooklands MUHC'. The Ladies merged with Poynton in 2009 and currently play as 'Brooklands Poynton HC'. Although one section within Brooklands Sports Club, the Men and Ladies generally manage their affairs separately.

Both Men's and Ladies 1st teams are England Premiership sides, with their respective 2nd teams in the North Premier divisions – only a few Clubs in the Country have achieved this. The Men's 3rd and 4th teams are in the highest North West divisions in which they can play under the league structure. In total, the Men have seven teams and a Junior 'Beavers' team. The Ladies field four sides and organise junior games ad-hoc.

Juniors & Clubmark



Brooklands Hockey Club has been awarded Clubmark status, giving it Sport England approval for its commitment to junior hockey development.

Facilities

Our playing surfaces are of the highest quality, something which the Club believes is essential to promote high standards. Our primary surface is a Tiger Turf Astro sand dressed pitch at Brooklands. As an overspill, the Club also uses Manchester University Armitage Centre (the Firs) which has two Tiger Turf pitches. Occasionally, Belle Vue water-based pitches are also used.

Training

Training for all levels is carried out throughout the season at Brooklands and at Belle Vue for senior sides. Details of training can be found on the Club's website. All training is undertaken by qualified coaches.

Kit

Brooklands' strip is white shirts, navy blue shorts and red socks. Blue shirts are provided by the Club in the event of an away clash of strip and new members should also purchase white socks as an alternative. Strip should be purchased from the Club which keeps a stock of Kukri kit.

More details

More information on training times, fixtures, kit and contact details can be found on our website (hockey.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk).



Brooklands Hulmeians Lacrosse Club

Hulmeians Lacrosse Club was formed by players from William Hulme GS over 100 years ago. In 1993 it moved to Brooklands Sports Club from Whalley Range, taking the name of Brooklands Hulmeians LC to reflect its new home.

The junior development programme was set up in 1995 as it was crucial to be able to sustain the senior teams. This has gone from strength to strength, helped enormously by the fantastic American coaches we have every year to coach both in schools and at the club.

Teams

We have four senior mens teams competing in the North of England Men's Premier 1, North 1, 2 and 3 divisions, and one ladies senior team in the North Ladies Division 1. All senior games are played on Saturday afternoons.

We have boys teams competing at U12, U14, U16 and U19 age groups and girls teams at U12, U14 and U16. Many of our juniors have gone on to represent Lancashire, the North, Centex, the England Academy and junior England teams. Boys games are played on a Saturday morning, with the exception of the U19s who play on a Sunday evening. Girls games are played on a Sunday morning.

Facilities and Training

We have access to four grass pitches and the use of the astro turf pitch for training and some matches. Full details of junior and senior training times can be found on our website.

Clubmark

The club has achieved Clubmark level 3 and continues its policy of inclusion of children of all abilities.



More details

More information regarding training times, fixtures, kit, etc. can be found on our website (lacrosse.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk) or you can contact us via email at lacrosse@brooklandssportsclub.co.uk

The Crown Green Bowling Section of Brooklands Sports Club has around 80/90 playing and non-playing members. Our bowling season runs from approximately the middle of April to the middle of October.

The section has 8 teams in total:-

- 2 men's teams who play in the Altrincham L.V. League;
- 1 men's team who play in the Sale Men's League;
- 1 Veterans Men's team (for over sixties) who compete in the Altrincham L.V. Vets League;
- 2 ladies teams who play in the Sale Ladies League; and
- 2 Mixed teams who play in the Trafford Evening League.

Throughout the season we also organize Social Bowling and Round Robins and various Internal Cup Competitions and BBQ's.

We have senior and junior bowling equipment available for any new bowlers and qualified coaches who will be pleased to help new or experienced bowlers alike to learn or improve their game.

We have a friendly and social environment and new senior and junior members will be made most welcome.

More details

For more information and details of who to speak to and how to get involved, please see our website (bowls.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk).

Brooklands Squash club is a friendly, sociable club providing squash players of all levels the opportunity to improve their game, to meet new people and to play for fun or at a competitive level.

We have over 100 playing members and we are affiliated to England Squash & Racketball.



Facilities

Brooklands has 3 squash courts including 1 glass backed court. The courts are shared with the gym and are booked via the gym reception desk. However, because Brooklands members can book courts up to 2 weeks in advance (compared to gym members who can only book 1 week in advance) there are considerable advantages in terms of court availability for Brooklands members. A small booking fee is charged for each court reservation, payable on arrival.

Competitive Squash

We currently have five men's teams which play in the North West Counties Squash League on Thursday nights and two ladies teams which play in the Cheshire League on Monday nights. Both leagues run from September through to April.

In addition, we operate an internal squash ladder and an annual knockout competition around May each year for both ladies and men's sections.

Juniors

We have an active junior coaching programme, which is open to juniors of all abilities. For more details on coaching sessions, contacts and equipment, please see our website.

More details

You can find more information about squash at Brooklands by having a look at our website (squash.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk).



Brooklands Dragons Junior Football Club

Brooklands Dragons, established in 1992 by Joe Brown and Willie Donachie, is an inclusive junior football club. The club caters for all boys and girls from Reception to Year 6, irrespective of their ability; helping them to develop their football skills at their own pace with an emphasis on fun.

As players develop, we enter our teams into local tournaments and play friendly matches against other clubs, ensuring all children are able to participate and in line with FA guidelines and best practice.

The club is affiliated with the Cheshire FA and has strong links with Sport Trafford and GreaterSport, the County Sport Partnership.

Facilities

Football training takes place both on the grass and astroturf pitch - a safe environment for children and parents. All equipment is provided, although a small weekly charge may be made to cover running costs.

Kit

Normal football kit, football boots (or trainers for hard ground conditions or the astroturf pitch), shin pads, warm/wet weather clothing and a still drink are all that each child requires to participate.

Coaching and Insurance

All of our coaches are volunteers who have been CRB checked in compliance with FA Coaching Guidelines and we hold all appropriate insurance for the protection of our players and coaches. We ensure that every age-group is coached by at least 1 FA certified coach.

Contact Details

If you would like more information on how to join our club, please see our website for contact details and details of our training and matches (football.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk).

