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Chelmsford HC

NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Editors

A little late but the editing team hope you all enjoyed your Christmas festivities, and wish you a Happy New Year and may your success on the pitch continue.

Since the October Newsletter, both the Ladies and Men's first XI's have been battling it out in the Premier Divisions. The ladies are in top place, and again won the indoor. At the end of this month they travel to Zurich to represent England in the European finals. The Men are lying 9th at present, and need to pull up to 8th to avoid any play-offs. Do please support these teams at home and away if possible. Well done to you all, and good fortunes for the remaining season. As for other teams, you will be able to read of their results in the team reports section.

In December we held another successful whisky tasting evening, thanks to Ian Hunter and his helpers. Also to "The Man" from Aberlour for his excellent talk and selection of whiskies.

January saw the now annual beer

festival in the Clubhouse, with 10 fine beers to sample. This year we had a number of beer enthusiasts from outside the Club sampling over the three days.

Quiz night 30th January – winning team was Keith Wiggins and his associates. Well done Wiggy.

Dates for your diary – see your fixture book and make sure you have these in your diary and support all events.

GOLF DAY

MAY 23rd yes MAY 23rd not the 16th the date has been changed.

If you enjoy your golf, this could be your big day as there are lots of prizes to be won. 2005 will be the third year we have held this event, so let's make 2005 bigger than 2004 and have an even better entry. So get your teams organised or enter as an individual, all can be accommodated and all are welcome.

See Ursula Heelis or Ben Farmer for details and an entry form, or you can complete the form in this Newsletter.

From the editors, may we wish you a continued successful and enjoyable season.

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Chairman's Chatter

Nigel King

My note for this Newsletter is written in the shadow of two events dissimilar but connected.

You will know of the sudden death of Bruce Simpson. A large number of past and present members of the Club attended Bruce's funeral on February 1st - a true testament to the high regard Bruce had within our Club. We would say it was appropriate that, after the funeral, family and friends came back to Chelmer Park. Your President, Ursula Heelis, said a few words to explain the role that Bruce played on and off the field of play for Chelmsford Hockey Club and Chelmsford Sports Club. I can assure you we saw him off in a fitting manner. The second event is something that Bruce should have been taking part in, namely the Evergreens Annual Tour this time to Cork. Be assured that a glass or two were raised 'to absent friends' in his memory.

Talking of memory, as a result of the Tour I can't remember what I intended to say in my Chatter for the Newsletter this time never mind. Perhaps it was to remind you again that we are a Club and would prefer not to become a sports facility where you arrive, play and go. Please allow time at a home game to entertain / host your visiting opposition after your game - firstly at tea and then bring them into the clubhouse for a chat. Putting my bar hat on for a moment, you could also have a drink and that does not have to be alcoholic ! For an away game, try meeting in the clubhouse prior to going, allow time to have tea with

your hosts at their club and come back in the clubhouse on your return. That'll do for now, don't forget to support the coming functions - Ladies Night, Men's Dinner, Club Day with Live Band (Evergreen Deryck Breinburg and his pals) and the Dinner Dance. Apologies if I have forgotten anything !

Finally, there is plenty of hockey to support, aren't the Ladies doing well and good luck to them in Europe and the Men are showing form and gaining valuable points. Come and watch the home games or even travel to support the away fixtures ??

Whatever, enjoy the rest of the season.

Secretary's Corner

Spencer Wilcox

We're now into the second half of the season and the pace is hotting up. Some critical games coming up for all our teams but some fantastic results all over the place!

Elsewhere you will see details of the girls in the European Indoor in Zurich. Why not send the girls a good luck message by going on the CHC site www.chelmsfordhc.org.uk, click on Europe Indoor and then Other Information. We'll be rooting for you!!

New members

We've had over a dozen new members this year, plus youngsters coming into the senior club from the youth section. A warm welcome to you all!

Facilities

We're gradually getting this under control with most of you familiar with the arrangements for unlocking and using the new extension/pitch. We've had problems with false alarms, but I'm very grateful to everyone for making the effort to take care of the facilities. We had some problems over the New Year with heating all of which got resolved. And I hope you agree that the cleaning company is doing a great job. But we can't be complacent so please let me have any comments - good or bad. One thing I am conscious of is that we still have not installed towel dispensers in the toilets - it's on the list!!

We still need someone to oversee the management of the facilities - preferably someone who knows the club well, lives reasonably close by and has a little time to spare. I have a personal interest in identifying a volunteer!!

One small moan - lights on the pitch. It costs a fortune to run them at full power and it's not necessary. So please ensure that you only use switches 1 and 3 - half power. I appreciate that there are some bulbs that need replacing and these will be attended to shortly.

Lottery and all that

Believe it or not, the wheels at Sport England grind slow and it will be a little while before all the final paper work is signed off. But we hope this will be done in the near future although there will be some review points going forward. SE do not hand over the money and walk away! But we are one of the very few clubs to build facilities of the quality we

have at Chelmer Park without a financial millstone round our necks. Much of that is thanks to your help and generosity. There's still more things we want to do, so don't let up with the fund raising - there's plenty of pitch squares on the board to buy and of course the 500 club - see Woody's advert elsewhere!!

Summer hockey

We will be bringing the summer league back to Chelmer this summer after a split site approach with Brentwood over the last 2 seasons. We need someone to run the league - it is very straightforward and I'm not saying that because I want to off load the job. Well, yes - I really don't want to have the summer and the winter spare time taken up so it would be nice to leave it behind! Names to me please!!

Men's dinner

A little later this year - Friday 8th April. 20% of tickets have already gone so shout loud and quickly if you would like a ticket. Ticket prices will be maintained at last year's level - £25

Dinner dance

Due to the success of the Water Ball in aid of the New Developments we are organising another Dinner Dance for the end of the season, Saturday 23rd April.

The venue will again be Furze Hill and the price is £35, you can see the advert later in the newsletter for further details.

Club solicitor

As many of you know Bruce Simpson died on

11th January. He was a member of the club for well over 30 years and a very large number of his friends in the hockey community were at his funeral. It was nice that people were able to come back to Chelmer Park afterwards. Bruce has left a big hole, not least because he was our club solicitor and attended to all our legal matters including most recently the leases relating to the pitch and extension. If anyone in the club is a solicitor and would like to take on this role I would be very pleased to hear from them

Club Day

Please note this has been delayed until 16 April to ensure that as many members can attend as possible. Please stick this in your diary and look out for details over the next few weeks

Marketing, Finance and Sponsorship (MFS) News

Helen McDonnell

BBC ESSEX RADIO

BBC ESSEX
103.5 & 95.3 FM

Such is the success of the Ladies 1st XI this season that our local BBC Essex radio station based in Chelmsford has just launched a page on their website dedicated to the club plus a link to the club's own website. BBC Essex covers one of the largest counties in the country and more than a third of a

million listeners in and around the county tune in each week. If you want to look at the Chelmsford page go to www.bbc.co.uk/essex and then click on sport. (103.5 & 95.3FM)

Anglia TV, one of the leading commercial tv stations in the South East is to film the 1st XI

 **ANGLIA** Ladies in action before their European Indoor Championship campaign gets underway later this month. The station is planning to send a camera crew to either Tabor High or New Hall to film a special preview at a training session.

Eurosport who

filmed the
Ladies 1st XI
last Autumn



are running a 3 minute piece several times on British Eurosport the week before the Championships in Zurich and you'll be able to see the full footage on the trusty screen in the clubhouse nearer the time.

We are now developing a rapport with a local freelance photographer called Paul Robins to maximise coverage in the local and regional press for the club. Paul is based just outside Chelmsford and is Newspaper Accredited (media speak!) and has already visited Crystal Palace to cover the National Indoor Championships earlier this month. If there is a specific match/event you would like him to cover then please contact Helen McDonnell – 01245 256802.



Club Kit

David Lines

After a period of consultation in the early part of the season, over the Christmas period and into the New Year, we have been requesting proposals for the provision of match kit and sports leisurewear from a variety of suppliers. The idea is to introduce one supplier to the Club that can provide a comprehensive range of clothing, on and off the pitch, at competitive (i.e. cheaper) prices, creating a common Club identity but with the possibility of some variation within that so that teams or sections within the Club can have their own identity in terms of after-match wear.

In the end, a formal request for proposal was sent to five suppliers, incorporating a list of clothing and ancillary items drawn up from suggestions by many people across the Club. Not only did we want to know about prices, but also delivery times, quality, design, minimum orders and so on.

Three of those companies replied with a proposal after a period of one month and a report, along with an evaluation and recommendations, was sent to the Management Committee for their meeting on February 8th. By the time this article is published, you may well have an idea of who was chosen.

Without pre-empting the MC, it was very clear that many people would be unhappy with dipping into their pockets so soon after buying Kookaburra kit, so it was important to emphasise that the only difference to the playing kit designs would be the suppliers

logo. In this way, there will be no radical changes, as has happened before, and the complete transformation over to one supplier will happen naturally as people replace their old playing kit. One idea did come up, however, and this is subject to the MC's approval. That is to allow teams to choose a different material to the 'performance' material used at the top end of the Club, with a slightly variation on design. This would probably suit Veteran and Junior teams more, but may be open to any group, provided they agree to do it as a unit. Just an idea, as I said, at this stage and subject to approval.

What will be more interesting is the range of clothing that we have chosen, again after consultation with representatives from across the Club. And, again taking consultation, we have designed a new logo for the Club which could take the place of the badge on after-match wear, leaving people happy to wear the stuff any time, anywhere not just at the weekends and at the Club.

Watch out for more details and advertisements on the notice boards or on the Website later in the month/in early March.

Youth Report

Julie Price

Sunday morning youth training sessions continue to be very successful with a number of the groups being almost too full. Each group has a strong regular turnout which is producing some very promising young players. We have a dedicated team of coaches and managers but are always grateful for more help,

particularly with some of the larger groups and would welcome any assistance that senior members could offer.

Youth Training Times

U9 Girls & Boys
Sunday 09.00 – 11.15

U11 Girls / U11 Boys
Sunday 09.45 – 11.30

U13 Girls
Sunday 09.15 – 11.00

U13 Boys
Sunday 09.00 – 11.00

U14/U15 Girls
Tuesday 18.00 – 19.30

U14/U15/U18 Boys
Wednesday 19.00 – 20.30

U16/U18 Girls
Wednesday 20.30 – 22.00

Bar Burblings

Ian Hunter / Nigel King

Hope you all like the new-look bar? Certainly those who serve find the whole experience much more comfortable.

Our Fifth Beer Festival was most enjoyable with better than expected support during the actual weekend. I think we can now say that 10 barrels were tried and tested to exhaustion. Ian and I were a little concerned at not having the barrels behind the bar as in previous years but I hope you all agree that the still set up opposite the kitchen proved most satisfactory.

Can we remind you that officially during Saturday, the team just finished on the water pitch is the duty team to man the bar - or at

least be responsible for getting it manned. Ian and I can't be there all the time !!

Chelmsford Sports Club

David Wallbank

(Responsible for the bar, maintenance and upkeep of the Clubhouse)

After the new kitchen and new bar, anything after is going to seem a little mundane. But the committee still works away on minor matters to ensure that the Clubhouse is maintained to a satisfactory standard.

We hope to install a new pool table shortly to replace the existing table which is continually requiring servicing. Warm air hand dryers are to be installed in both cloakrooms and these, over time, should show a significant saving on the cost of paper towels.

Our next major project is the replacement of the furniture. This is a difficult subject with so many views being expressed, so watch this space.

Should you have any thoughts on the Clubhouse, please make sure that the Clubs representatives on the Sports Club committee are aware, so that they can be considered.

Kit News - The Hockey Guys

Peter Hollebon

Club Kit

Have you got the Kookaburra kit yet?

Shirts -£25

Shorts -£12

Socks - £6

Tracksuit Tops - £35

Tracksuit Bottoms - £20

Shirts, shorts and socks are stock items. Tracksuits to order please.

Astro's

I now stock Dita, Gryphon, & Adidas at prices way below local Sports Shops. Check it out.....

Sticks

See the fantastic new Dita Compo range. Admire the Gryphon Elan & Aussie sticks and wonder at the "sweet spot".....

Feel the quality of the Mercian range (they even have straight ones ??????) and check out the superb balance.

Plus

Grips (including chamois), stick tape, left hand gloves (full, half and knuckle protectors), shin pads (including Anatomica hard shell), Adidas drink bottles, assorted balls etc etc

See me in the Clubhouse on Saturday afternoons or Sunday mornings 9-12.

Ring me to find out when I will be there.

Tel. Home 01245-420862

Mob. 07939-047697

Men's First XI Report

David Hunter

The Men's 1st XI had a somewhat mixed first half of the season.

Currently 7th in the league, the side are only 4 points away from 4th in the league, one point away from their desired finish of top 6 but only goal difference away from a play-off position of 9th.

The season was never going to have the easiest start, playing the entire top five from the previous season in the first six games. To come away with 4 points was certainly creditable, particularly as those came from victories against Hampstead and a draw against Surbiton. There were also very tense games against Reading (1-1 when Doppers had a reverse stick thunderbolt hit a defenders hand on the line, even though he did not see the ball) and Cannock (2-0 up at half time) who were quoted in The Daily Express as saying it was their hardest game of the season to date. The disappointments were that the side ONLY drew with Surbiton despite having by far the best of the chances and the 4-3 defeat to Firebrands.

The second quarter was also a bit of a roller coaster with a sequence going win, lose, win, lose, win. The 3-0 victory over Guildford was certainly a high point. The game was delayed by over two hours due to a frozen section of the pitch. However, Chelmsford managed to maintain their concentration, with goals from Ned and Phil Sully twice sealing the victory. The other two victories were the 7-1 and 7-0 drubbings of St Albans and Teddington, of which coach Ned must be delighted as to the professionalism with which the games were approached.

The second quarter low points were the 6-3 defeat at home to Old Loughts and the 5-2 defeat to

Canterbury. In both games the side never really got into the game and lost concentration at crucial moments – something it was possible to get away with the previous season but not so this. Part of the problem may have been down to a small injury crisis which meant that Hunts (hamstrung) and Gugs (bottom) were both unable to train for large parts of the season. It also ensured Fizz was kept more than a little busy.

The second half of the season has started with a bang, as friendly defeats of Canterbury and Beeston lead the side into their first league game against Surbiton. A 2-1 victory ensured the side were putting a little run together – long may it continue!

Gugs is currently our top scorer with 8 goals to his name. He will be hoping for more opportunities from corners in the second half. Hot on his trail though are Phil Sully (6 all open play – 6th best in the league), Duppers with 6 and Jonny Wilcox with 4. The further good news is that Ned is also beating Natalie by 3 goals to 2!! The addition of Thornton McDade to the side in November, also added serious pace to the front line.

At the back Adrian Kimber has pulled off some outstanding saves (the most notable one was the 2-1 defeat of Surbiton). Will Hales has shown off his skills at left back and Gugs has been throwing aerials most of the length of the pitch, giving the side an awesome counter attack threat.

The side are mainly on the road in the second half, with only two home games left (Reading on 6th March and Guildford on 3rd

April). Your support is, as always, very much appreciated, and both games will give an opportunity to watch some high quality internationals on both sides! From the entire side, can I thank all of you that turn out to support the side whenever you can. This really does mean a lot to the side. To those who have thought about coming to support, how often are you able to see Olympic athletes for free? While the side is on the road, you can keep up to date with Kitch's reports on the website and the Essex Chronicle.

Indoors

The indoor season never really promised too much with trips to South Africa, India, Dominican Republic, and the US meaning practice and availability was severely limited. It wasn't too much of a surprise, therefore, when every player at one time or another used an outdoor skill (the flip over the stick being the most common). However, the side did show at times their indoor potential. Luke Mepham scoring six against Yeovil being an obvious example. There were also impressive performances from Josh Mepham on debut. As always, the performances improved throughout the tournament, and the second half of their final game against Havant was won 7-3 (shame it was 5-1 down at half time). The side ended 6th, thus avoiding relegation, but ensuring they could not escape from their usual mid-table position.

The side should hope to build upon these performances for next year, when a longer pre-season and far better availability will hopefully see the side push for

promotion to the Premier League.

Ladies First XI Report

Janet Sutton

At the time of writing (07/02/05) the team are still 'gutted' from loosing out to Slough in the Semi-Final at Crystal Palace on Friday night.



Having won the Indoor Premier National League at The Royal Masonic

School in Rickmansworth, so convincingly, they were looking to retain the Higgins Finals Night Trophy and return to Europe in 2006. In front of a 'sellout crowd' including 50 or more Chelmsford supporters, they let Slough back into the game with 30 seconds to go and lost on penalty flicks.

HOWEVER - this is just a slight blip on the season so far :-

We went into the Christmas break topping the Premier League, by one point and have retained our position after getting League revenge over Slough (away) on Sunday. It is very close at the top of the table - with a gap forming between the top 6 and bottom 6 sides. Chelmsford, Ipswich, Slough, Leicester, Canterbury and Hightown are all in the running for the Super Cup Play-Offs at Guilford on 30th April - 2nd May. The Playoffs will be between the top 3 League teams and the Cup winners - or if the Cup winners are one of the teams in the top four of the League - it will be the top four teams in the League.

Our final League game is at home on 16th April - League rules state that all League games will start at noon and it could be crucial ! It will co-incide with Club Day so please help us win with your support.

Europe plans are coming together well :-

Details are posted on the Club website - thanks to Tufty & co.

Indoor is in Zurich 25th-27th February



Squad :-

Katy
Roberts,
Lynsey

Warren, Maria Merrigan, Lisa
Wooding, Cath Tyler, Becky
Alltree, Tracy Willmore, Lynn
Bollington, Chloe Rogers, Kirsty
Smith, Tracey Comber, Hayley
Heggie.

Managers - Bunny King & Les
Roberts

Coach - Karen Brown

First aider - Vicky Hutley

Outdoor is in Cologne 25th-28th March



Squad:- Katy

Roberts, Lynsey

Warren, Maria

Merrigan,Lisa

Wooding, Cath

Tyle, Becky Alltree, Tracy

Willmore, Vicky Hutley, Tammy

Nancoo, Lynn Bollington, Chloe

Rogers, Kirsty Smith, Tracey

Comber, Hayley Heggie, Emer

Harte, Patrina Brathwaite

Managers - Janet Sutton & Bunny

King

Coach - Karen Brown

Physio - Ash Wallace

The team have been fundraising, amongst their friends, family and work or uni-mates, as well as the successful cocktail evening at Chelmer Park, way back at the

start of the season, and the odd raffle after home matches. It is an expensive foray into Europe(twice within a month !) and each player is also 'finding' individually £200 each per trip. But we are all excited about representing England and CHELMSFORD HOCKEY CLUB, TWICE in one season and are pleased that so many spectators are joining us both in Zurich and Cologne.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED WITH OUR CAMPAIGN

and your support. In between times - Lisa Wooding and Chloe Rogers have been in South Africa with England: Julia Butterworth has been selected for England U18. Lisa, Bolly & Becky have been coaching the U18 Girls who qualified for the National Indoor Finals.

[Editor - As Janet has mentioned there is now an area on the Chelmsford HC website (www.chelmsfordhc.org.uk), **Europe 2005**, where you can view all of the information about the Ladies 1st XI trip(s) to Europe. Along with the many messages of encouragement that the 1st XI have already received and various photos from their preparations.

If you want to add to that list of encouragements please feel free to email the team at europe@chelmsfordhc.org.uk]

Men's Club Report

Adrian Tuff

It was a blistering start to the new season in terms of league positions and it seemed that only

time would tell and that all of the club sides would end up back in mid-table obscurity come the end of the season. Well I can safely say that the Men's side of Chelmsford Hockey Club havd "never had it so good".

With the 1st XI pulling some great results out of the bag, including the recent 2v1 win over 4th placed Surbiton, they are looking more the ever-assured Premier League team they aspire to be.

The 2nd XI are continuing their improvement under coach Nat Fulton and are now in contention at the right end of the table, looking for a top 3 finish, which woudl be an incredible acheivement for the region's premier 2nd XI team.

Despite the last minute selection nightmares that are (unfortunately) becoming more a problem this season, the 3rd XI (as you'll be able to read later) are having a dream season, not since the great Arsenal team of, err..., 2003/04 have a team gone unbeaten for the season. Alas it wasn't to be, a recent defeat at the hands of last year's nemesis team, Southend, put pay to their 100% winning record but a minor miracle would stop them from achieveing (some woudl say, a long overdue) promotion to Division 2S.

The rest of the club sides are in the correct part of their respective tables, the 4th XI are battling for promotion but a string of recent bad results may have put a dampener on their charge to the top, only time will tell.

The 5th and 6th XI's are doing themselves proud, with 3 teams promoted from their leagues promotion is a distin ct possiblty

for both teams. As I said, never have Chelmsford Hockey Club had it so good.

The Evergreens are having a mixed season, with a an almost full fixture list of friendlies they have travelled the fair distance from Ipswich to Berkhamstead and have recorded some resounding victories as well as some narrow losses.

The Vets have ben unable to recapture their form of past seasons and have suffered several very narrow defeats, even with the "veteran" David Kitchiner recently bolstering their ranks.

We have seen quite an influx of players this season and because of this we are beginning to float the idea of a 7th XI, friendly fixtures to start with with the possibility of entering a league if all goes well. If you are interested in captaining a potential 7th Xi then can you let me know. Thanks.

Enough from me, don't let me spoil the full reports below. It just leaves me to say that things are going well, at the moment and that if things continue to go well, at the end of the season we could have: retained Premier League Status, finished as the premier 2nd XI and in the top 3 teams in the region, promotions for the 3's, 4's, 5's and 6's.

Men's Team Reports

Royce Waters (Men's 2nd XI)

The Men's 2nd XI this year have undergone a few changes in both management and playing personnel. New signings include Richard Skilton and Jimmy Smith

and then those who rejoined this year Ben White, Adam 'Emu' Hunter and Philip Wilkinson.

After an unsettled start to our Prem A campaign we went on to form a closely knitted side that has had a 9 game winning streak this season. Victories include an away win against League leaders Ipswich (0-3) and a home win against long time rivals Crostyx (5-1). Both games meant a lot more than just three points as Ipswich hadn't lost up to that point and haven't dropped another point since and I personally have never beaten Crostyx before so to beat them in the way did was a real achievement for all involved.

It looks like we are going to finish the season in our highest ever League position and I believe this is largely thanks to our coach Natalie Fulton. Natalie has got us playing as a team and working for each other which is evident in the success we've had and will hopefully be seen in future results.

Thanks to all who have supported us so far and please continue to show your love for the Men's 2nd XI as we draw a close to the season.

Derek Gould (Men's 3rd XI)

The 3rd team this year has been all about spirit and fight. 15 wins from 15 games is not down to one person alone. What? Yes it is. I hear you say. Surely it can't all be down to the captain this year and his infamous "3 second rule". More about that later!

The magnificent achievement is down to an incredible team effort.

Let's look at the stats so far. A total of 28 players have had the honour of playing with the 3rd team this season. From those 28, we've had 17 of them scoring a grand total of 84 goals. That's 3 per player (if we'd all scored) and 5.6 goals per game.

There have been 4 goalkeepers attributing to the loss of 19 goals or should we be putting this down to the defenders? Either way, 19 goals have passed our goal tenders. Adrian Ericsson has the best record: 1 game, 1 clean sheet, 100%. Next up is Tim Briggs with 11 games, 11 goals and 3 clean sheets – 27%. Carl Wright comes in 3rd place with 2 games, 2 goals and 0 clean sheets – 0%, BUT last and by no means least is Gavin Spencer: Played 1, 6 goals and therefore, well and truly no clean sheets – 0%.

Gavin deserves a special section to himself this season, especially because he shouldn't even be mentioned at all [Note to Editor: Please ensure the circulation of this quality publication does not stretch to any other members of the Spencer family who are wholly unaware of his commitment to Chelmsford Hockey club]. Coming back from injury a few weeks earlier than even his fully qualified physiotherapist expected, Gavin took to the goalkeeper pads the week there was a keeper crisis. This happened to be our lovely day outing to Ramgarhia. Always a pleasure. Fortunately we managed to score one more than the 6 that passed Gavin. 90% of the team needed official clarification from the umpire as we thought it was a draw. I'm convinced that if it hadn't been for Gavin's heroics, the game could have had a different result.

There is simply no beginning to Gavin's talents. He's played left wing, right mid, left mid, centre mid, centre back, right back and in goals. He's even scored a goal that ended a 4 year drought. That puts him joint 11th top goal scorer. He's even said he'll get a date for the dinner dance and it's not Goody!!

The defence this season have been solid. Only 19 goals conceded in 15 games. At the centre of all that is Neil Stanhope. Last seasons Mr Utility is this seasons Rock. Playing sweeper, in his own unique way, Neil's managed to creep up and score 8 goals so far. Most, if not all, have come from short corners. The team has 5 basic moves. Neil's interpretation goes something like this: 1=1, 2=1, 3=1, 4=1 and 5=1 if the ball is stopped well. So, the stats for Neil look good until you look attempted versus successful aerials from the back. Even his own defence are now refusing to stop the ball a yard away from free hits!!

The other defenders in Duncan Feldman, Andy Simpson and Mr Discipline, Simon King have had an exceptional season so far.

The 3rd team and Chelmsford Hockey Club will be sorry to see Duncan depart before the end of the season. We wish him well on his adventure. I really hope him leaving is not down to me dropping him to the 4's.

Simmo missed the first couple of games of the season due to the wonderful Essex weather extending the farming season. As usual he slotted straight back into the left back role with the consistency we've come to expect over the (many) years. The big

question is – will the elusive goal appear this season?

Now for Simon King. Leading up to Xmas it was the usual dedicated, committed and hard tackling player defender that all oppositions love. However, after Xmas is a different story altogether. One game injured, one game back, 2 yellow cards, one game suspended, one unhappy player and it was all the umpires fault. And still no goals. I think as we have all been told "Must try harder!"

Our midfielders: Andy Neave, Rob Fordham and Simon Krone have been the regulars. The right and middle slots were amply filled by Jack Harmon from Felsted. He had a couple of excellent games and we hope that he will return to Chelmsford next season. Another of the notable contributions has come from Rob Hartley (2 games, 1 goal). If Rob continues to grow in stature and confidence in the 4's, there is no reason why Rob can't progress within the club.

Back to the regulars, starting with young Simon Krone. We were delighted when Simon chose to join the squad this season. Skilful, quick and dependable with 2 goals to his name so far. Simon has risen to the challenge of filling the captains' boots by playing left midfield for the majority of the season. If Simon could complete his game by releasing the right ball earlier, then I fear we will lose him to the 2's.

Rob Fordham has been his usual polite self with enough energy to outdo the Duracell bunnies. The amazing thing about Rob is his ability to congratulate the oppo

on tackling him and taking the ball round him. "Good skills" and "Well done" have been heard on many occasion. That's definitely not included as part of the "3 second rule". For periods of the game Rob is the most skilful player on the pitch. If he could only keep up the concentration for 70 minutes he would develop into a prominent player pushing for a promotion. 7 goals to his name this season.

Andy Neave. After being impressed with his summer league performance, we resurrected Andy from the Vets grave!! At centre midfield, he's played a big part in the season thus far. Fitness is being worked on with good attendance on a Wednesday night, but could do better. Now, I'm not insinuating anything here, but was it coincidence that we won 10-1 the first week that Andy was unavailable? With 5 goals so far, he is a worthy addition to the squad and NO Ralph, you can't have him back.

Now for the long list of forwards in no particular order: Adrian Tuff – 2 from 4 (he asked to be first!), Saket Trivedi 1 from 2, Rav Sangha, Lakh Sangha, Jimmy Smith 3 from 2, Adam Hunter 5 from 2, Matt Nicks 1 from 1, Will Stock 1 from 2, Richard Skilton, Fabian Bauverins-Adenauer 5 from 3, Sam Gibson 10 from 10, Phil Goode 21 from 11 and Derek Gould 10 from 14. Between us we have managed to score 58 of the 84 goals.

Will Stock and Matt Nicks have both stepped up to the 3's and it won't be long before they are securing a place within the squad.

It was a great help to the team to have the services of Jimmy, Emu, Skilts and Fabian for a few games this season. It certainly helped build the foundations for a very stable season. Tufty started the season in his familiar forward line role, still attempting to score from the impossible angle. Then an opportunity arose, that would allow Team Tuff to avoid the journey to Felixstowe and then the whole family seemed happy to live life at the 4th team pace. By his own admission he is enjoying knocking the goals in for the 4's and if his fitness training goes well, then who knows!

The regulars have been Gibson, Goode and Gould. The GGG's have amassed 41 goals between them with Goody claiming the 1 and the remaining half. Goody joined us later than usual this season after the 2's put him through his paces at the start of the season. It was 5 games before Goody could lift the shopping bags again and he managed just the one on his return. Since then, 3 hat tricks and it has been difficult to stop him scoring. I just hope it stops when he moves in with Gavin.

Gibbo got us off to the start we really needed by putting on an individual performance that lead to the teams' first 2 goals of the season and a 2-1 win over bitter rivals Braintree. Gibbo has definitely improved this season on a couple of counts. The socialising with umpires on the pitch has calmed down a lot and the skill level has increased. This has been proven with his recent stint of games with the 2nd team. Personally I'd rather he plays in the 3's, but that is purely selfish.

That only leaves one person to mention: Captain marvellous and his amazing "3 second rule" that has directly lead to 15 wins from 15 games. This is conclusive and is not up for debate, but for a small fee I can sell copies of the "3 second rule". I'll be at the bar, please don't be afraid to approach!! And, oh, by the way, I've scored 10 goals. That's joint 2nd top goal scorer – this is the real reason Gibbo is out the squad!!

I think I will leave it there and wish all the other teams all the best for the remainder of the season. Let's see how many teams we can get promoted this season.

Charlie Hingston (Men's 4th XI)

Considering the 4XI gained promotion last year I would have been happy to be sitting in mid table looking at a second season in division 5SE. As things stand, promotion is on the cards for a second season in succession. Some results since the Christmas break haven't gone our way but there are still 6 games to play. A win against Harlow who are currently second and if Harlow drop points in at least two games we could leave be in one of the two promotion spots.

Andy Smith (Men's 5th XI)

P 15 W 10 D 3 L 2 GF 57
GA 27 GD 30 Pts 33

A fantastic start to the season saw the men's 5th's out in front in the first half of the pre-Christmas break. We had hit a rich vein of goal scoring and were proving too much for any of the teams we were meeting, going nine matches

without defeat. As the Christmas break loomed, we seemed to lose the pace a bit, losing two games and scraping a draw together for the final match which saw us dropped out of the top slot. We still remained well placed in the division as we prepared to do battle with enormous amounts of food and alcohol.

The second half of the season has seen us return to our previous winning form with two wins out of two so far, despite only managing to get 10 men on the field for one of those matches. It's possible that the wins haven't been quite so convincing as our early run as the long break has taken the edge of both fitness and teamwork. Things can only improve in both respects as the season continues.

We're currently sitting in third place, five points off the top, and three points clear of fourth. We've got a good side this year when we all work together. Let's see if we can pick up the pace again, regain our early form and storm through the rest of the season.

Tim Burrows (Men's 6th XI)

P 15 W 11 D 1 L 32 GF 49
GA 28 GD 21 Pts 34

At the time of writing, we are second (on goal difference) in the table (9SE), to Waltham Forest. Well done to us.

The side has changed in composition this year with a resultant (considerable) reduction in average age; good to see. All of the younger element have played their part in this season's success with hard work and a few goals also. The younger age

profile does, however, bring its practical problems from time to time in that, for away matches, not only must we check that we've got the right number of players but also how many of them are drivers!

We expect that, in time, 2 or 3 of our present young will grace the Club's higher teams and we'll be able to say 'The 6th XI taught him everything he knows, you know!'.

e.g. Ed Klaber, who started the season with us, is now with the 4's.

Our 'experienced' members, of course, are an inspiration to the new boys with their calm (quite often static!) approach to the game and motivational encouragement I've often heard the lads saying in the bar afterwards 'I certainly wouldn't have played as well today if that old git up the back (....or was it 'that chap I respect so much who must have been quite good 30 years ago'??) hadn't shouted at me throughout the game!'

Tom Burrows has been our most prolific scorer again this season, with 35 to date and he played in goal for one of the games! Others have weighed in with contributions (Nigel Hunt 1, Tim Fox 3, Richard Carter 4, Jack Moss 2, Dan Burch 1) but it is a feature of the 6's play that the whole team plays for each other and no-one ever gives up; the goalscorers are always remembered but everyone, including goalkeeper, are regarded as assistants in the scoring and more particularly, the winning, processes.

Goalie's, we've seen a few this season, including Sam Eastoe, Anthea Hunter, David Binns, Marc van Dam and Tom Burrows, but James Stock has of late been our regular keeper and he is dominating his area in more confident manner (to go with his quick reflexes) which brings confidence to our back 4.

Discipline has never been a particular problem in the 6's but we had a period, a few games back, when certain of us picked up some greens and yellows (2 of the green to one person in the same game!). Such behaviour (mostly down to 'lip') distracts from the work in hand and must not be repeated if we are to stay at the top of our league.

Well done to everyone, including our occasionals (e.g. Robert Chalkley from the US, Martin Southwell from the E's, Richard Parker from the 5's) and thanks to Richard Poulter for turning out to umpire on a regular basis.

Thanks also to our small band of supporters, Mark, Ben (when the girls aren't playing!), wives, fathers, mothers, girlfriends etc such a crowd perhaps we should charge admission!

Fred Matthews (Evergreens)

The Evergreens continue to have one of their best seasons for some time, all players contributing both on and off the pitch. Since the last newsletter we have only lost once (to Harleston who were on average 15 – 20 Years younger).

Age is not always the criteria as for example when we played Harlow, a side comprising over half of their Men's 1's were beaten comprehensively 8 – 3

with some superb hockey from the Evergreens negating their greater pace.

We look forward to completing the season in the same style showing a competitive edge on the pitch and a friendly social mix off it.

The Evergreens are hoping to organise an end of season tournament on April 23rd with 2 or 3 other Vets sides to keep us occupied before the end of season Ball. Any players from other sides of an appropriate age would be welcome to join us or perhaps make a second Chelmsford side.

Ralph Thomas (Vets)

Player shortage has continued but some spirited performances with 10 men, such as losing 5-3 at Milton Keynes and 2-1 at Bury, have been punctuated with a full team and wins over Cambs City 5-1, Crostyx 3-1 and Colchester 5-0.

We were pleased to have youngster, David Kitchiner, for two matches, scoring with a thunderous shot in a tough contest against Harleston.

Crawford McKee has excelled in goal while David Fox has been improving with every game, relishing the opportunity to outsprint right wingers.

The team has presented the Captain with a current Club tracksuit; this replaces his 1979 version, the sight of which had been provoking severe nostalgia amongst older members and suggestions of a whip-round by others. Thanks, mates.

Ladies Club Report

Jenny Stonebank

With the second half of the season now in full flow it seems a good time to reflect on how things have gone so far.

The 1st XI have maintained their strong start to the season and are still riding high in the top flight National League. It is going to be a very busy second half to the season. They start with the defence of their indoor title in January before resuming their outdoor games. They will also be keeping an eye on the forthcoming European Indoor and Outdoor finals they have qualified for and which are to be held on the weekends of the 26th February and 26th March respectively. As you can appreciate this will involve a lot of personal and financial sacrifice for players and those involved to ensure that the club are well represented whether in an outdoor league game or abroad.

I am so pleased for the 2nd XI, not only did they bounce straight back into the East premiership this season but they have been a force to be reckoned with. They are currently lying in 4th place in the league.

The 3rd XI too are currently riding high and top Essex division one, 3 points above Havering with a game in hand. The side have been fairly settled this season and this has contributed to good team spirit.

The Ladies 4th XI have picked themselves up following relegation last season and a bad start to the current season. They are currently 5th in Essex division

two. The youngsters within the team are all playing well backed by some strong performances by senior players.

Last but not least, Helen Alexander has been a brick and taken on the captaincy of the 5th XI. She has a difficult task with the team only having gained 1 point so far this season. We have been able to introduce new members of the youth to senior hockey and this has been a good experience for them. The team have put together some good performances and their league position does not give them credit for this.

With extremely experienced coaches in place for all XI's, the 1st and 2nd XI on a Tuesday night and the rest of the club on a Wednesday, it is important that we make good use not only of the waterbase (no training fees) but the fantastic coaching opportunities available. It is sad to hear that only 7/8 people from the 3rd XI down turn out to training. It is something that will need to be discussed at committee to see how we go forward for next season. If you don't train do you think you should automatically be considered for selection over someone who does? If you can make any suggestions to make training more appealing / accessible please let me know.

I would like to thank all the captains, coaches and managers for the tremendous job they do in sorting out teams week in week out. Also many thanks to all the umpires who we have begged, borrowed and stolen so far this season.

Finally it just leaves me to wish everyone an enjoyable second half of the season and may we continue with the success we have reaped so far.

Ladies Team Reports

Claire Penketh (Ladies 2nd XI)

P 16 W 10 D 0 L 6 GF 39
GA 26 Pts 30

This season continues to be a successful one for the Ladies 2XI, currently sitting in fourth position in East Premier having only come back up into this division at the beginning of this season. We have been playing some very good hockey and with a great team spirit we continue to keep the form we showed in the earlier half of the season.

Congratulations to Julia Butterworth for being selected for the England U18 squad and well done to our leading goal scorer at this point in the season - Emma Cockerill, although she is being very closely chased by Kat Letts so watch this space! It is unlikely we'll catch third place in our remaining games as we are 10 points behind, similarly we are 10 points ahead of fifth place so it looks like we are destined to finish in fourth place at the end of the season. Thanks to all the people that have played for me so far this season – there have been many, and lets hope the good form continues to the end of the season.

Helen Fagg (Ladies 3rd XI)

Since the start of the new year, the Chelmsford Ladies 3rd team have maintained the top spot of

the Essex division one with some dominant wins. The month of January saw them win all four of their matches and concede only three goals. This continues a winning streak of 7 games in a row and puts them six points ahead with a game in hand.

Currently, the Ladies 3rd team are the most successful team in the club having won all but two of their matches and are looking for promotion at the end of the season.

These results have been down to a combination of a strong defence, consistent goal scorers and a creative midfield. Helena Roberts has been the highest goal scorer for the 3's this season, on a tally of 10 so far, with more to come I expect. Sophie Maxey, Sarah Sturgeon and Charlotte Roberts are not far behind, scoring some great goals between them. Helena is also joint first with Sarah Sturgeon and Helen Fagg for the player of the match tally. One of the reasons for their success is the captain, Sally Symes, who has led and organised the team brilliantly, also putting in some consistently good performances. This has produced a great team spirit within the squad and if there are similar performances to come from the 3's, I am sure they will be playing in the Essex Premier Division next season.

Jenny Stonebank (Ladies 4th XI)

The 4th XI have continued to consolidate their position just in the top half of Essex league division 2. The second half of the season so far has seen them take on three of the top four teams. They didn't deserve to lose either of the first 2 games played and were finally rewarded with an

excellent 4-2 win against top of the table Wapping. The game was played in a cup final atmosphere. Chelmsford went 2-0 ahead through goals from Emma Gibbens and Jo Eager with Wapping leveling the score by half time. Chelmsford maintained their discipline and team work in the second half and were rewarded with 2 further goals from Jo.

Next the 4's travelled to Essex Uni who are just below them in the table. It was a game of two halves with Essex Uni pulling back our first half 2 goal lead to leave the final result honours even.

The team are benefiting, after a difficult season last year, from a reasonably settled side with a good blend of experienced seniors mixed with some very talented up and coming youth players.

Helen Alexander (Ladies 5th XI)

When Tufty first sent the email round asking for articles about the teams I wasn't sure what to write but after this weekend it turns out that his request couldn't have come at a better time.

The start of the season was not the ideal one – after cancelling the first 3 games we didn't even know if the 5 XI would continue but, with the support of so many club members and spectators, we've managed to come through to finally win our first game, beating Thurrock 1 – 0 at home on Saturday 12th February.

I've only been at CHC for one year and was extremely nervous about taking on the captaincy of the 5 XI back in October – I wondered how I would find the

11 players needed each week, and if people would keep playing when it became clear that we seemed very comfortable at the bottom of Division 3! However, the support from the other teams and players and their families has been fantastic. Yes, we are at the bottom of the table, but somebody has to be. The team spirit and general morale is what has kept us going. When we played Harlow in October we were terrible – we let them intimidate us and barely managed to keep them to the low 2 – 0 win that they achieved that day. Yet when they came to Chelmer Park on the 5th February we were like a different team and they miserably went home with a 0 – 0 draw. Our enthusiasm has grown as has our teamwork. We are a relatively young team, with many youth players among our ranks, and their consistent enthusiasm and refusing to let the opposition intimidate them has been amazing. They've grown in confidence and the team has got stronger and stronger. There's no doubt that we will be relegated next season but I'm just so pleased that we have stuck together and managed to come this far. I still wonder if we'll manage to get a team out next week but with my barmy 5s behind me I'm sure that won't be too much of a problem! I think it's safe to say that we've all enjoyed playing this year, and I hope we can now look to a few more wins and a few more points to our name.

Indoor Hockey

Men's Club Indoor

Simon King

For our first season in Div 1 I felt that finishing mid table was a reasonable result, however when Chelmsford put their mind to it we can beat the best the division has to offer.

Played 8, won 4, lost 4, goals for 40, goals against 38 and finished 5th. My thanks go out the to all that turned out, spectators and players. I hope next season we can start as we mean to go on and win the league, it was unfortunate that we had Crostyx in our first game as this was a rude awakening to the new season.

If there is anyone out there who is interested in playing indoor

hockey at a good standard then make yourself known to either Simon King, Derek Gould or Tuffy.

Mixed Hockey

Emma Cockerill

Played 4, Won 2, Lost 1, Drawn 1

The mixed team has fielded a wide range of players from Mens and Ladies first team players to 4th and 5th team players this season. We made a good start to the Essex Mixed league, winning the opening two matches 9-0 and 8-1. Phil Goode, George Speakman and Adrian Tuff have all been knocking in goals but we stopped counting how many after the first couple of matches!

Unfortunately, we did not fair so well against Havering, where a team, most of whom were horrifically hungover following a club night out on Saturday evening, were unlucky to be beaten 5-3.

Since the Christmas break the two first teams' indoor commitments have really taken a toll on the mixed squad with many regular players being unavailable for matches. As a result an under-staffed team drew 2-2 with ODFs and we were unable to field a side for the National Mixed Cup.

We have two more league matches, with one being on Sunday and we will have to wait for results elsewhere to confirm whether or not we win the league!

End-of-Season Dinners

Ladies Night

Friday 1st April

7.30pm till late, Chelmer Park

Including:
Three Course Meal
Guest Speakers
Annual Awards

£15 per ticket



Smart dress required

Men's Annual Dinner

Friday 8th April

7.30pm for 8pm till late, Chelmer Park

Including:
Three Course Meal
Guest Speakers
The Chairman's Red Jacket...

£25 per ticket

Jacket and Centenary Tie

Please see you captain for further details,
or **Jenny Stonebank** (Ladies Night) and **Spencer Wilcox** (Men's Annual Dinner).

Forthcoming Events

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th February 2005 - **European Indoor Tournament (Ladies 1st XI)**

Venue :- HC Rotweiss Wettingen, Sportstr. 11, 5430 Wettingen, Switzerland

Pools :-

A	B
Ara La Gantiose (BEL)	Chelmsford HC (ENG)
Maryino Moscow (RUS)	Club de Campo (ESP)
HC Rotweiss Wettingen (SUI)	Valhalla LHC (SWE)
HK Zrinjevac (CRO)	GDS Cascais (POR)

Travel :- Team LHR /ZRH Thursday 09.10hrs – return ZRH/LHR Sunday 20.15hrs

Players:- Named squad in January of 18 (inc. 3 goalkeepers)
Named squad at Tournament of 12 (inc. 2 goalkeepers)

Friday 25th March – Monday 28th March 2005 - **European Outdoor Tournament (Ladies 1st XI)**

Venue :- KHTC Stadion Rot-Weiss Kln, Olympiaweg, 50933 Kln, Germany

Pools :-

A	B
Amsterdam HC (NED)	Chelmsford HC (ENG)
KHTC Rot-Weiss (GER)	Glasgow Western (SCOT)
CPCS Moscow Prada (RUS)	Dinamo Sumcharka (UKR)
Cambrai HC (FRA)	La Gantoise HC (BEL)

Travel :- By coach / ferry
Leave CP Wednesday 23rd March 18.00 hrs – TBC
Return Monday 28th March evening

Players:- Named squad in January of 24 players (inc. 3 goalkeepers)
Named squad at Tournament of 18 players (inc.2 gk's) of which 16 players to be named for each match

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE LADIES 1ST XI TRIPS TO EUROPE, PLEASE VISIT THE CHELMSFORD HC WEBSITE (www.chelmsfordhc.org.uk) AND CLICK ON EUROPE 2005.

Friday 1st April 2005 - **Ladies Night** and Awards @ Chelmer Park (7.30pm), Price £15
See Team Captains for further details.

Friday 8th April 2005 - **Men's Annual Dinner** @ Chelmer Park (7.30pm for 8pm), Price £25
See Spencer or Team Captains for further details

Saturday 16th April 2005 - **Club Day** at Chelmer Park
Also come to cheer on the Ladies 1st XI at 2pm in their final league game.

Saturday 23rd April 2005 - **Dinner Dance** at Furze Hill (7pm), Price £35
See Lisa Crane, Anthea Hunter or Ben Farmer for details (or see advert)

Monday 23rd May 2005 - **Golf Day**, Channels Golf Club (see advert)

Friday 24th June 2005 - **Hockey Club AGM** @ Chelmer Park (8pm)

Golf Day Advert

CHELMSFORD HOCKEY CLUB



MONDAY 23rd MAY 2005

CHANNELS GOLF CLUB
LITTLE WALTHAM, CHELMSFORD

Cost. - Approximately £60 (same as the past two years) for the day that will include coffee on arrival, lunch and evening meal. Two rounds of golf over 27 holes.

All profits will go to the Club.

To ensure your place or that of your team, would you please contact or submit an entry form which can be found in all issues of the Clubs Newsletter or behind the bar, to either Ben or Ursula without delay.

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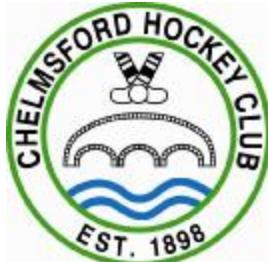
Chelmsford Hockey Club Dinner Dance



Saturday 23rd April 2005

7.00pm-1.00am

Furze Hill, Margaretting



Chelmsford Hockey Club requests the pleasure of your company at its 2005 Dinner Dance. The evening will include a three-course meal, live band, fundraising raffle and of course some drinking and dancing!

Tickets are priced at £40 per person (inclusive of fundraising for the club) and will be available from Anthea Hunter and Lisa Crane from Saturday 29th January. We will be operating a first come, first served basis and will require payment up front, so are unable to reserve tickets.

Alternatively, complete the section below and send with payment to:

Lisa Crane
4 Rosebay Avenue
Billericay
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Lisa_crane@uk.cohnwolfe.com

Dress: Black tie

Guests and partners welcome

For more details please see Anthea, Lisa or Ben Farmer

Name Contact Number

Number of tickets required

Names of all guests

Amount Enclosed

All cheques should be made payable to Chelmsford Hockey Club

Fundraising - 500 Club

Peter Woodward

I have recently written to all those people who supported the Club during our fund-raising for the new project, to ask if they would continue supporting by taking out membership to the 500 Plus Club. The response has been quite encouraging so far. BUT, as usual, it is the same people who took out covenants and donated sums of money, who carry on support. By Christmas, I would like to have " 300 " Members!

Why can't every club member, young or old, join up? It costs an equivalent of 1/2 pint of beer a week or a coke and a mars bar. PLUS, you have a chance to win large cash prizes.

There is a standing order mandate at the back of this newsletter.

We are about to have our 40th Draw, since I took over and we have given out, in the region of £14,000 !!

Not to be sniffed at!

Have your friends and relatives joined yet?

JOIN UP NOW

Latest 500 Club Draw Results

Peter Woodward

November 2004 213 qualifying members

Prize	%	Amount	"Winners"
1st Prize	12%	£127.80	Olive Nicks
2nd Prize	8%	£85.20	Andrew Kennedy
3rd Prize	4%	£42.60	Mrs S.J. Scott
4th Prize	2%	£21.30	Ken Lochead, SK & J Thomson, Mrs G. Nicks, Alan Ball, Rob & Sue Dewar, Janet Sutton
Quarterly Bonus (10%)		£106.50	Bill Greenwood

December 2004 220 qualifying members

Prize	%	Amount	"Winners"
1st Prize	12%	£132.00	Lynn Bollington
2nd Prize	8%	£88.00	Mr M Butterworth
3rd Prize	4%	£44.00	Katie Roberts
4th Prize	2%	£22.00	M Lomas, K Carr, D Carr, Matthew Nicks, Mr C Vigrass, David Wallbank

Fundraising - Fantasy Hockey

After a promising start I'm afraid to say that the Fantasy Hockey League wasn't launched this season after all. Maybe it will be back next year.

Letters to the Editors

If you have any burning issues that you feel you want to convey to the rest of the club and/or management officials, but do not know the best way to do it, why not write a Letter to the Editors?

All letters will be treated with the utmost importance and in the strictest of confidence (if necessary!).



We are awaiting your input.

Feedback

Along with any Letters to the Editors that you feel you may want to write, now that you've had a chance to read it through, do you have any ideas concerning the Newsletter? All feedback gratefully received.

You can either accost one of the Editors in the clubhouse, email them your ideas (email addresses are on the first page) or snail mail your ideas to the Tuffs:

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Golf Day Entry Form

CHELMSFORD HOCKEY CLUB

GOLF DAY - MONDAY 23rd MAY 2005

CHANNELS GOLF CLUB, LITTLE WALTHAM, CHELMSFORD

Programme

Coffee on arrival 9.00am followed by - 9 Holes - *Belsteads Course* – Texas Scramble, Team Prize

Lunch 12.30pm followed by -18 Holes – *Channels Course* – Stableford, Individual & Team Prize
+ Longest Drive & Nearest the Pin.

Three Course Dinner, (Gentlemen jacket & tie please) followed by an award ceremony and raffle.

Cost approximately £60 pp. This will depend a lot on the number of entrants and the deal we can make. Sponsorship of prizes would be appreciated.

Remember this is a fund raising event with all profits going to the Club.

CHELMSFORD HOCKEY CLUB

GOLF DAY – MONDAY 23rd MAY 2005

CHANNELS GOLF CLUB, LITTLE WALTHAM, CHELMSFORD

ENTRY FORM

The organisers need to know the number of competitors by the 7th May 2005. Please submit this form with your team or phone either Ben or Ursula

Name: Handicap:

Name: Handicap:

Name: Handicap:

Name: Handicap:

Please enter my name or team for the above Golf day.

Signed:

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e-mail: ursula@uheelis.freeserve.co.uk

A deposit of £20 per player with your entry form will be required by the end of March

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The sum of £.....

Amount in words.....
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Signature (s).....

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Date.....

Please return the form to: -

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You may copy this to pass on to other prospective members.