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Welcome to the Third newsletter for Phoenix Hockey Club.

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Christmas Social

The Men's 1st team are organizing the social this month and being December have decided to go for a Christmas theme at the clubhouse on Saturday 12th December probable starting from 7.30pm but watch our website for more details and confirmation of the time. All members welcome

200 Club

Phoenix have started a 200 club to help raise funds, the idea is to get as many members as possible to a max of 200 who pay in £13 **per year** for the chance to win prizes on a regular basis as well as helping the club's finances.

The idea is if we have enough members is to use the funds towards a specific objective, yet to be agreed, that will be useful and helpful to us all and the

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club.

The prizes will account for 50% of the amount received divided into 6 prize draws per year each with 4 prizes, £30,£20,£10, £10. The remaining 50% of the funds goes to the club. Once the participation increases so will the prizes and possibly number of prizes and or draws.

The latest draw saw prizes for:

Peter Nash
Jim Larn
Alexandra Card
Mary Ann Pryke

The money can be paid by cheque or by standing order, which is the preferred choice and if you want you can buy two shares or more; you friends and family can also buy shares if they wish.

If you wish the club to continue the fantastic start it has made to life please complete a form and send it to Jean Mullane who is looking after the club. A form was included on the email that sent this form out to you, is on the website and also a hard copy can be found in the clubhouse.

League Season so far

As we approach the Christmas break the performances are encouraging from right across the board although results may not have always supported those performances. All sides have won at least 1 match and are picking up points most weeks. Interestingly for a rare occasion recently we had more players available than team places, which I cannot remember happening in recent years, while it may not have been good for those who didn't get a game the omens are good if we can keep all of you and add during 2010 then we will consider increasing the number of Men's and ladies sides for next season.

Our mixed teams are currently second in Div 1e after two matches 3 pts behind leaders Brentwood with a game in hand.

The most important aspect is as far as I know you are all enjoying playing Hockey which is a major success and the top target when the club started. Certainly I as Chairman am very happy with the atmosphere around the club and within the teams, as well as the non-playing staff.

Membership

I am pleased to say that two new members Gemma Colling and Mark Keary

have asked to join the club and hopefully attended training recently and like what they see.

There has been a steady input of players over the weeks many of whom I have not heard about but wish all new members a welcome and hope you will stay with us.

All those who haven't yet completed the necessary forms or worst not paid annual subscriptions please do so without fail now. Copies of the forms were attached with the e-mail, are available on the web site or hard copy in the clubhouse.

With all funds we can consider improvements in the club and with additional pieces of kit.

Andy Peart has left the club transferring to Romford to reduce his travelling commitment; we wish Andy all the best in the future and thank him for his efforts over the last 3 years with one of the forerunner clubs to Phoenix, Braintree, and for this club at the start of the season.

Safety

I have been asked to remind people especially captains to ensure that young children and not allowed onto pitch side during a match. If they are allowed to roam along the edge of the pitch and get struck by a ball not only could it injure the child but also could reflect on the club. It would be better for them to remain the other side of the fence, under control of a parent or adult.

Juniors – Blue Hornets

There are currently 109 juniors attending training sessions on a Sunday Morning and competing in many competitions. I am please to announce that Thomas Leng has passed his level 1 coaching course and will be assisting with the coaching of the juniors.

Coaching

We have decided to apply to run a level 1 coaching course at the start of the 2010/2011 season and hope to be able to get a few people from our own club involved to assist coaching at Senior and junior levels of the club.

Finally

With the Christmas break fast approaching, I will take a few minutes to thank all members of Phoenix Hockey club for your efforts through this year in turning two clubs into one and making the first half of the season at all levels within the club a success.

- Enjoy the break and remember those less fortunate than you.
- Come back ready for the run in for this season
- Give some thought about how we continue to take the club forward and;
- How each of us can assist the club more to ensure the standard and number of teams can increase.

Remember this club is for all people who want to play Field Hockey.

I hope you and your family and friends have a good Christmas



Phoenix Hockey Club needs your commitment, effort, loyalty and ideas. Any comments or questions about the club or articles for future newsletters please e-mail chairman@phoenixhc.co.uk.

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