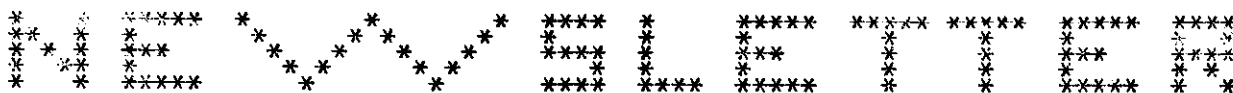


ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



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We commenced our new Club session times on the 4th May with a reduced session of 2¼ hours instead of 3 hours. Classes were altered slightly and I think most of you are now used to the new times. Beginners classes have also been re-arranged so that they are more uniform.

Our team have taken part in three matches recently and have put up a very good fight at each against strong opposition. The first match was held at Maidstone on the 7th April. At this match we were unable to fulfil a number of events owing to lack of swimmers required for the very young age groups. The results of this match were :-

Canterbury	207	Sevenoaks	137
Maidstone	194	Erith	118
Rochester	158		

We held our own inter-club match at Riverside Baths on the 14th April which proved to be a very close and exciting gala. In half the events in this match the times clocked were identical for several swimmers so that it was very difficult for the officials to work out final place results. As usual the relays were very exciting, especially the last which was the boys squadron relay when our boys finished way ahead of all the others. The results were :-

Dagenham (Essex)	189	Erith	166
Fairfield (Surrey)	179	Eltham	113
Maidstone	168	Faversham	98

The most recent match was held at Greenwich Baths on the 12th May where Addington proved to be a very strong club. However, our swimmers did extremely well, especially some of the younger ones who had not competed in any matches before. The results were :-

Addington	296	Erith	186
Lewisham	271	Triton	138
Greenwich	265	Eltham	135

D. S. Firmin

POINTS CUP RACES

Our first Points Cup Race this year was held on the 11th May. These races are swum on club nights at various times during the summer season. All swimmers who compete will receive a number of points according to their finishing position. It is up to the swimmer to enter for all the events in order to accumulate the highest number of points. There are Points Cups for Boys and Girls and also for Ladies and Gents. Races are, Butterfly, breaststroke, backcrawl and freestyle.

It has come to our notice that some swimmers, and parents, do not know the dates of our forthcoming events. These are well displayed on our permanent notice board on the wall in the foyer to Riverside Baths and also on our wooden notice board which stands in the centre of the floor. As it is almost impossible for us to contact persons individually, would all concerned please make it their duty regularly to consult the notice boards. We do try to publish a Newsletter each month which contains a list of forthcoming events.

THE ANDERSON TROPHY SHIELD

This shield is presented to the swimmer who has obtained the highest number of points throughout the competitive season, which commences at the first match after the Club's annual gala, and finishes at the last match before the next annual gala. Points are awarded to the competitors at the various matches they have attended. Only personal events count for the above shield. All competitors, regardless of age, who are selected to swim for the Club can accumulate a points score. The winner who has the highest score will be presented with the shield at the Club's Annual Gala. The shield will be held for one year.

T. A. Davison

On the 27th April at Riverside Baths the Club was presented with a trophy by the British Heaft Foundation for being the Club who raised the most money at the sponsored swim held in October last year. We are proud to say that this is the third year running that such a presentation has been made to the Club.

On the same evening a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Firmin for all their untiring work for the Club over many years.

ACHIEVEMENTS

<u>1 Width</u>	Jane Hancock	<u>1 length</u>	Lee Ford
	Linda Nottingham		Stella Jensen
	Raymond Smith		Barbara Horne

Michael Dent - Bronze Life-saving Medallion
Half mile - Lynne Harvey
Stages I and II and Bronze Personal Survival - Toni Jensen and Terri Jensen
(at school)
Honours Personal Survival - Lynda Jones (at school)

SOCIAL SECTION

The Social Section is holding a Supper Dance on the 2nd February 1974 so make a note of this for your next year's diary.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 8th June - POINTS CUP (Back crawl) 8.15 - 9.15 p.m.
Saturday 9th June - Match with Ravensbourne at Ladywell Baths, 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 23rd June - Match at Greenwich Baths at 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 29th September Match with Lewisham at Ladywell Baths, 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 10th November Our own ANNUAL GALA, commencing at 6.00 p.m.
Saturday 17th November - ANNUAL BAZAAR

FOR SALE

We have two second-hand Club costumes for sale -

Girls size 30" and Girls size 32"

If you are interested in buying one of these please see one of the Club officials.
