

ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

BEGINNERS' COURSES

The present Beginners' Course will end on 27th March. We hope all the children have enjoyed it and will continue to practise their swimming whenever possible. I expect you have noticed Mr. Davison looking at all the children to see how they are getting on? He is looking to see which children he thinks show natural ability and a list will be put up on the Notice Board on the 27th to tell you if your child may join the Club (if you wish them to). It must be pointed out that at least one width must have been swum by the selected children as they will be going into a class where they will not be able to put their feet on the bottom.

We would suggest that any child not accepted for the Club who wishes to further his/her swimming, join the Improvers' Classes held on Wednesday evening by the London Borough of Bexley at Riverside Baths. If after going through the Classes to lengths you feel you would like to join our Club, you can always come along for an audition which comprises one length of breaststroke, backcrawl and frontcrawl.

Thank you all for being such regular attenders.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note Annual Subscriptions are due for renewal from the 1st April, the rates remain unchanged at £4.00 for Seniors and £3.00 for Juniors.

Please remember to bring your Membership Card along when renewing. All cards will be returned complete with a number of revised Club Rules as agreed at our recent A.G.M.

FOR SALE

We have in stock Sweatshirts in the following sizes:- 28" & 30" at £4.20 and 34" at £5.40, also T Shirts in 28, 30 & 32 at £1.85.

There is also an Arena Costume (GB National design) Size 36L for sale at £9.35.

TUDOR TROPHY SERIES

It looks as though we will have to be content with, at the best, third place this year.

A number of the swimmers in the relay teams of the two leading Clubs should obviously not be swimming in this competition and this situation will have to be reviewed before next year's series begins.

Our team's performance in the last two matches has shown there is little to choose between the leading Clubs until the older age group relays are swum. Results:-

Table with 2 columns of dates (24.1.81 and 24.2.81) and 2 columns of results (Rank, Club, Points) for Finsbury, Greenwich, Erith, Dartford, and Eltham/Sevenoaks.

'A' MATCH, ERITH 7.3.81

An excellent all round performance which will be long remembered against Clubs who have previously given us a much tougher time. Our score included seventeen first places out of the 40 events.

I would like to express sincere thanks to all children who turned out at short notice to swim in a non-scoring second team in place of Beacon S.C. who dropped out at the last minute.

The times recorded by all of you will be used to plan our teams for the full programme of competition this year. (Details under Forthcoming Events)

Result:-

1st	Erith	216	Points
2nd	Redhill & Reigate	170	"
3rd	Rochester	157	"
4th	Streatham	141	"
5th	Pollards	84	"

LOST & FOUND

On Tuesday 3rd March a navy blue Parka with orange lining and fur trimmed hood was taken from the boys' changing room in error and a reasonably new one left behind. If you have a Parka of this description please check that it is your own and if you find you have the wrong one inform an Official of the Club so that an exchange can be arranged.

We have accumulated quite a few pairs of goggles which have been left behind, so if you have recently lost yours, please enquire.

Once again the old, old cry PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES ON ALL YOUR BELONGINGS It makes life so much easier for all concerned.

A. Bedford

SOCIAL SECTION

DINNER & DANCE, 7th FEBRUARY, 1981

A wonderful time was had by all who went to The Albany on 7th February. A good meal was followed by dancing to an excellent band who really made everyone of us want to get up and dance.

Apart from jokes from the singer, Peter "Elvis" Frost added to the enjoyment with his renditions of "Jailhouse Rock", "Living Doll" and "Heartbreak Hotel"

It was agreed that the whole evening had been a huge success from start to finish and it is hoped another one can be arranged in the future.

We would like to thank everybody for their support.

DISCO, 14th FEBRUARY, 1981

Another successful Disco enjoyed by all ages. "Shadda Upa Your Face" was the most popular record of the evening. Many thanks to all those who helped with the refreshments. Another Disco has been arranged for the 11th April at the Christian Grey Hall.

We are also arranging another skating outing for the 16th May by popular request.

Further details about the above two events will be given at a later date, but why not mark them in your diary now.

OFFICIAL'S NOTES

WHISTLE TO GET READY!
WHISTLE TO GET STEADY!
BANG!! YOU ARE OFF

I am in the process of sorting out the alterations of some Rules for Swimming.

Two items do not need thinking about:-

1. Electronic Stop Watches - these can now be read to 1/100th Sec. instead of 1/10th. (Two figures after decimal point and not one figure).
2. It may be possible that in future Galas the Club will come up against this new method of starting a race - SO BE PREPARED.

To prepare for the next race, the Referee will blow a series of short sharp blasts on his whistle. When the competitors and officials are ready he will blow a single long blast after which the competitors shall get up onto the back of the starting blocks, or one pace back from the edge of the Pool or, in the case of backstroke, take up position in the water. The Starter will then take up the position to start the race.

On behalf of all those that attended the Dinner & Dance may I say "thank you" to Mr. & Mrs. Bedford and those that made this terrific event possible. We all look forward to the next Dinner & Dance.

Again on behalf of all those that attended Mr. P. Frost's preamble (sorry Ramble round Faversham, a very big "thank you" for a successful day.

D.D. Fitnum

OUTING TO FAVERSHAM ON WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY

The heavy, early morning sleet certainly dampened enthusiasm amongst those gathered at Dartford station who were going on the outing. Whereas the majority of the party travelled to Faversham by train, the others (including our Hon. Secretary) went by car. Those who sent by rail (some for the first time in years), tested their powers of observation with a quiz.

Having finally re-grouped at Faversham's 'Fleur de Lis' Heritage centre, we spent about an hour looking around the excellent display of maps, photographs, models and numerous relics, all relating to the town's historic past.

For lunch, several families decided to explore the delights of the town for themselves, while the main body of our party went and had their sandwiches on the banks of the local creek, (brrrrr!!). The friendly licensee of the nearby pub (The "Albion Tavern") lent us a football so that in no time at all, a game was under way in an adjacent mud-covered field.

Having thawed out through physical exertion or numerous cups of tea, we re-grouped for a proper tour of the town. The sun finally broke through to enhance this guided tour given by a member of the Faversham Society. We were given historical details about the Town Hall (one of a few surviving on stilts), the Tudor School and the house where Thomas Arden, Mayor of Faversham was murdered! We were also shown around the town's interesting Parish Church, and finally, the unique Chart Gunpowder Mills, (rarely open to the general public)

In conclusion, 38 people (a good cross-section of Club Members, Mums and Dads and friends) had a very enjoyable, if cold and tiring, day out.

P.S. I would like to thank everyone who has given me tokens for Free Rail Tickets. At the time of writing the Club has collected enough tokens to send off for 34 such tickets. Some of these have already been received and used. (6 were used on the above outing with a total

OUTING TO FAVERSHAM (Continued)

saving of £16.10 on respective rail fares).

N.B. Please keep an eye on the Notice Board and in forthcoming Newsletters for details of future Outings.

I would like to congratulate all the 'A' and 'B' team swimmers who competed in the match at Riverside Baths on 7th March. It was the finest overall performance given by our team that I can remember, as reflected in the outstanding result. It must be said, that on the night, the excellent performances of the 'B' team swimmers were not fully acknowledged. This was because they were not competing for points, in view of which I had to remain unbiased in the results that I subsequently announced, (or was it to lessen humiliation amongst the competing teams!)

In conclusion let's not sit back and reflect, let's go-get-'em at our forthcoming 'A' and 'B' galas!

P.A. Frost

ACHIEVEMENTS

PERSONAL SURVIVAL & HONOURS AWARD - Friday, 6th February, 1981

Congratulations to:-

Claire Miller
Catherine Bennett

on passing their Honours Awards.

J. Frost

A.S.A. SWIMMING AWARD - MERIT

Kevin Beerling
Mark Bragg
Graham Byers
David Clode
Stephen Dersley
Allan Eagle
Yvonne Halpin
Kurt Jordan
Katie Knight
Nicola Ormes
Karen Phillips
Lynn Phillips
Michelle Sartain
Mark Steedan
Paul Toy
Elizabeth Watkins
Stephen Watkins

ADVANCED

Lynn Phillips
Michelle Sartain

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE THE CLUB

R.L.S.S. BRONZE MEDALLION

Jackie Bartrum
Kevin Hurley

Congratulations to all the above.

Congratulations to the following Beginners.

WIDTHS

Louise Connolly
Natasha Cooper
Patrick Mahoney
Christina Marwood
Leander Orpwood
Raymond Treacher
Elizabeth Wood

LENGTHS

Richard Barden
David Hayes
Stephen Hyde
Lisa Mead
Jane Stockdale
Richard Warren
Paul Williams
Joanne Winkworth
Kellie Wright

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MARCH Saturday 14th TUDOR B MATCH, Eltham commencing 6 p.m.
(Finsbury Drop-out)
" Saturday 21st TUDOR B MATCH, Eltham commencing 6 p.m.
(Greenwich Drop-out)
APRIL Saturday 4th TUDOR B PRESENTATION MATCH (Erith Host)
" Friday 10th POINTS CUP RACES - Butterfly commencing 8 p.m.
" Saturday 11th DISCO - Christain Gray Hall commencing 7.30 p.m.
" Wednesday 22nd OUTING TO LONDON - Guy's Hospital, St. Thomas'
Hospital Operating Theatre, West-end Walk and
Palladium Cellars - a few places left so put your
name down now.
MAY Saturday 2nd Wealden Ramble and ride on the Kent and East Sussex
Railway (all the family welcome plus friends, bring
the dog too!)
" Friday 8th POINTS CUP RACES - Frontcrawl commencing 8 p.m.
" Saturday 16th Proposed Skating Outing to Streatham.
" Saturday, 23rd AWAY MATCH at Halstead N. Essex - Coach leaves Erith
4 p.m. (commences 6.30)
JUNE Saturday 6th AWAY MATCH at Sevenoaks
" Saturday 13th 'A' MATCH Riverside Baths (versus Ramsgate, Coulsdon,
Sevenoaks, Tonbridge.
" Saturday 20th 'A' MATCH at Streatham Baths
JULY Saturday 11th Away Match at Crowborough Beacon. Coach leaves Erith
approximately 12.45 p.m. (Commences 3 p.m.)
" Sunday 12th ANNUAL OUTING to Westbrook (Margate) meet up with
Margate S.C.
" Saturday 18th Away Match at Faversham Open Pool.
SEPTEMBER " 26th ANNUAL GALA, Riverside Baths commencing 5.30 p.m.
OCTOBER Saturday 24th AWAY MATCH at B.P. Kent - Hoo - commencing 7 p.m.
AUTUMN HALF TERM - Ramble