



NEWSLETTER

May 2003 No 13

Here we are at the end of another year. Enclosed are as many reports as we could amass and of course details of the AGM – FRIDAY 27th JUNE AT 8.00PM.

Summer hockey for the Men has started, playing at Brentwood and Chelmer Park and hopefully we will have a report for the 2003/2004 season's first Newsletter.

I will be unable to continue as Newsletter editor so I hope that someone will take on this role for a year or two.

For those of you who change sports during the summer months, have a good one, enjoy your holidays and I will see you next season.

Rob Wallbank

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Probably throughout the Newsletter you will find reference to the fact that work on the Water Based Astro Pitch has started but that is not going to stop me making mention !

Work has started on the Water Based Astro Pitch !! Go along to Chelmer Park and watch progress, take some photographs, get enthusiastic – we'll all be playing on it next season.

So now, will you get selling those 500 Club tickets because we still need £50,000 to complete our fund raising effort. (Form enclosed).

To get the full details of what is happening with the pitch project and all other matters to do with the Club, come along to the A.G.M. on 27th June. It's your Club and you should know what is happening and have a say if you wishSee you then ??

Nigel King

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Another season over and pretty mixed it has been too. I guess the highlights for me are:

- The girls having a great run.
- The boys too.
- Some real difficulties in getting ladies sides out.
- Great fund raising events, particularly the Water Ball.
- The re-surfacing of the old pitch.
- Work beginning on the water based
- Too many "away" home games with a big downturn in bar profits.
- Youth section thriving with the girls U11 reaching the national finals.
- Superb fund raising efforts – we're only about £35k short of the £400K target.
- New younger blood beginning to make a real difference in running the club.

The continued efforts by people like Crawl and Anthea in making sure you have games to play; and last – but certainly not least – Urs in dedicating all her waking hours to the Chelmer development.

So looking forward, why don't you all think about:

- Encouraging your hockey friends to play at Chelmer – we desperately need more ladies so we can resurrect our 6th XI.
- Offering to take on jobs in the club – you won't be turned down!
- ***Coming to the AGM on Friday 27 June at 8pm in the clubhouse – see details below. Please bring the AGM notice etc to the meeting.***

Changes of address, email etc

As usual, if you are moving, changing telephone numbers, getting a mobile please let me have the details. And if you have not given me your email address (you'll know if you haven't because your newsletter will arrive by snail mail) email me on: spencer@wilcox51.fsnet.co.uk

Club Day

For those that missed the great day organized yet again by Martin Matthews the club day winners were:

	Ladies	Men
1 st XI Player	Kath Tyler	David Hunter
2 nd XI	Laura Stonebank	Royce Waters
3 rd XI	Sally Wilford	Andy Simpson
4 th XI	Lesley Stenhouse	Russell Beattie
5 th XI	Tina Parish	Andrew Fox
6 th XI		Tom Burrows
Vets		Martin Fuller
Evergreens		Danny Dempsey
Indoor	Lisa Wooding	
Top scorer	Chris Cunningham	Trevor Wasp
Young player	Shelley Haslam	Luke Mephram
Club lady/man	Jenny Stonebank	Adrian Tuff
Curry Cup		3 rd XI

SUMMER HOCKEY

If you want to play men's contact Chris Wilson (01245 606122; 07768 347968) or Simon King (01245 363807; 07773 365671) for div 1 side or Richard Ross (01245 361340; 07715 705067) the div 2 side. The ladies are also playing summer hockey and the contact is Claire Penketh (01245 251076; 07946 322948).

Have a great summer and see you in September!

Spence

500 Club

For the seasons monthly results please log on to the Clubs website-
www.chelmsfordhc.org.uk

70 YEARS YOUNG (IT DOESN'T SIMMS POSSIBLE!)

Our Hon treasurer, David Simms completed 60 years of playing hockey in January this year. He first started playing at school in January 1943 and first played club hockey in January 1948. He says that when he became 15 in 1948 and was too old to play for the Under 15s, the school decided he was too small to play for the school 2nd XI. However, when the City of Oxford Hockey Club were short of players (they only ran two teams in those days) they used to get him to play for them. He hopes to play for as long as possible and that with the Over 60's LX Club he belongs to, he is only the tenth oldest player!

Ladies 1st XI

The 1st XI were unlucky to miss out on a top four play off place, with a chance to play in Europe. They narrowly lost out on goal difference to Ipswich. However, this has been an excellent season finishing in their highest ever League position despite a relatively small squad. Congratulations to Lisa Wooding who was awarded 1st XI Indoor Player of the season and Kath Tyler won 1st XI Outdoor Player of the season.

Ladies 2nd XI

The 2nd XI all deserved an award following an extremely difficult season. They were bottom of the League for most of the season, losing squad players through travelling, moving and university. They supported the 1st XI in their bid for a top 4 place and were so unlucky to lose games by the odd goal. Congratulations to player of the season for the 2nd XI Laura Stonebank.

Ladies 3rd XI

The 3rd XI found themselves in a similar situation to the 2nd XI and only really started to get a settled squad together as the season came to an end. Unfortunately, relegation seemed inevitable and the 3rd XI will be taking their place in Essex Div.1 next season, hoping to bounce back to the Essex Premier. Congratulations to player of the season Sally Wilford.

Ladies 4th XI

Under the guidance of non playing Captain Nikki Tuff the 4th XI had a good season narrowly avoiding promotion to Essex Div.1. Congratulations to player of the season, Lesley Stenhouse. They also had the Club overall top goal scorer in Chris Cunningham who narrowly beat youngster Georgina Speakman to the title.

Ladies 5th XI

The fifth eleven had an enjoyable season and a subtle blend of veterans and youngsters saw them to a comfortable top four position in Essex Division 4. Congratulations to player of the season, Tina Parrish.

Other Ladies News

We held our first formal end of season dinner with over 60 Ladies attending. There was a good mix of players, vice-presidents, youth players, old friends and even two National League Umpires! Our guest Speaker was Karen Brown who held us all spellbound with tales from her three Olympic appearances. A profit was made on the evening which we were able to add to the Water base appeal. And from the

money made on Mrs L's raffle we donated £55 to the Helen Rollason appeal.

Congratulations to Kerry Sutton who celebrated her 18th birthday at the end of the season.

*All reports by
Jenny Stonebank*

Youth Section – Under 11 Girls

The U11 Girls team have won the Eastern Region County Hockey Championships. They now go on to play in the National Finals at Cannock on Sunday May 18th. In the finals they will play the best teams from the North / Midlands / South and West to decide who is the top U11 Girls team in the country.

The squad was: Rosie Patterson, Katherine Roberts, Kate Maxey, Angharad Knill, Abigail Krone, Georgina Bojarski, Twinkie Jones, Harriet Price, Sophie Nehammer and Katie Johnston.

Hilary Malicka

Although a picture of the girls was supplied with this report, regrettably it could not feature in this issue due to its size. **Stop Press – they came second, very well done.**

Fantasy Hockey 2002/2003

After a grand total of 257 league games this year the final team-sheets have been received and processed and the final 2002/2003 Fantasy Hockey League Tables have been compiled.

After the inaugural season we find that we have two fairly comfortable winners in the Team competition, Jackie Hefford for the ladies and Nick Stevenson for the Men, their winning teams are below. The secret to their success? Well, for Jackie's team Katy in goal (good positive points there), (mostly) First XI defenders (who score goals) and most of the top 5 goal-scorers in the Ladies club! Nick's team was a rarity from the start, a team that was laden with forwards and still didn't include Trev!! But with 5 players from the final Top 6 it was always going to be a strong team.

Jackie has opted not to make a comeback between the sticks next year and will take the £100 for the winning Team Captain and Nick has opted for free subs next season. Mentions should also go to Sarah Wilcox and Nikki Tuff for their Runners-up positions earning themselves £40 worth of CHC Bar vouchers (for use next season), also the final "winning" positions of third go to Badger and Hunts who earn themselves £20 worth of vouchers. All of the prizes will be presented at the AGM.

For the not quite so serious (i.e. there isn't any money riding on it) the Top Points Score competition was inevitable from the start. Lots of goals meant lots of points (hopefully this will in some ways change next season) and it is no shock to see Chris Cunningham and Trevor Waspe astride the summit of each league. Lucy Smith made a break for the summit early on in the season but Chris and Jenny Stonebank slowly clawed her lead back over the concluding games with the result finally coming down to the last two 4th XI games of the season. The men's league boiled down to pretty much one day, Saturday 22nd March, with Trev netting himself an enormous total of 19 points whilst Tufty only managed a stark 3 point walkover and Phil managed a pitiful -1 point, up until this point the lead kept changing hands with no-one really taking a "Paula Radcliffe" style lead. Both Chris and Trev will be presented with a "player of the season" style engraved tankard (to sit behind the bar) that will also be presented at the AGM.

So what have we learnt from this season?

Don't pick any Ladies 2's or 3's goalkeepers or defenders, well not this season anyhow.

Chose defenders that score goals and/or that come from teams that keep lots of clean sheets.

Load your team with forwards. If Trev's playing in the fifth's next season then you'll have to score 3 goals a game to win the top points trophy.

Raising money can be fun.....It's not over to the fat lady sings.....

Apart from the fun, prizes and trophies there is a serious side to the Fantasy Hockey and that is to raise much-needed funds for the club. Thanks to the 80 or so teams that entered, taking off the prizes and the covering of the bar vouchers and free subs, the total GROSS PROFIT for this season is about £500. Thanks to everyone who entered.

I endeavour to evolve the Fantasy Hockey League over the summer, and that next season it will be a bit “fairer” on how points are awarded (or deducted more importantly) and we have access to more “weekly” statistics on the web site. Please feel free to feedback any thoughts that you have on the Fantasy Hockey League either in person, via email (fantasyhockey@chelmsfordhc.org.uk) or through the feedback form on the website (<http://home.freeuk.net/atuff>).

A final thanks to everyone who has helped to get the Fantasy League up and running this season, the team captains for the initial teams, positions and prices and all of the fantasy sheet fillerinnerers(!) without who the league could not have been run so efficiently!

Cheers and see you all next season.

Tuffy

Winning Teams

One Warm, One Cold - Jackie Hefford - 294 points
 Goalkeeper: Roberts, Katy
 Defenders: Wooding, Lisa; Miller, Harriett; Penketh, Claire
 Midfielders: Avery, Caroline; Hansen, Gail; Stonebank, Jenny; Malicka, Phil
 Forwards: Dewar, Sally; Cunningham, Chris; Maxey, Sophie; Speakman, Toni
 Points from: 1st XI goalkeeper and defenders (apart from Claire!) and most of the top 5 goal-scorers in the club!

Not Particularly Special - Nick Stevenson - 565 points
 Goalkeeper: Briggs, Tim
 Defenders: Kennedy, Andrew; Stanhope, Neil; Hodge, Andrew
 Midfielders: Burrows, Tom; King, Nigel; Draper, Alan
 Forwards: Wilcox, Jonny; Goode, Phil; Fordham, Rob; Tuff, Adrian; Fox, Andrew
 Points from: A goalkeeper that actually got positive points and high scoring forwards (all done without Trev

Tables

Ladies Teams

	Team Name	Manager	Fantasy Score
1	One Warm, One Cold	Jackie Hefford	294
2	Wilcox's Wanderers	Sarah Wilcox	261
3	Badgers Baiters	Dan Tilley	252
4	Dammit's Squad	Janet Sutton	244
4	Sooty's Stormettes	Sarah Sutton	244
6	Miller's M + M's	Sue Miller	239
7	Chelmsford Buffaloes	Alex Roberts	229
8	Margery's Magic Movers!	Margery Turner	227
9	Caveat Emptor	Nick Stevenson	222
10	Wooding's Wonderbabes!	Carol Wooding	218

Ladies Players

Position	Player Name	Fantasy Score
1	Cunningham, Chris	70
2	Stonebank, Jenny	64
3	Smith, Lucy	63
4	Speakman, George	58
5	Wooding, Lisa	49
6	Sutton, Kerry	41
6	Speakman, Toni	41
8	Bollington, Lynn	39
9	Maxey, Sophie	36
10	Parrish, Tina	34

Men's Teams

	Team Name	Manager	Fantasy Score
1	Not Particularly Special	Nick Stevenson	565
2	Mrs T's Top Totty and Tufty	Nikki Tuff	507
3	Leg-Ends	Dave Hunter	503
4	The Real Dad of Baby Tuff!	Rob Dyer	496
5	Phil's Thrashers	Philip Mumford	470
6	Grafters	Neil Stanhope	467
7	Legs Eleven!	Anthea Hunter	464
8	Nick's Star XI	Nick Bastian	463
9	Right Charlie	Charlie Hingston	454
10	The Specials	Andrew Kennedy	446

Men's Players

Position	Player Name	Fantasy Score
1	Waspe, Trevor	120
2	Tuff, Adrian	103
3	Goode, Phil	91
4	Stanhope, Neil	75
5	Burrows, Tom	74
6	Wilcox, Jonny	70
7	Fuller, Martin	65
8	de Prez, Dave	56
9	Fordham, Rob	51
10	Fergus, Alistair	48

Club Home Page on the Internet

www.chelmsfordhc.org.uk

For the latest information on all aspects of Chelmsford Hockey Club, please visit this site for up to the minute news.

Sarah Wilcox in "BREAKFAST AT WIGGY'S SHOCKER"

Names have not been changed to protect the innocent.

Unable to contain her lust for the former first team goalkeeper, Sarah Wilcox was seen to have breakfast at Wiggy's (Must be a song in there somewhere). How is that one going to get explained away in Secretary's Corner??

When approached by members of the paparazzi, Sarah is said to have run for cover, but with a contented smile on her face. When asked for a quote a mumbled reply from Wiggy of "don't tell Gill" was thought to be heard by members of the press.

The fact that the trains to London were up the spout and she was accompanied to breakfast by Kitch and a workmate of Kitch's is incidental. Why let the truth get in the way of a good story, it doesn't bother the tabloids.....

Keith (Wiggy) Wiggins

GOLF DAY

On Monday the 12th May we held a golf day at Channels Golf Club to raise funds for the new Water Astro. 37 golfers took up the challenge, including 5 ladies. The day began with a Texas Scramble played over the 9 hole Belsteads course. And then an 18 hole Stableford competition over the Channels course. Dinner followed the golf where we were pleased to welcome Ursula Heelis, who had assisted throughout the day by recording the scores and generally being in the right place at the right time to assist those requiring help with directions over the courses. Nigel King and Keith (Wiggy) Wiggins also joined us.

The rivalry between the teams was quite intense; in all there were seven awards to be won as a result of generous donations from the players and Club members.

The results for the day were as follows:
Texas Scramble – the team of four ladies Hilary Malicka, Rosie Maxey, Brenda Clarke and Jean Lewis, knocked the men into oblivion with 35 points. (The men players awarded the ladies a tea-towel each which they thought was appropriate).

Afternoon Stableford Competition – 1st Chris Wilson 44 points, 2nd Jason Pavitt 41 points, 3rd Martin

Matthews 39 points beating David Wallbank also 39 points on count back.

Nearest the pin, on the par 3 Channels 8th was Kevin Gower. And the team prize in the afternoon was won by the team of Richard Beattie, Robert Nourse, Jason Pavitt and David Wallbank. Longest drive on Channels 15th was Chris Wilson.

An enjoyable day, all players had a good time and if you all agree please let the Club know, and we can organise a golf day next year. Saving the best till last, through the generosity of the management of Channels Golf Club, the players and those who contributed to the prizes we made a profit of £840 which will go to the new pitch fund.

Men's 1st XI

It was another mixed season for the 1st XI, and was very similar to last year. Another mid-table finish was the result after a poor first half of the season when 4 games were won and lost, although a good recovery in the second half of the season saw us win 6 and draw 1 of the ten games played. We clung on to a win at Beeston, and beat both Barford and Bournville away. In games we know we should have won, we would have been in the play offs again. So in summary it proved that we can beat the best of them but have to show more professionalism when playing the weaker

sides. On the playing front, David Hunter was named player of the year. Also worthy of praise is our ex-Lufbra strike duo who definitely clicked together up front with Johnny Wilcox just pipping Dave DePrez to the leading scorer (14 to 12). Dave Carter in goal had another excellent season. Our South African contingent has been as invaluable as ever. Craig Fulton in his 4th season with us, 3rd as coach, was inspirational, even though his goal tally may belittle him! Dave Viney in his first season controlled the centre of the park and was instrumental in our turn around of results in the period after Christmas. Stuart Gower-Jackson scored a number of useful drag flicks from short corners and was crab like in his midfield role. Special mention to two others. Firstly Andy Fell, who is my most improved player of the season. Having joined us from relegated Bromley and beginning on the fringe of the 1st XI. Secondly to Luke Mephram the club's young player of the year. He joined us from Witham who play several leagues below our 1st XI. He was stuck in at the deep end at right back and has shown himself to be a very talented player. Many thanks must go to the management team who stepped in at the last minute to take a big weight off my shoulders. Peter Carter has dealt with most of the admin tasks and Peter Woodward has controlled the bench on home match days. David Kitchiner has also stepped in to do a number of the home games which has helped the squad no end. Without them the season would have been a nightmare. Next season may well prove to be the most important in the club's history. With the new water based pitch due for completion in September, and the likelihood that there will be extra promotions spots available to the Premier Division, the 1st XI have a unique opportunity to capitalise on a couple of years of consolidation in Division One, and achieve their long term aim of a place in the Men's Premier League.

Andrew (Spesh) Kennedy

Men's 2nd XI - No report received

Men's 3rd XI

League

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Sitting second in the League at Christmas, the title was a serious prospect. The start we made to 2003 soon sorted that out.

After five games we had lost to the three sides we'd beaten in the first half of the season, repeated the draw against Southend and beaten Little Baddow (the eventual Champions), who we'd surrendered to earlier. The reversal of fortunes came to an abrupt stop at Waltham Forest; they completely outmanoeuvred us to set up a double until a stunning comeback grasped a 3-3 draw.

Five straight wins, all pretty competent performances left us frustratingly close to the top. In another strange twist, this season ended just as the last did, a six-goal burst to record a win from behind (8-4 from 2-4 against Havering).

In goal, Tim Briggs was excellent as were Andrew Simpson and Duncan Feldman in the full back positions. Derek Gould added a new dimension to the side after he made the tactical error of playing well at centre back. Once Ian Patterson's fitness improved it became obvious that he had played at a better level.

Nick Stevenson at centre half made a big difference he was badly missed after losing part of his finger. Rob Wallbank produced some fine displays and even a controlled one, dominating the game at Old Southendians. Rob Fordham's discovery of some scoring boots in the second half of the season provided a real threat to all oppositions and David Heard was good wherever he played.

Speed, strength and skill were on display in the forward line, unfortunately the three regular forwards had one of these assets each. Adrian Tuff - statistically the second best player in the club (whose statistics?) - dominated the scoring and was the pick.

Alistair (Flash) Fergus

Men's 4th XI, Men's 5th XI, Men's 6th XI & Men's Evergreens - No report received

Men's Vets

A season marred by player unavailability and by opposition crying off fixtures. We travelled to a number of away matches with 10 men, putting in valiant performances to come away with a draw or to lose by the odd goal. In a league of 11 clubs we ended up in 7th place, with 29 points; turning one draw into a win would have taken us to 4th.

We made scoring look difficult; Martin Fuller weighed in with 13 goals, but no-one else of the 33 players used got more than 6. Andy Neave joined us in the New Year and obliged by slotting in at centre mid-field.

Particular thanks are extended to Dave Woods and Phil Hutley for being willing and able to play in various positions when called upon.

Next season we will be in the new East Veterans League; we will be allowed 2 players aged between 35 and 40 so the matches should be more attractive to those young oldies in the Club who wish to continue to play competitive hockey.

Ralph Thomas

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I've been watching the club from behind the bar, and it seems to me that things are not quite what they should be. Bearing in mind that the following points are the view of one person, do club members agree or disagree with my comments?

Lack of members in the bar before and after matches, which means a low bar take. Did you know that £2.10 is the average per member per week spent over the bar this season? That is just 1 pint of beer per person. This is very strange, as I am in the bar more often than not, I notice that a few members spend **considerably more** than £2.10, therefore there are some members spending nothing at all!!! As a consequence the bar take **is down by £4000** this season. Another £1 spent over the bar each week by all members will increase bar profits by **50%**.

Very little socialising with the Opposition, which means they go home early, and do not spend money over our bar.

Members not coming back to Chelmer Park after a home game on a satellite pitch. This should not be a problem next season, but it does underline a problem within the club. Teas, which have been paid for, are being wasted.

Not all captains attend selection, how can they identify who should go up and down between the teams?

The captain to be more responsible to get team members to do more for **their** club, i.e. asking for volunteers or nominating team members to do specific jobs – collecting match fees and beer kitty, social secretary, filling in league forms, doing bar duty, the

list goes on..... The captain doesn't have to do very much at all other than supervising his/her team.

Youngsters are the future of the club and must be encouraged to stay and socialise after the match. Every week I see youngsters walk off the pitch at the end of the game and go and wait by the main gates for their lift home. Perhaps we should encourage parents to become active social members, and also to come into the clubhouse to collect their children.

Older members must be encouraged to come down the teams to pass on the experience to the youngsters.

Communication. Read the notices around the clubhouse, you might just find a social event that you'll enjoy. Most (if not all) events have been under subscribed.

1st XI games on a Sunday. Over 100 spectators most weeks, but is the bar packed after the game? No! But give the 1st XI their due they spend the most money, the most time and socialise better than any other team in the club. Perhaps we could follow their lead.

The clubhouse is not a changing room. If you must come in wearing kit, put on a tracksuit.

To help pay for the upkeep of the new astro, more games must be played. A 20 week season is not long enough, ask for, and play in, more friendlies.

If you agree with these sentiments then do something about it!!

If you disagree, wellletter to the Editor.

Hopefully the new astro will alleviate some of these problems but it certainly will not solve any of them. That is something that the entire membership will have to address. So please commit another hour or two every Saturday and/or Sunday to the club.

Ian Hunter

GUESS WHO?.....

For those lucky enough to have seen these legs in the Men's changing room you probably guessed straight away! For those who haven't, it is of



course a young Mr. Kitchiner at KEGS 60 years ago just before trousers were invented!

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