

Grimsby Ancient Mariners

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BBC Peoples FA Cup

Sunday saw the Grimsby Ancient Mariners show the strength of the Club by sending three teams over to Hull to contest the first round of this National Competition. For the first time the Committee decided to field an A Team in the attempt to reach the finals of this prestigious competition. The other two teams reflected our goal of trying to ensure that every member has the right to play in tournaments. The plan worked well when our selected team overcame a shaky draw in the first game to go on to win their group and then proceeded to win their semi-final and then the final. They qualified as Champions of the Humber Area and move on to the National Semi-Finals to be played at the end of February.

But perhaps just as notable was that our second string with an average age approaching 70 qualified for the semi-finals and were only knocked out when they came up against our own A team. It says much for the ability within our club that we can field three teams and two reach the semi-finals.

Health and Safety Training

It says something when we have to be aware of the dangerous world we live in but the Ancient Mariners Guide is as follows :

In the event of a Terrorist Incident

1. The most important action will be to evacuate the pitches quickly. Do remember though that anyone running will be penalised and have an indirect free kick awarded against them.
2. If you cannot evacuate the playing area in time then it is best to take cover behind a solid, immovable object. The committee will designate a number of players as solid, immovable objects and they will be asked to play in the yellow bibs.
3. A suggested ploy is to lie down and “play dead “. This is very similar to being in goal. Go down slowly, lay there without moving, and breathe slowly.
4. If you have just got the ball and wish to continue playing then at least try and zig-zag down the wings avoiding straight lines.

Chairman's Notes

1. We have had a request to play a friendly festival against the Scunthorpe Walking Football Team. Pete Cribb is trying to arrange this for one Friday afternoon in the near future to ensure it does not clash with our Bradley sessions. They are intending to bring two teams so keep your eye on the board if you would like to play. As soon as details are finalised we will ask volunteers to sign up on the usual sheet.
2. We have provisionally accepted an invitation to take part in a walking Football Tournament in Rochdale on Saturday 2nd April. The games will be on the afternoon and players must be at least sixty years of age (It maybe possible to be exempt from this strict age rule if there is a medical condition). At the moment we can only enter one team so would require a squad of nine players. Last year it did through throw a light shower which explained why Rochdale was a centre for the cotton mills.
3. On the Social side Carl is looking into the possibility of a Quiz Night, Tenpin Bowling and a Barbeque. More details to follow when Carl is ready.
4. Below is a link to the BBC Peoples FA Cup News (Hope it work if you press control and return)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/live/get-inspired/35345421?ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=twitter&ns_campaign=bbc_live&ns_linkname=56a4dc913d00004578a95ac6%26Grimsby%20Ancient%20Mariners%20Walking%20football%2614:48&ns_fee=0#post_56a4dc913d00004578a95ac