

NEW LETTER

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

ANNUAL GALA 20th September 1980

A very full evening with many close and exciting heats and finals and no less than fourteen new club records established out of the total of thirty-four events swum.

Regrettably, due to a number of older boys being absent, we were unable to hold two of the races as the required minimum of three entrants were not available, but even allowing for this, there was only just enough time to complete the programme in the four hours allocated. In the event of your not being able to swim for any reason in future years, please let us know as much work goes into the planning of this yearly event and it is disappointing for all concerned when swimmers fail to turn up without notification.

Mr. Callard took some excellent photographs during the evening and these can be ordered from us now as shown on the notice board.

SPRINT TROPHY RACES

The first races were held on Friday, 3rd October for butterfly and the response from swimmers was disappointing with many absent. However, some excellent times were recorded and many bonus points were awarded where improvements on previous best times were made.

I hope to see a much better response for the remaining races especially as two magnificent new trophies have been presented for this event by Mr. & Mrs. D. Firmin. Dates for the other strokes are Backcrawl 31st October Breaststroke 28th November, Frontcrawl 12th December. All races start at 8 p.m.

MINI BAZAARS

Following the success of our mini bazaar last year, we are holding two this year in the Club Room on 21st November and 5th December starting at 7 p.m. We should be grateful if ALL members could bring something along for us to sell. We would like any secondhand toys (in good condition), handicrafts, Xmas decorations, cakes, toiletries, groceries and preserves, in fact anything saleable except secondhand clothes. You can bring them along on any Friday or Tuesday evening, so everybody start turning out the toy cupboards or get busy making something for us!

ANDERSON TROPHY SHIELD FOR TOP SCORING SWIMMER

This award presented at our Annual Gala, is given to the swimmer who scores the most points in 'A' team galas. Points are awarded according to the placings achieved by all swimmers taking part including relay squads and our top ten for 1979/80 were as follows :-

1.	Andrew Callard	218	points
2.	Neal Pearson	165	"
3.	Angela Sartain	155	"
4.	Sarah Breare	145	"
5.	Mark Bragg	131	"
6.	Mark Breare	110	"
7.	Anthony Barker	101	"
8.	Nicola Bartrum	97	"
9.	Sally Taylor	96	"
10.	Lyn Phillips	87	"

Points scored for the 1980/81 season will start to accumulate from our match at Riverside on 11th October, so if you are not in this year's top ten, perhaps next year?

B.S.C.A. BADGE AWARDS

Bronze sprint badges can be ordered from us if your time qualifies on any of the strokes in the Sprint Trophy series. Your time will be marked with an asterisk. If you succeed, times are :-

Butterfly	31.8
Backcrawl	30.3
Breaststroke	33.5
Frontcrawl	26.9

The basic badge costs approximately 55p and each flash 20p. You only have to buy the basic big badge once, and then for every qualifying time on the different strokes you purchase the appropriate flash.

We will be holding $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile B.S.C.A. badge award swims from 9 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th October to coincide with the half term holidays, Bronze qualifying times are as follows :-

<u>$\frac{1}{4}$ Mile</u>	Frontcrawl	7.10.4
	Backcrawl	8.24.6
	Breaststroke	9.34.8
	Butterfly	9.41.7

<u>$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile</u>	Freestyle	16.04.8 (only qualifying time)
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So, if you would like to take part, please enter your name on the list on the notice board now.

MATCH AT ERITH ON 11TH OCTOBER

A last minute withdrawal of one of the competing teams allowed us to enter a second squad, and I would like to thank all the swimmers involved for their co-operation at very short notice. The evening's programme was again very enjoyable with many exciting races. Our 'A' team won a total of eleven races out of the possible 37. Due to Ramsgate not competing, Moreland including an older swimmer which they entered just for the swim and therefore did not score, and the remaining three teams including Erith 'A' being disqualified for various infringements, our 'B' team gained first place in Event 20 and Peter Frost's announcement of this result was greeted with much amusement. However, our 'B' team gave a very good account of themselves often against older swimmers than themselves.

Result:-	1st Bromley	227 points
	2nd Erith 'A'	202 "
	3rd Ramsgate	182 "
	4th Moreland	180 "
	5th Faversham	131 "
	6th Erith 'B'	83 "

CLUB TEE SHIRTS, SWEAT SHIRTS AND TRACKSUITS

If you wish to order any of the above for Christmas presents will you please put your order in now as we would like to place our order with the manufacturers as soon as possible to ensure safe delivery before Christmas.

A. Bedford

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER	'A' Match Margate commencing 7 p.m. (doors open 6.30) Coach for competitors and supporters will pick up from Riverside Baths at 4.45.
FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER	Sprint Trophy, Backcrawl at 8 p.m.
FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER	MINI BAZAAR - Riverside Clubroom - 7.00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER	Sprint Trophy, Breaststroke
FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER	MINI BAZAAR - Riverside Clubroom - 7.00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER	TUDOR 'B' Match Eltham commencing 6 p.m. (Erith Host - Dartford Drop-out)
FRIDAY, 12th DECEMBER	Sprint Trophy, Frontcrawl
FRIDAY, 19th DECEMBER	Sprint Trophy Presentation
SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY	TUDOR 'B' Match Eltham commencing 6 p.m. (Sevenoaks Drop-out)
SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY	TUDOR 'B' Match Eltham commencing 6 p.m. (Eltham drop-out)
SATURDAY, 7th MARCH	TUD. Match Riverside commencing 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, 14th MARCH	TUDOR 'B' MATCH Eltham commencing 6 p.m. (Finsbury drop-out)
SATURDAY, 21st MARCH	TUDOR 'B' Match Eltham commencing 6 p.m. (Greenwich drop-out)
SATURDAY, 4th APRIL	TUDOR 'B' Match (Friendly) " " (all teams swim - Erith Host)
WEDNESDAY, 29th OCTOBER	(During school half term holiday) - Outing to Aylesford, Kent for a ramble. Contact Peter Frost.