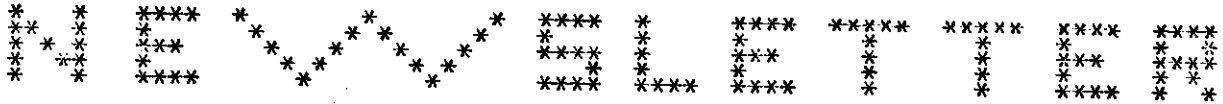


ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Since our last Newsletter, many members have changed classes and we have started a new beginners class. We hope you have all settled into routine now. All beginners should now have been issued with Membership Cards and the number on the front of these cards is their number for the length of their stay in the Club and must be called out each week on the entrance. This way we can keep a Register of attendance, which we hope will be regular. If you are unable to come along on a Friday evening because of illness or some other reasonable excuse, please let us know.

Beginners are reminded that they join us for a year and if they are unable to swim, or to swim enough to go up into the next class, at the end of that year then they cannot re-join for a second year.

We have had two matches during the last month. The first on Monday 24th May at Sevenoaks when our team put up a very good fight but were unable to beat Sevenoaks. Many of the races were disappointing to our team because they only lost by a hand's length but of course these are the races which prove exciting when the finish is so close. The final result was Sevenoaks 125 points, Erith 97. Our home match was held on Friday, 28th May against Eltham when this time our team did come in first by quite a few points. Many of the team knocked seconds off their personal best time and we had quite a few surprising results. As usual, the most exciting races are always the relays and this time no one made a false or flying start or takeover - you are learning! Final score Erith 211½, Eltham 178½.

Members of the team are requested to look on the Notice Board at the list of forthcoming fixtures and if you are unable to swim on the required dates, please let Mrs. Firmin know in good time. Holidays will soon be starting and this will make a difference to some events in the matches.

I was very pleased to see such a great support for our first Points Cup race on the 14th May - for breaststroke. These races are held each month so that everyone who can swim a length can take part. What was most pleasing to see was the number of members who took part in the Butterfly event afterwards. Although this is a new stroke to the Club many of you attempted to swim the length and, although some of the efforts were not quite orthodox, at least you all tried. This time last year you would not even try.

ALL members should now have paid their subscriptions for 1971 otherwise we shall assume that you no longer wish to re-join. Attention is drawn to the new rule, No. 14, which has been added to all your Membership Cards.

WINNERS OF THE RAFFLE HELD ON 28th MAY

1st Prize	Garden Chair	Yellow ticket	104	- Mr. Dott
2nd Prize	Bottle Sherry	Yellow ticket	413	- Mr. Offner
3rd Prize	Box Chocolates	Yellow ticket	177	- Mr. Topp.

ACHIEVEMENTS

<u>1 Width</u>	Ian Chambers	Gary Cameron	Paul Curling
<u>1 Length</u>	Nicholas Singh Martin Williamson Edward Dennis Kirk Ford Delia Elliott Wendy Elliott	Ian Cranshaw Bradley Walton Sharon Creed Susan Cooper Jacqueline Allen Lyn Allen	Janice Walker Clive Walker Pamela Walker Sheena Bradshaw Kathleen Maguire Diane Coppins

ACHIEVEMENTS (OUTSIDE THE CLUB)

Gold Personal Survival	Julie O'Brien
Gold Personal Survival	Peter Atkins
Bronze Personal Survival	Lynda Jones

All these awards were obtained at school.

JUMBLE SALE

I would like to thank all members who sent along jumble for our Jumble Sale held on the 5th June at St. Paul's Hall, Northumberland Heath. Also many thanks to all the helpers who came along in the morning to sort the jumble out and who returned in the afternoon to sell the goods. We made a grand profit of £26.00 which will go into Club funds.

M. Firmin

OUR ANNUAL GALA this year will be held on Saturday, 18th September. The diving and breaststroke style events will be held on Friday, 10th September. More details later

SOCIAL SECTION

A coach load of our members and their families and friends spent a glorious day at Westbrook on Sunday, 6th June. The weather was kind to them, the cricket was enjoyable and a good time was had by all.

Mr. Mount would like to extend a welcome to all swimmers to his new Group 2 at 7.30 p.m. each Friday. He is particularly pleased to see that many of this Group are keen to train and to improve their times with a view to representing the Club in future inter-Club Galas. To this end he will be introducing training schedules varying not only in the number of lengths, but also in the contents of the training session. If you have any swimming problems, please do not hesitate to see him.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, 19th June	Match at Addington. A coach taking all competitors will leave Riverside Baths at 5.45 p.m.
Friday, 25th June	Home match with B.P., and Orpington. No classes after 7.00 p.m. Match starts at 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 17th July	Match at Eltham, commencing 6.15 p.m.
Saturday 24th July	Match at Gravesend, commencing 7.00 p.m.
*** Saturday 18th September	ANNUAL GALA, commencing 5.30 p.m.