

## HPA NEWSLETTER NO.315

**Standing Committees.** Chairmen of the Standing Committees for 2010 are as follows:

Chairman's Committee	-	N. J. A. Colquhoun-Denvers Esq
Handicap Committee	-	R. Vere Nicoll, Esq..
Development Committee	-	S Tomlinson, Esq.
Umpire and Rules Committee	-	The Lord Phillimore
International Committee	-	J. M. Tinsley, Esq.
Finance and Grants Committee	-	J. Haigh, Esq. MBE
Disciplinary Committee	-	Brig. J. A. Wright, CBE.
Polo Welfare Committee	-	D Morley, Esq.
Arena Polo Committee	-	M B J Amoore, Esq.

### **Handicap Committee.**

R Vere Nicoll, Esq. (Chairman)	
A M E Barlow, Esq. (2012)	R. Graham, Esq.
M. Brown, Esq. (2010)	A. Hine, Esq. (2011)
Mrs N. Clarkin (2011)	O Hughes, Esq. (2012)
O. Ellis, Esq. (2012)	The Hon T Phillimore (2012)
A. G. Fanshawe, Esq. (2010)	(Date due to retire)

### **Affiliations of Clubs.**

The following clubs have been granted full affiliation:

Bunclody Polo Club  
Vaux Park Polo Club.  
Vale of York Polo Club  
Wicklow Polo Club  
Vaux Park Arena Polo Club

**Subscriptions.** Subscriptions for 2010 will be as follows:

**Club Affiliation and Membership Fees.** It was agreed that these should remain the same as 2009.

<b>Clubs.</b>	High Goal	£2200 plus VAT
	Intermediate	£825 plus VAT
	Low	£275 plus VAT
	Overseas	£125 plus VAT

### **Players - Outdoor.**

<b>Type of Membership</b>	<b>UK Resident</b>	<b>OSR</b>
Full Associate Membership	£110	£200
Temporary Associate Membership	£55	£90
Junior Associate Membership	£40	£70
Non Playing Associate (Chukka) Membership	£85	£115

### **Arena.**

<b>Type of Membership</b>	<b>Outdoor Member 09</b>	<b>New Members</b>
Adult Membership	£60	£110
University only Players	Nil	£40
Arena players 18 & under 01.01.10	Nil	£40
Arena players 13 & under 01.01.10	Nil	£15

**Grants.** The following grants have been awarded:

Suffolk Polo Club	£2,000 – Towards new boards
CSPA	£16,000

**Thailand.** The following 14 goal team represented England against Thailand on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January: Edmund Parsons (2), Max Charlton (4), Andrew Hine (5) and Ollie Cudmore (3)

### **New Zealand.**

- The following will represent England against New Zealand on 13<sup>th</sup> February:  
James Beim (7), Mark Tomlinson (7), Malcolm Borwick (6), Luke Tomlinson (7). Reserve: Tom Morley (6),  
Coach: Alan Kent
- A Young England team will be playing four games in New Zealand from 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February. The team will be selected from the following players:  
Lanto Sheridan (3), Ollie Cudmore (3), Matt Cudmore (2), Harry White (1), Ed Winterton (1), Ollie Powell (1),  
and Toby Pitts (0).

**FIP.** James Ashton is standing in as president of the FIP following Patrick Hermes' resignation. An FIP General Assembly is due to be held in March/April, and is likely to be in Florida.

**Restrictions Reduced for Players and Teams.** Following discussions between the Hurlingham Polo Association, the New Zealand Polo Association and the Australian Polo Council, it has been agreed that reciprocity between the three associations is important if the most talented and committed players from these countries are to develop and eventually compete with the dominant polo playing country in the world – Argentina. Hence from now, the small number of HPA members from Australia and New Zealand who have been registered with their national associations for three years or more shall no longer be regarded as “Overseas Sponsored Players” by the HPA. Reciprocal arrangements will apply in New Zealand and Australia. Players from South Africa already enjoy non OSP status in the UK through a trade agreement with the EU. However, all non-EU players wishing to play here will still have to obtain a work permit.

**Tournament Restrictions.** With the exception of the High Goal and Victor Ludorum tournaments, the restrictions for other club tournaments will be officially lifted and replaced by “Player Handicap Guidelines” as below:

- 0 Goal Player handicap –2 to 3 with limit of 3 goals any two players.
- 2 Goal Player handicap –2 to 3 with limit of 4 goals any two players.
- 4 Goal Player handicap –2 to 4 with limit of 6 goals any two players.
- 6 Goal Player handicap –2 to 5 with limit of 8 goals any two players.
- 8 Goal Player handicap –1 to 6.
- 12 Goal Player handicap –1 to 7.
- 15 Goal Player handicap 0 to 10.

A club will of course be free to make any of the above or an adaptation thereof a rule for a specific tournament or tournaments should they so wish.

These changes will give greater flexibility to those putting teams together at all levels and should provide greater opportunities for all players. Other non-EU players will not be disadvantaged as the Australian and New Zealand players will no longer be competing for any OSP slot.