



South East Poolies News - February 2020!



Well what a month since the last newsletter! Looking at the reaction between the players and supporters at Solihull on Tuesday, there is a real feeling of togetherness that hasn't been seen for a lot of years. As a branch we had a great meet up at Borehamwood FC last weekend, the whole day was like stepping back 15 years. As we hit the last couple of months of the season, we are going to need that support more than ever to finally turn around the fortunes of this amazing club. Off the pitch I have never known so much being done by the different fan groups to not only help the club financially, but to improve the matchday experience. There is no doubt that if we carry on with this and keep the momentum, then we will eventually get back to where we want to be.

Speaking of the next couple of months, we will be working hard to ensure that the Pool and Darts night prior to Bromley is a great event. After being superb hosts for us over the years, it's our turn to give the HUFCSA the 5 star treatment. Full details are contained within the newsletter and it would be great to see as many people there as possible.

SEP V's HUFCSA - Pool & Darts

Date Friday 17th April

Location Jordans Snooker Club, 2 Rainham Shopping Centre, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 7HW

Time 1900hrs until late

Cost FREE entry, there will be a buffet with a donation of £3 per person



As mentioned, we have been working hard to organise this event planned for the night before the Bromley away game. HUFCSA will be travelling to Rainham on the Friday, before we then head to Bromley as a group on the Saturday morning. There is a direct train to Bromley from Rainham station and this takes around 30

minutes. The snooker club have put aside an large area for us to use and will provide a buffet at £3 per person. Former World Youth Pool Champion, Jordan Church will be also play some exhibition games on the evening (don't worry he won't be playing for us as a ringer!).

For those wanting to stay over, there is the following hotel options.

* **Rainham Premier Inn.** This is a 5 minute walk from the snooker venue and no more than 10 minutes walk from Rainham Railway Station.

* **Gillingham Premier Inn.** Around a 7-8 minute taxi drive or 35 minute walk from the snooker club.

* **Medway Services Travelodge.** A cheaper option at around £35.99pn, located right next to the M2 motorway and a 8 minute taxi ride to the snooker club.

For those not staying the night there is plenty of parking which is free after 1800hrs and Rainham (Kent) Railway Station is less than 5 minutes walk.

The Corner Flag (HUFCSA) have been brilliant hosts to us over the years and we plan to do all we can to return the favour with a fantastic night. The night is open to ALL Hartlepool United supporters and not just members. If you are planning to come, could you please let me know so that I can give the snooker club a rough idea of numbers.

Thank you to Jordans Snooker Club for hosting the evening and to Leigh Allen for working hard with them to organise it.



Pools and Me - Andy Fear!

'I'm a South East Poolie because I'm a Southern boy at heart and I feel a strong bond with the Southern based Poolies.

My first memory of a Pools game was sometime in the 1981-82 season, although I can't remember the actual game.

The best ever game I saw was the 2005 play-off final obviously!

My favourite Pools player at the moment is Ryan Donaldson, and my all time favourite is Brian Honour.

The best away ground I have been to is Sheffield Wednesday and my hopes for the next few seasons are to get back in to the football league.

Presentations

At the upcoming home game against Halifax Town, we will proudly be presenting the Man of the Match Trophy on behalf of the North West Corner. This will be carried out by Kallen, the nephew of Steven Waterman, for which we will provide the bottle of Champagne. Thank you to the NWC for allowing us this opportunity, we all know that it's the kind of memory that will live with young supporters for the rest of their lives.



All members will be sent voting information in the coming weeks for their SEP Player of the Year. I will arrange with the club for this to be presented prior to the home game against Maidenhead United on the 4.4.20. The two that will be making the presentation this season will be Baz Trippett's nephew and niece, which is part of our target to involve kids more in what we do as a branch.

Elsewhere in this newsletter there is details of this years Hartlepool Weekend, which will now take place around October/November. We will use this opportunity to make our annual donation to the HUFC Youth Team. Once again we will be keen to have a younger member involved in this so please let me know if you have anyone that would like to take part.



Membership

Membership for the remainder of this year is half price! If you are yet to renew, are interested in joining or know someone who would like to join then please follow the link below. Our prices haven't increased in a decade and all membership money goes to HUFC in some

way. Prices are as follows;

Adult - WAS £10, NOW £5

Child - WAS £5, NOW £2.50

Family - WAS £15, NOW £7.50 (Includes 1 adult and up to 3 children)

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

Merchandise

We are expecting the next order of hoodies and polo shirts to arrive in the next week or so. Once I know what sizes we

also causing a bit of stress worrying about the options so the decision made was the best one in the long run.

Social Media/Website

We now have an excellent 1,041 Twits following us on our Twitter account and 160 on Instagram. Although these are both alien to me personally, they are a vital source of communication and help us to stay in touch with Poolies around the world.

Upcoming Events

Sutton Away 14.03.2020

There will no doubt be a good SEP gathering at this game, with the pub next to the station being the usual meeting point. Full details will be advertised this week.

General

It's great to enter the final stages of the season without a relegation scrap to worry about. There is a definite feel good around the club right now and hopefully the coming weeks will shape us in a positive way. We will be working hard to top our funds up during this period and there is little doubt that we will have beaten last seasons fundraising, and that is without the profits from a Hartlepool weekend. As always, a massive thank you to everyone who supports the work that we do throughout the season, the reward will hopefully come in the form of a Wembley trip, which despite any stresses involved, I'm sure we would relish organising!

If you have any ideas, suggestions or even better want to add any articles, then please just get in touch or **email**.

Thank you all for your time,

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