

Welcome !

Welcome to the 2023 / 24 season! After a relatively mixed 2022 / 23 season, we are pleased to say that the committee has been planning for the season ahead and are very excited for the season ahead. Whilst there were a couple of tough relegations last season, we feel that the respective leagues for all our sides realistically reflect where they should be competing and offer our members more opportunities to enjoy their hockey.

The league season started last weekend with all 12 sides starting their league campaigns. Captains hopefully have encouraged you to attend training, there's real excitement for the season ahead.

Our Back to Hockey initiative has been successful with 20+ new faces showing across the 5 weeks of hockey. Such sessions are important to showcase our inclusivity for all ages and standards, and we are hopeful to see many of these players integrating into various club sides.

Coaching Team

Our coaching team remains strong - a lineup that many clubs struggle to match. Our core coaches are all Level 3 standard, meaning the coaching you receive is second to none. Please continue to make the most of the training on offer, as selection will be based on regular attendance and commitment to the league fixtures.

Juan Gomez

After a successful half season as interim M1 Head Coach, Juan has been appointed M1 Head Coach, whilst remaining an integral player in the squad too. Having overseen the M1 survival in the National League last season, Juan deserved his opportunity to take on the role and we wish him the best of luck in this permanent role. He will continue to lead the midweek Boys EDS Academy and remains committed to integrating juniors into higher club sides, to make sure there are equal opportunities for all players, irrespective of their age.

Craig Morton

Craig is appointed Ladies 1st XI Head Coach, after Rorro's departure at the end of last season. Craig is tasked with growing the L1 squad, after a respectable 5th place finish in the South East Prem. We welcome Craig to the club and whilst the challenge is put to him for the season ahead, he is very much committed to improving the squad and bringing through some of the stronger youngsters into the side.

Volunteers

We're always looking for more people to help make the hockey happen - it's fun and rewarding and you will learn and get great experience, too.

We rely on volunteers and any help offered, however small, is greatly appreciated and we must have others take share of the ever-increasing work load on those already on the Executive Committee & Captains as it remains unmanageable on the few that currently run the Club.

With some Officers & Captains stepping down, relocating or simply unable to commit the countless hours they currently do, we have several vacant roles that require filling; but please don't feel that by putting yourself forward you are committing to endless hours. There's a mixture of smaller roles, coupled with some more pressing roles to fill, namely Men's & Ladies Club Captains and Club Chair.

We are also looking to reinstate a Players' Committee to work alongside the Executive Committee (originally setup just before Covid) where we that each team puts forward a representative (NOT the Captain or already an Officer) to join this Committee which will meet once (possibly occasionally twice) a month to ensure that we hear our Members' views and try to act on them as much as is possible.

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This Committee will look to address some of the items (and issues) that the Exec are struggling to cover and will look to be responsible for a lot of the operational side of the Club's activities. This will allow the Club to move forward more efficiently and consider some of the bigger ideas / projects raised within the Members Survey etc.

We would love to draw on your own individual expertise and skill set to evolve our great club so please volunteer. There are discounts available for taking up certain roles.

If you have any questions or are interested, please email [Liz Hawkins on volunteer@brombeckshockey.com](mailto:Liz.Hawkins@brombeckshockey.com) for more details.

Volunteer Coaching

We are always interested in hearing from individuals who might be looking to get into coaching or who might already be a qualified coach and able to support, either our senior club or junior training programmes. We can support some roles financially and where required help contribute to gaining coaching qualifications. Keen to know more, please contact Nick Bluett on hockeydirector@brombeckshockey.com

Adult Training Sessions

We maintain similar timings & structure to adult training, as we had for the 2022/23 season (see below), except that Ladies Club training has now moved to a Monday evening. All adult sessions are scheduled in the Pitchero app and you should receive notifications to select your attendance for training, like you would for weekend fixtures.

We encourage all members to update their availability in good time, so that coaches can plan effectively for the sessions and have a clear idea on the likely numbers attending.

Langley Girls Pitch	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Bottom Half	Ladies Club	Men's 1	Ladies 1	Men's 1
Top Half	Men's Club	Men's 2	Ladies 2	Men's 1

England Hockey – Game Management System Registration

England Hockey are continuing with their mandatory registration process for all players competing in adult hockey. In order to play for an adult side, you must register as a 'player' in the EH Game Management System. The link to register on GMS is

<https://whostheumpire.com>

Subscriptions

After a long review, we have unfortunately had to increase our subs. We have not taken this decision lightly but having compared against other similar Clubs and also due to the fact that cost of everything (pitch hire, electricity & supply costs) is increasing & also the fact that the season is 3 weeks longer than the 2022/23 season.

New Joiners		
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Over 30	£ 278	£ 222
26 - 30	£ 250	£ 200
Under 26	£ 220	£ 176
Student	£ 150	£ 120
GK	£ 119	£ 95

On the positive side we expect to play a lot more matches, combined with an improved quality of coaching on offer; we trust that you will still consider us good value for money.

All payments are to be made electronically through the Pitchero app or Website and there are monthly payment plans available.

All the joining details can be found here <https://www.brombeckshockey.com/payments> with the Subscription products to be loaded upon Pitchero imminently.

If there are any questions or any issues regarding Subs then please do not hesitate to contact any of the Executive Committee, Team Captains or email chair@brombeckshockey.com

Match Fees

Match fees will continue to be collected separately via the Pitchero, offering captains a simple & straightforward link to send prompts out to their respective selected squads. We were able to collect more in fees via Pitchero, over previous seasons which is a positive. Please note that the standard match fee remains at £10 for all players (inc juniors) playing in adult fixtures, despite our fixed costs rising across the season.

BromBecks '100 Club' Fundraiser

This season we have introduced a '100 Club' to help raise funds for our 'Hockey Projects' Fund. Having already raised £3k, we are hopeful of raising £10k through this initiative and other fundraisers, in order to part-cover the cost of improving pitchside facilities (mainly toilets and changing rooms). For £60 per year (D/D option available), there's a chance to win a guaranteed monthly prize, whilst supporting the club's fundraising efforts. Link to enter,

<https://www.brombeckshockey.com/payments/brombecks-100-club-97852.html>

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Kit

Our club kit is sold online through our kit partner - Hawkinsport. All kit can be found and purchased on the below link - when ordering a club playing shirt as a new member, you are prompted to enter a number. If a new member you will be designated an 'available' number by the suppliers. The kit is delivered directly to your home address.

<https://www.hawkinsport.co.uk/clubs/hockey-clubs/bromley-and-beckenham-hockey-club>.

Indoor Hockey

This year we plan to offer our members a chance to play some Indoor hockey. We believe that this is an essential part of a player's development (irrespective of age) and will be hosting sessions on a midweek evening, for the different groups - this will be charged at an additional cost to cover facility hire.

AGM

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting for our members on a Sunday in October (details to follow) which will allow the Exec Committee the chance to highlight what we are doing, go over financial accounts and showcase plans for the season ahead. We will also provide feedback from the Club Survey, carried out back in May. Members will have an opportunity to ask questions to the committee and we are hopeful that we will be able to host the meeting in person for the first time in several seasons.

Finally, we'd like to wish you all an enjoyable season of hockey and look forward to seeing many of you playing in Saturday League games

Thanks,

Michael Bluett – Chair

on behalf of the Executive Committee of Bromley & Beckenham H.C.