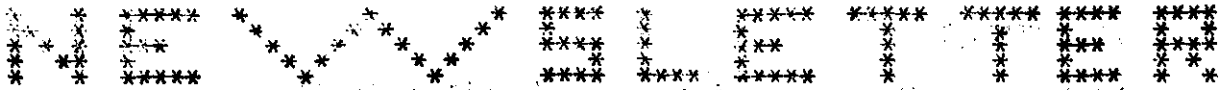


ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



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I was extremely disappointed in the lack of interest shown by members and parents in our Annual General Meeting held on the 17th February. At this meeting members and parents have a chance to voice their opinions or criticisms of any matter connected with the Club. Presumably as very few did so you are all satisfied with Club life. May I remind you that if any of you have any queries or comments please do not hesitate to ask me or any official in the Club. We are here to help and advise.

Our beginners classes are progressing well and quite a number have swum the width and length and have been awarded certificates. Progress may be noted on the achievement chart which is on the notice board.

I should like to remind all beginners that their course is for six months only and finished in the last week in June so it is up to you to learn all you can in that time. The beginners class is not an entrance into the Swimming Club but is a separate course. Only swimmers who pass an audition are admitted to the Swimming Club. If you wish to be a competitive swimmer then you must work hard to pass the audition.

At the Annual General Meeting Ben Offner was elected Boys' Captain, Peter Bealing Boys' Vice Captain, Julie O'Brien Girls' Captain and Carole Martin Girls' Vice Captain. Mrs. Pam Bedford was appointed Competition Secretary.

D. S. Firmin

OUR team were in very good form when we visited Black Lions Pool at Gillingham on Saturday, 6th March 1976. We had no idea of how strong the other teams were beforehand, and realised after the first few races that they were very stiff opposition! The team as usual all tried their best and fought hard. Again, it was the Butterfly race which really let us down, so please everybody practice as much as possible of butterfly so we can show our true colours. The results were as follows :-

1st Black Lions	106 points	4th Dover	189 points
2nd Folkestone	110 points	5th Erith	210 points
3rd Canterbury	114 points		

BROMLEY MATCH - 20th March 1976. Well done team! You all did a very good job at West Wickham and I was very proud of you, keep it up. Although the end result points made us last, it was not a true picture of the match. If you look at the board at the results you will see that we got very few fifth positions and three firsts. Although due to Desmond's accident we were unable to swim one relay and one individual event which made quite a difference to the points. So, swimmers, please don't get downhearted and keep training hard as most of your times are improving at every match.

Now, I am afraid I have a grumble. Will you please make sure that when you leave the side of the pool for ANYTHING you tell the Team Manager and get permission to do so.

Pam Bedford

OUR Annual Dinner & Dance held on the 28th February was a great success. Make a note in your diary of next year's which is booked for Saturday 19th February 1977 at the same venue, The Falconwood Community Centre, Welling.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING ON 16th APRIL WHICH IS GOOD FRIDAY.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Width	Suzanne Baughan Catherine Dobbs Zoe Rankin Carolyn Stevenson Michele Baughan Vanessa Clare Beverley North	Nicola Stevenson Stephen De Voux Mark Dwelly Richard Winkworth Paul Campbell Gail Evans Julie Turner
Length	Carolyn Stevenson Catherine Dobbs	Stephen De Voux

The following swimmers have passed the Joint National Award

Stage I	Andrew Callard Lisa Parrott Grant Surtess	Yvonne Leach Debbie Ward
Stage II	Yvonne Leach Lisa Parrott	Andrew Abbott

A.S.A. Personal Survival

<u>Bronze</u>	Sarah Denslow Kenneth Collinge Andrew Abbott	Karen Bragg Christine Ryan Christopher Cooper
<u>Silver</u>	Shelley Jones Stewart Sullivan Kenneth Collinge	Christopher Linford Nicole Harbour Sarah Denslow

The following swimmers are attending the K.C.A.S.A. winter training course 2976 at Plumstead Baths (Sunday mornings)

Lisa Jones Nicola Harvey Karen Bragg	Desmond Weller David Offner Christopher Cooper
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Janet Parratt gained her Royal Life Saving Society Bronze Medallion at Plumstead Baths in February.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 3rd April	'B' Team Match at Eltham Baths, Hosts Greenwich S.C.
Friday 9th April	POINTS CUP - Front Crawl
Saturday 10th April	ICE SKATING - Streatham Ice Rink. Tickets £1.00
Friday 30th April	'B' Team Match at Eltham Baths. Hosts Eastern Otters.
Friday 14th May	'B' Team Match at Woolwich Baths. Hosts Sevenoaks S.C.
Saturday 15th May	'A' Team Home Match.
Friday 21st May	POINTS CUP - Butterfly
Sunday 4th July	Club Outing to Westbrook.
Saturday 18th SEPTEMBER	ANNUAL GALA.