



Duck Tails (Tales?) Revival - October 2011

Most of you will recall that we used to have an occasional newsletter in previous seasons. This season will probably see the start of a new era for Ipswich-East Suffolk Hockey club so I hope we can revive the newsletter and use it to share news of what is going on – both on and off the field.

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Firstly welcome to all our new and returning members. Our aim this season is to reverse the relegations of last season and have as many teams as possible promoted or battling for promotion. To achieve this we need to step up and commit to supporting the club - better availability is key to getting stronger squads out regularly for all teams. I'm delighted we are running 5 men's teams again – thanks to Richie and John for rising to the challenge.

Rushmere Development

What progress on the future development at Rushmere? Three acres of the sports fields have been granted planning for housing. A buyer has been found for the land and legal agreements are being drawn up. Tenders have been received for the construction of new changing rooms and for **a new sand dressed hockey pitch with flood lights.**

Six tenders for the pitch, all from top companies in Astroturf pitch construction, include several within the affordable price range. Pitch construction can only start after the legal agreements are in place – then it will be all systems go and the pitch should be complete in just 2 months so early next year is likely.

Our thanks go to Peter Elsom for his generosity and tireless efforts to make this possible.

Fantasy League



Geoff Jackson

Enter your team in our Fantasy league to make the season more interesting and have a chance to win prizes. Forms and rules have been distributed to captains or can be downloaded from the [club website](#) via the fantasy hockey link at the top of the home page. **Give your entry forms to Geoff Reed or your captain with your entry fee no later than this Saturday.** We already have over 20 entries so keep them coming.



Wheelie Cullen

Over 40's Cup match – Sunday 9th October

The Over 40s will be playing their first round cup match at Copleston this Sunday - 12:15 start against Broadlands Exiles. Please come and support - bring a beer (or your thermos) and cheer us along.



Mens' 1st XI Cup match – Sunday 23rd October

Another opportunity to support the club is on 23rd October when the men will be playing in the HA Plate competition in Cambridge. For further details contact Charlie Coulson or check on the club website.

Social Events

We will be running a number of social events this season. Thanks to those who have already volunteered to help Jaffa – one representative from each team is required to help make these events a success. Please can we have a volunteer from any team that has not yet nominated a social rep.

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What will this season bring? It should be a momentous season with teams getting promotion, a new pitch and more. We have already had some impressive results in the league and a really encouraging turn out for junior hockey on Sundays. Geoff and Gary are updating player statistics weekly on the website (<http://www.ieshc.org>). I think it is a great time for the club and we need to build and keep the enthusiasm going. A newsletter (be it Duck Tales or some other name) could be a simple way of sharing news – both serious and light-hearted – about what is going on in the club. ***If you have any ideas, would be prepared to contribute or take on an editorial role, please let me know.***

Graham Ramsden, Club Chairman