

## Loads a STICK - a retrospective

Wow, is it really 6 seasons since I took the fateful call from Jonesy asking me to resurrect The Stick (as it was called then)? I could say that it feels like yesterday but I'd be lying. Just like Anna Wintour at American Vogue, this magazine was my fiefdom until 2006 when I decided to get into bed with new kid on the block, Big Phil Smith or should I say Sid James/Sralan Sugar.

Since then, we've had tears, tantrums and tiaras so much so that the producers of the worldwide hit theatre musical, Mamma Mia, are keen to talk about another musical based on an implausible series of double entendre loosely held together by the back catalogue of The Osmonds! As such our people (me) are talking to their people (brother and sister couple without beards but enough botox to paralyse a nation). Who knows where it will end?

Thanks to Sparky and Boycey for sending out the links/posting each issue on the website, to Jonesy for

vetting every issue and for all the regular and occasional contributors.

Finally, the biggest thanks goes to Big Phil for producing some fine and clever material and for making me laugh. It's been a hoot!

As this is my last issue at the helm, thought I would remind you of some of the headlines/quotes from back issues.

**Ed**

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## Summer Events

### AGM & Barbeque

9<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Go on, have a say in the running of your Club and see exactly how Chairman Tebbs and Chancellor Boyce have been able to build their new kitchen/loft extensions!

We'll even throw in a charred sausage or two!

### Big Phil's Big Column (for the last time...or is it?)

Double acts... there are the ones that everyone remembers; Morecambe and Wise, Torville and Dean, Cutler and Dixon, and then there are the ones that look like they've made it big only to fade away into obscurity; Little and Large, Horne and Corden, Kaplinsky and Cole. Hopefully, as the end of a loadsASTICK era trundles into view Grimes and Smith will fall into the former camp. Never one to refrain from blowing our own

trumpets here at STICK Towers, we hope that we've made reading your newsletter a little bit brighter when it rolls of the presses and into your eager laps.

Big Phil's Big Column would never have seen the light if it wasn't for my esteemed editor's eagle eye and so whilst many of you may feel you now know who to blame I owe her a debt of gratitude that will never be repaid. When I started writing my column I made it my job to read back through all the previous issues of the STICK and for any new readers I would recommend that you do something similar (they're all available on the web) in order to get a feel for quite how much of a contribution Liz has made over the years. On behalf of all the readers - and the hundreds of staff here at STICK Towers - I thank her for a truly magnificent effort. The person who takes over from her has very big shoes to fill indeed.

And so to the mighty Cheam... Having had to spend some time away from the Club since the Christmas break I returned

recently and was welcomed back into the bosom of the Cheetah family as if I had never been away. This is the true Cheam spirit and I know that should I ever notice someone looking lost or out of place at the Fortress or at the club I will offer them my bosom as others have offered me theirs. I don't want to turn the STICK into a dating agency or anything but I'm just saying my bosom is there should you want it. *(May I make it clear that only the only bosom on offer here is that of the male member of the editorial team! Ed)*

After last year's unprecedented success and raft of championships and promotions it was only right that there would be ups and downs this season as most sides looked to consolidate their league positions and a special mention must go to the Ladies 1s for bouncing back quicker than Swamp Pig in a Wonderbra.

So for another season it is farewell and... who knows. By the time the loadsASTICK returns there will be a new supremo at the helm and who knows what kind of pro-Cheetah

propaganda they'll be churning out. So, summer hard and summer well and we'll see you on the other side.

*Big Phil*

## Awards

Congratulations to all the winners this year.

### Club Person of the year

Lois Hare

### Players of the Season

Clarets	Anton Mostert
Men's 1s	Craig Grant
Ladies 1s	Sylvana Fellows
Men's 2s	Matt Mabin
Ladies 2s	Frankie Attard
Men's 3s	Mark Clover
Ladies 3s	Amy Collins
Ladies 4s	Michele Quayle

### Most Improved Senior Players

Jo Syron  
Stuart Lawrence

### Most Improved Junior Players

Matt Mabin  
Laura Phillips

### Top Goal Scorers

Andrea Hearn  
Matt Mabin

### Chairman's Address

I can't believe it's the end of another successful year - and the 'speech season' is now over - but there's still the AGM to look forward to! I hope as many of you as possible can come along.

Although there haven't been as many promotions this year as last, it has been a great season in a number of ways. In particular the number of talented junior players making their way through the ranks in both the Men's and Ladies sections has been incredible to watch - several were award winners this weekend - though I hope not too many are talented left half players. I still have some years left yet!

The Colts Section has again gone from strength to strength and will continue to be the bedrock of the senior sections next year. A change of coaching arrangements saw Charlotte coaching two of the Ladies teams to great success -

thanks to Charlotte and Spuggie for your hard work!

We also see the end of an era as Club Secretary Lois Hare steps down from her role. Lois has contributed a dozen years of service to the club in numerous roles and has been fundamental to the development of Cheam HC to the club it is today - we are all very grateful to her for everything she has done and will sorely miss her sound judgement and ray of common sense on the Exec.

Finally another mention of the AGM. This year's AGM will be held on 9 June at Peaches Close and accompanied by food/drink/other bribes to promote attendance. Please, please make every effort to attend - it is a great opportunity to raise questions to members of the Executive Committee and to have your say on the running of the club.

Meanwhile, enjoy planning your Saturdays and see you for summer hockey!  
*James Tebbs*

## All Rise for the Chancellor

As the season draws to a close I am pleased to report that the club remains in a healthy financial position. A more detailed picture of the finances will be available at the AGM.

Following on from my report at the start of the season I have continued to illustrate some of the items that you may not know about what the club needs to spend. Here are some facts of the season:

- Members subscriptions are up on last year as a result of numbers increasing to a total of £22k.
- Pitch costs for matches and training have cost us over £23,000 this season!
- We will have spent approximately £5k on affiliation fees to England Hockey, the leagues and for using our clubhouse.
- The bad winter of snow and cold weather cost us over £1,200 in cancellation charges
- We have invested over £4k in coaching

this year to benefit all members and aim to do more next year

- ....any finally our Chairman and First Lady have already put an order in for a Cheam Shirt for their soon to be born baby! (I will add it to his subs!).

The role of treasurer has been made that much easier with the help of the captains and match fee collectors. This task is a onerous one, to ensure everybody pays each week but is a major source of the clubs income so thank you for your help. Thanks also goes to Ian Boyce for liaising with Nonsuch on pitch times etc so we can agree pitch costs with the school. Finally, thanks goes to Sarah Trinder for her hard work in getting subscriptions in and agreed to our database.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM! Have a great summer.

*Keith Boyce*

## Social Report

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April saw the annual End of Season Dinner and many thanks to everyone who made it such a success. 75 Cheetahs turned out for an evening of eating, drinking and dancing to celebrate a successful(ish!) season.

Questions to ponder on...

*Why did Mr T & I spend so much money on one night away at a health spa for one person?*

*Why did my sister bid against us when she was apparently going to buy it for me anyway?*

*Why didn't any WAG's bid for the date with the men's 1's? (looking for a night of peace and quiet I suspect!)*

*Was Chezza a 'trolley bag' model in a former life?*

*How did Michelle, Baby Boyce and Flasher fit in the back seat of Amy's car on the way home, along with the Trolley Bag and 20 helium balloons?*

As most of you know we were raising money in aid of Children with Leukaemia on the night and, through both the auction and Heads &

Tails, we were successful in raising £570 - a great result so thanks to all, especially to Richard Lewis who once again was fantastic in getting us all to cough up our pennies for a worthy cause.

Phil and I are handing over the reins of Social Secretaries to Amy and A Mart next season so do let them know if you would like to help in any way or if you have any ideas for future events. In the meantime keep your eye on the website for any impromptu gatherings that might be organised over the summer to give you your hockey fix!

Dates for your diary next season:

- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009 - hall booked event TBC
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009 - Christmas Dinner
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 - hall booked event TBC
- End of Season dinner - date still to be finalised as depends on match fixtures etc.

Have a good summer!  
*Lizzie & Phil*

## Final Score of the Season

### Clarets

After a season characterised by a complete goal drought from October to January, the vets are finally finding the target. Last Saturday the team posted a fine 4-3 win against Spencer, in the first of their play off matches in a campaign now being staged against West Division opposition.

Finishing at the wrong end of the London League Veterans East Division can, therefore, still be put right before the end of the season.

Apart from having no luck in front of goal, a squad of only 13 players was always going to make the task difficult, particularly in away games against distant opposition. Next season there is an attempt being made by the South of England vets leagues to combine forces to make Six Regional Divisions and one Premier Division which should ease travel

commitments and provide more competitive matches.

Picking the Clarets "Team Player of the Year" threw up a variety of candidates but in the end went to Anton Mostert who was by some margin the top goal scorer, 9, and played in the most matches.

Once again the Clarets will participate in the Surbiton Summer League when it is hoped some younger and fitter talent can be recruited.

### Men's 1s

The 1st XI have had a tricky season. The first two months was spent coming to terms with a step up to a higher division, whilst the remainder saw your heroes compete well in all matches, but sadly often finishing the wrong side of a 2-1 or 1-0 scoreline.

We had some great highs this season though, foremost of which were the 6-1 thrashing of Walton & Weybridge and the 3-1 victory over Old Mids. Our standards of play improved immensely and the challenge

will be maintaining that level in the next season.

We say goodbye to a number of players - player of the season Squealer (off to University unless he fails his exams, fingers crossed), Gaz (off to America to become an underwater welder on an oil rig - don't ask...), Matty L (off to a hockey academy to continue what will no doubt be an illustrious playing career). We've also welcomed a number of players into the 1s - Julio, Badger, SuperMario and Hamas, who have all made the difficult step from the 1s to the 2s with aplomb.

One highlight of the season (aside from the Mint and Tea tree shower gel...) has been the immense team spirit our side has shown. We're like a big fluffy (manly) Cheam family, and maintaining that unity will be key to success next season. Fudges, no doubt, will be important.

Special mention to our top scorers (you know who you are) and the goal of the season winner, unanimously voted in for a poetic drag flick...

Congratulations too to Baby, because otherwise he'll hit me again...

Finally, hearty congrats to the lucky winners of a date with the Cheam 1st XI. You've just made the best purchase of your lives, ladies. Untold joy awaits...x  
*Shags*

### Men's 2s

No report submitted.

### Men's 3s

We finished the season as we started - full of hope. It was the bit in the middle where we perhaps could have upped our game. Consistency is something to strive for next season but was tricky to achieve this time round with thirty eight different players being used. It was great to see Matt Mabin move seamlessly into the seconds, with the occasional foray in the firsts. Marcus Eales and Ben Ogden are close behind him.

On any given day we could probably have beaten any of the sides in the league, but we just couldn't do it on

enough occasions drawing five of our games and too often giving away goals late in the game. We now know what is required next season. Game of the season had to be our 3-0 victory over Reigate when we only had ten men, a truly fantastic gritty team display when we were leading within two minutes.

Our defence was solid with Krish in goal and the back line permed from any combination of Dhiren, Brian, Joe, Taz, Sparky, Aj, Aaron and James. Ben, Simon, Lawrie and Neil packed the middle with Darren, for the first few games, and Marcus providing firepower up front. Unfortunately Darren after a blistering goal flurry in the first few games moved away from Cheam and no one else could match his "Rooney-like" pace in front of goal.

We finished the season comfortably mid table with plenty of potential to build on next year. My grateful thanks go to everyone in the team for their support; David, Aaron, Badger, Craigy, Tris, Rob, Gary & Dom who all umpired for us; Emma for all the hard hours

of training and support and the Ians - Sharpe and Boyce for all the hard work they put in behind the scenes.

*Graham Head*

## Ladies 1s

No report submitted.

## Ladies 2s

Newly promoted, we didn't really know what to expect from life in Div 2. Losing 5 players from the promotion-winning side didn't help but the players who stepped up not only easily cemented their places but also embraced the spirit of the team which is exactly that: TEAM. A few rocky results here and there never dampened spirits, rather we learnt from the losses and, I think, improved as a team (mostly due to our scary Coach!)

For me as Captain, retaining our Div 2 status shades winning promotion in achievement terms.

Well done to all who have been regulars and passed through the Ladies 2s this

season and last. You have been a pleasure to captain.

*Liz Grimes*

## Ladies 3s

We've had a good season in the 3's, which is perhaps not reflected in our position on the league table. We finished 7th having won 6, drawn 4 and lost 8. I admit it doesn't look great, but we have had so many close games that have been agony for those on the sideline as well as us on the pitch!!! We actually beat the top of the league the first time we played them and this proves that we do have great potential. We have had many colts make it into our team this year and actually one game we worked out that the average age of our team was 19 years old (that was even with Fiona on the team!!!).

Well done to all who have stepped up, I'm sure they won't be with us for long as they will progress rapidly into the 2's. Thanks to all who have stepped into the goal-keeper kit this season as well as all who have umpired. Thanks to Rachna for her commitment to finding umpires on a

weekly basis, even though she has not played all season. Thanks to Spuggie for coaching us in some awful conditions.

Finally a massive thank you to Catriona for her continued support and advice. Here's to an even better season next year with Ellie Waller taking on the role as Captain.

Have a great summer everyone!

*Amy Collins*

## Ladies 4s

The Fab 4s should take great pride in their performance this season.

Being newly promoted from Div 9, we took points from every team apart from the eventual league champs-Byfleet; losing only one game since 29th November 08. In fact, if we could have converted some of our draws to wins especially in the games when we spent the majority of the time camped in the opposition's D, we may have finished higher. However a year of consolidation in Div 8 should not be sniffed at. We gained a total of 33 points

finishing fourth in the league, playing 22 games with 10 wins and 6 draws and 6 loses. Scoring a total of 40 goals and conceding 29.

The team spirit is second to none and it has been impressive how the team has gelled together with everyone contributing to its success. The old hands from last season have welcomed a number of newcomers - Alex, Sara, Emily, Rose, Lizzi, Amy, Beckie and Saoirse. Well done to Safa for her goal tally of 15 and congratulations on being top Ladies goalscorer yet again!! Alex was a close second, managing to score enough times to keep her out of defence! Ads returned to her old stomping ground at left defence and had many a nose bleed from crossing the half way line! Chezza owes Bev a few beers for keeping her out of goal and probably myself for giving her the opportunity for a free reign up front!!

We had the third best defence in the league which was due to some good man to man marking, hard

tackling and impressive running out at defensive short corners by Di and Rose. Managing to coerce a rather good goalie into being a fours regular also helped... big thanks to Bev who made some excellent saves in goal especially the one which was heading for the top corner off my stick!! Hopefully we will still have Bev in goal for us next season but we also have discovered Sara who was a natural at the Vets tournament.

Well done to Lucy Edwards who made the step up to the 3s during the season and to Lucy W, Saoirse and Laura who also played for them. Lucy, Emily and Saoirse have done a great job especially when covering the centre mid role with Beckie, Amy and Sara stepping up to the mark in midfield. I have been impressed with how all the youngsters have risen to the challenges of playing in the Surrey League, getting stuck in and dealing with some of the more aggressive and dirty tactics that are employed. Congratulations goes to Laura who received the award for most improved junior in a senior team.

Laura has improved in strength over the season and has shown she is a versatile player, a fourth team regular as well as a few games in the 3s. I have been impressed with Amy's commitment and determination (the elbows are coming along nicely), she gives a 110% and is ever helpful even offering to go in goal! Lizzi, who would give a cheetah a good run for their money, is improving in strength and confidence all the time. One thing is for sure she will be challenging Safa on the goal scoring front next season.

Player of the season was a very close call with Laura and Di hot on my heels. Bev and Rose also featuring in the voting. Hopefully Rose will be available for part of next season before heading off into the sunset.

Thanks to Lucy E and Laura for organising the umpires, those who umpired for us - Tris, Craigy, Fiona, Pankster, Sharpey, David and Katie. Also to everyone who has coached and supported us on the sidelines - Sarah, Pankster and Mike W.

A special mention for the super hero of the team.. Di..she is a legend ..and I look forward to playing with her again next season!!

Thanks guys for all your support. It's been a pleasure!!! Can't wait for next season!!

*Quayley*

## Colts Corner

At the end of the season the Colts Section is in a strong position with over 80 regular players. We are particularly pleased to have recruited more boys this season and hope to continue to build the boys section so that we can start to enter Cheam boys teams in the leagues again in future years. This year our older boys have played alongside the Epsom boys in joint league teams. The jury is still out on the overall success of this experiment but I am sure the boys have benefited from the opportunity of plenty of match play.

We have been in the fortunate position of having strong squads in both the girls U16 and U14 groups. Both teams have had some

exciting and hard fought matches. The U16s are currently 4<sup>th</sup> in their league with one match still to play. The U14s won two of their matches and finished their season with an epic match lasting nearly two hours against two Wycombe teams.

In March we entered an U13 team in the Surrey min-hockey tournament. They played really well in the qualifying tournament and qualified for the finals at St Georges but came up against some very strong teams there.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in Stix skills this year and have received their certificates and badges and to those who received trophies at our end of season presentation. Although the season has finished there will be a chance for more hockey over the summer. Some of our colts will be able to try out for and play in the London and Surrey Youth Games teams and we will be running some evening summer hockey sessions.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with coaching and umpiring for us

this season. Special thanks to our head coach Jenny who organises the training sessions as well as coaching the U12s and to Jon the U16 coach and Barry the U14 coach. Thanks to Sarah, Quayley, Claire and Ian who regularly help with the U12s and to all our current and former colts who help at training: Katie, Kat, Becca, Saoirse, Ruth, Lucy and Duncan.

Thanks too to our team managers Tracy (U16), Robin (U14) and Nicky (U12) for all their work in making sure we have the right number of players at the right place and at the right time for all our matches.  
*Denise Edwards*

## Damned Good

Given the recent release of Brian Clough inspired movie, the Damned United, this publication wanted to pay it's respects to the great man by making you aware of some of his most famous quotes. Captains/Coaches, if you use these, use with care! Jose Mourinho, you are nothing but a cheap imitation.

When asked how he'd deal with a player questioning his tactics, Clough replied: *"I'd ask him how he thinks it should be done, have a chat about it for 20 minutes and then we'd decide I was right"*

If the conversation went further, Clough was happy to adopt a more hands on approach, *"Have you ever been punched in the stomach young man? he once asked striker Nigel Jemson in the dressing room. Jemson never had, so Clough clocked him in the gut. "Well, now you have".*

*"I certainly wouldn't say I'm the best manager in the business, but I'm in the top one"*

*"They say Rome wasn't built in a day...but I wasn't on that particular job."*

*"The River Trent is lovely. I know because I have walked on it for 18 years"*

Legend!

## Overheard

*"Michele, you have the most wonderful breasts!" Ads admiring of her captain,*

*Michele Quayle's prized assets at the CHC Quiz*

## Overheard

When asked in the changing rooms on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> before the Ladies 2's rearranged game against Epsom and after the end of season dinner the night before if Claire Mostert was feeling better she replied, *"Much better thanks -the blockage has been removed!"*

## Overheard

*"When I get off that horse, I'm rubbed raw!"*  
Charlotte Kenyon on the discomforts of horse riding!

## Quotable

*"I don't understand this gay world but do you think I've left it too late at 55?"*  
Who else but Ads at the quiz.

[www.cheamhockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.cheamhockeyclub.co.uk)

## Wanted...

...someone with a sense of humour along the lines of Victoria Wood or Peter Kay,

antennae for ears and the ability to keep a watchful eye on Ads Parry at Socials - a treasure trove of material!

Loads aSTICK needs a new Editor. The post is unsalaried but money can't buy the warm, fuzzy feeling you get inside when each issue is despatched!

Apply in writing to Chairman Tebbs on [james.tebbs@uk.pwc.com](mailto:james.tebbs@uk.pwc.com)

## Carry On Editing

Thanks to all who have put up with my nagging over the last 6 years especially my Phil "Sid James" Smith (cue saucy laugh). It's been a pleasure editing loads aSTICK and I wish the next Editor all the luck in the world. Enjoy your Summer off!

*That's All, Folks!*  
**Ed**