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SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Since our last Newsletter we have had two matches with other Clubs. The first was held at Riverside Baths on Friday, 19th June, against Bromley, Orpington, Lewisham and Gravesend. (This was our Club's first home inter-club match). Although Bromley won the match, which was a foregone conclusion, our team did extremely well to tie with Orpington for second place. All our swimmers did jolly well and the final result was :- Bromley, 97, Orpington & Erith 75, Lewisham 44 and Gravesend 36.

The second match was held at Sevenoaks on the 25th June. This was a very close and exciting match all the way but the final result did not justify our swimmers' efforts.

Our team have now got the fighting spirit at matches and seem to do better each time. This is very gratifying to the teachers to see such good performances put up by the team, which is getting well known to other Clubs throughout the area. The final result was :- Erith 109, Sevenoaks 123.

D. S. Firmin.

ACHIEVEMENTS.

The following achievements have been made since our last Newsletter :-

One Width.

Clive Walker, Michael Kither, Nina White.

A.S.A. Silver Award.

Marion Finch
Dennis Button
Richard Simmonds

Joyce Ratty
Gillian Hobbs.

POINTS CUP RACES.

Our final Points Cup Races for this year will be held on Friday, 10th July. The races will start at 7.30 p.m. and classes will be as usual until that time. The Adult Section will be held as usual.

Results of the Points Cup Races held 12th June, 1970 - Back Crawl.Girls Under 12.

1st Gillian Fitnum
2nd Jayne Hamilton
3rd Julie O'Brien

Boys Under 12.

1st Gary Morgan
2nd John Cheriton
3rd Neil Monk

Girls Under 14.

1st Carol Moyse
2nd Joyce Ratty
3rd Sharon Evans

Boys Under 14.

1st David Matthews
2nd Peter Frost
3rd Stephen Griffin

Girls Under 16.

1st Gillian Mount
2nd Janet Barton
3rd Pauline Dent

Boys Under 16.

1st Terry Fitnum
2nd Ian Ratty
3rd David Hearne

SWIMMING.

Once again I must impress on the front crawl and back crawl swimmers the need to be able to swim into the wall, tumble turn, push off and carry on swimming in the shortest possible time.

The tumble turn is the fastest of turns for crawl swimmers, practise this as often as possible.

Some back crawl swimmers say they are frightened to use this turn in case their head should hit the wall, This will not happen if the turn is used properly, as follows :-

Back Crawl.

Swim into the wall, until one hand touches then, push the head well back, tuck the legs up, the free hand assists by sculling, this is the somersault part, the twist is given to the body by the hand that touches the wall.

When this half somersault and half twist are completed, both feet should push against the wall. The arms should be close to the body. Slide the arms beyond the head, ready for swimming.

Front Crawl.

Swim into the wall at speed (never glide), when close to the wall, head down for the somersault part, then twist as you push off.

Points to remember :-

1. Pike into the somersault, then tuck.
2. Do not attempt to twist during the somersault.
3. Make sure that both hands are beyond the head on push-off.

T. A. Davison.

SOCIAL SECTION.

Our trip to Clacton on 6th June was a great success. We had a gorgeous day and all came home looking very brown (or red). Unfortunately the tide was in whilst we were on the beach so it was regrettably impossible to have a lot of games but we had plenty of fun in the water! On the way down we had a sweepstake for "The Oaks". Mrs. Morgan came 1st, Mrs. E. Bedford, 2nd and 'Wally' the coach driver 3rd. It is hoped that we shall have another outing next year but it will be on a Sunday next time.

P. Bedford.

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REMINDERS.

We have track suits and club costumes in some sizes in stock.

** 10th July - POINTS CUP RACES.

STOP PRESS 18th July - Lamorbey S.C. have invited us to a Six-Club
Saturday Match at Eltham Baths, commencing 7.00 p.m.