



SECRETARY'S NOTES

INSTRUCTORS' RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

On Friday, 26th March our retiring Chief Instructor, Mr. T.A. Davison and our Chairman, Mr. D. Fitnum were presented with Engraved Carriage Clocks by our Club Captains, Angela Sartain and Kevin Hurley. We were able to spring a complete surprise on them that evening, to mark their retirement from the Poolside Teaching Staff and our appreciation of their very many years of voluntary service to generations of our young members.

Thanks go to the Club Social Section for the gifts and arrangements.

TUESDAY CLUB SESSION

With effect from Tuesday, 27th April, we have been granted an additional hour's hire of the Pool by the Borough on a trial period of six months. Obviously this will entail additional expense to the Club and it is essential that we get good attendance figures on both Club evenings. With your support we should be able to prove to the Borough the need for this extra time on a permanent basis as I am sure all Members will benefit from more Pool time and water space. We have started an additional beginners course on Tuesdays to enable youngsters in the area to receive good swimming instruction, provide us with a nucleus of young swimmers every six months and help subsidise the Membership costs.

So please give us your full support and remember that all Instructors and helpers at the Pool give their time voluntarily.

POINTS CUP

With one remaining race we have only one girl and one boy in the Under 10/12/14/16 age group on the maximum possible fifteen points, but two others are only two points behind.

SPRING FAYRE - FRIDAY, 21st MAY- 7 p.m. in Pool Cafeteria

We would be most grateful for goods we can sell at this Event in aid of Club Funds

Please bring your families and friends along on this evening and give us your support as these events are held for the long-term benefit of our children.

CLUB 'PRODUCTS'

We now have in stock some super woollen bobble hats in red and White, based on the design of our Club swimhats. These are available at £1.80 each.

We also have a few good quality Clipboards which include record cards for your child's progress and a pool length/time Conversion Chart. These have our sea-horse design on the cover and are priced at £2.75 each.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Messrs M. Thackray and K. Hurley on recently passing their A.S.A. Preliminary Teachers Certificate.

Also to Miss L. Hurley, Mrs. P. Bedford and Mr. A. Coulson who were successful in passing their A.S.A. Teachers Certificate.

MATCH AT HORLEY (GATWICK)

A first visit to Redhill & Reigate Club Pool after many years of having them at Riverside for home matches.

Both the home team and Shiverers from Hove proved extremely strong, some putting the size of many of the Sussex team's male and female members down to the sea air!

However our overall performance was good, particularly in the younger age groups, including a win from new Member Christopher Lewis.

Result:	1st	Shiverers	93 Points	} Reverse Scoring
	2nd	Redhill & Reigate 'A'	122 "	
	3rd	Erith	166 "	
	4th	Redhill & Reigate 'B'	240 "	
	5th	Coulsdon	259 "	

TUDOR TROPHY, ELTHAM 17th APRIL

An excellent performance despite the absence of some key team Members owing to Easter break.

After adjustments for time infringements we finished joint first with Greenwich

Result:	1st	Erith	123 Points
		Greenwich	
	2nd	Dartford	110 "
	3rd	Finsbury	94 "
	4th	Sevenoaks	55 "

TUDOR TROPHY, ELTHAM 1st MAY

Sevenoaks dropped out this time and Eltham did not send a team for this, our host Gala.

Our swimmers were in top form all evening, winning 11 out of 36 events. Two new swimmers joined us for their first competition - Robin Parkhurst aged 8 and Julie Toy aged 9

The rules of this competition are somewhat different from the accepted A.S.A. ruling which stipulates a child shall swim in the Age Group he or she will be on 31st December of the given year. i.e. If your child is 12 on the 25th October, 1982 he would swim as an under 14, but for the purposes of the Tudor matches the Age Group is as on date of Gala. This means you could be 10 years old on the Sunday following the Gala but on the Saturday swim as an under 10. By this method a good number of youngsters can compete during the six month session.

The overall position at the completion of Gala five should give us a 2 point leading margin over Greenwich, so we could regain this Trophy again, last held by us in 1980.

The remaining date for the final Gala is yet to be advised to us.

A. Bedford

BEGINNERS

First of all I would like to welcome our new Beginners and wish them every success in learning to swim. The teachers will do everything they can to help them so they must listen carefully and try hard to do everything they are told.

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BEGINNERS (Continued)

We have vacancies for our October Beginners Course so if you would pass the word around to your friends we would be glad to put any child who cannot swim, age 7 or over on our waiting list.

We require: their name, address, telephone number and date of birth.

P. Bedford

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THE CLUB SOCIAL SECTION

1. The Why's and Wherefore's

Firstly, who organises the Club's Social activities?

There is a separate Committee made up as follows:-

Alan Bedford	Brian Eagle
Janet Bragg	Peter Frost
Pat Breare	Eddie Sartain
Sylvia Callard	Rosemary Watkins
Maureen Coulson	
Maureen Dent	

Activities are organised on two lines --

- a) Those which you can attend and make new friends; e.g. Discos, Ice Skating, Rambles.
- b) Those that raise money for Club funds; e.g. Bazaars, Raffles, Stalls.

As a result, we have become a friendly close-knit Club, but why do we have to raise money for funds? Well, any profits from the activities in b) are used to purchase equipment, hire gala coaches etc. things that we probably wouldn't otherwise be able to afford.

Although a varied list of activities has already been arranged for the remainder of the year, your help and new ideas would be very much appreciated. Let us know what you would like to see the club doing socialwise.

The next important Social fund-raising event is the 'May Fayre' on Friday 21st May, in the Pool Cafeteria. For other Social activities see the Forthcoming events page included in this Newsletter, or the notice-boards at the Pool.

OUTING TO HAMPSHIRE ON SATURDAY, 10th APRIL, 1982

15 swimmers and family members rose early, on a bleak chilly morning to be at Belvedere station by 7.30 a.m. Our destination was the north Hampshire countryside, arriving in Alton some two hours later.

Leaving the town by the main road, a short walk led us to the nearby village of Chawton, for a visit to the home of Jane Austen. We were able to see many relics from the life of this authoress, including original manuscripts of her famous novels.

Continuing westwards, the next section was spent tackling the mud and undergrowth of Chawton wood, it's negotiation by pushchair with my two-year-old son providing additional 'fun'.

Finally stopping for a well-earned lunch break, enthusiasm appeared to be on the wane, when I revealed that we had only just passed the half-way point of the ramble! This did not last for long as 'rapid' progress was made along quiet country lanes, and the appearance of the sun was welcoming too.

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OUTING TO HAMPSHIRE (Continued)

Our objective was Ropley, where we would join a train for a 7 mile round trip to Alresford, and back, on the Mid-Hants steam railway, (the 'Watercress' line). We had been within sight of a railway trackbed since leaving Alton, (The 'Watercress' line is soon to be reinstated along it), so we decided to undertake the final leg of our ramble by its unusual route. After scaling its steep embankment, the route afforded fine views from a position of near solitude. In addition to the trackbed being flat and straight, there was no chance of losing ourselves as it took us directly to the 'back-door' of the steam railway. The Ropley station Ticket-collector expressed surprise when he heard how we had travelled to the railway.

Our journey was made worthwhile by a ride behind one of three large Steam engines in use that day.

After 7 or 8 miles footslogging, (Mr. Foster thought that it may have been 10), we boarded a bus for a rather quicker journey back to Alton and our train home.

Everyone had enjoyed an interesting, if exhausting day and my son has been saying "choo-choo" ever since.

P.A. Frost

KENT A.S.A. AUTUMN TIME TRIALS HELD AT LAMORBEY BATHS OCT./NOVE. 1981

A special award was recently presented to Catherine Bennett for attaining the best improved time in the County over 100 yards between her first swim and the next on a following Sunday.

The Kent County A.S.A. awarded Catherine a gift of £6 to be spent on a prize with a swimming connection and a new costume was her excellent choice.

Catherine's improvement over the Course on 100 yards Breaststroke was 10 seconds.

WELL DONE!

B.S.C.A. AWARDS

Congratulations to the following swimmers:-

Sprint Award

Gold Standard

Andrew Callard	Breaststroke
" "	Backcrawl
Robert Game	Breaststroke

Silver Standard

Kevin Hurley	Breaststroke
" "	Freestyle
Andrew Callard	"
Christine Ryan	"
Robert Game	Backcrawl

Bronze Standard

Denise Eagle	Individual Medley
Marnie Thackray	" "
Lynn Young	" "
Catherine Bennett	" "
Helen Coulson	" "

DIARY OF CLUB EVENTS

- MAY Saturday 8th Away Match at Greenwich. Commencing 5.30 p.m.  
Friday 14th Points Cup Races - Frontcrawl - Final in series  
Saturday 15th Away Match at Crowborough Beacon, Sussex.  
Coach leaves Riverside at 1.45 p.m.  
Friday 21st SPRING FAYRE - in Pool Cafeteria commencing 7 p.m.  
Sunday 30th Twin Swim meet St. Johns Pool, Southborough,  
Tunbridge Wells - commencing 7.30 p.m.
- JUNE Wednesday 2nd Outing to St. Albans and Hatfield House. Encounter  
2000 years of history in 1 day.  
Adults £4.75. Under 16s £3.75. See Peter Frost.  
Saturday 5th Away Match at Witham, Essex. Coach from  
Riverside approx. 4.30 p.m.  
Saturday 12th Vintage Bus Outing to Brighton.  
Saturday 19th Away Match at Streatham Pool, High Road, Streatham  
close to Ice Rink. Commencing 7.00 p.m.
- JULY Saturday 3rd Home Match at Riverside, Commencing 7.00 p.m.  
Saturday 17th Away Match at Faversham Open Pool  
Sunday 18th Annual Club Outing to Westbrook (Margate). Coach  
from Riverside 9.15 a.m. (Later starting owing  
to drivers' hours regulations)  
Saturday 24th Proposed float in the Dartford Carnival. Can  
anyone help by providing a lorry?
- AUGUST Monday 30th Fund raising Stall at Erith Show Recreation Ground,  
Avenue Road.
- SEPTEMBER Saturday 11th Away Match at Sevenoaks, commencing 6.30  
Saturday 25th Away Match at West Wickham (Hosts Bromley S.C.)
- OCTOBER Saturday 16th E.D.S.C. ANNUAL GALA COMMENCING 5.30
- NOVEMBER Friday 19th Annual Bazaar - Riverside commencing 7 p.m.  
Saturday 20th Junior Age Group Gala at Fairfield Pool, Dartford.  
(All 11 years and under) Commencing 6.45 p.m.  
Saturday 27th Home Match at Riverside commencing 7.00 p.m.

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- FEBRUARY Saturday 26th BUFFET DANCE - Invieta Co-op Hall, Burnham Road,  
Dartford.