



# NEWSLETTER

**WHAT NO COLOUR** I hear you saying when you have read this Newsletter. You're quite right, we had every intention of adding a bit of colour with the photographs etc. but the memory size made it prohibitive. Thanks to all those who sent in reports, more than we have ever received in the past. And those who didn't well..... Please read all of the articles they are very informative and will bring you up to speed with what's happening and where we hope to be this time next year. That's it, no more room which is a first!

*By Rob Wallbank*

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

As you all know, we are eagerly awaiting the result of our Stage Two application for the lottery grant. In fact by the time this newsletter reaches you, we should know ! Whatever happens there is going to be an effect on the Club. I don't intend to say how and what at this stage but 'watch this space' !! A thought for you all - how about making CHC THE Club to belong to. This is all old talk and been said time and time again, but - please remember we are ALL members of this Club, it's just that some are able to do more than others to run and support the Club. The officers of the Club do it all behind the scenes but surely EVERYONE can contribute in simple small ways :

- 1) Be regularly available to play, including the last away game an hour and a half drive time distant.
- 2) Use the Clubhouse and bar - away games, meet inside, not necessarily in the car park and come in on your return. We have at least 5 venues for 'home' games, pretend you have only the 2.15 slot at Chelmer Park and come to the Clubhouse. Don't forget teas are provided for home fixtures for the men's games, this season has seen a lot of wasted food because people are not coming back to the Club.
- 3) Help clear up the Clubhouse, don't just leave the mess for someone else - we do not

have paid staff !

- 4) Use the changing rooms! The Clubhouse and bar are NOT changing areas !!
- 5) See if you can find time to support the 1st Elevens, particularly at home matches.
- 6) You will be contacted soon about serious urgent fund raising - make sure you do the minimum requested of you.
- 7) Parents, come in and introduce yourselves when it's your turn for taxi duty!! That's enough, you all know what I mean. Happy Christmas and New Year,

*By Nigel King*

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Many thanks to all of you who turned out to the EGM on 1 November – an important night as we described to you the position with the development. Hopefully, all of you will have by now enjoyed playing on the splendid, re-surfaced pitch. The new fencing really sets it off with just the new lights and dugouts to be installed. Those of you who couldn't make the EGM can see the paper presentation on the notice board which gives you all the facts. Our aim remains to have the second pitch built by Summer 2003.

At the time of writing we have not yet received the nod from Sports England to proceed with the new pitch – we expect to hear any day now. But those of you who are Essex Chronicle readers will have seen that we have been given £25,000 from the Chelmsford Jubilee Fund which has to go towards the development. This does not mean that we can take the foot off the fund raising pedal - we still have around £35,000 to go – so its vital that those of you who have not yet been fund raising get out there and get active!! Our main fund raising thrust remains donations, covenants and expanding the 200 to a 500 Club. More information will be coming out through captains shortly – but don't wait to be approached...*please!!* Just talk to Crawf or any committee member.

A big welcome to all our new members – we all hope you enjoy your time at Chelmsford. The ladies - not the 1sts who are doing brilliantly – are having a tough time at present with a big shortage of players and it was a great shame that we had to drop the ladies 6<sup>th</sup> XI out of the league. But we really had no choice. So if you have friends or workmates who play hockey, and are interested in joining Chelmsford, please encourage them to apply. We certainly don't want to poach from other clubs – I suspect that many of them are in the same boat as we are and already two ladies clubs have folded this year in Essex – but let's encourage folk new to the area, or who want to get back into the game, to think about us. The Water Ball has now sold out – many thanks to those who have got tables together. If you want to come but didn't get a ticket let me know and I'll stick you on the reserve list. We are still looking for further items to auction at the ball – if you can help by donating something, offering to car wash, cook a meal, garden, don't worry we'll auction it/you off! Please let me or Spesh know as soon as possible. Have a great Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year with fingers crossed for the new pitch in 2003.

*By Spencer Wilcox*

#### **MENS VETERANS XI**

Many thanks to the 27 different players who have turned out for us to date and to those who have played in unaccustomed positions to accommodate others. We have had some truly enjoyable matches notably the victories over Canterbury, Maidstone and away to Crostyx. John Meer has been unable to finish a match yet, being taken to hospital at Sevenoaks and Cliftonville after being hit on the finger then the head with the ball; it is rumoured he is looking forward to playing at Canterbury and Tunbridge Wells so that he can complete his book on hospitals in Kent. Martin Fuller continues to be a consistent goal scorer whilst David Coombes has made an immense impact in mid-field and as a goal-scorer; a mere fledgling by comparison, he is now bringing his passport to prove he is old enough to play for us.

*By Ralph Thomas*

<p><i>Support the 200 Club See Peter (Woody) Woodward</i></p>
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#### **MENS 6<sup>th</sup> XI**

P	W	L	D	POINTS	POSITION
8	1	3	4	7	10 or 12

South East Div 8

We knew it wouldn't be easy, having been promoted last year but, by and large, we have held our own although the results ( 1 win, 4 draws and 3 losses) mean we are dangerously close to the drop. Apart from the game against Maldon where we were outplayed and lost 1-3, there are no other teams who we will fear in the second half of the season and probably 2 or 3 who we will expect to be able to beat (given a fair wind, a bit of luck, black cat crossing the pitch etc. etc.). In all the games, even if we have been behind, no-one has given up, resulting, in 1 or 2 games, in us pinching a draw, and, versus Sudbury, winning after going a goal down, where a less robust side might have capitulated. This augers well for the remainder of the season.....and we'll go down fighting if nothing else!!

Our overseas player, Marc van Dam, has had lots to do in the last 2 months in spite of the stalwart defence in front of him (they say that they like to keep him in the game!) and has made some excellent saves.....and has put off the opposition flick-taker sufficiently for him to put it wide (Tufty – count as a save?). He had an outstanding performance against Sudbury, in total control of the D, and sometimes just outside it!

Our defence, solidly (solidly, I said, not stolidly) manned by the stalwarts, Paul Fielding (reading 'Motivational Techniques') and John McCullagh (competing with the author for 'Most injured player of the year') assisted from time to time by the yeomen, Nigel Devereux and Chris Denman and ably supported by Neil ('I'm sure I didn't use the back of the stick') Mumford on the left and the fresh-faced youngster (we're talking relative here!) Papa Doc (Nigel Hunt) on the right, has been well organised and does provide the base from which we should, and frequently do, launch successful forays into our opponents' half, and even into their D.....if only we could put it in the net more often!

Having lost Chris Green to the 5ths early on (we kept quiet about him for as long as we could) we have found an able replacement in Baby Doc (Phil Hunt), who can also play at right back, to support the established duo, Tom ('the opposition are merely there for me to practise my skills on')Burrows and Rob Gemmill, in midfield (the latter is also a very able back).....one of the 6ths functions is to introduce youngsters to men's hockey, before they move up the club and Phil - and Dan Burch on the left wing - fall into the category

of those we look forward to seeing playing at higher levels in the future provided they continue to work at their game. There are many players in the upper echelons of the club of whom we are proud to say 'He started in the 6<sup>th</sup>' or 'We taught him everything he knows'!! (sic).

Tom and Rob are tireless in midfield and complement each other, Tom (5 goals so far) playing an attacking role (and at times all over the rest of the pitch!) and Rob more defensive...is there anyone else in the club who can hit a ball so consistently on the backstick while travelling at full speed?...I don't think so! And now our forwards – Dan Burch I have already mentioned and has improved steadily (as well as growing about 5ins since last year) as the season has progressed...he has made great strides (pun) to make himself available (in the nicest possible way!) thus seeing a lot more ball...and if we could persuade him that it is only necessary to beat the full back once, he would be even more effective. Rob Denman (Mr Hangover – sorry Rob, not fair – that was last season wasn't it?) is one of the most hardworking centre forwards I have played with– always available, always running and he scores goals as well (3 so far)...it's good to have him in the team also because he's one of the few people that Tom Burrows will pass to! I'm afraid I've got nothing to say about the carthorse on the right wing...suffice it to say we miss the coltish Struthers from last season.

Thanks also to our guest players, David Binns and Adrian Ericsson who did sterling service in goal (both saving penalty flicks I think) and others who have joined us temporarily from the upper sides, Phil Mumford, Martin Amazone (sorry about your collar bone), Flash, Ian Hunter, Garth Deppe, David Heard, Andrew Nourse, Russell Beattie, and 2 youngsters who helped us to a well-deserved draw against Waltham Forest, Tim Fox and Matt Lloyd....I'm sure we'll be seeing them again. I must mention Orson Cornick (Awesome Orson) who joined us for a couple of games....we look forward to his enthusiasm for the game to be converted into game-ready skill (via training) and to welcome him back in due course.

What about our very own man- with- the-whistle. It is great to turn up to games and to have someone like Richard Poulter as our regular umpire...it's a bit like us all having the same tracksuits (we wish!!)...conveying an air of organisation/professionalism (until we start to play, of course!). A big thank you to Richard and others such as Chris Denman,

Nigel Hunt, Rob Wallbank and Flash for standing in when asked.

Ben Wright continues to be our rock-like manager, sorting out the team, giving the good and bad news to people re selection, turning up with the oranges, the balls, the first aid kit. The 6's wouldn't be the same without him.

*By Tim Burrows*

### LADIES 4<sup>th</sup> XI

League Essex Division 2

**G W D L Points** 17, 3<sup>rd</sup> in league  
8 5 1 2

#### Opposition's positions

1<sup>st</sup> Brentwood II's – 21 pts,

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurrock II – 19 pts

Speakman - "boy" George and Toni – made transition to ladies hockey very well.

Fantastic start to season with a 7 game unbeaten run which sadly came to an end with a top of the table clash with Brentwood who were just too strong for Chelmsford's "youthful" side.

Some spectacular play from youngsters George and Toni Speakman, Phil Malicka and Sophie Maxey who have all fought hard to contribute towards Chelmsford's 19 goals – leading scorer Toni (6 goals).

Sally Willford and Lesley Stenhouse have provided strength and maturity in defence and Anthea Hunter has made some amazing saves to keep Chelmsford in the hunt for the top spot in Division 2.

*By Nikki Tuff*

### LADIES 5<sup>th</sup> XI

P	W	L	D	Goals F	Goals A
9	5	4	0	26	13

The current form of the team leaves them mid-table with Wapping II league leaders of Essex Division 4. So far, eleven players have got their names on the score sheet. Lucy Smith is currently top scorer with a total of 6 goals, followed by Jacqui Thorogood who has bagged three goals from midfield.

Jill Hickman and Frances Thompson have shared the goalkeeping slot this season and Frances has played well out on pitch when she hasn't been in goal. Thanks to our faithful supporters David Thompson and Phil Parrish for their support and to ball girl Ellie Parrish. Hopefully we can consolidate on our league position and push for a top four place by the end of the season.

*By Jenny Stonebank*

**LADIES 3<sup>rd</sup> XI**

“Things can only get better” should be the theme for the first half of our season. The season couldn’t have started more badly. We started with no Captain and only a handful of last year’s squad. But things started to improve when we played Wapping and narrowly lost 3-2 the team started to believe that not only was it possible to get the ball into the attacking D but it was possible to score occasionally as well!!

New members to the club Sarah Sturgeon, Jo Ellis and Lisa Burgoyne have certainly strengthened the midfield and attacking runs from one D to the other by Julia Butterworth at Centre Defence do sometimes leave us all standing and watching in amazement!!

A special mention should go to Sue Miller who despite being bottom of the fantasy league and letting in too many goals than I care to remember has played brilliantly all season to keep many of our score-lines down to a respectable level in cases where they would probably be in double figures!!

I think with a little bit more self-belief by the whole team, we can take some points off teams in the second half of the season.

One thank you goes to Gail Hansen who has played for both the 2nds and 3rds most weeks but is going off to Uni (again!!!) after Christmas. Good Luck!!

*By Sarah Sutton*

**MENS 3<sup>rd</sup> XI**

P	W	L	D	Points	F	A	Position	2nd
8	5	2	1		21	13		

A fairly positive start to the season sees Chelmsford just one point from the top of a very competitive Division 3SE.

After winning the first three games, the buffers were hit in dreadful style with a lamentable performance against Little Baddow. Waltham Forest also lowered Chelmsford’s sails but five good wins have been achieved. Satisfying victories over local rivals Brentwood (4-2) and Colchester (3-2) have been the highlights with the 6-0 thrashing of Ramgharia the most clinical performance.

The players to catch the eye have been newcomers Tom Hodges in goal, Duncan Feldman in defence and Nick Stevenson in midfield. Stalwart third teamers Andy Simpson, Neil Stanhope and Simon King have continued at their usual high standard. Regulars Tom Key, Adrian Tuff and Alistair Fergus simply continue.

*By Alistair Fergus*

**LADIES 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

P	W	L	D	Points so far:
9	0	9	0	

LEAGUE: East Premier Division

**Interesting moments that can be reported**

Questionable umpiring decisions! In one game Laura Stonebank decided to change the game of hockey into ten pin bowling, taking out two of the opposition and herself on the way to goal.

Shelly Haslam the 2’s goalkeeper has produced a number of outstanding saves to keep the score lines down each week, along with the help of Hayley Heggie in defence who has been solid and made some crucial tackles at times to break down the oppositions attack. Overall the team has worked well together and made some good attacking moves unfortunately not converting play into goals.

The Ladies second team have had a disappointing first half of the season but team spirit and effort is still high and each week the team come out fighting to try and get their first win of the season. The team has risen to the challenge every week coming across some tough opposition, but played some good hockey although unable to convert into greatly needed goals. The team are a very young squad improving week by week and we will certainly go into the second half of the season with a positive attitude and work hard to move ourselves up the table.

*By Caroline Avery*

*This report from Caroline was complemented with a graph of their league positions, but due to a lack space, we have had to cut it. Apologies Caroline and thanks for the detailed report.*

*Rob*

**Remember the  
Water Pitch Ball &  
Fundraising Auction at  
Furze Hill  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2003**

**LADIES 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

The Ladies 1st XI finished the first half of the season back at the beginning of November,

when they trounced local rivals, Ipswich 4-1 - about time too! What a way to enter the Xmas break! It has been a very disruptive start with what should have been eight games squashed into 6 weeks, because of the World Cup. On a positive side, we are the only unbeaten side in the League, but one negative we are the only side to give bottom team Trojans a point. We had to rearrange our first match v. Clifton from Brentwood School to Cressex to accommodate 3 players (inc. Bucket) who were flying out from Luton on International duties. We had an abortive trip up to Manchester to play Hightown, during the weekend of the storms. It was OK on the Saturday after we had a dismissal match, drawing to Trojans - sorry spectators. The weather at Knutsford Services got progressively worse during the night, with flying bins disrupting our team talk the following morning. By the time we got to the pitch, we dived with death - a flying road sign just missed the windscreen of the lead car in the convoy and enough was enough. We convinced the Match delegate that the weather up north was still as bad as when we spoke to him at 9.30am and that we did not want to forfeit the points!! It then took five hours to get home safely.

Life is more important than a game of hockey. The Ladies section is VERY short of players this season and we are running with a VERY small squad. Nat Haynes ( Nou Nou ) was with us for two matches before returning to the South African World Cup Squad and is returning in January. Ash Wallace is out with a viral infection and Lisa Wooding has pneumonia - we wish them both a speedy recovery. Shelley Haslam (Baby Bucket) and Hayley Heggie have joined us from Dunmow and Harriet Miller - (a kiwi internet find, living in London) has made a valuable contribution to the defence.

At the break we are fifth in the League with a game in hand, just three points off Slough/Olton and Leicester who are all tying for top spot. All to play for!!

We have had an against the odds Cup draw so far - We entered the last 64 and drew Premier oppo, Clifton away on Nov 17th. Julie Parrot came out of retirement to run the bench, but she only had one field player to sub on and off (apart from herself - kit was provided). With the score level after full time, it was all out attack, cos we couldn't last the full 15 minutes! Chloe Rogers scored the most amazing 'chip shot' golden goal - her golfing prowess came into its own, apart from the 4 defenders she left standing enroute from the half way line. We have drawn Poynton (Div II) away, in the next round on Dec 8th. Perhaps

Mr. Barlow will be kinder with the draw in the next round???

Indoor finals night at Crystal Palace has been changed from Friday 7th Feb to 31st Jan:- so Clifton away is now on Sat 8th Feb. Another double header weekend, with our first home League game on the Sunday Feb 9th 2.00pm. It is only the third time we will have been at the park since last season. Honestly - we do exist!!!!

*By Janet Sutton*

<b>MEN'S 2<sup>ND</sup> XI</b>		Div. Premier A
P	W L D	
9	3 5 1	Position in league - 9 <sup>th</sup>
V Clacton		4 - 4 D
V West Herts		5 - 4 W
V Crostyx		1 - 4 L
V Colchester		4 - 0 W
V Cambridge Uni		0 - 6 L
V Bishops Stortford		2 - 4 L
V Broxbourne		0 - 3 L
V Cambridge City		4 - 3 W
V Peterborough		2 - 3 L

So long as players give 100% effort and play to their potential, we will continue as present and better results will eventually come.

*By Iain Gall - (Coach)*

#### **MEN'S 1<sup>ST</sup> XI**

V Stourport W 4-2 Fulton, De Prez, Wilcox 2  
 V O Loughs....L 0-5  
 V Barford Tigers....L 1-2 Thorogood  
 V Firebrands....L 2-3 De Prez 2  
 V Brooklands....W 2-1 De Prez 2  
 V Southgate....W 3-1 Bell, Thorogood, De Prez  
 V Bourneville....W 5-3 Wilcox 2, Kennedy, De Prez 2  
 V Belper....L 1-3 Gower-Jackson

P8 W4 L4 F18 A20 Pts12 League position: 5<sup>th</sup>

An up and down season so far, win some lose some. So a few good victories against strong opposition....notably Southgate, and then exceptionally poor performances against Barford and Belper have meant we are not as high up the league as we should be. Going forward, we have been exceptionally good, 16 of our 18 league goals coming from open play. De Prez, a new signing from Luffbra scoring 8 of those (he is centre forward and he's only doing his job after all). However this has glossed over what can only be described as average short corners in attack. It took until our 7<sup>th</sup> league match to score one,

and that was from a power strike from Spesh (well he hand bagged it in).

Other notable contributions coming from Ned, who has miraculously recovered from his stabbing in Pretoria, and is probably playing as well as ever for Chelmsford in his 4<sup>th</sup> season as player/coach. And his contributions have been off the pitch too. Has anyone else noticed Nedstar taking on the likes of Nike and Adidas this season.

So with only one more game before Xmas, we are still in the chase for promotion, and with the possibility of 3 teams getting promotion this year, all is to play for in the New Year. Have a good Xmas, and buy the calender.....we look so good!!?

*By David Hunter*

### **NEW CLUB KIT**

As some of you may or may not be aware the men's and ladies 1st XI squads have taken on new kit for this season through a sponsorship deal with Kookaburra. Some of this kit is now available to purchase for the remainder of the club. At present the remainder of the club will continue to play in the current set of green shirts with the new style shirts being phased in, as and when deemed appropriate. The rest of the kit - tracksuit tops (navy blue with white stripe and embroidery), tracksuit bottoms (navy blue), shorts (navy blue) and socks (plain emerald green) are available to purchase as detailed below.

To get a look at the kit and possibly get an idea of sizes, both 1st XI squads are modelling the kit, so feel free to take a look and even try some of the stuff on. Both Men's and Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XI are involved in the National Indoor League in January, however both sides are at home at Chelmer Park on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> if you wish to see the kit in action!

The first order has already gone off at the beginning of December, however we will be making another order on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February (Delivery two weeks later) if there is enough demand. To place an order simply fill in your details on the poster in the clubhouse over the next few weeks and give your cheque payable to Chelmsford Hockey Club, to either Pete Hollebon or Spesh - Payment must be in advance.

### **Prices and sizes below:-**

*Tracksuit Tops: XXL/XL/L/M/S £35.00*

*Tracksuit Bottoms:XXL/XL/L/M/S £30.00*

*Shorts: XXL/XL/L/M/S £14.00*

*Socks: L/M £6.50*

### **MEN'S 1<sup>st</sup> XI SQUAD FUNDRAISING CALENDAR 2003**

During a couple of cold afternoons and evenings in late November, the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI squad got together and have managed to produce one of the raunchiest calendars of 2003. The whole squad, including the management, bares all in some form or another to produce one of the finest pieces of art you will ever wish to see.

This limited edition calendar has been printed by Printwize, sponsors of the East League, and is now on sale from Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>. They are available to purchase at the clubhouse from behind the bar or direct from Spesh or Peter Carter.

Obviously all proceeds from the sale of the calendar are going towards the Water 2003 appeal, so please get your mums, daughters, aunts, grandparents, nieces and neighbours to buy one – it is something that should not be missed – a once in a lifetime opportunity!!

### **MEN'S 1st XI FUNDRAISING AUCTION ON SATURDAY JANUARY 11th 2003, AT THE WATER BALL.**

This will be held during the evening at the Water Ball at Furze Hill, and all funds raised will be going towards the Water 2003 appeal. If any club member has an item of interest or a service to auction please let Spesh know ASAP – Email – andrew.2.kennedy @ gsk.com or Tel - 07885 411692 (up to Dec 20<sup>th</sup>) – after this Peter Carter will be in charge – Email - pca.assoc @ btopenworld.com or Tel - 07785 328104.

People who are not attending the Water Ball are welcome to bid in advance to either Peter or Spesh, and as at last years Men's Dinner there will be anonymous phone bids allowed on the night to Peter Carter's mobile number. A full list of auction lots will be available on the website and via email in the New Year.

The following lots have already been confirmed:

1. **A Days Clay Pigeon Shooting** - kindly donated by Keith "Can't hit a cows arse with a banjo" – Wiggins - this applies to

many in the club not least Spike and Kitch so this is for you guys. The day includes use of shotgun, all ammunition, cost of all clays, use of deluxe shooting jacket, coaching from dead eye dick himself and transport.

2. **Butler and Chef for the night** – kindly donated by David Hunter and Carl Wright - If you are holding a romantic dinner for two or a dinner party for 10 these are the men to do the job properly. Both are fully skilled in the arts of fine dining having eaten in many restaurants owned by a certain Mr. R McDonald.
3. **1 weeks holiday accommodation on Costa Brava, Spain** - kindly donated by Crawford McKee - See the website on [www.palscostabrava.co.uk](http://www.palscostabrava.co.uk) for full info. It is subject to agreement on dates and availability, and can sleep up to 7.
4. **1.5L bottle of French Armagnac from Caves Fauchon, Paris** - kindly donated by Crawford McKee - This excellent Armagnac is Appelation controllee, 20 years old and has wax seals.
5. **Golf shirts** – kindly donated by Helen McDonnell.
6. **Family tree research** – kindly donated by Averil Wilcox.

*By Spesh*



## PLAYER PROFILE

**Name:** Iain Gall (Stumpy) **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Personal Trainer  
**Team:** 2<sup>nd</sup> XI **Position:** Centre Midfield  
**Achievements/Honours:** Army, County.  
**Likes:** Winning **Dislikes:** Losing **Favourite food:** Roast Chicken  
**Most Admired Person:** Ian Jennings, MBE.  
**Other Sports Played, Current and past:** Rugby, Boxing, Football and Tug of War.  
**What would you like to achieve in you lifetime?** Be a good role model for my two boys.  
**What do you do for CHC or hockey in general?** Coaches Chelmsford under nine's, under eleven's and the Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. As well as

Essex under elevens, under seventeen's and Essex Men, also Essex Senior Boys Selector. And coaches at nine schools and one college as a part of the Chelmsford Hockey Club Youth Development Programme.

**What would you like to do for CHC?** Produce at least fifteen 1<sup>st</sup> team players from the current youth of the club, and to keep the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in the East Premier A league this season.

**What would you like to see happen within CHC?** The completion of the Water based Astro pitch, to see both 1<sup>st</sup> teams playing in the premier leagues and to double the number of kids playing at Chelmsford Hockey Club.

## CADDIES R US



THIS TOKEN ENTITLES YOU TO THE USE OF THE CADDY (PICTURED)

FOR GOLF OR ANY OTHER SERVICE YOU MAY REQUIRE! FOR 1 DAY OF YOUR CHOICE.



At our Men's Dinner held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March this year, a number of members put themselves up for auction to undertake certain tasks to raise money for the Water Astro.

One of these was the above as photographed. Namely, David Carter who agreed to make himself available to caddy for the day. So I bid against his Dad mostly, for the privilege of his services as I thought it would be an ideal birthday gift for my aging father. I then produced the above for the present.

Dad used David's caddying qualities at his club Channels, for Captains Day which was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July I understand that they had a great time, but did not on this occasion pick up any of the prizes. David made quite an impression apparently with several of the lady members, who were assisting with marking and refreshments. The day was concluded with a dinner and awards ceremony.

*By Rob Wallbank*

## WHISKY GALORE

The Club's whisky tasting evening was held this year in the Clubhouse on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

The tasting was attended by no fewer than 23 tasters and 20 others who enjoyed the piping in of the haggis and the Address given by Ken Anderson who, along with the piper, and myself were properly attired in kilt and full accessories.

Martyn Browne of the *Classic Whisky Guild* prepared the tasting with detailed descriptions of each whisky as detailed below, and advised those present of the type, strength, bottling age, nose, and palate.

**Springbank, Rosebank, Clynelish, Highland Park, Glenfarclas** and a mystery bottle of another **Clynelish** where the tasters had to identify what it was. This was won by Nick Stevenson.

The whole evening was a joyous affair, the buffet prepared by Liz was first class and by the end of the evening, a certain individual who cannot be named because of his age (over 35) was crawling on the Clubhouse floor and spent the night on his sofa.

Almost finally, I would like to thank all those who attended, and to express my disappointment in those who said they would attend and didn't, and did not have the courtesy to phone and let me know.

Finally, due to my lack of thinking power and that of others on the night, if you are one of those who still owes me money, would you please settle up with me when you next see me, or give me a ring so that I can finalise the accounts for the evening. Thanks.

*By Ian Hunter*

## BAR BANTER

Takings are down so far this season, so the message to all members is "*please use the bar, don't play and go!!*"

The following events are scheduled up to the New Year and into 2003:-

Hopefully – Christmas Party – 21<sup>st</sup> December

Hopefully – New Years Party – 31<sup>st</sup> December

**Beer Festival** – Weekend – 25<sup>th</sup> January

Hopefully - Mexican Night – date to be agreed

**Quiz Night** – 16<sup>th</sup> February

It has been suggested that we could do food in the Clubhouse on a Saturday evening. Is there any member or members willing to take this on? If you are a budding Delia or Jamie Oliver then please contact either Nigel or Ian.

Anyone interested in locking up on an occasional Saturday. If you are, please see Nigel or Ian.

A challenge!! – with questions and answers:-

**Q** Do you like the new windows?

**Q** Would you like new furniture?

**A** If you used the bar more, then the profits generated would mean additional new windows at the end of the Clubhouse and if you use the bar even more, new furniture could be purchased. It's all up to you, the members.

*By Nigel and Ian*

**Child Protection Act. All coaches and managers have been made aware of the English Hockey Guidelines regarding Child Protection. The Youth Section also have a Child Protection Officer. If you would like any further details or information on the policy as implemented with Chelmsford Hockey Club please contact our Youth Section CPO – Rosie Maxey.**

# GOLF DAY

## CHELMSFORD HOCKEY CLUB

PROPOSED DATE: MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2003

### CHANNELS GOLF CLUB, LITTLE WALTHAM, CHELMSFORD

Open to all golfers Ladies, Gentlemen, Youth and Guests who will be most welcome. The greater the number the better the day. The greater the number the lower the cost. The greater the number the more sponsorship for the Water Appeal.

#### Proposed Programme

Coffee on arrival 9.00am            9 Holes - *Belsteads Course*

Lunch 12.30pm                        18 Holes – *Channels Course*

Three Course Dinner

#### Competition (Playing 4 Balls – Stableford)

Team Prize, 9 Holes - *Belsteads Course*            Individual and best pair, 18 Holes – *Channels*

Nearest the Pin – selected Par 3    Longest Drive – selected Par 5

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

**Remember this is a fund raising event with all profits going to the Water Appeal.**

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WATER APPEAL – GOLF DAY – MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2003

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The organisers need to know **NOW** whether this golf day is a possibility. If you are interested would you please submit this form or phone either Ben or Crawford without delay.

Name: .....    Handicap: .....    Ben Farmer, 43 Lawling Avenue,  
Heybridge, Essex, CM9 4YT.

Guest: .....    Handicap: .....    01621 855826

Please enter my/our name/s for the above Golf day.

Crawford McKee, 6 Spenlow Drive,  
Chignal Gate, Chelmsford, Essex.  
CM1 4UQ    01245 442163

Signed: .....

## **CHELMSFORD SPORTS CLUB**

### **New PVC Windows**

Have you observed the new PVC windows that were installed over the 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November. These are on the South side of the Clubhouse, looking towards Galleywood Church. The Sports Club who are responsible for the upkeep of Clubhouse felt that the continuing repair and painting of the now 30 year old woodwork was beyond further maintenance. Funds to meet this cost derives mainly from bar takings and levies. *So please support the Bar.* By next March /April we hope to have the windows on the North/East side replaced overlooking the cricket squares.

These windows are being supplied and fitted by T & G UPVC PRODUCTS.



Windows : Doors : Cladding  
Fascia : Soffits

32 Marshall Close, Feering, Colchester CO5 9LQ  
Tel & Fax: 01376 570830

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A wheelchair ramp has recently been installed by Chelmsford Borough Council (CBC) that leads to the Clubhouse, and the changing rooms. A sloped curb by the stone pillars has also been installed. These improvements were at the request of the Sports Club so that our Clubhouse is accessible to all users. This is of particular interest as CBC in association with Chelmsford Sport, whom we are affiliated to hold regular Disability Forums in the Clubhouse. These Forums are attended by organizations/clubs who help the less fortunate to experience many sporting and other activities.

### **Club Home Page on the Internet**

[www.chelmsfordhc.org.uk](http://www.chelmsfordhc.org.uk)

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

This site also contains a copy of the most recent Newsletter.

Should any member have any interesting information or reports during the season, David (Kitch) Kitchiner would like to hear from you for immediate release on the site, not forgetting to also pass these to the Newsletter editors for release to those without access to the internet.

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In closing, I would like to thank all those who sent in team reports and other articles, all of which were received by e-mail, which I might add has made the editors task that much easier. We had costed the Newsletter on a maximum of eight pages. As the response was so great together with essential articles requiring to be printed we have this time exceeded this number.

We shall attempt in February to keep the number of pages down to eight, so we shall be forced to do a bit of careful editing. Should it arise that we feel our editing is required, we shall first speak with the author.

All that remains for me to do is to thank you in advance for your reports and articles for the February Newsletter (you will all be reminded in good time), and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.