

The 1890 Club Newsletter

Spring 2002

Dear Member

I hope you are enjoying the beginnings of summer. I write to you with reports of recent 1890 events and advanced notice of upcoming functions. I do hope you will be able to support at least some of them.

Membership of the Club

This stands at 145 and we will be encouraging eligible non-members to join through the individual Club membership secretaries. Also, a list of members is enclosed so please encourage conspicuous absentees to join!

We have made stronger links with the University Clubs through the establishment of an 1890 Club representative on each committee and a page on each website. There will also be 1890 Club games against each university this summer.

1890 Club match – 5 March 2002

I enclose the programme for the 2002 University Hockey Match, which included an article about the 1890 Club and a separate article about the Old Blues match which was played in the morning. I also enclose an account of the match.

This year, the main function room was renamed the “1890 Suite” and a buffet style hot meal was available between 12.30pm and 4pm for c. £6. The room was open to all. There is also a room downstairs for snacks, teas/coffees etc, as well as the main sports bar. It is expected that this arrangement will be kept next year, which makes for a very good day out and meeting place for those who can take the day off.

Summer hockey - 2002

The following matches have been arranged, all pitch bookings being in London at Battersea Park astro for 7.45-9pm unless otherwise stated. The matches at Battersea will be followed by supper in the Settle Inn. Match mangers' names are in brackets; Please contact them or your membership secretary if you would like to play (their details are at the end of the letter), and feel free to join us at the pub even if you are not intending to participate!

- Wednesday 22 May Men - Oxford (Phil Clear) v Cambridge (Robbie Hudson)
- Thursday 30 May Mixed - Cambridge (Anna Worth) v Oxford (Vicky Griffiths)
- Thursday 13 June Men - 1890 (Chris Lipscomb) v Travellers
Veterans 1890 Club (Trevor Castledine) v Travellers
- Saturday 15 June Men - 1890 (Oli Brew) v Cambridge (in Cambridge)
Women - 1890 (Anna Worth) v Cambridge (in Cambridge)
- Saturday 22 June Men - 1890 (Toby Griffiths) v Oxford (in Oxford)

Thursday 4 July Mixed 6-a-side tournament (teams to Steffan Griffiths)

Golf day – Monday 24 June 2002

Trevor Castledine has arranged the second annual 1890 Club golf day at Nizel's Club on 24 June 2002. An application form is attached, which contains all the necessary details of the day. It was a great day last year, so it would be nice to get a full turn-out this time round.

Box at Royal Ascot on Friday 21 June 2002

Trevor Castledine has a box at Ascot on the above day, tickets for which are £150 per head. This includes champagne reception, silver service lunch, high tea, free bar, and (of course!) the racing. The usual corporate package is £500 per head so do make the most of this opportunity. Partners are also welcome; please contact him for details.

Drinks reception – Thursday 17 October 2002

Following a very successful dinner reception at Kettners on 18 October 2001, which was attended by some 55 existing and prospective members, we will be holding a reception on the equivalent Thursday this year, 17 October 2002 (venue in London, tba). Put the date in your diary!

Annual dinners

After a successful dinner in March 2000, this year's proposed event was unfortunately cancelled due to a combination of factors. The committee still believes that an annual event around the time of the Varsity Match will be attractive to members, though it may be that the Monday night before the match is better than the Saturday and that a drinks party may be more attractive than a formal dinner in some years. We still plan to hold a "big dinner" at five-yearly intervals, the first being in 2005.

Future activity

Designs for a Club tie have been commissioned and we should have more news on this in the next letter. We are also planning a website, but in the meantime 1890 Club details can be accessed via the University Hockey Club websites:

Oxford – <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~ouhockey/home.html>

Cambridge- <http://www.cam.ac.uk/societies/cuhc/main.htm>

We are hopeful that, with the Club approaching a "critical mass", a website which offers easy contact with other members will be a significant benefit which will help old hockey friends to keep in touch.

I hope that you are happy with the way the 1890 Club is developing and using your subscription. Ultimately, the Club will stand or fall on the enthusiasm of members to support events. It also requires us all to spread word of the Club to others so that 1890 functions provide the chance both to catch up with old hockey friends and to meet new ones. If you have any ideas about the direction of the Club, do not hesitate to contact us and we will try to oblige.

Steffan Griffiths,
1890 Club Secretary

Upcoming events – put them in your diary!

May/June/July: Summer hockey fixtures in London, Oxford and Cambridge:

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June 21: Box at Royal Ascot

June 24: Golf day at Nizel's Golf Club.

Thursday, 18th October 2002 7.00pm – 9.00pm: All members are invited to a drinks reception to welcome new members to the Club at a venue in central London.

Monday 3rd March 2003: The 1890 Club Annual Event. Details to follow.

Tuesday, 4th March 2003 (provisional): The Varsity Matches at Milton Keynes, preceded by the Old Blues Match arranged by the 1890 Club.