



YEARS OF
SUPERNOVA



NOVANS

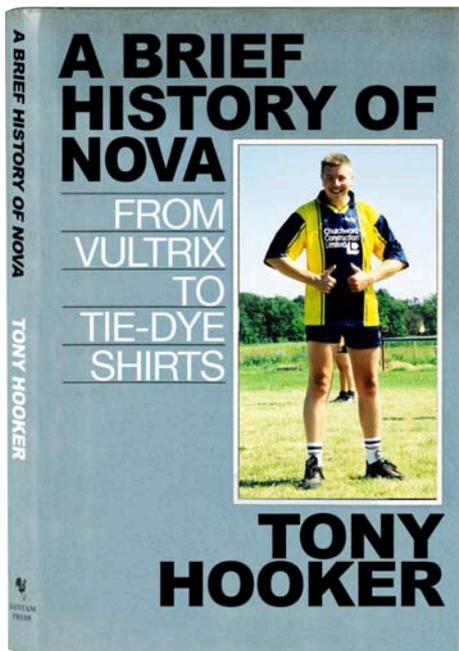


...TO RAISE A GLASS AND GET THIS PARTY STARTED!

For 20 years Supernova KC has been known; always for its drinking, mostly for its parties, predominantly for its camaraderie, too often for tie-dye shirts and occasionally for its korfbal.

Since 1996 the club has gone from strength to strength. Although brought together by our love of chucking a small football into a plastic yellow bucket (yes Marky P, we know it was previously wicker), it is kept together by our friendship and community. This is something that should be celebrated - not that we ever need an excuse for having a drink in hand.

Welcome to Supernova's 20th Anniversary party!



"This book taught me everything I needed to know about Korfball."

STEPHEN HAWKING

An excerpt from the bestseller:

The Vultrix Connection

Between 1993-96 a few younger players had joined a long established South London Club, called Vultrix, who were based at Brixton Recreation Centre. Some had played Korfball at University, whilst others like myself and Laurie, had only discovered the joy of korf post the student years. Things were going well, and we were enjoying this new hobby that appeared to combine both sporting and drinking acumen.

The UL Convergence

Vultrix had formed a link to the University of London (UL). One of its members, Max Buttinger, was coaching them, and they had offered UL to join in the club's training and to enter a team into the LDKA league. We started to get to know the UL players well, who despite being far too nerdy and intelligent for their own good, turned out to be a pretty good bunch.

The Trinity Deviation

During the 95/96 season, Vultrix had discovered a nice new sports hall near Croydon (Trinity School) and were keen to relocate the club's base. Whilst, this was positive for them in terms of the facilities, for those of us confined to public transport, or who lived north of the river, Croydon seemed like the other side of the world.

It was clear that a number of the newer Vultrix members would leave the club or stop playing altogether, and the UL players were unlikely to be willing to travel across London to/from Trinity.

I recall questioning the Vultrix Chairman about the proposed move, and the fact that the club would undoubtedly lose the student link, and he informed me rather crudely that the club felt that they didn't need the students. This annoyed me, as these were our new friends, and for me this was the first time it had occurred to me to think about what could be done about the situation....

The Big Bang Expulsion

A while later, in June, a group of us had been training on Clapham Common on a lovely Summer's evening when the thorny issue came up – it was there that the first time the idea of actually forming a club was mooted. All of a sudden there seemed to be an energy and belief that maybe we could do something for ourselves, and perhaps even for the benefit of korfball.

However, there were only really 8 of us "newer players" from Vultrix who were on board. We needed to know if UL would join us and feelers went out to see how they felt about it. Emma Hall confirmed, via this newfangled thing called email, that they were keen to join us, and from then we knew we had the numbers to form a new club and things very quickly things gathered momentum.

The Naming Convention

Our first meeting was held at the beginning of August, and by far and away the most hotly debated question was what were we going to call our new club? Many names and ideas were put forward, but no suggestion was resonating with everyone. We tried different themes, until we recalled a boozy conversation from the night before about song titles – Champagne Supernova was put forward, shortened to Supernova, and the rest is history!

"There will be couples who have spent far less time deliberating the name of their first born child, than we spent on coming up with the name Supernova!"

The name also held an additional resonance for some of us as Vultrix's name, we had been told, was the name of a star that meant a rising or flaming star. We had found a fitting name that continued the celestial theme.

Quickly all the parts of the jigsaw fell into place – we formed a committee, secured a Dutch coach, Pieter Veenstra, got a hall booking at Brixton, organised entry to the leagues and had managed to borrow equipment, but there was one last thing that needed sorting...

The Tie-Dye abomination

Whilst we had decided on the club colours of yellow and navy blue, and had ordered a new kit, this was going to take a number of weeks to arrive. With only 2 weeks before our first match was due, I was at the 'V' festival (V96) in Chelmsford when my eyes were drawn to the wondrous site of funky blue tie-dye shirts! OK, so I have to admit to being, very, very drunk at the time, and having negotiated the stall holder down to a bargain 10 shirts for £18, our first (temporary) kit was purchased. I still recall not showing anybody the shirts until 2 minutes before the first match, which was held on 1st September 1996.

So there you have a brief history of the birth of Supernova. 20 years on, and it's fantastic to see it's still going strong! An amazing achievement for everybody that was involved in setting up the club, and everybody who has helped to contribute to its success ever since.

On the occasion of our 20th anniversary it's time to bring out the Champagne, Supernova! Here's to the next 20 years!

1996 HEADLINES

British boyband Take That split up

Atlanta, USA hosts the Olympic Games

Dolly the sheep, the first cloned mammal, is born

The Spice Girls release their debut single, 'Wannabe'

Nintendo releases the 'Nintendo 64' games console in Japan

US hip-hop artist Tupac is shot dead in Las Vegas

The UK hosts the Euros

Independence Day is the biggest grossing film, worldwide

Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales get divorced

Supernova KC is established

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This is the team photo from Supernova's first ever match, which took place against Croydon at Lloyd Park on 1st September 1996. So what has become of the founding members of our great club?

1. ANNA COWEN

Years active: 1996–2010

Anna now divides her time between Essex and Stockwell with her husband (Jason Cobb) and their cat. She works for GSK in regulatory affairs and is into cycling, golf, snowboarding and cricket.

2. MICHELLE OSBOURN

Years active: 1996–2001

Michelle lives in Surrey with her husband (John Goodhall) and their two sons. She works in charity marketing and fundraising. The first ever committee meeting was held at her house in Clapham South.

3. MARGOT VAN NOORDENEN

Years active: 1996–2009

Margot moved back to the Netherlands in September 2009 and resides in Leiden. She works as a Legal Counsel and is married to Alwin de Haas, aka Mr. Cheese, and they have 3 children.

4. SARAH BUJAC

Years active: 1996–2000

Sarah now lives in a village on the edge of the Peak District with her partner and 2 year old daughter. She juggles a full time job as a statistician, being a mum, and keeping fit with running, cycling and yoga.

5. TANYA LOCKS

Years active: 1996–2007

Tanya played for the first 11 years and only stopped when she was too heavily pregnant. She is currently living in Hong Kong, with her partner John, and they have two sons.

6. DAVID LIU

Years active: 1996–2002

David now lives in Twickenham and works as an IT Manager for an architects practice. He left to help form West London Korfbal Club in 2002.

7. TONY HOOKER

Years active: 1996–2013

Tony played every year up until 2013 when injuries and old age finally caught up. He still lives in "Norbury Palace", the site of many a raucous Supernova party and works as an IT consultant for TfL.

8. ANDY FOREY

Years active: 1996–2006

Andy still lives in London and has one child. He is currently temping. His most memorable moment at Supernova was organising a companies tournament but putting the wrong year on the trophies!

9. JOHN GOODHALL

Years active: 1996–2003

John lives in Great Bookham, Surrey with his wife Michelle and their two sons. He is a partner in a City law firm which requires very long hours, hence no korfbal. John was the club's first ever chairman.

10. LAURIE SWAN

Years active: 1996–2012

Laurie spent 16 years in the club as a player and coach. He now lives in Ealing and has got into the local amateur theatre – mostly backstage. He is happily married to another Supernovan, Carole.

11. JASON COBB

Years active: 1996–2010

Jason is married to fellow founder member Anna Cowen. He now manages school websites for a living. His best memory from Supernova is Chris van der (Plonker) Walle's amazing own goal!



HIGHLIGHTS

In its twenty year history, Supernova has inevitably experienced many highs and lows, from winning the National League in 2000, to almost collapsing completely only eight years later. At 20, Supernova has never been stronger, with four teams spread across each of the London Leagues and record-high membership figures. Here we celebrate two decades of brilliant league successes from which our current players can draw inspiration.

Supernova's second year brought twin successes, with SN1 gaining promotion to the highest echelon of British korfbal, the BKA National League and SN2 (pictured) win the London First Division.

1997



Supernova become National League Senior Division champions, promoting them to the National League Premier Division. This is perhaps the greatest highlight of Supernova's 20 year history.

2000



SN3, having been demoted back to the London First Division after winning it back in 1998, repeated the feat to be crowned champions once more. Following this, SN2 completed a brilliant season for 'Nova by winning the London Premier Division.

2005



In another landmark year for Supernova, 2009 again brought double league victories for SN2 and 3, with the teams winning the London Third and Fourth Divisions respectively.

2009



SN2 had a fantastic season, dominating London league 2, with the reward (punishment?) a place in the regional league with SN1.

2012



Supernova is born

1996



1998

By 1997/ 98 Supernova had three teams competing in national and London leagues and the newly formed SN3 were to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors, winning the London First Division.



by Tom Drew

2001

2002

2003



2004

While the club's league form stalled a little, its summer successes hit new peaks, being crowned Swedish Outdoor Champions in 2004.

2006

2007

2008



2010

SN2 and SN3 were favourites to win their leagues again in 2010 and they did just that, with both teams gaining promotion. SN1 narrowly missed out on promotion to the London Premier League and SN4 continued to grow.

2011



2015

SN3 won the LKA2 (B) title, with a team largely composed of inexperienced but talented players. Scoring was led by captain and MVP Tim McLoughlin, with 48 goals in 14 games. SN3 won their league comfortably, averaging only 6 goals conceded per game.

2013

2014

2016

2015/16 SEASON ROUND-UP



by Harry Low

A total of 678 goals were scored by more than 50 different Supernovans this season. All of our teams finished with a healthy goal difference. Indeed, despite losing more games than they won, the 3s finished on +14 while both the 1s and 4s finished on -1.

In short, games in which Supernova were playing were extremely entertaining, none more so than when Pippa Bolton popped in a winner on the whistle for the 2s against our major rivals Highbury back in November.

The 2s were the only side to win more often than lose. For a good stretch of the campaign, they were chasing the London League 2 title but back-to-back defeats to two of the three sides to finish above them put paid to that.

One place below them in fifth was Supernova 3. Their season was a succession of defeats and victories. Four defeats were followed by three wins. They then lost the next three, including the derby against the 2s, who also won the later fixture.

The 4s started the campaign more strongly than all of our teams, taking London League 3 by storm. An incredible six wins from the first seven matches gave everyone hope they could mount

a serious title challenge. However, they lost every game in 2016, meaning a solid sixth place finish out of nine.

The 1s season was the opposite of this, in many ways. Six losses in a row meant relegation from London Regional League 1 was a serious prospect. Four wins in five changed their fortunes as they ended in 6th place. Twice they scored more than 25 in a game, showing the team's attacking flair.

A successful tour to Belgium was also undertaken, in which Supernova showed their Belgian counterparts Sikopi how well the English can play the sport, narrowly missing out on a famous win on Flemish soil.

The club linked up with Brighton University for the first time although it later transpired that the student team's preparations may have been hampered rather than helped by Supernova's arrival, as they eventually missed out on a place at the national student championships.



Supernova in numbers

15.4k

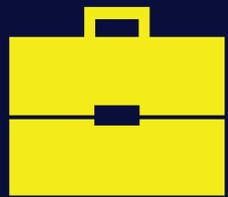


pints of beer consumed

9

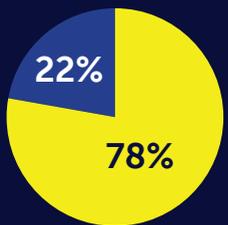


Novans with international caps including Australia, Greece and Ireland



14

Companies tournaments



KEY

■ Time spent in the pub

■ Time spent playing Korfball

16

October mega birthday bashes



Tequilas in a hat downed



...na na na na na na na na na na, tequila in a hat...

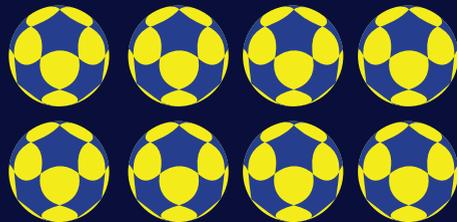


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Supernova marriages

and one in the pipeline!

4,264 league goals scored*



*since records began in 2009 with FixturesLive. We estimate the number to be around 12,000 over the last 20 years

THE 6 OF SEPARATION

The theory goes that you're never more than six acquaintances away from anyone else in the world. In a dystopian parallel universe where Supernova doesn't exist, can you link a founder member to a newbie using only Novans? Yes you can...



12 Things You Know To Be True If You've Played Korfbal At Supernova

1. You know every single lyric to 'Champagne Supernova' by Oasis.



2. The Novalist is basically a glorified messenger service for about 3 people.



3. You've forgotten what it feels like to have a Sunday morning lie-in.



4. You've agonised over whether you will order the pork roast or the pork ribs at The Sheaf.



5. You are acutely aware of just how much railway engineering work takes place on Sundays.



6. At summer tournaments you'll probably have more shots in the bar than on the pitch.



7. Woking is not – and never has been – in London.



8. There is nothing remotely nautical about the London Nautical School.



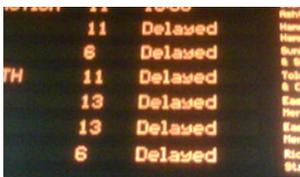
9. Baked match-day treats taste sooooo good.



10. At least 4 of your teammates are in a relationship with another Novan.



11. You wait at London Bridge for the train to South Bermondsey in hope rather than expectation.



12. You may never have met the people whose names are etched onto the balls.



Since records began in 2009*:

TOP SCORER

Tom Drew with 212 goals
(Richard Moorhouse, 153;
Rob Winn, 137; top girl –
Eiti Stein, 70)

BIGGEST WIN

Supernova 1 (27-4) Mitcham 1
LRL April 2016

BIGGEST DEFEAT

Nottingham 1 (44-8) Supernova 1
NL Cup Feb 2011

YOUNGEST EVER SUPERNOVAN

Holly Sackett who was 18 years,
9 months and 1 day old when she
joined back in September 2011

MOST GOALS SCORED IN A MATCH (INDIVIDUAL)

10
This is a joint record held by Tony
Hooker (set in 1997 vs Pelham),
Mark Paxton (2001 vs Trojans) and
John Goodhall (match unknown)

MOST GOALS SCORED IN A MATCH (TEAM)

30
Trojans 2 (15-30) Supernova 1
March 2014

TOP SCORING TEAM OVERALL

Supernova 3 with 1664 goals
(Supernova 1, 1120; Supernova 2,
896; Supernova 4, 584)

*And the good memories of Tony Hooker and Mark Paxton.



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