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Fantasy Football 2025/2026

Due to a minor technical error we have two leagues running this year – 'HASSRA SOUTH EAST' and 'Hassra South East Fantasy Foot'. Don't worry about which one you've joined, we will be amalgamating both leagues and creating a single league. Be aware, although it may appear you are up at the top of one of the leagues before we've combined, you may be lower down afterwards. The regional committee's decision on the ultimate winners will be final.



You will be able to keep track of where you are by going to the Fantasy Football page on the HASSRA South East website.

Email [Maggie](#) for further details.

Prizes for the 25/26 season will be:

First - £150 Second - £75 Third - £50 Fourth and Fifth - £25. Get your team online (click [HERE](#) to enter team) by 14th August and sign up for the HASSRA SOUTH EAST League by using the code: **JW87QPZ3** (click [HERE](#) to sign up to the league). For those of you who know nothing about football you can still join in by hitting the random button and letting the system decide your team for you!

If you have problems getting your team set up Maggie is happy to help..

NEWS FROM NATIONAL HASSRA



The July festival was attended by 600 members, a really good turn-out. It was also very encouraging to learn that 28% of those attending were first-timers. 14 events were staged and the feedback was that it was an excellent event with particular mention made of the sit-down celebration dinner (rather than buffet) - by all accounts really good and well received. Just a bit disappointing that less than half of the attendees responded to the request for feedback.

The September festival is well advanced in planning with the registration deadline set at 1 August. It will feature 15 events with a potential 700 attendees - good news but may create one or two logistical problems in terms of the dinner accommodation - but this will be sorted out.

Membership Benefits

Two excellent new ones will appear on HASSRA LIVE - one is for "Escape Rooms" (a highly popular pastime these days) - the other escapes me I'm afraid (sorry!) so check them out for yourself.

Retired members

National HASSRA want to know if there is anything our retired members would like to see happening as they cannot always join in some events. We will follow this up in the Region via our R.M. Rep Andy Bashford.

90th Year Celebratory Memories Book

Put together for National by our own Maggie Smith and featuring dozens of photographs spanning the 90 years of HASSRA - well worth a look (includes one of me with hair). National have a few spare copies so if if you would like a copy just let us know via the HASSRA SE mail box - first come first served!



Paul Wyatt (HASSRA SE Chair)



The South East Angling Society

HASSRA South East has a long standing and active Freshwater Angling Society. The Society prides itself on offering friendly and affordable coarse fishing days for all members and their non-HASSRA guests. [Click here](#) for further details.

Trophies

If you are interested in seeing the angling trophies of the past [click here](#) and go down the bulleted list you will find on that page.



Back from the past...

You may remember that in earlier newsletters we asked members to send in items, or photos of items, from HASSRA's past. Here are just a few of the things we were sent.

Highland Games



A bag given away by Scotland at their 2006 Special Event. With it, one of the Glengarry's in South East regional colours worn by members of our team!

Magpie



Newcastle gave away these Special Event carrier bags for their Event in 2004.

'Freebies'



A selection of pens and trolley coins provided by Region and given away to members and potential members by the local clubs over the years.

BOM Buddies



It is important to have links between members of the Regional Board of Management (BOM) and our local clubs and we previously had allocated teams of Sector Reps

who were designated as points of contact depending on where in the region the club was based.

In order to be more proactive and ensure that clubs are aware of regional activities, we are changing the arrangements so that a small number of clubs have one point of contact; their 'BOM buddy'.

Each member of the board will have sole responsibility for contact with club officials and will be making sure that all governance requirements are being met (accounts and Chair's Certificates submitted), details of charity activities are being recorded onto HASSRA Live and making sure that local clubs are aware of everything that is going on.

Each Buddy will be coming out soon to their allocated clubs to find out what goes on in the club and any barriers to this. They will be able to share best practice across clubs to ensure that every member gets the best that HASSRA can offer.

Details of the BOM buddies will be displayed on the HASSRA South East webpage soon.

Keith

Trew Cup / Croquet Taster Day

Read all about our recent golf society success in the Trew Cup as well as the recent Croquet Taster Day 2025 by clicking: [HERE](#)





Oliver! At The Gielgud Theatre, London on Friday 3th December at 19:30.

£50 HASSRA members

£60 non HASSRA

Payment by 1st October. Contact Julie by clicking [HERE](#).

Online SEView Bulletin

Excitement in the Bowls Pairs! Gravesend has fun at ten-pin bowling!

[Click here](#) to view what is going on around the South East!



Disclaimer



Please note that it is normal practice for us to take photographs at HASSRA events for the benefit of others, so unless an individual specifically requests that their photograph does not appear anywhere it will be assumed that there is no objection.

Useful Links

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