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EQUIPMENT:

Tournament Score books	£2.00	Bats: - Gray Nicolls	£36.00
Large score books	£4.00	Newbery	£36.00
Rule Books	£1.00	Hunts	£32.00
White spray Paint	£8.50		
Balls (NSA & NRA approved)	£7.00	Let's Play Stoolball DVD	£19.50
Boundary Markers	50p	Coaching Double DVD	£23.50
Ice packs (for injuries)	£1.00		

Stoolball has been recognised as a sport by Sport England.

It has taken six years and three separate applications for Sport England to recognise our game of Stoolball. The work which has gone into this has been phenomenal and enormous credit goes to John and Kay Price who have done almost all the work sometimes under very depressing circumstances and sometimes under extreme time pressure. Congratulations to all those who have been involved.

INDOOR STOOLBALL

ARUN LEAGUE

Played at the Arun Centre, Felpham, Arundel (01243 826612) on Sunday mornings.

League Results: 1. Bosham 36 pts., 2. Middleton 31 pts., 3. Slindon 24 pts., 4. Yapton 21 pts., 5. Clymping 19 pts., 6. Aldingbourne 12 pts., 7 East Preston 6 pts., 8. Burpham 6 pts.

Most Runs: Bosham Most wickets: Middleton Most catches: Middleton

Cup: Winners: Clymping Runners Up: Middleton 3rd=: Bosham and East Preston

SUSSEX SUNDAY INDOOR STOOLBALL LEAGUE

Played at Oathall Community College, Haywards Heath in the evenings between 6 and 9 pm
Started in 1989 and still run by Sybil Voller (01444 241243) and Delia Saunders

League Winners: Horsted Keynes 18 points, **Runners Up** (after run difference calculation) Wivelsfield 16 points ,
Adastra 16 pts, Newick 16 pts, Nutley 16 pts, Hurstpierpoint 12 pts, Blackstone 10 pts,
Lindfield 10 pts, Bolney 8 pts, Bluebells 8 pts, Ashdown 2 pts, Copthorne 0 pts.

Tournament Winners: Wivelsfield, **Runners Up:** Lindfield.

MIDHURST INDOOR LEAGUE

Played at The Grange, Midhurst (01730 816841) on Sunday evenings. 25th Season

League: Won by Easebourne on run difference.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Runs For	Runs Against	Points
Easebourne	10	9	1	0	1316	911	18
Stedham	10	9	1	0	1231	824	18
Tillington	10	9	1	0	1225	949	18
Steep	10	9	3	0	1066	948	14
Midhurst	10	6	4	0	1213	973	12
Lodsworth	10	3	6	1	1088	1078	7
Elsted	10	3	5	1	959	984	7
Milland	10	3	7	0	1062	1149	6
Harting	10	2	8	0	852	1283	4
3 Counties	10	2	8	0	711	1244	4
Fittleworth	10	1	9	0	885	1265	2

Knock-Out competition: **Winners:** Easebourne Runners Up: Midhurst 3rd=: Stedham and Steep

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:
Most Runs: Emma Clapham (Milland) 264
Most Wickets: Wendy Francis (Tillington), Jayne Bradley (Easebourne) 11
Most Catches: Stacey Allen (Stedham) 15
Sporting Team: Harting

BATTLE LADIES INDOOR LEAGUE

Played at Claverham Community College, Battle
Contact: Tracy Ash Email: TASH@robertsbridge.org.uk

1st place: Little Common (they did not lose a match – outstanding performance), 2nd: Burwash, 3rd: Pett, 4th: Brightling, 5th: Allsorts.

The Indoor season restarts on the first Tuesday in September 2008.

SPORT ENGLAND 'RECOGNISE' STOOLBALL AS A SPORT

The 28th March 2008 is a date that will stand out in the annals of the game of Stoolball. It was the day that Sport England wrote their letter stating that they were "delighted to inform the NSA that the Sports Councils have agreed to recognise Stoolball as a sport in Great Britain and Northern Ireland". This was the culmination of six long years of hard work for the NSA and involved submitting THREE separate applications. A large volume of paper containing facts and figures about all our clubs and schools was generated but the final result was a just reward for our game and everybody who contributes to the running of it.

Recognition means that Stoolball is no longer a second class sport but can stand up and be counted with other minor and larger sports in the UK. Recognition also means that individual clubs can now apply for funding from the National Lottery or other funding streams, either in their own right or as part of another sporting organisation. Previously, after being included in several successful Lottery bids, one of the reasons given by Sport England in rejecting a particular bid was that Stoolball was not recognised as a sport.

With the help of Sport England's Public Relations Department news of our new status was sent to over 400 regional newspapers and magazines, 48 Radio Stations and four TV Stations. The ladies from the Indoor League playing at Claverham Community College, near Battle, appeared on BBC SE Today TV on Wednesday 2nd April. Radio interviews were broadcast on BBC Radio Kent, BBC Radio London, BBC Southern Counties Radio (Brighton), BBC Southern Counties Radio (Guildford) and Delta Radio. A dialogue also took place with Kingfisher TV who put out the One Show programme for BBC 1. Stoolball's recognition was also featured on the BBC's website together with photos provided by Brett Butler from the Nutley Stoolball Club.

To date, articles have appeared in over 40 local newspapers. If your local paper has produced reports on Stoolball's recognition, we would love to have a copy for our archives (send to Kay Price at 53 Kings Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 5PP).

Altogether this was a wonderful response for a wonderful game. To add to all this joy, don't forget we want all clubs to take full advantage of the presence of Stoolball on the National Curriculum from 2008-2011. Please make contact with your local schools and get them started if they are not already playing. Let us know if they need any help with equipment.

STOOLBALL IN INDIA AND FRANCE

Stoolball enthusiasts will be interested to know that the NSA is working closely with contacts in the city of Akola in Maharashtra State to develop our game in India.

Akola is a city of 400,000 people with over 20 schools and is very much involved with the production and manufacture of cotton. With such amazing support for Cricket and sport in general, our contacts have already established an Indian Stoolball Federation (ISF) and signed up 10 of the 28 states as members, as well as having identified manufacturers for wickets, bats and balls. Competitions are being established and talk of a World Cup is already in the air!

Do we have anybody who has active contacts in India, because a tour to this exotic country may not be far away? Currently Chiddingstone Causeway Stoolball club are continuing to build up contacts in France with their second May Bank Holiday Stoolball tour to Roujan in France. Stoolball is definitely on the move.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Whilst researching the internet for old photos and documents relating to Stoolball recently we found a very interesting collection of archive material held by British Pathe which shows amongst others, photos and film clips dated 1940 and 1951 which make very interesting viewing.

Now this is where we need your help and it may well involve asking your Mum/Gran/Aunt to go back a bit in time too.

We are trying to establish which teams are involved, put names to faces and also establish where the games might have been played. For the age of the material, the quality is very good so we are hoping there may be people out there who can help us.

The website to view this material is *britishpathe.com* with more of the same if you follow the ITN link. For more information please contact Barbara Fitzpatrick at Barbara@jbfitz.co.uk

Stoolball Variations.

I am trying to collect and collate the different variations of Stoolball played and to reproduce them in leaflet form. For instance, there are the Indoor Rules (with differences between various Leagues), there is the August League played in the Mid Division, and the Coastal Mini League.

Does anyone know of other variations?

Shirley Reed.

Are YOU covered?

Renewal invitations for clubs and associations who previously participated in the NSA’s Civil Liability and Personal Accident schemes have been dispatched to club contacts and over two thirds of those receiving the invitation have already renewed their cover

If you have received an invitation and have yet to respond we would urge you to do so immediately in order to maintain cover for your members.

NSA Executive Officer, Michael Ledwich, who now has responsibility for the two schemes, said:

“In these increasingly litigious times that we live in, it is more and more important that clubs and associations protect themselves from claims for damages as well as losses through accidents caused whilst playing or watching stoolball. I strongly urge all clubs to take out cover, whether through our schemes or through their parent sports clubs, so as to mitigate problems that could occur at any time, to anyone associated with the game.”

In relation to the NSA schemes he commented:

“I believe that these give good value for the level of cover provided and because they were specifically written for sportsmen and women there should be less likelihood of problems of interpretation occurring should a club or individual member need to make a claim”.

Any Club which participated in 2007 and has not received their renewal invitation, or any club that would like to consider participating for the first time, should contact Michael as soon as possible.

Details of how to get in touch with him can be found in this newsletter and on the Stoolball website.

SUSSEX COUNTY STOOLBALL ASSOCIATION - FIXTURES FOR 2008.

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DIVISIONAL CHAMPIOSHIP

Preliminary	June 1 st	North v East		11 am Juniors	2 pm Seniors	at Nutley
Semi Finals	June 15 th	Mid v East; Central v West		11 am Juniors	2 pm Seniors	at Littlehampton
Finals	June 29 th			11 am Juniors	2 pm Seniors	County hosting

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary	August 10 th	Central v Mid				at Nutley
Semi Finals	August 24 th	North v West	11 am East v Central or Mid	2.30 pm		at Nutley
Finals	Sept. 14 th		11 am Juniors, 2 pm Seniors			at Plumpton

KNOCK OUT CHAMPIONSHIP

Final	Sept 7 th		2 pm			at Nutley
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COUNTY FIXTURE

MATTERFACE CUP (Juniors) and VETERANS CUP	July 13 th	Central hosting
THE COUNTY TOURNAMENT	Aug 3 rd	at Seaford
REST OF THE LEAGUE	Aug 10 th	at Plumpton
EXPO COMPETITION	Aug 17 th	at Newick
COMMEMORATIVE DAY OF STOOLBALL	Sept. 3 rd	Wivelsfield

KENT GAME May 18th Mid Division at Chiddingstone Causeway

July 20th

at a venue in Mid Division