

BRIT & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



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The question on everyone's lips at the moment is 'When are we going back to Friday?' I wish I could give you a date but at the moment, no-one knows. We were changed over to Monday night session because of the emergency lighting situation, and although workers are back to a five day week, the emergency regulations are still in operation. We must be grateful to the Borough of Bexley for allowing us to have an alternative night, otherwise the Club would have been closed down until the national situation was back to normal. Many of our older members have been unable to attend because their homework must be done on Monday night and some members have other commitments on Mondays which they are naturally not going to drop because we have changed our night. So once we are back to Friday night session we hope to see more of the familiar faces back.

We have been unable to hold the Adult Section during the emergency because the Monday session is $\frac{1}{2}$ hour shorter, consequently the Club has been running at a financial loss because of Monday sessions.

As soon as the temperature of the Pool is back to normal we shall commence another beginners class. This should have been started in January and all new ones have been notified. As soon as we are back to normal we shall contact the new ones again, so if you have a brother or sister who is waiting to start, please tell them we hope it will not be too long now.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 12th March and a new rule was passed which affects all members. Rule 15 in your Membership Book has now been deleted and new wording is being added to Rule 4, which will now read 'Competing members shall be amateurs as defined by the Amateur Swimming Association, if accepted, must not during their term of membership belong to any other Swimming Club.' The wording underlined is the new addition to the Rule.

This has been added because we have found that a member can only be loyal to one Club at a time. It presents problems at galas and matches as to choice of swimmers and can cause a lot of dissatisfaction. We try to be fair to members and we expect them to be fair to us. The rule means that if you want to join another Swimming Club whilst you are a member of our Club, then you must hand in to us a letter of resignation. If you are already members of two or more Swimming Clubs then you must make your choice as to which Club you wish to belong. This of course does not apply to a school team or the Council run Improvers Classes which are held at Riverside Baths as these are not Swimming Clubs.

In view of this new Rule, it is necessary for us to have our Club cards reprinted. Will all members kindly hand in their Club cards so that a complete set of Rules may be inserted.

Club Costumes and Track Suits

Some of you have been waiting a long time for your orders and unfortunately the delivery of these items these days is very slow. The three day working week has, of course, made it even worse. So if you want a costume or track suit for a special date (birthdays, etc.) please order well in advance to save disappointment.

FOR SALE - Girls' Club costume size 26" (Second hand). Please see one of the officials if you are interested.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Width Jane Barron

At School - Linda Hurley - Gold and Honours Personal Survival

Karen Fox - Silver Personal Survival

Branze Personal Survival Test

The following swimmers have passed the above test, and should have received their certificates and badges.

Ian Friend

Tony Linford

Stephen Callard

Hazel Abbott

Stacy Chilton

Those swimmers who wish to take any of the survival tests, or Stage I or Stage II, should give their names to Mr. Bardell or Mr. Davison.

Every effort should be made by all swimmers to keep in training during the present emergency. After a long lay off from training it will take some time before you are fit to race, and training will be hard work. It is unfortunate that Monday evening is our club night (which is a temporary measure) it is better than no club night at all.

Let us hope it will not last too long then we can move back to our normal Friday evening.

T. A. Davison

Saturday	30th March	ICE SKATING OUTING to Streatham. A few tickets still available.
Saturday	18th May	HOME GALA at Riverside Baths - more details later.
Saturday	5th October	ANNUAL GALA
Saturday	23rd November	ANNUAL BAZAAR

S T O P P R E S S

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE WE ARE BACK TO FRIDAY EVENING SESSIONS FROM 29th MARCH. On and from that date the present beginners class will start at 8.00 p.m., and a new beginners class will start at 7.30 p.m. All other classes will be $\frac{1}{2}$ hour later than Monday times.

THERE WILL BE NO CLUB SESSION ON GOOD FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL.