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# Chelmsford HC

## NEWSLETTER

## Welcome

### Editors

With the season behind us we can reflect on what has taken place. On the pitch the results speak for themselves, both the Men's and Ladies have produced excellent performances and can look forward to strong competition in 2005/06. More of the finer points of these successes can be read in the respective team's reports.

A number of members must be thanked for their expertise and the time they have given throughout the season and beyond, in providing support for events to give the Club much wanted revenue from our facilities.

Another successful golf day was held recently and you can read an account of the day in this Newsletter. The Youth were very active and still attract very promising children on coaching days and their results have been pleasing. In early May, 50 Youth players aged 13 to 18 travelled to Zevenbergen for two exhausting days of hockey, coming away with the trophy. Tour rules forbid the editors from reporting anything further.

The next big event is our AGM,

on the 24<sup>th</sup> June, please attend and support your hard working committee and take an active part in running your Club.

### Last Minute News (Tufty)

I have just learnt that David (affectionately referred to as Mr 'W'!) will be stepping down as Sports Club Chairman, a position he has held (amongst others) for 14 years, as well as editor of this newsletter. If I can be the first to say a big thankyou to David for his efforts, both as Sports Club Chairman and as Newsletter editor, and that in you new spare time you enjoy the use of your free bus pass more!! Thanks.

## Chairman's Chatter

### Nigel King

So you thought the Season was over ..... !! A number of stalwarts on and off the pitch have continued and although the winter hockey has finished, summer leagues have started. Also, we have hosted some National Hockey events, all part of the growing importance and reputation of your club in the country.

In fact, one club stalwart was overheard to say "and when does

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the close season start ?!"

What a season though, but I shan't say any more now – come to the AGM and find out.

## Secretary's Corner

*Spencer Wilcox*

Almost unbelievably, another season is over and a busy one it has been with activity for some continuing beyond the last games:

- the summer hockey league has started at Chelmer. If you want to play speak to Simon King about the 1<sup>st</sup>s; and to Richard Ross, the 2<sup>nd</sup>s
- we hosted the national schoolboys finals and the Vintage Veterans tournament in May. Both added to the club's organisational reputation thanks to everyone who gave some of their time to help. Next year I'm confident that England Hockey will offer us one or more significant events
- the 1<sup>st</sup> XI's are having a well earned rest but will be cranking up for pre-season training in July
- arrangements are being made to ensure that our new kit supplier, Kukri, is ready for the start of next season - more details are on the web site

The next big event is the AGM which is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. We will again hold it in the tea rooms so that the cricket club's youth section can have an uninterrupted evening. The bar will be open before and afterwards. Please make every attempt to attend - it

really is very important. Details are in the newsletter but a notice is also coming out over the email and by post to those of you not on email. We also need more people to do off the field jobs - so if you want to help, or you fancy a crack at one of the posts that should be elected at the AGM, please contact me.

Finally a perennial plea - if you are moving over the summer, getting new phone numbers or changing your email please let me know: [spencer@wilcox51.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:spencer@wilcox51.fsnet.co.uk)

## Sponsorship

*David Lines*

First of all, I am delighted to tell you that Edmund Carr, the leading local firm of Chartered Accountants based in London Road, has agreed a generous five year sponsorship deal with the Club. A formal announcement and an accompanying media event will occur later in the summer, along with the presentation of their cheque.

Their name and contact information will appear on advertising boards on the Waterbase pitch, as well as in the match programmes and other locations. In short, Edmund Carr will become part of the very fabric of the Club.

It is hoped that members, whether individuals or those running businesses, will look seriously at the excellent services offered by Edmund Carr, an established and highly-respected firm, and reciprocate in kind for the very generous support that they are showing to us by using those services over the coming years.

It also a pleasure to announce that the Kukri sponsorship of our 1<sup>st</sup> team squad's kit is well under way, with the initial order being put in place right now. Kukri are supplying the home and away strip for the teams, as well other items like the goalkeepers' bags. The benefit to all Club members is the provision of playing kit and very smart, high quality leisure wear at prices much cheaper than available at normal retail outlets.



Elsewhere, we continue to market the Club for sponsorship purposes and hope to have further good news for you from other potential sponsors. Having taken a 'stepped' approach to marketing Chelmsford Hockey Club, first by direct-mailing all club members, then by using targeted and general mailings to companies in the Chelmsford area, we are now entering the third stage, by approaching national organisations with a revamped version of the full brochure and sponsoriip tariff.

In addition, next season, the Club is looking to introduce an idea borrowed from other senior EHL clubs, that of the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad members arranging for an individual sponsor themselves, with the proceeds going into club funds. The sponsor's name will appear alongside the player's pen portrait in match programmes, as well as enjoying other benefits yet to be decided. By spreading the responsibility amongst 40 or so people, but keeping the individual targets relatively modest, we feel there is a better chance of achieving our overall target for sponsorship. Even so, this initiative will only contribute

25% or so of what we are aiming to raise on an annual basis in the long term for the whole club.



Once again, if anyone has any leads or can think of any leads to individuals or to companies who would be interested in any type of sponsorship, please get in touch with me on [sponsorship@chelmsfordhc.org.uk](mailto:sponsorship@chelmsfordhc.org.uk)

or 01255 852423 and we can arrange the rest. Do remember that every bit of help we can get is vital for the Club and all its members, so please don't hesitate.

## Marketing and Publicity

*David Lines*

I hope you will agree that the 2004/2005 season was the best ever for the Club, not only on the pitch, but also off the pitch, in terms of the media exposure that it enjoyed. From TV reports and radio interviews to regular features in the local newspapers to articles in the hockey media, the tireless work engineered by Helen McDonnell, with the usual superb contribution of match reports from Lynn Bollington and David Kitchiner, has reaped many dividends for the Club.

Contrary to what some people might think, public relations is a core component of a successful club like Chelmsford (and this season has proved how well it works). Of course, you need the results on the field and you need a solid groundswell of support from

the members. Without that, very little is possible. However, that is the beginning of a 'beneficial circle' where success attracts media interest (and that has to be fought for, in contest with other clubs and other sports), which, in turn, attracts sponsorship interest. The final turn of the circle then sees financial benefits flowing back to the Club and its members to maintain or even improve the top class facilities it enjoys and to help engender even more success on the pitch (through, say, the availability of coaches throughout the Club, not just for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams).

We have already seen the signs of this working, and working very well indeed. There are already benefits there which are tangible to very many members, and using the momentum already in place, we, collectively, can maintain and increase them. To this end, we are proposing to organise a 'media events' diary. This will not only include things like the expected EHL fixture list, but we also want to incorporate other newsworthy events, like players representing their regions or their countries, or umpires and coaches gaining higher recognition, or teams performing well within their own league.

For all this, we need to have information well in advance of all likely events where a Chelmsford team or a Chelmsford member is or may be involved. This means from junior levels to top internationals - everything that involves success of one sort or another is potentially a media story that can benefit the Club as a whole, as well as reflecting the individual's or team's success. While we expect to continue 'reactive' reporting (match scores

and results), the anticipation of events to come, the build-up, the occurrence and the aftermath ensures that the name of Chelmsford Hockey Club remains consistently in the forefront of local and regional sports news. As already mentioned, this has significant sponsorship benefits, but also it helps the recruitment of new players (at all ability levels and ages) as well as underpinning our ability to run regional, national and international tournaments, with all the kudos and revenue that accrues from that as well.

Accordingly, in the not too distant future, every sector of the Club and many members will receive a request to supply key calendar dates which are relevant to them in the coming season. By doing so, a whole series of articles and publicity events can then be planned, offering a variety of items which will be of interest to either local, regional and/or national press. It entails a lot of hard work (and will stand or fall on the level of support received from within the Club), but the all-round benefits will make it very much worthwhile. While the Ladies 1st team enjoyed much of the limelight last season (for quite understandable and deserved reasons), it is hoped that we can increase the glow of publicity around other parts of the Club, so that as many as possible have an opportunity to be seen and noted as being a significant contributor to the success of Chelmsford Hockey Club. Please, where you can, give this your whole-hearted support.

## Youth Report

*Judith Krone*

Many will be unaware of the large (100+) and active youth section that plays hockey under the banner of Chelmsford Hockey Club.

On Sunday mornings children from the age of 5 to 13 (year 1-year 8) train under the watchful eyes of volunteer coaches and are taught the game of hockey. Playing the mini version – 7 aside on half a pitch – they train and play in the White Knights league. This a league covering Essex which allows mixed U9, under 11 boys and girls and under 13 boys and girls to regularly play other clubs and the results are compiled over the season. Chelmsford came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and we able to follow the ethos of the league by trying to ensure that all members were given the opportunity of playing whatever their experience.

The teams entered a number of tournaments. Our under 11 and under 13 girls both came runners up in the Essex Minis Competition, the under 13 girls came runners up and the under 11 girls won the Old Loughts May day tournament and the club came second across all the age groups at the White League Festival. The under 13 girls tried indoor hockey and won the Stortford College competition.

At the age of 9 children can trial for the Essex teams, first joining the Development squads and then the actual teams. Many of our players have been successful in this and some of the girls have already attended East

development camps-the next level up.

The most important aspect of this work is that the children enjoy their sport, feel as though they are getting better and they have an opportunity to make friendships that will endure for many years. The work can only happen because there a number of mad adults that are prepared to turn up week after week early on a Sunday morning and I would like to thank Rosie, Hil, Ed, Keith, Bob, Simon, Trudi, Chris, Roger, Kit, Nigel, Mervyn, Karen, Andy, Simon and a host of co-opted parents in help with the little ones.



The other part of life for the mini is the clubhouse where we serve the famous bacon roll.

We have a number of stalwarts that turn up weekly, to prepare the refreshments which is a significant source of income to the club and my thanks go to Hilary, Mary and Sue for this – we now need some more helpers as Mary and Sue have hung up their aprons!

Having reached the grand age of 13 going on 14, the youngsters move on to the 11 aside game and train midweek. The boys take part in the Mercian League-U14, U16 and U18 as well as the Hockey Association Cup. With the local senior schools not really active in playing hockey, with the pull of football and rugby, we struggle to put out full sides of the right age group. Notwithstanding that, the U16 boys qualified for the

Mercian League playoffs – effectively a national quarter final and the under 18 boys put on an amazing display in the cup when they comprehensively took Ipswich apart – it was a joy to watch! The level of skill and speed that these boys can play at is great to watch - please take the chance to come and watch next season.

Again these matches and training only take place because of volunteers and we are so grateful to Royce, Liz and David for all their help. Also to Natalie Fulton in her role as Director of Coaching who had such an impact. We are looking particularly for someone who can coach the U18's at matches and maybe put the odd training session together – can you help?

The girls do not yet have the advantage of leagues and the only real competitions are the U15 and U18 Hockey cup and U16 and U18 indoor hockey. However the U15's had a good run and played a couple of friendly matches. The under 18's ended their season late having qualified for the National Hockey Cup plate finals and came so close – losing on flicks. In the indoors both teams teams got through to East representing Essex and the U18's went on the National Finals. The results were perhaps a little disappointing but an amazing achievement nevertheless. Thanks go to Sally, Hil, Chris and Alan for all their efforts.

A number of these older young players have represented Essex, some playing in National finals and winning! Some have gone onto to play for East and two went to England Trials – Julia Butterworth was selected.



We have continued to follow international friendships with a visit by the U14's to U18's to Zevenbergen, Holland. The trip organised by Philippa, Thelma. Sue and a host of others was a tremendous success and everyone enjoyed themselves and came home safely. The under 13 girls hosted a team from Arnheim, Holland and are now looking forward to a return visit later this year.

The youth section is initially overseen by a committee. Sue Dewar has for a number of year sorted out all aspects of membership with an amazing efficiency. She now feels she has done her time and I look like to record formally our thanks for all she has done. Andy Roberts must be one of the best event organisers I know-we now have an enviable reputation in the county. Liz Nourse deals with all the paperwork and Bob, Elizabeth, Hilary and Carol keep getting involved and roped in for everything and anything! Thanks also go the main club for all their support.

Looking forward is exciting. Mervyn is setting up an indoor competition for under 9's which he is hoping to develop into something much bigger. There is talk of a league for U15 girls and whatever happens we plan to arrange at least one match a month for them. We have great hopes for all the teams both locally and nationally and are committed to continue to encourage their development as players and as team members. We are looking to particularly encourage boys to join and if you would like to be involved in any way – please do say.

## Bar Burlblings

*Nigel King*

Ian Hunter and myself consider the season to be only good on the bar front. We only just got to our self-imposed target turnover figure. It does make you think what might have been if there was more social activity during the season ..... hint, anyone out there like to try their hand at co-ordinating the social activities ?? Looking at the annual figures, despite all the expenditure on bar refurbishment and other clubhouse improvements, cash in the bank is £ 60 less than this time last year. Can't be bad !!

Thanks for your support, helpers and users alike, here's to next season .....

## Chelmsford Sports Club

*David Wallbank*

The past year has seen some notably improvements to the clubhouse, the new bar has received enormous praise from not only club members but visitors as well. This could not have been achieved without the efforts put in by the respective Bar Stewards. New hand dryers have been installed in both cloakrooms and it will be interesting to see how they are received by users. New chairs and tables have been purchased and have given the Clubhouse what I think to be a very interesting new look. These should serve

members for many years and give more scope for meetings, dining and general Clubhouse recreation.

As part of new legislation, the police have passed the responsibility of liquor licensing onto local councils. To this end we have produced a very comprehensive Rules and Constitution and submitted an application to Chelmsford Borough Council for a new licence.

I would like to thank those committee members who have put in many hours, undertaking their own individual tasks.

## Breaking News - Chelmsford duo win Gold in Korea

*Janet Sutton*



Many congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain Lisa Wooding and Chloe Rogers who won their first Gold Medals in a major tournament playing for the England Women's Team in the prestigious KT Cup in Korea today.

In a thrilling "Final" to this week long tournament England faced host nation Korea a side ranked above them in the Sahara World Hockey Team Standings. But England matched the Koreans both tactically and technically and despite going a goal down maintained their discipline and Chloe Rogers persistence was rewarded as she robbed a Korean

defender of the ball to set up the equaliser. A second goal followed just four minutes later and a pin point drag flick moments later sealed victory for this young group of England players.



Commenting after the match, England Coach Danny Kerry said: “Today we won through some basic human qualities – desire, passion and playing for each other. It was fantastic to be part of this”.

Despite Lisa and Chloe’s combined tally of 23 caps neither player had ever competed in a major tournament for the England Womens’ Senior squad so the 14 hour flight to the Korean capital of Seoul crossing eight different time zones was well worth while.

The 18 strong squad who also remained undefeated against China ranked fourth in the world, India, Malaysia and Ireland had the added inspiration of playing in the Songnam Stadium where the Great Britain men’s side won their coveted Olympic Gold Medal in 1988.

This was Lisa’s second trip back to Seoul having represented England back in 1997 in the World Cup where they finished eighth and she said after the match:

“This was an incredible team performance. We weren’t sure what to expect from the Asian Teams because they are so strong but we matched them in terms of the physical tempo, stamina, technical ability and most importantly our discipline never wavered. This is a huge confidence booster for the squad

with two key tournaments coming up in July and August”.

Both players will be hoping that their performance will have impressed the coach sufficiently to ensure selection for the Champions Challenge in the U.S.A. next month and the Women’s European Championships in Dublin in August.

## Europe 2005 - The Team Chelm View!

*Helen McDonnell*



And so it came to pass that “TEAM CHELM” woz founded in a snowy Zurich, well near there aka Wettingen, the epicentre of the European Indoor Championships back in February 2005. Back in those heady days, the Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XI remained focussed and zoned in for their first European encounter in almost 25 years, but our intrepid bunch of Chelmsford supporters hereafter referred to as “Team Chelm” were embroiled in dramas of their own.

Who would have thought that making a 20 minute journey from Zurich airport to the hotel could have been so stressful and might I just add that the said culprits were no strangers to “international hockey travel” but seasoned campaigners for the club. To cut to the chase – one handbag left in the airport but safe in the

knowledge that despite leaving ones worldly goods and priceless personal possessions in the airport at least the wine box was safe and ready for use – no names – but thanks for the welcome party Mrs Whalers. And it didn’t stop there, when another group of stalwart supporters got on the wrong train – suffice to say Ellen McArthur would have been proud of us just getting to the European Indoor Championships.

And so “Team Chelm” marched forward and on to Cologne determined to raise their game. Following deep and soul searching discussions about our off pitch performance in Zurich, it woz decided that “Team Chelm” had been lacking in their musicality and therefore had been under performing in terms of job spec. And so on Good Friday, Chelmsford’s band emerged albeit more “Chaz and Dave” than “Coldplay” but none the less the thought was there. Merv (Mrs Willmore’s other half) stepped up to the challenge and played the bugle for four days solid and to be serious for a sec was just amazing – the rest of Team Chelm were not lack lustre in their efforts, a late night visit to a supermarket saw the purchase of cycle hooters, trays, wooden spoons (to create said noise on trays) and football rattlers.

But away from the pitch “Team Chelm” were honest in their post match debriefs and felt that they needed to up their social performance – not between themselves, because I must stress at this point that all members of the aforementioned team were exemplary in their “bar stamina” in Zurich and Cologne. And so it was bequest by Katy Roberts mum, Poodle (former 1<sup>st</sup>

XI player and social sec to Team Chelm) and Bronwyn that an alternative party in honour of our esteemed 1<sup>st</sup> XI should be held. Suffice to say the party started quite well even tho we were gatecrashed by the Belgium team (what an advocate for team spirit) - Ros Marsh bestowed awards on various players and the prizes were suitably tacky in true tour style – the evening started and ended with “Team Chelm” providing a procession of hockey sticks for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI to walk under.

And so as the curtain drew on Europe - what a season and more importantly, what a team – everyone in “Team Chelm” woz proud to support a squad of players so dedicated to their sport and club. Suffice to say that whether you were a player or spectator on either or both trips we will always say “Do You Remember When”.

## Men's First XI Report

*David Hunter*

Final league position: 6<sup>th</sup>, a top half finish was far more than anyone outside the club could have imagined, especially after we had lost our first three matches in the Premier League.

But a collective effort by everyone deservedly saw a long seasons hard work pay off and leading into the final few matches, we had the destiny of our season in our own hands, and not only did we avoid relegation (the essential target for the season), we reached the squads target set out back in September of 6<sup>th</sup>.

For me the outstanding memory I'll take from this season is the team spirit that we have. The bond that has been made between all, as we have trained twice a week and spent most weekends together, in my opinion, has brought us an extra five points this season.

### *Highlights in brief:*

- Superb victories against Reading, Surbiton and Guildford
- First win ever against our bogey team Firebrands
- A hard fought draw vs Loughborough
- ?? Our 1-0 victory against league whipping boys St Albans ??
- Not losing to any team twice, except to league champs Cannock (who we put eight goals past)

### *Player Focus:*

Adrian Kimber (Kimbo): Called up to England Squad training, was our match winner in several games, but still needs to learn how to pick up the ball and kick it towards the opponents half. His effort vs Cork didn't even get out the D!!!

Carl Wright (Wrighty): Kept Crawford out of the number 2 shirt for most of the season. Needed surgery to his knee after jumping off a balcony. Proving goalies aren't the sharpest tool in the shed.

Gareth Carr (Gugs): Almost weekly brought out a suitcase. Not for travelling, but to drink.....getting all and sundry in the club to drink

Craig Fulton (Ned): Our coach, and player of the season has reached points this season where he has had to take clips from movies, and play them in our team talks to motivate us.

Ben Farmer (Forrest): If he could play Surbiton every week he would. Proved their Nemesis by scoring valuable goals in each match against them. New nickname: Surbiton

Thornton McDade (Blade): Spent his days amusing himself by terrorising the local youths with his Chav impressions

Willy Hales: The boy is an animal.....can down a bottle of wine in 7 seconds.....he's MAD . Best moment on pitch was beating every player in the



Loughboro team twice between half way line and D, before having his shot saved.

Phil Pineo

(Pins): Had the police arrive on his doorstep regarding a stolen bike in his spare room (from a previous flat mate). Also the victim of burglary himself, the thief took his lightbulbs and cushions off his sofa

Ian Belchamber (Seve): Went through a phase where he would head butt sticks. Not clever going to work each Monday with a new head wound. Only so many times you can say you were not in fight

Andy Fell (Felly): Something perhaps missed by the crowd. Is allergic to passing the ball along the floor. Certainly sharpens up your skills when he rolls you a bouncing bomb

Luke Mephram: He got one player of the season vote.....from brother Josh .... bless

Jonny Wilcox: Spending the summer in an Anger Management clinic.

Always angry to come off, as either a) he thinks he's playing well or b) should have come

off 10 minutes ago and is now knackered. Poor old Kitch cannot find that fine line.



David De Prez (Dups): The funniest moment in training when he was wiped out by a bag lying on the side of the pitch. Brilliant. Also missed training because of a blister (Tart!)

Phil Sully: proves a forward can actually defend, and was actually spotted in our own D on numerous occasions this season. No excuses from the rest of you who don't wander over back over the half way line

Just a big thank you to the management team.....Ned, Kitch, Fizz, Drapes, Linesy, Spesh and (Dukes VIP member) Woody. Without you help and contribution, the season wouldn't have been so successful

Gentlemen, it has been an honour

### Next Season

Training starts again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.15 pm. A couple of fitness sessions a week and then transfer to the "Water" at 8.00 pm. on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Friendlies have been arranged for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. against Guildford (A).

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept away to Loughborough and the following day Beeston. The weekend of 17/18<sup>th</sup> Sept., we are again hosting the "PLUM" tournament, with all premier sides. Why not all come along and watch? Better still, why not offer your services to help in some way during the weekend? Let Woody, Chris Randall or Spence know.

## Ladies First XI Report - The Management View

*Janet Sutton*

### Facts

WHAT A GREAT (busy and successful) SEASON!

*At the Xmas break*, the team were top of the National Premier Outdoor League.

*In January* they won the Higgins Indoor Premier National league at The Royal Masonic School, Rickmansworth

*In February:-*

They lost in the Semi-Final of the Higgins Finals Night to the eventual winners, Slough.

They travelled to Zurich to take part in the European Indoor Trophy and won the Bronze Medal.

The second half of the Premier National League also resumed and the team stayed in the important top four of the League, to play in the Super Cup.

They lost to Fyffes Leicester in the semi-final of the Cup

*In March :-*

They consolidated their place in the top four of the Premier League

They travelled to Cologne and won Silver Medal in the European Clubs Cup Winners Cup

*In April:-*

Super Cup at Guildford – came third, narrowly missing out on Europe 2006.

Congratulations to all the team on an action packed season, and it has put Chelmsford firmly on the map. As we go to press, Julia Butterworth is part of the England U18 side, Chloe Rogers is both England U21 and Senior and captain, Lisa Wooding is England Senior. Both Lisa and Chloe are away in Korea with England Senior at the moment.

On the European front, we would like to thank all those who donated towards our cause and I would like to thank all the players, who managed to raise £400 each towards the cost. Not an easy task!

However, where would be without our supporters and sponsor, both home and away!

You are all now part of '**TEAM CHELM'** and too numerous to mention, but you all have contributed to a wonderful season. Hopefully there will be the alternative report of 'Europe' from a player and spectator's view.



## Ladies First XI Report - The Players View

*Lynn Bollington*

This season was undoubtedly the biggest season by far for everybody connected to the 1st team squad....and it really was a "squad" effort in the truest sense of the word. And I don't just mean the players. I also mean the management and of course "Team Chelm", our wonderful band of supporters.

Not many of us remember our previous foray into Europe, indeed most of the squad hadn't even been born all those years ago!! Rest assured however, that those of us who had been around, bored, I mean entertained them with all the ins and outs of 1980. So much has changed since then however, that there wasn't really much that could be learned from back then, but we are fortunate to have some great experience in the team and Karen's European and international experience in particular proved invaluable. Along with the likes of Lisa, Bucket and Ginge who are, or have recently, been involved with England we coped admirably....even Willers and Hayley were getting in the ice baths come the end!!

To have two trips into Europe was fantastic as we definitely learned a lot from Zurich which we benefited from when we went to Koln. I would say that one of the main things we learned was how to cope with the umpires, and I don't mean just me and Becky, although judging by the photographic evidence we had

more to learn than most (see Lisa for photo!). Having said that we did come away from the Indoor Championships with more than just a bronze medal to be proud of. I had the great honour of collecting the Fair Play trophy which as Ginge pointed out with great delight "just said winners" on it.

Zurich was a great experience and the bond between the players just grew stronger despite at least two of my team mates confessing that actually they thought that I have very little skill at all !! They did justify their comments with some compliments in what was an excellent team bonding exercise we took part in one morning. It not only boosted every ones confidence but successfully killed a couple of hours in the process. The main event however had to be David Lines team quiz one evening. It was compulsory and everybody took part reluctantly, I mean enthusiastically. Certainly by the end people were very enthusiastic. Several injuries were treated by Vicky as people who normally were caring team mates were seen throwing each other to one side and barging each other (and members of the Ukrainian team who happened to get caught in the crossfire) out of the way in order to gain any kind of advantage. Ultimately I'm sure the result was fixed anyway!!

Our entertainments evening in Koln was less violent but no less entertaining as Bucket took centre stage. Those of you familiar with Harry Potter would have appreciated the time and effort put in to sorting out (with the sorting hat, naturally) four fine teams for a quiz night. The Foreign Claw took on the might of Slithering(into old age),

Chunderdore and Powderpuffs. No prizes for guessing which team I was in, but us old girls came up trumps with an emphatic victory...and no cheating!!

I'm not sure what got the most laughs...seeing Bucket dressed up as a bumbling old wizard or seeing Spud fall helplessly through our door and landing at the feet of an unsuspecting Willers. How many times have we told Spud not to lean on closed doors...you never know when somebody may open it!!

Alex reacquainted himself with the nice, lively girls from Belgium as well as meeting a bloke from Chelmsford in an Irish bar in the centre of Koln whilst watching England beat N. Ireland in a world cup qualifier...it's a small world.

"Team Chelm" in the meantime, were dreaming up a little surprise for us of their own. I'm not sure where they found the time to do it inbetween really enjoying themselves and drinking the bar dry. They did however, and a special awards evening went down very well with the players, especially being daubed with the magic wand of Queen Rosalind.

Poodle has to have a special mention here, as in her wisdom she decided to come on our early morning run at 6.00a.m.before breakfast the day of our first match. It was such a successful ploy (we went on to win our game 5-1), that she was forced to continue doing the same for the remaining games. Unfortunately for her, we had early games and she had a hangover!!

What of the hockey I hear you say? Well, you know the results and the final outcome. I thought

some other stuff might be more interesting. I cannot finish however without saying that the hockey was brilliant (even Ginge was seen to celebrate a goal) as was the whole experience. We are grateful for all the support we have received from the club this year and we were very proud to bring back a bronze and silver medal.

Now it's onwards and upwards, hopefully to further success and hopefully to more European adventures in the not too distant future...I don't think even I'll still be playing in another 25 years time!!

## Men's Club Report

*Adrian Tuff*

You've heard (rightly so) about the fantastic season the Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XI had this year, and later on you will hear about how the other Ladies XI's fared - I don't want to spoil it for you! But for the moment you will hear the Men blowing their own trumpets (apparently Wrighty has tried that but to no avail...)

Where do I start, well the season started off pretty well, all of the league teams were challenging for top honours, the Evergreen's were winning the majority of their games and the Vets were getting a full side out and getting a few results.

This pretty much continued throughout the season, the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI had a slight blip and unfortunately lost the top spot in Div 3SE but still managed to gain promotion. The only league team who didn't win automatic promotion (apart from the 1<sup>st</sup> and

2<sup>nd</sup> XI who can't!) was the 4<sup>th</sup> XI (who finished 4<sup>th</sup>). This however soon changed when the league was reorganised and they were promoted anyway!

The Evergreen's continued their march and ended with a win rate of about 66% (i.e. they won two games in three). The only slight disappointment was for the Vets, their main concern was for lack of players, with only a handful of games played to the full compliment results were always going to be hard to come by. However the battled on and hopefully next season a few recruits (either from within the club - come on you veterans where are you? Or from elsewhere) will shore up the numbers.

Personally, a big thankyou to all the captains this year who have answered all my inane questions and emails, to the umpires who take time out (and often miss playing) to umpire for the club sides and to the players who turn out week in week out to make each team an enjoyment to play in.

Also congratulations go to all of the Trophy winners this season:

*Clubman of the year:*  
Crawford McKee

*Young player of the season:*  
Simon Krone

*Top goal scorer:*  
Tom Burrows (55 league goals)

*1<sup>st</sup> XI player of the season:*  
Craig Fulton

*2<sup>nd</sup> XI player of the season:*  
Chris Wilson



*3<sup>rd</sup> XI player of the season:* Phil Goode

*4<sup>th</sup> XI player of the season:*  
Andy Fox

*5<sup>th</sup> XI player of the season:*  
Alan Boddy

*6<sup>th</sup> XI player of the season:*  
Tim Fox

*Evergreen's player of the season:*  
David Lines

*Vet's player of the season:*  
Crawford McKee

In summary:

If it's been a great season for the Men's club, then it's been a fantastic season for the Ladies's club, if this is the case then for the Hockey Club as a whole it's been an incredible season.

Six promotions, two European Trips, guaranteed Premier Division Hockey for both 1<sup>st</sup> XI's next season, East premier hockey for both 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's - things possibly couldn't have gone better.

Here's to Chelmsford HC, onwards and upwards:

*Chelmsford HC, Probably the Best Hockey Club in The World!*

## Men's Team Reports

***Royce Waters (Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI)***

No report was received from the Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.

***Derek Gould (Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI)***

After a very cocky mid-season report from the 3<sup>rd</sup> team, I feel I

have to be completely honest with you all. Things didn't go as well as we might have expected after the great start of 15 wins from 15 games. Personally I was affected by the bribes from the Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> team for us to back off a little as they were so determined to pick up team of the year. So, for the sake of the club and to stop all the bitching that was going on, the 3<sup>rd</sup> team held an EGM and decided to take the foot off the pedal. That's my excuse anyway.

So, there's been good news and some bad news. Let's start with the bad news. Canvey Island is still a horrible place to go. It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> team's bogey astro or is it just green concrete! Last season a 1-0 defeat meant we missed out on promotion on goal difference, this season it was our first defeat with a 3-2 defeat. After 15 wins in a row, the feeling was going to be awful anyway, but at the hands of Southend on Canvey Island made it so much worse.

The good news is that we do not have to suffer that awful trip to Canvey next season as we gained promotion out of their league into Division 2 South. Congratulations go out to everyone who was involved with the 3<sup>rd</sup> team as this is a magnificent achievement that was long overdue. Although it would have been nice to have been crowned champions of the league, this was to go to Saffron Walden who were 2 points clear at the end of the season. Promotion was the club's objective and the objective was met with 3 games to spare.

From the last 7 games of the season we managed 3 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw. That was 24 goals for and 20 against compared with 19 against for the

other 15 games. Not a great record, but enough to secure promotion.

Southend, Saffron Walden were the only teams to beat us on their own turf and the "mighty" Old Southendians were the only team to beat us on home soil.

The only draw of the season, against Crostyx deserves a particular mention. The squad selection for that weekend was weakened by the fact that the 2<sup>nd</sup> team promoted 5 of my regulars and 3 others were unavailable through injury. Up stepped 7 of the 4<sup>th</sup> team squad after some haggling with Charlie and every one of them performed extremely well. With a little more luck in the last 3 minutes we could have snatched the 3 points that would have secured the league title. The Crostyx goalkeeper and defence denied our last ditched efforts in style or was it luck?

It was however, a great credit to the 4<sup>th</sup> team and the club that so many could step up to the mark and pull off a good result on the hottest day of the season. I look forward to seeing some of the 4<sup>th</sup> team knocking on the door and creating some healthy competition for places in the 3's.

Thanks go out to Natalie and Thornton who hail, snow, rain, wind or shine were there to take the much needed training sessions on Wednesday nights. The turn out could always be better, but the sessions were excellent even though the fitness was brutal. We're looking forward to the same standard for this coming season and hope that more of the 3<sup>rd</sup> team will be present.

So, looking forward it is with great anticipation that season

2005/2006 can be as good, if not better than 2004/2005. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> team can keep the same core squad as last season and obtain a couple of others to strengthen the team, then there's a good chance we can progress further. Here's to next season...

### ***Charlie Hingston (Men's 4<sup>th</sup> XI)***

It is with great pleasure that I report as captain of the 4XI, praising the team for promotion for the second year running to Division 4 SE! Slap on the back to all those who have assisted in this great achievement!

Particular mention should be made to Andy Fox as 4XI player of the season and Russell Beattie for an outstanding season, but also to everyone for their help and commitment to the team/club.

### ***Andy Smith (Men's 5<sup>th</sup> XI)***

The fifths launched into the season with a more stable line up (at least in terms of turning up, if not temperament) and a drive to win. We went 9 games unbeaten before finally losing a couple of games and then struggling to a draw in the final game before Christmas. Returning after the break fueled by mince pies, alcohol (and an awarded game), we had three wins under our belt before we even knew we'd restarted. We lost the 4th match, and perhaps we needed to, to bring back our focus - or maybe we were just rubbish? Whatever happened it certainly spurred us on, and even with two new dads, freshly deprived of sleep on the team, we managed a run of victories that put us safely into

the top three before the final two games of the season. Never being a team to overwork, we managed to sit back for the last two games and lose them which kept us in third position-just as we had calculated. Although it was frustrating to lose these games at the end of the season, we managed 45 points to Sudbury 3's 43 and our goal difference was double theirs, which I think shows our class in the division and that we were the right team to get to the top three. Current league allocations suggest that we will be promoted to division 6SE in the 05/06 season which will bring new challenges.

Jon asked that I mention his 15 goals this season. I was off with a stress fracture for several weeks and I can only think that I missed at least 14 of them in those few weeks. I believe our top goal scorers were Roy and the newest of our Rich's - Rich Lines, but I'm sure that Jon was right up there. Honestly!

### ***Tim Burrows (Men's 6<sup>th</sup> XI)***

Well done to everyone ..... we secured 2<sup>nd</sup> place and were promoted on merit before the reorg of the league meant that half a dozen went up anyway. This means trips into east London again which we hoped to miss with our promotion ..... still that's life. The important thing is to play hockey, wherever and whenever.

Special mention to Tim Fox as our Player of the Year and Tom Burrows for scoring 56 goals and thus the club's leading goalscorer.

Thanks to Richard Poulter for continuing to be our regular umpire.

Here's to next season.

### ***Fred Matthews (Evergreens)***

The season just gone has been one of the most successful for the Evergreens; match stats are P22 W16 D2 L4; with 4 matches also called off for a variety of reasons.

All the squad again made a telling contribution; from our flying 70's David Simms and Keith Leppard who both made and scored goals during the season from their respective wings. The Defence of Fred Matthews, Danny Dempsey and Bryan Heelis became a solid unit over the season as they became both more organised and confident in each others play. The midfield had a variety of players Tim Burrows and Martin Matthews making good contributions in their first full season from League Hockey, our stalwarts in Ian Hunter, Peter Hollebon (El Capitano), David Lines and Bert Clarke continued to show our opposition that the Evergreens may be a social side but we have players with considerable skill and determination to win. In the forwards Martin Southwell again proved our leading scorer ably assisted by Nigel King and Ed De Mello as well as the earlier mentioned wingers. There were cameo appearances from Alan Draper when he flew in from Ireland and Gerald Wilkinson who had an injury affected season. Many thanks as well to Peter Woodward for his umpiring (and no one has paid me to say that!).

A new Evergreen venture was our inaugural spring tournament in April where we had a 4 way competition with Canterbury, Enfield and Sutton Valance which was won by Canterbury. We hope this is the first of many.

As is the Evergreen way no one has been singled out but special mention must be made of David Lines as our Player of the Year.

The Evergreens look forward to next season so we can continue to enjoy all aspects of our Saturdays both on and off the pitch.

### ***Ralph Thomas (Vets)***

Player unavailability and some late cancellations conspired to make this past season challenging and exasperating. In 11 matches out of 20 we played with less than 11 or with an import. This has meant we were up against it from the start in most matches, our record being Won 5 Drawn 5 Lost 10.

We have been pleased to welcome Tim Loraine to mid-field, and, to left defence, David Fox whose tussles with opposition wingers have been a highlight.

David Carr was sound as customary at right defence and chipped in with a couple of goals from sparkling shots from the top of the circle, while Crawford maintained his excellent standard in goal.

David Gill with 7, including a hat-trick at Ipswich, was again second highest scorer with Dave Woods notching 4.



A special thank you to those who played in various positions on account of team requirements - particularly Chris Randall, David Woods and Phil Hutley who have done so without complaint and to good effect.

We play Vets hockey mainly to take part in a team activity where we can have some physical exercise in a competitive environment against contemporaries. It is a source of pleasure which is fulfilled in part by winning, but winning isn't everything.

We could have had some pretty dull games by packing the defence and knocking over the opposition when they come into range. But I have wanted us to try to play an attacking style and to move the ball amongst ourselves. We have attempted this although we are generally playing against younger and faster opposition, so we need to work harder and be smarter to be successful.

## Ladies Club Report

*Jenny Stonebank*

Seventy players, supporters and friends gathered at Chelmer Park to celebrate our annual Ladies Night. Special thanks to our speaker for the evening, Ros Marsh, who entertained us with details of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI's last sortie into Europe over twenty years ago now and gave us all words of inspiration for the Club's future.

We really did have a lot to celebrate this season.

At the start of the season I decided that we would have to pull the 5<sup>th</sup> XI out of the league as

we had nobody to organise the team and we were struggling for players. With one game away from being 'thrown out' of the league Helen Alexander stepped into the breach and took on the role of 5<sup>th</sup> XI captain. It wasn't an easy season with the team losing a lot of their games. However, the introduction of some new promising juniors, ably supported by some senior players, led to an increasing development in team spirit. Towards the end of the season the team were able to turn a few unlucky losses into draws and wins which have meant that they didn't finish bottom of the league and look like they have avoided relegation! Well done Helen.

The 4<sup>th</sup> XI had a steady season, having been relegated the previous year, and finished a creditable 5<sup>th</sup> in Essex division 2. The most memorable performances were a 14-0 beating of Colchester and a 4-2 win at home against league winners Wapping. The game was played in a cup final atmosphere and left Wapping stunned as up until then they were running away with the league.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI under Sally Symes captaincy were quietly but determinedly getting on with their season. A good mix of talented youngsters and experienced seniors combined with excellent team spirit led to some solid performances against strong opposition. The league was hard fought but Chelmsford managed to keep the top spot for a fair proportion of the season and finished deserved league winners. Congratulations to Sally and her team and good luck for next season in the Essex premier league.

On to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI who also had a successful season. Over the last 2 seasons the 2's were relegated and then bounced straight back up to the East premier league. Captain Claire Penketh and Coach David Coombes have worked hard to make this happen and were rewarded with a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> position in their first season back in the East premiership.

I have left mention of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI to last. Firstly because I feel that the successes of the lower teams give tremendous support to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and secondly because they have had such an excellent season that will be extremely difficult to emulate. A top four position in the EHL premiership, European play-offs indoors and out and National Indoor champions. To top this off, European bronze medallists indoor in Switzerland and silver medallists outdoor in Germany. The commitment of the team, coach, managers and supporters has been absolutely outstanding this season and it was befitting that the 1<sup>st</sup> XI should be the first ladies team to win the 'Currie Cup' which up until this season had only ever been awarded to a successful men's XI.

Trophy winners on Ladies Night were as follows:-

*Club member of the season:*  
Claire Penketh

*Most promising Junior:*  
Helen Fagg

*Indoor player of the season:*  
Cath Tyler

*Ladies top goal scorer:*  
Kat Letts

*1<sup>st</sup> XI player of the season:*  
Lisa Wooding

*2<sup>nd</sup> XI player of the season:*  
Kat Letts

*3<sup>rd</sup> XI player of the season:*  
Sophie Maxey

*4<sup>th</sup> XI player of the season:*  
Emma Gibbens

*5<sup>th</sup> XI player of the season:*  
Gill Hickman

I am sure that the Junior section will cover the honours achieved by their players this season but I would like to offer the congratulation of the Club on their achievements. There have been some excellent performances by junior members throughout the Ladies elevens this season. I would also like to congratulate and wish all the best to Chloe Rodgers and Lisa Wooding for their England call up this summer.

It only leaves me to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make such an excellent season possible.

Have a good summer and return refreshed for next season.

## Ladies Team Reports

### *Claire Penketh (Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> XI)*

We didn't really know what to expect at the beginning of the season as it had only taken us one season to come straight back up into East Premier having been relegated from the division the season before. We had struggled the last few seasons we had been in East Premier narrowly avoiding relegation many times! Our initial plans for the season

were to ensure we finished mid table so that we didn't have to wait until the last game of the season to decide our fate.

We played consistently well all season and beat a number of teams that turned up expecting an easy game against us. When we were on top of our game we thought we could beat anyone in our league. We finished comfortably fourth, 15 points ahead of the next placed team in the division which must be one of our highest finishes in this division for some time (if ever!). Thanks should go to our coach, David Coombes who turned up to virtually all our matches and had to put up with plenty of female tantrums!

We were helped by the fact we had a consistent squad all season, plenty of support at our home games (thanks to Hogger and Heffer for turning out to support most weeks) and great team spirit, normally led by our resident South African Anthea Hunter. We also had good movement of players with the 1 XI. Kat Letts was a great asset to the team having joined us at Chelmsford at the beginning of the season and making her mark by being top goal scorer (19) in the Ladies club and player of the season for the 2 XI. She was closely followed in the goal scoring stakes by Emma Cockerill (15) who has had another good season in front of goal.

Three of the younger members of our team this season moved up from the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI to ably take on the task of playing in the second XI and proved consistent throughout – they were Louise Patterson, George Speakman and Toni Speakman.

Congratulations also go to Julia Butterworth who was selected during this season to play in the England U18 squad and thanks to the other players that moved between the first and second XI during the season – the regulars were Vicky Hutley, Sarah Wilcox and Sarah Bolton and the others who also made starring appearances were Emer, Spud, Tammy and Bex.

We shouldn't forget the "old" stalwarts of the team that provide the experience and basis around which the rest of the team can flourish!! (That's how I like to think of it anyway!). They were Lisa Crane, Caroline Avery and Karen Cooper.

Finally I'd like to wish Sally Johnston all the best and good luck as she is retuning to Australia this summer to get back to the nice sunny weather – Sally has proved an invaluable part of our team for the past 2 years, marshalling the midfield and controlling the game (and regularly upsetting the opposition to the extent that they threaten to hit her).

All in all we had a very good year and it was a good finish to my last season as 2<sup>nd</sup> XI captain, as I have done it for nearly three seasons now so I'm going to let someone else have a go!

### *Sally Symes (Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> XI)*

Chelmsford Ladies 3's claimed the top spot in Essex Division One with a 1-1 draw vs. Havering 2's in their penultimate game of the season. One point was all they needed to claim the title but it was a tough point to get with a

goal coming towards the end of the second half.

After finishing middle to bottom of the table last season the 3s have turned things around in 04/05 with only 2 defeats and one draw in the 22 games played. Success this season is down to a consistent side which has helped to create a great team spirit, and a mixture of fresh young talent with a few more experienced players. A healthy goal difference of +12 goals vs. the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team is testament to sisters Helena and Charlotte Roberts in attack as well as a solid defence and excellent goalkeeping by Helen Fagg. Core players Sophie Maxey and Sarah Sturgeon have also added significantly to the goal tally as well as controlling the midfield. The 3's will move up into Essex Premier Division next season.



Pictured above:

Back row L to R: Sally Symes (capt), Toni Speakman, Kerry Fisher, Sarah Sutton, Mindy Baillie, Front row: L to R Sarah Sturgeon, Sally Wilford, George Speakman, Helen Fagg, Charlotte Roberts, Helena Roberts. (Missing: Sophie Maxey, Lesley

Stenhouse, Phil Malicka and Laura Puddle)

### ***Jenny Stonebank (Ladies 4<sup>th</sup> XI)***

Not only did the 4<sup>th</sup> XI get relegated the previous season but they lost a number of youngsters to University. So the start of the season really was a time to rebuild. It looked like the team would carry on where they left off the previous season with three heavy losses in the first three games played. However, the team started to gel and became more settled. The result being that they didn't lose another game up until Christmas.

The second half of the season saw a mixture of results that concluded with the 4<sup>th</sup> XI finishing a creditable 5<sup>th</sup> in Essex division 2.

Top goal scorer was Jo Eager with 15 goals. Emma Gibbens has an excellent season scoring 12 goals and deservedly winning player of the year.

However, she narrowly beat Chris Cunningham to the award. Chris too had an excellent season and in her first year moving from forward to centre defence she not only commanded the defence but also managed to score 13 goals.

### ***Helen Alexander (Ladies 5<sup>th</sup> XI)***

No report was received from the Ladies 5<sup>th</sup> XI.

## **Summer Hockey**

*Georjean Jones*

Players are needed for the following games even if it is just for one game!

The fixtures for the ladies summer league at Maldon are (all games are 7pm):

| Date  | Team       | Reverse Fix |
|-------|------------|-------------|
| 03/05 | ODF        | 21/06       |
| 10/05 | Brentwood  | 28/06       |
| 17/05 | Basildon   | 05/07       |
| 24/05 | Colchester | 12/07       |
| 31/05 | Dunmow     | 19/07       |
| 07/06 | Maldon     | 26/07       |
| 14/06 | Witham     | 02/08       |

Meet at Maldon ground at 6.40pm. If players need a lift to ground can they please let me know so can arrange lifts.

Contact Details:

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## **Indoor Hockey**

### **Men's Club Indoor**

*Simon King*

After promotion last year the team had to settle and find their hockey skills again, even before the outdoor season had started. The unfortunate thing is playing in Essex div 1 indoor we only have 4 meetings a year, playing 2 games a night and it's over well before Christmas. All in all very happy with the way we played, a

couple of indoor training sessions required if we want the title.

We had a shaky start being beaten by crostyx 12-2, the recovery was a steady one and the team was pleased to have beaten Old loughts in their final game. I would like to thank all of you who played this last season and look forward to seeing you in 2005/2006, if there is anyone who has aspirations of playing indoor at a good level please make yourself known to either Derek Gould, Adrian Tuff or myself.

Table:

Team

| <i>Pl</i>         | <i>W</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>For</i> | <i>Ag</i> | <i>Diff</i> | <i>Pts</i> |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Witham            |          |          |          |            |           |             |            |
| 8                 | 6        | 2        | 0        | 34         | 21        | 13          | 20         |
| Bishops Stortford |          |          |          |            |           |             |            |
| 8                 | 5        | 0        | 3        | 42         | 38        | 4           | 15         |
| Old Loughtonians  |          |          |          |            |           |             |            |
| 8                 | 4        | 2        | 2        | 45         | 31        | 14          | 14         |

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Chelmsford

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Waltham Forest

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Southend

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Ramgarhia

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Redbridge & Ilford

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### Ladies Club Indoor

Claire Penketh

Previously there had only been one Ladies league for the Essex Indoor but this season saw more entries than in previous years so the teams were split into two divisions (not based on past performance but just fairly randomly!). The plan was to use the final placings from this season

to create a first and second division next year. We were determined to finish in the top half to make sure we played in the top division next year as there is quite a difference in standard between the top and bottom teams in the Leagues. We won 5 out of our 6 games in our league which meant we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in our division and were assured a place in the top division next year. The contribution of players such as Sarah Wilcox and Julia Butterworth really helped us all the way through as their experience from playing Indoor with the first XI really shone through. Thanks also go to everyone else who turned out to play and lets hope we can do even better next season.

### Mixed Hockey

No report was received from the Mixed XI.

## Forthcoming Events

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2005</b>   | - | <b>Hockey Club AGM @ Chelmer Park (8pm)</b>                              |
| <b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2005</b>  | - | <b>Club Selection Day @ Chelmer Park (Sand-based astro from 1pm-4pm)</b> |
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2005</b>  | - | <b>Essex Rose Bowl Competition</b>                                       |
| <b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2005 to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2005</b> | - | <b>Premier League Umpires Meeting @ Chelmer Park</b>                     |



## Club Selection Day - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2005

Following the "reasonable" success of last year's Men's event for current and potential club players (3<sup>rd</sup>'s and below) we expanding the format to include the Ladies selection aswell. The event will take place on the sand-based astro from 1pm till 4pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

The event will again start with a gentle training session followed by some friendly 7-a-side half pitch matches, hopefully with all captains and chairs of selection present to assess any new players and to monitor the development of the current stock! We will then all shower (Fred don't get excited - not together) and adjourn to the bar to discuss the finer details and to start the season off with a bang.

The prices will be the standard adult and youth match fees and will include a brief snack afterwards. If you are a current player then your present (or future) captain will contact you, failing that the chair of selectors will contact you shortly before the season starts. **Please make every effort to attend as the captains find this a very useful event at the beginning of the season.**



# Golf Day Report

David Wallbank

Even if you are not a golfer, such names as Nick Faldo, Tiger Woods, Laura Davis trip off the tongue. Now you can add Hilary Malicka who swept up most of the prizes at this year's golf day on the 23rd May. The number of entrants was down this year to 43 golfers, most of whom were guests. So come on members, if you are golfers do try and support next year. We followed the same format again as in the previous two years by having a Texas Scramble played over the 9 hole Belsteads course in the morning, followed after lunch by 18 hole Stableford competition over the Channels course.



The results for the day are as follows:

**Morning** - Texas Scramble - in 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Andrew (Spesh) Kennedy, Jack Kennedy, Willy Hales and Ben Kirk. 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Peter (Woody) Woodward, Andrew Woodward, Jimmy Smith and Paul Woodward (no relation!) and in 1<sup>st</sup> place – Hilary Malicka, Rosie Maxey, Anthea Williams and Sue Sturgeon. Well done ladies.

**Afternoon** - individual Stableford in 3<sup>rd</sup> place after count back from Nick Bullock – Phil B astion with 35 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> with 37 points was Ben Kirk and in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 39 points Hilary Malicka. The afternoon produced some good scores over a difficult course, with quite a strong wind blowing, especially over the difficult par 3 seventeenth, directly into the wind.

The team prize went to Keith Wiggins and his team of Simon Winder, Mark Butterworth and Robert Nourse with a total of 105 points. In second position were team “Spesh” and in 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hilary's team.

Longest drive went to Jimmy Smith and nearest the pin, this is getting boring – Hilary Malicka. Seriously, Hilary was on form on the day, and played very well indeed.

With an excellent day's weather and with the course in very good condition, all those taking part had an enjoyable day. We hope to run a similar event next year, so please look out for the posters in the Clubhouse and an announcement in the Newsletter.

## Latest 500 Club Draw Results

Peter Woodward

**March 2005** 227 qualifying members

| Prize     | %   | Amount  | "Winners"   |
|-----------|-----|---------|---|
| 1st Prize | 12% | £136.20 | Ann Lines   |
| 2nd Prize | 8%  | £90.80  | Adrian Hibbert  |
| 3rd Prize | 4%  | £45.40  | Mrs S. Hodge  |
| 4th Prize | 2%  | £22.70  | Gill Peartree, Elizabeth Thorogood, D & P Carter,<br>Alan Thorogood, Chris Matthews,<br>Mr A & Mrs Fisher |

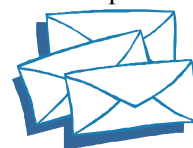
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If you have any burning issues that you feel you want to convey to the rest of the club and/or management officials, but do not know the best way to do it, why not write a Letter to the Editors?

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



We are awaiting your input.

## Feedback

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## Notice of AGM



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHELMSFORD HOCKEY CLUB WILL BE HELD IN THE TEA ROOMS, CHELMER PARK ON FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2005 AT 8 PM

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of the minutes of the AGM held on Friday 25 June 2004
3. Matters arising
4. To receive the Chairman's report
5. To receive the Treasurer's report and to approve the accounts for the year ending 31 May 2005
6. To set the subscriptions and match fees for the 2005/6 season.
7. To receive a report on the Chelmsford Sports Club.
8. To receive a report on the Youth Section
9. To propose the following rule changes:

**Rule 3a ii A) to:**

Delete "Chairman" and insert "Chair"

Delete "Clubhouse and Pitch secretary" and insert "Facilities Manager"

Delete "Youth section representative" and insert "Chair of Youth section"

**Rule 5a to substitute the following:**

"The Management Committee shall comprise the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Youth Section, Chair of Playing Committee, Sports Club representative, and Facilities Manager. The President may be invited to attend in an ex officio capacity"

**Rule 5d to add:**

" iv) A Facilities Committee, chaired by the Facilities Manager, to oversee the use, hire and development of the club's facilities."

10. Election of Officers
11. To appoint the Auditor
12. Any other business

*Spencer Wilcox*  
29 May 2005

## AGM - Officers

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT THE CHELMSFORD HC AGM ON FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2005

| Office                               | Present Holder   | Standing for 2005/06? | Candidate      |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| President                            | Ursula Heelis    | Yes                   |                |
| Chairman                             | Nigel King       | Yes                   |                |
| Treasurer                            | Claire Penketh   | Yes                   |                |
| Secretary                            | Spencer Wilcox   | Yes                   |                |
| Fixture Secretary (Ladies)           | Anthea Hunter    | Yes                   |                |
| Fixture Secretary (Men's)            | Crawford McKee   | Yes                   |                |
| Clubhouse and pitch secretary        | Not filled       |                       |                |
| 1st XI manager (ladies)              | Janet Sutton     | Yes                   |                |
| 1st XI manager (men's)               | Peter Woodward   | Yes                   |                |
| Chairman of Selection Cttee (ladies) | Jenny Stonebank  | Yes                   |                |
| Chairman of Selection Cttee (men's)  | Adrian Tuff      | Yes                   |                |
| Chairman of Playing Cttee            | Chris Randall    | Yes                   |                |
| Youth section representative         | Judith Krone     | Yes                   |                |
| Chelmsford Sports Club rep           | David Wallbank   | No                    |                |
| <b>League liaison officers:</b>      |                  |                       |                |
| Ladies EHL                           | Janet Sutton     | Yes                   |                |
| Men's EHL                            | Peter Woodward   | Yes                   |                |
| Ladies - senior league               | Jenny Stonebank  | Yes                   |                |
| Men's Premier Holidays East League   | Adrian Tuff      | Yes                   |                |
| Umpires Secretary (East league)      | Jenny Stonebank  | Yes                   |                |
| Umpires Secretary (Essex league)     | Jenny Stonebank  | Yes                   |                |
| <b>Captains:</b>                     |                  |                       |                |
| 1st XI ladies                        | Lisa Wooding     | Yes                   |                |
| 1st XI men's                         | David Hunter     | Yes                   |                |
| 2nd XI ladies                        | Claire Penketh   | Yes                   |                |
| 2nd XI men's                         | Royce Waters     | Yes                   |                |
| 3rd XI ladies                        | Sally Symes      | Yes                   |                |
| 3rd XI men's                         | Derek Gould      | Yes                   |                |
| 4th XI ladies                        | Jenny Stonebank  | No                    |                |
| 4th XI men's                         | Charles Hingston | No                    |                |
| 5th XI ladies                        | Helen Alexander  | Yes                   |                |
| 5th XI men's                         | Martin Matthews  | No                    | Philip Mumford |
| 6th XI men's                         | Tim Burrows      | Yes                   |                |
| Vets XI men's                        | Ralph Thomas     | Yes                   |                |
| Evergreens                           | Peter Hollebon   | Yes                   |                |
| Ladies Veterans                      | Jenny Stonebank  |                       |                |
| Indoor ladies                        | Lisa Wooding     | Yes                   |                |
| Indoor men's (national)              | Ian Belchamber   | Yes                   |                |
| Indoor men's (Essex)                 | Simon King       | Yes                   |                |
| Mixed XI                             | Emma Cockerill   | Yes                   |                |
| VPs                                  | As now           |                       |                |
| Auditor                              | Mary Ansell      | TBA                   |                |

Please note:

1. This is the position as at 29 May. There may be a number of changes between now and the AGM so if you are interested in taking on *any* particular post, or helping in any way, please let Spencer Wilcox know as soon as possible.
2. The Management Committee should be consulted on any nominations for VP before the AGM



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