



South East Poolies News - May 2019!



Although nowhere near as busy as the club will be right now, we certainly have been doing a lot of work to get ready for the new season. Much of this has centred around closing last seasons accounts and starting the new lot. What I did learn was that last season the spreadsheet was fine for a few hundred pounds, but was hard work to keep track of over £5,000. We have also been liaising with the club for the best use of funds, which will be revealed in due course. Well all of that that exciting work is now finished and we can start the more boring stuff like planning social events. Seriously though, we have the Whitstable trip in July as well as anticipating an early season southern away game! On top of that it would be great to see holiday pictures, especially wearing SEP polo shirts or caps. Pictured is Gregg meeting John Honour at his bar out in Tenerife.



Sponsored Player - Niko Muir

We have now received Niko's match shirt from last season, which will be used as the prize for the members football card at Whitstable. Those not attending can still take part and this will be advertised closer to the day.

Niko has been an outstanding ambassador for the SEP and HUFC in general. His first season as a full time professional started fantastically and although it had mixed periods throughout the season, he has become a firm fan favourite. It was great to see that he is being retained for the coming season as I have no doubt after a year of settling in, next year will see him make an even bigger contribution.

There has been a real feeling of engagement between ourselves and Niko, with a sense that he not only appreciates the support but takes his role seriously. This has included sporting one of our caps on the pitch, getting a shirt signed by the HUFC squad and regular contact with Gregg via Twitter. It's fair to say that we are proud to sponsor Niko and have indicated to the club that we would like to continue to do so for the coming season. If you are reading this Niko we would

love to get an interview with you for the website!

Membership Renewals

After listening to the views of members we have frozen our membership prices. We have also introduced a family membership, which is already proving popular. Prices are as follows;



Adult £10

Child £5

Family £15 (Includes 1 adult and up to 3 children)

To purchase a 2019-20 membership or view our promotional video visit our [website](#).



Merchandise

We have the latest order turning up in the coming days, which contains individual orders as well as some child's duts, which will be added to our range. We also have stock items of some polo shirts, men's duts, ladies duts and caps. Visit our [online shop](#) if you would like to purchase any of these. Looking at the figures for last season, our clothing accounted for profit of £172.65 in addition to carrying £200 of stock over into the new season. That is £372.65 of clear profit that goes to our fundraising efforts. It shows how important this is and the pressure for the coming season is to keep coming up with new, fresh ideas that appeal to all. This will start with our 10 year pint glass and coaster. Thank you to all who have purchased items and shown patience whilst we wait for enough orders to get a good deal.

Whitstable Summer Trip 2019

Our annual summer trip to the seaside town of Whitstable has been arranged for Saturday July 20th. This has been organised by Rob Wilson for a good few years now and is always well attended. Rob works hard to put together a pub crawl of good boozers and people come and go throughout the day. This is also a very informal AGM, with latest happenings and ideas discussed in a light-hearted manner. Full details will be announced closer to the date.

Finances

must remain separate from the main funds. It's important that this is only from members and that it is made clear what the money will be used for. Gregg Davison has kindly offered to take this on and already has some ideas on how to reach the required amount. Crow's Travel have set the bar in this area over the past few years with some first class flags that have certainly brightened up the Vic and grounds we visit.

On top of this, Alan Drew has kindly offered to take the lead on collating the monthly members contribution for the newsletter. This will be titled Pools and me, which should be an interesting regular read.

Thank you all for your time,

Never Say Die

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