

Hook United YFC - Barbeque Awards Day 21 June 2008

## **HEADLINES [Everybody to read please!]**

**Please bring your chequebook** - so that you can register for next season. You get the photos free, saving £5, and get all the admin hassle out of the way. [More details below].

**Please bring some salad** - so that we have something green & healthy to go with the burgers and sausages. Don't forget to take your bowls home afterwards!

**Boots for Africa** - you can bring old pairs of football boots to send to Africa [more details below].

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## **MORE DETAILS**

### **Membership desk**

We will again be running the membership desk at the BBQ. You bring along your boy or girl, get their picture taken for free, and check sign the forms (already filled out for you). Please remember your chequebook so we can get it all sorted there and then. Alternatively, you can pay by standing order to spread the cost.

### **Fees:**

U7 & U8: £80. Paid by either:

- Single cheque for £80
- or 2 cheques post-dated 1 September for £50 and 31 Jan 09 for £30.
- or standing order Sept - May: 9 payments of £8.89.

U9 & U10: £110. Paid by either:

- Single cheque for £110,
- or 2 cheques post-dated 1 September for £65 and 31 Jan 09 for £45.
- or standing order Sept - May: 9 payments of £12.22

U11 and above: £115. Paid by either:

- Single cheque for £115,
- or 2 cheques post-dated 1 September for £70 and 31 Jan 09 for £45.
- or standing order Sept - May: 9 payments of £12.78

Our fee levels are set to allow the club to break even, ie. not make a profit or a loss. Our major expense is hire of training pitches which continues to increase in cost. In particular last season, the cost of referees increased substantially as the league attempts to attract more referees into the game. Costs of training our coaches to FA Level 1 standard are also considerable, as is the cost of other aspects of child protection like the CRB checks. In addition we lost three senior teams last season, meaning our fixed costs have to be spread over fewer players. Overall we believe that football still represents fantastic value for money when you consider the number of hours the boys train and play over the season, especially when compared to other forms of entertainment and tuition.

### **Boots for Africa**

David Hilton-Gee, a parent of one of our members, writes:

Have you wondered what to do with all those football boots that have been outgrown yet seem still to be too good to throw away? We have a suggestion - send them to Africa!

Boots for Africa is a charity set up by Sheffield FC with the object of sending second hand but usable football boots to young Africans, who love playing football but who cannot afford any equipment (or, in many cases, any footwear at all). You can read more about the charity's work on <http://www.bootsforafrica.org/>

To support this worthy cause we are setting up a collection point for donated boots at the Hook Community Centre on 21 June, which will be manned for 1 hour before each of the afternoon and evening BBQ and Awards ceremonies that day, so you can hand them in before sitting down for the presentations. Please can we encourage you to bring along any unwanted but serviceable football boots, tied in pairs (and if possible with

a note of the size, if the marking is unclear). And please, could you clean them first?

A volunteer will arrange for all donated boots to be transported, free of charge, to the charity's office in Sheffield. To help with the cost of shipping the boots to Africa, Boots for Africa does ask for cash donations as well as boots, and asks for £2 per pair donated. If you are able to help with this aspect of the charity's work - whether or not you are donating boots - we will also collect donations, by cheque only, during the boot collection periods. Donations of money can, of course, be made within the Gift Aid scheme. Provided you pay tax, gift aiding your donation costs you nothing, but it does mean that the charity receives £2.56 for every donation of £2. All you have to do is fill in your name and address on the form that we will have available on the day. If you pay tax at 40%, doing this will enable you to claim tax back on your tax return, meaning that every £2.00 you give the charity costs you only £1.50.