



NEWSLETTER

LOOK ALIVE, IT'S THE NEW YEAR AND YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2003. We have dispensed with team reports, apart from a Ladies resume from Jenny (grateful thanks) in this issue, because of the few or no games that have been played as a result of Christmas etc. and the weather that has disrupted things rather. However, for the next issue due in May, which will be the final issue for the season, leading up to the AGM, we shall ask all teams, including the Indoor teams, for a closing report so please be prepared. For February, we have reports to keep you up to date:- the Water Pitch, Fund raising, (500 Club application form attached), "The Water Ball" and the Beer Festival. Remember our Golf Day on the 12th May, there are places still available so please see the attached entry form and "play for Water".

By Rob Wallbank

SECRETARY'S CORNER

A big thanks to everyone who supported the Water Ball either by attending or donating something for the auction. We had a great turnout - about 136. I am very sorry if any of you were disappointed and did not get tickets - but we'll do it again in a couple of years and no doubt you'll be at the front of the queue. Money is still coming in but I am hopeful that we will raise a little over £3500 for the development fund. A brilliant effort from all concerned!

The next formal event is the **Men's Dinner** which will be in the clubhouse on **Friday 14th March**. I'm hoping to keep ticket prices to the

same as last year - £22. But the main thing is that if you want a ticket please contact me or your captain as soon as possible. Capacity will be about 90.

Congratulations to Chris and Jayne Wilson on the safe arrival of Francesca. Welcome to parenthood!!

On a sadder note, some of you may not have heard of Peggy Double's recent death. Peggy was a club member for over 40 years and always took an interest in the club. There was a good representation from the club - young and older - at her funeral which showed how well thought of she was.

The Evergreen's had an excellent recent tour to Guernsey which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I think we ran out winners both on goals scored and beer consumed. The journey back was very restful and we were all grateful not to end up in Bournemouth as happened on a former occasion! Roll on next year!

I'm getting various invitations to Easter etc tours and will be passing these on to captains and chairs of selection. If you're interested, badger your captains - but not me, please!!

We intend to re-start the summer hockey this year so watch this space.

There's an umpires level 1 course in the clubhouse on Sunday 23 March. Let Martin Matthews know if you want to attend - the cost is £20.

Finally a perennial request: if you've changed your address or telephone number, please let me have your new details. And if you did not get this newsletter by email and you have an email address please let me have details: spencer@wilcox51.fsnet.co.uk

By Spencer Wilcox

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

One month of the new Year gone already, and the end of the Hockey Season in sight! Where does the time go.....At the water Ball, our President, Ursula Heelis, was able to announce that a provisional notice of award for our lottery Bid had been advised – at last! I'm not going into fine detail now but there are two points for you all to note. Firstly, work is planned to commence on April 1st so the pitch will be ready for the start of next season and secondly, we have to urgently secure the final sum of money left to be raised - £60,000. I shall be writing to all playing members from 7 to 70 years of age with a simple solution. Each one of us should sell (4 or more) 500 + Club memberships, at £5.00 per month, each membership for a fixed term of 3 years (more details in this Newsletter). The payments begin on March 7th with the first draw at the end of March. If we ALL do this, the total sum required can be accounted for by March 7th.

I say to you all, it's not a lot to ask. You will all benefit from having two pitches at Chelmer Park and of course everyone WILL play on the new pitch. No more now, just look out for the letter and get selling!!

If you wish to discuss anything about the fund raising, the new pitch or anything else, please contact me.

By Nigel King
Chairman

Water Ball at Furze Hill Saturday 11th January

The Water Ball has now been and gone and what a night it was. It was unfortunate that a lot of members were unable to attend due to a sell out of tickets, better luck next time.

The venue at Furze Hill was excellent, where all our needs were satisfied. In particular I should mention the group who were blooming marvellous. They were so good that there was never a moment when the dance floor was not full with gyrating bodies. Well I think that's what they were!

The evening was treated to three other events namely, an announcement by Ursula that she has at long last received verbal notice that our Lottery bid has been successful, Nigel masterminded another outstanding performance as toast master and auctioneer and persuaded those present to part with their cash for many fine promotions from Villas in Europe to Clay Pigeon Shooting. The net result was a handsome £3,500 for the Water Appeal. Finally such a proceeding would not be complete without a raffle ably presided over by the ever present Mr Keith Wiggins.

It was pleasing to see such diversity of age groups as well, from the older Youth Members to those who can remember the Holly's and the Rolling Stones etc. etc. the first time round and are able to still strut their stuff.

A big thank you to the organisers, we had a great time.

By Rob Wallbank

BEER FESTIVAL

FELLOW MEMBERS, WE ARE NOT DRINKING ENOUGH – be that alcohol, or soft drinks. The bar takings this season are well down on last year. Ian and Nigel can only ask you to try and pop in to the Clubhouse more often, and then it's up to you meet and socialise with fellow members.

Over the Beer Festival weekend of 24th – 26th January there were 12 excellent beers for you to taste. The attendance as always could have been better. This had all the makings for a very good fun weekend, where the bar takings would have not only covered the cost of the beers, but provided the Sports Club with additional funds to help maintain the Clubhouse for use. Without the good dependable regulars, it would perhaps have been a bit of a flop.

Thank you to all those who attended and thanks to Nigel and Ian.

Hi there from Steve Reeve

I hope all is well at the club & having just surfed through the website it appears that there are still a few of the old names about, Neave, Norton, Kitchener etc. I thought I'd drop a quick line to make contact after a couple years. News from the Reeve camp is that I have found someone mad enough to marry me, Andrea, in April 03 and we are living in Carshalton, Surrey - both working in the City.

Work has taken me to Exeter & Edinburgh following spells in Jersey & St Albans & now I'm playing for Purley Walcountians (sweeper for 2's) - making total no of clubs 5 (Jersey, St

Albans, ISCA, Grange (Edinburgh) plus PW) since leaving Chelmsford in 92.

Hope all is well and pitch appeal goes well (no doubt someone will collar me for a contribution if we venture back, but there's not a chance in hell of me buying one of those calendars!!!) - we have the same going on at PW this year. Please pass this note together with email address on & we hope to make it up to the club in second half of season.

Regards

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Important Dates for your Diary

Men's Annual Dinner 14th March in the Clubhouse - £22 per head, tickets from Spencer

Ladies Night - 4th April in the Clubhouse. Details available from Captains

Club Day - 12th April

Next Newsletter - 15th May (Report deadline - 3rd May)

AGM - 27th June - 8.00pm

FUND RAISING

The fund raising for the Water Pitch now needs to step up to the final task to get us to the finish. We have the go-ahead for the £1.4 million investments, and subject to agreements of detail the work will commence in the next weeks.

The funding shortfall as recently published at £60,000 has been reduced to £55,000 with a very successful Water Ball in mid January and some cash donations. The main thrust to get us to the remaining cash is based on each member selling 4/5 entries to the 200 Club which will push it to 500 Club or more. If everyone does their bit *right now*, the cash obligations will be met. More of the details to come from your committee.

Please, every member who will benefit from playing on the new surfaces, who will hugely enjoy playing all your home games at Chelmer Park, please find 4 / 5 mates, family, work colleagues, sign them up for

a deal, and lets get this thing finished. There are significant numbers of playing members who have still not contributed anything.

If you have not completed your 4 or 5 200 Club entry forms then the answer is clear, the Club will be short of the required money. Get the sales lined up and complete the forms now!

By Crawford McKee

LADIES NEWS

INDOOR

The 1st X1 played well in the preliminary rounds of the Indoor and qualified comfortably for the National Finals at Crystal Palace. Despite excellent support from the many spectators they were unable to overcome the eventual winners Slough in the semi-finals.

OUTDOOR

1st XI - Started the second half of the season with a double header against Oulton and Hightown. Maximum points would have taken the girls to the top of the table. Unfortunately, this was not to be and with a loss and win from the weekend the team are now lying a creditable joint third.

2nd XI - Have a very young side this season. However they have been unlucky in a number of games losing by the odd goal. Just before Christmas they recorded their first win of the season and with a permanent coach now on board are hoping to avoid relegation by the end of the season.

3rd XI - The 3rd XI are somehow keeping their heads up despite the fact that they are still awaiting their first point of the season. They have shown great determination and team spirit despite having played some extremely strong opposition.

4's & 5's - Both XI's are maintaining a steady position in the top half of their respective leagues.

This season we have a number of sisters playing in the various XI's which surely must be some sort of club record. They are Sally, Sarah and Sophie Dewar, Amanda, Lucy and Katie Smith, Jacqui and Tizzie Thorogood, Jenny and Philippa Malicka, Hannah and Sophie Maxey and Georgina and Antonia Speakman.

TRAINING

Up until Christmas the 1st and 2nd XI's were training at Brentwood. The rest of the Ladies Club trained at Chelmer from 7.30 to 9pm. Unfortunately there has been a lack of interest this season for training and this has meant that we could not justify pitch time for a small number of club members whilst paying for our Ladies 1st and 2nd XI's to train away from Chelmer. As a result the 1st XI now use one half of the pitch on a Tuesday between 7.30 and 9 and the 2nd XI use the other half. The 2nd XI coaching also encompasses the stronger 3rd XI members and a number of youth members who are invited to attend for an agreed number of sessions.

It was disappointing to have such a low number of members training before Christmas especially as Trevor Waspe had kindly agreed to give up his time to run the sessions. Thanks Trevor for all your hard work.

We now understand that the Men have a coach, Nick Stevenson, for their Wednesday evening training and if other Ladies Club members would like to attend these coaching sessions they are welcome to do so. *Training is from 8.30 to 10pm.*

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500 CLUB

We already have in existence a "200 Club" with a £5 per month ticket organised by Peter Woodward. By increasing the "200 Club" to a "500 Club" or even a "1,000 Club" the major part of the fund-raising effort could be satisfied immediately.

This enlarged "500 Club" will be finite. The proposed monthly draw will take place on or about the last Saturday of every month commencing March 2003, and ending with the draw in February 2006.

The prize fund calculations are based as follows:

Monthly Prize Draw:

1st 12% of Monthly subscriptions
2nd 8%
3rd 4%
4th 2% x 6 winners

Quarterly Prize Draw:

May 7% of quarter's subscriptions
Aug 7%
Nov 10%
Feb 7%

If therefore, all members with say 3 or 4 friends contributed £5 per month each, you would be making a very valuable contribution to our fund-raising effort, and at the same time give yourself the chance to win a handsome **monthly and / or quarterly** cash prize. You can clearly conclude how successful this venture will be in raising the capital sum required and giving our Club a cash flow advantage for the duration.

PLEASE RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM TO *PETER WOODWARD* BY POST AT HIS ADDRESS AS SHOWN ON THE APPLICATION FORM. THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR URGENT SUPPORT IN THIS VENTURE.

By Nigel King
Chairman

Fantasy Hockey – Results so far

Relief, delight and anticipation. That about sums up my feelings when I first placed the Men's and Ladies player prices up on the notice board and the website.

Relief – After all the hard work, I'd finally managed to get all of the player's names, positions, teams and prices in from the captains and also I'd managed to get the website (after a few glitches) up and running.

Delight – After all my speeches and groundwork the previous year and all

summer, the Fantasy Hockey League was finally going to be in place.

Anticipation – Would anyone actually even enter a team, apart from Nikki and myself (she obviously had no option)?

I needn't have worried, within a few weeks, teams were being entered left, right and centre. With over 80 teams having been entered by the closing date, entries from current players, previous players, friends and family ensured that over £750 was placed into the coffers of the hockey club.

Having gone a good 4/5 months into the season, the current Top 10's are below. These tables exclude both Evergreen's games of 2003 as no fantasy results have yet been returned.

By Tufty

Fantasy Hockey Tables – as at 26th January 2003

Men's Teams

Position	Team Name	Manager	Fantasy Score
1	Mrs T's Top Totty and Tufty	Nikki Tuff	268
2	Not Particularly Special	Nick Stevenson	254
3	Leg-Ends	Dave Hunter	248
4	Nick's Star XI	Nick Bastian	244
5	The Real Dad of Baby Tuff!	Rob Dyer	240
6	Right Charlie	Charlie Hingston	230
7	Phil's Thrashers	Philip Mumford	227
8	Grafters	Neil Stanhope	226
8	Legs Eleven!	Anthea Hunter	226
10	Animal Farm	Lisa Burgoyne	216

Ladies Teams

Position	Team Name	Manager	Fantasy Score
1	One Warm, One Cold	Jackie Hefford	234
2	Wilcox's Wanderers	Sarah Wilcox	210
3	Dammit's Squad	Janet Sutton	209
4	Sooty's Stormettes	Sarah Sutton	207
5	Margery's Magic Movers!	Margery Turner	200
5	Wooding's Wonderbabes!	Carol Wooding	200
7	Caveat Emptor	Nick Stevenson	198
8	Miller's M + M's	Sue Miller	192
9	Mrs T's Terminators	Nikki Tuff	186
10	Badgers Baiters	Dan Tilley	185

10	Nicks, Matthew	Fifth XI	29
10	Wilkinson, Gerald	Vets XI	29

Men's Players

Position	Player Name	Team Registered For	Fantasy Score
1	Tuff, Adrian	Third XI	56
2	Wasp, Trevor	Fourth XI	52
3	Fuller, Martin	Vets XI	49
4	Goode, Phil	Second XI	48
5	Stanhope, Neil	Third XI	46
6	de Prez, Dave	First XI	34
6	Coombes, David	Vets XI	34
8	Burrows, Tom	Sixth XI	31
9	Parker, Richard	Fifth XI	30
10	Gould, Derek	Fifth XI	29

Ladies Players

Position	Player Name	Team Registered For	Fantasy Score
1	Smith, Lucy	Fifth XI	64
2	Speakman, George	Fifth XI	50
3	Stonebank, Jenny	Fifth XI	44
4	Speakman, Toni	Fifth XI	43
5	Cunningham, Chris	Fourth XI	42
6	Wooding, Lisa	First XI	32
7	Roberts, Katy	First XI	30
7	Maxey, Sophie	Fourth XI	30
9	Thorogood, Tizzie	Fifth XI	29
10	Thorogood, Jacqui	Fifth XI	26

Club Home Page on the Internet

www.chelmsfordhc.org.uk

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

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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Open to all golfers - Ladies, Gentlemen, Youth and Guests.

Proposed Programme

Coffee on arrival 9.00am 9 Holes - Belsteads Course

Lunch 12.30pm 18 Holes – Channels Course

Three Course Dinner

Cost £60 pp. the cost will depend a lot on the number of players. Sponsorship of prizes and other offers would be appreciated.

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

CHELMSFORD HOCKEY CLUB

WATER APPEAL – GOLF DAY – MONDAY 12th MAY 2003

CHANNELS GOLF CLUB, LITTLE WALTHAM, CHELMSFORD

<<<<<<< Entry Form >>>>>>>

Name:Handicap: Name:Handicap:

Name:Handicap: Name:.....Handicap:

Please enter my name and that of my guests for the above Golf day.

Signed:

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A deposit of £20 per person with your entry will be required by the end of February

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