

Tim Langdon and his wife Nicky, recent retirees from England, decided to spend January in the Calgary area to experience a traditional Canadian winter. It was important for him to include hockey in some form on this trip. Tim reached out to Calgary 55+ Hockey through our website and inquired about getting some ice time with one of our league teams. The Shouldice team generously offered him a spot to play with them during January and Tim quickly integrated himself into the team, scoring and setting up goals as well as providing interesting stories in the dressing room.

As League Commissioner, I took on the responsibility of facilitating the following interview with tim:

*Where were you born and where do you currently live?* I was born in Kings Lynn, Norfolk and currently live in a small village just outside of Tiptree in Essex. I was brought up though in Gillingham, part of the Medway towns in Kent.

*What brought you to Canada?* I've always wanted to skate on an ODR and the mountain lakes, plus watch the NHL live.

*How long have you been playing hockey?* I started at 43 and I'm now 59. I've ice skated though since I was 18 when they first opened the rink in Gillingham and roller skated since I was 13.

*What league and team do you currently play for?* I play for two rec teams in Chelmsford, Chargers and Nighthawks. Hawks play in a rec league in the South of England and I get the odd game (I'm by far the oldest in that group!) but with both teams we have played in some great tournaments in Europe over the years, often playing Canadian touring teams.

*Any memorable events from your hockey career?* I managed to train once with my younger brother Joe and cousin Mat when I was 21 and they were 15 and just breaking into the Medway Marauders, one of the original league teams in Gillingham. Joe is sadly no longer with us but the Marauders are now a reformed rec team and I get to go out with his old mates once a month.

*Have you enjoyed your time on the ice in Canada?* Definitely!

*Will you be experiencing your first live NHL game while in Canada?* Yes, Flames v Penguins here in Calgary.

*Do you have a favourite NHL team and player?* I enjoy watching the Blackhawks, Jets and Flames. Favourite player Corey Perry although I'm rooting for Brad Lambert of the Jets to get a full-time roster spot. We used to very much enjoy watching his dad and uncle play in Gillingham some 40 years ago!

Tim, without helmet, and the Shouldice team

