



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Cheam Sports Club (“The Club”) is a Members’ Club. Our operating licence, alcohol & gaming licences and the amount we pay in rates are all based and negotiated around the fact that we are a Members’ Club. Without such Memberships, these various licences and sums we pay to the authorities would be rather different and somewhat stricter in nature.

Everyone using the Clubhouse and facilities on a regular basis should be doing so in a legitimate way by having paid some form of subscription. This is fundamental to our continued success and enables us to benefit as described above.

With this in mind, with effect from 1st November 2016, anyone using the Clubhouse and facilities on a regular basis will be required to become a bona fide Cheam Sports Club Member and be in possession of a valid Membership Card. This can be achieved in three ways:

1. Payment of a playing subscription to one of our Sections
2. Payment of a Social Membership to one of our Sections
3. Payment of a Social Membership / Family Social Membership to The Clubhouse

Each Section is responsible for collecting its own subscriptions, either full or social, and has a duty to inform The Club of any changes to their own Membership List as soon as possible. Each Section will authorise the issue - or withdrawal - of a Membership Card pertaining to their Membership List and The Club will act on any such instruction received.

However, as a result of a recent amendment to The Club’s Rules (*section 7.1 / 7.2 : Social Membership*) we are now able to offer a Social or Family Membership to those who may not wish to commit to any one particular Section, but would like to enjoy the benefits of becoming a Member of The Club as a whole. Any Clubhouse Social Membership is deemed to be active once we have issued a Membership Card and all successful applicants will immediately be bound by The Clubhouse Code of Conduct (copies are posted in the bar; any resulting disciplinary procedures will be dealt with by the Executive Officers).

The benefits of holding a valid Membership Card are clear:

- Discounted bar prices upon presentation of your Card (non-Members pay in the region of 50p extra per drink)
- Loyalty Points when purchasing items at the bar and presenting your Card
- Discounted rates for the hire of The Connolly Room or Meeting Room
- Priority Access to Clubhouse Social Events

The current cost of a Social Membership across the board is just £25. That works out at less than 50p per week. So, if you made just one visit per week and purchased one drink at the bar, you should still cover your annual Clubhouse Social Membership fee. Furthermore, we are committed to ensuring that all such Social subscriptions to The Club will be put towards improvements, maintenance and repairs to the Clubhouse.

(Please note, however, that a Social Membership, whether it is of a Section or of The Club, does not entitle you to a vote at the AGM even though you may attend).

So, please play your part and ensure that by 1st November 2016 you are either:

- On your Section's Membership List as a playing or Social Member and hold a Membership Card
- or
- On The Club's Membership List as a Social or Family Social Member and hold a Membership Card or Cards

Application forms for Clubhouse Social Membership are available online at www.cheamsportsclub.com or at the bar. If you've already paid a subscription but misplaced your Member Card, a replacement can be issued for a fee of £5.

Please direct any questions to the Bar Team in the first instance or email me alan@cheamsportsclub.com and I will respond as soon as possible.

Remember – no card = no discount and no points. Don't leave it until it's too late.

Alan Rankin
Hon. Secretary
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