SECRETARY'S NOTES

No.97

BEGINNER'S NOTES

Welcome to our new Beginners. We hope you enjoy the Course and all learn to swim. We are at the pool every week even during the school holidays, so please try to attend as regularly as possible. During the six months there will be opportunities to take A.S.A. Water Skills Grades 1 & 2 badges and also gain a badge and certificate for swimming a width and a length, depending on the progress made. The Water Skills Grade 1 badge can be passed by children who have not swum a width. It is basically water confidence plus being able to swim half a width on the front and the back. These badges will cost 30p each but the width and length badges are given as part of the Course.

The children will progress at varying levels so don't get downhearted if your child does not get his/her feet off the bottom as quickly as another. Progress depends upon age and how frequently a child is taken to the pool. If you can visit the pool with your child during the week, water confidence will be gained for more rapidly.

P. Bedford

ANNUAL GALA

A very full evening with nearly four hours of almost continuous swimming. A total of 90 heats were swum adding up to a total of 136 lengths of the pool! The Individual Medley heats and finals were swum on the previous night and in these four out of the five finals provided new Gala Record Times, with fourteen more on Saturday in the 35 events swum

A big thank you to all Members and parents who helped us to raise the figure of £216 in the raffle which will help offset the costs.

A reminder for parents in future years, please remember that officially we do not commence the hire of the pool until 5.30 and we would ask you all to be patient when queuing. Also please bear in mind that all helpers on Gala Night gave up the evening freely to enable your children to thrill and entertain us - and they certainly did:

MAKE A NOTE OF NEXT YEAR'S DATE NOW - SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

RAFFLE WINNING TICKETS:-

lst	Black & Decker Workmate	No.2079	Mrs. C. Eastaugh
2nd	Electric Kettle	5 00	Abigail Bruce
	Garden Chair	2599	Mr. A. Coulson
3rd		3269	Mrs. C. Day
4th	Glass Fruit Bowl		•
5th	1 1b Box Chocolates	1593	Mr. Lapsley
6th	1 lb Box Chocolates	2282	Lee Ashwood
		2540	Mrs E. Bennett
$7 \mathrm{th}$	Bottle Sherry	-274	

ATTENDANCE

Since the return to school in September attendance at the Club on both Tuesday and Friday evenings has been excellent. Please keep it up. We would like to give a warm welcome to all recent new Members, many of you have already been with us for six months in our own Beginners and Improvers sections. Please remember that except when the Pool is closed for Public Holidays or through any unplanned reason, the Club functions throughout the year from 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

THIS YEAR'S TOP 20 SCORERS

Listed below are the twenty swimmers who scored the most points in 'A' Galas during the year September 81 - July 82. The winner this year. Mark Bragg now holds the Anderson Trophy Shield for the most points.

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(Points have already started to accumulate towards next year's table)

SPRINT TROPHY SERIES

The main aim of the this Autumn Series is to give all swimmers the chance of improving on their previous best time and by doing so receive bonus points to mark this achievement. For many of our newer members who have not been with us long enough to be eligible for the recent Annual Gala it will be the first chance to show us your true potential against swimmers of the same age under Gala conditions. All races in the four age groups, under 10, under 12, under 14 and under 16, will be of one length

Please ensure your child competes in these races, including all of our youngest new Members capable of one length. All events start at 8.00 p.m. Times recorded will aid us when making team selections for matches with other Clubs.

Dates:-	Backcrawl	29th	October
	Butterfly	12th	November
	Frontcrawl	26th	November
	Breaststroke	10th	December

AGE GROUPS

For the benefit of parents of newer Members please remember that most events held under A.S.A. Laws and certainly any held at our pool, the Age Group your child swims in is dependent on his age at the 31st December of the current year. If your child was born in 1972 or 1973 he will swim in 1983, in our own annual events as an under 12. However in matches against other Clubs he/she might swim as follows:-

	12 and under	(Born	1971 1972	and	younger)
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but in the majority of cases the stipulation stated in the programme is age as at 31st December of the current year - Now is that all crystal clear?

COMPETITION SECRETARY

The current joint holders of this title Mr. & Mrs. Bedford will be retiring from this aspect of their present Club activities at the next A.G.M. in March 1983.

If anyone feels they might be interested in getting involved in this often hectic, but sometimes rewarding position in their spare time, please let Mr. Bedford know.

The exact terms of reference and responsibilities of the new person/persons may be subject to some alteration when the changeover occurs.

ALL GIRLS MATCH AT SEVENOAKS 11/9/1982

A rather unusual event to find these days which nevertheless provided a good evening's swimming with both our swimmers and supporters in fine form.

New in the team for the first time were 10 year old Emma Leathers and 11 year old Joanne White, it was also nice to see two of our older members participating, Karen Bragg and Linda Hurley who have been with the Club now for ten years.

The short pool proved troublesome to a number of swimmers but disqualifications were very few and did not involve us.

Result:	lst	Orpington		182
	2nd	Sevenoaks	A	162
	3rd	Erith		147
	4th	Sevenoaks	В	66

MATCH AT WEST WICKHAM POOL 25.9.1982

A return visit to this pleasant but very warm pool similar in layout to our own.

We were up against two strong teams but this enabled many of our swimmers to put up some excellent times and no fewer than 28 new Personal Bests were recorded over varying distances. All agreed that 58 events was about ten too many and the evening proved long and hot for all.

Result:	1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th	Bromley White Oak Erith Addington	114) 132) 182) 232) 238)	Reverse scoring one point for first etc.
	วนา	Sevenoaks	238)	

REMINDER

Once again please <u>DO NOT</u> take valuables, i.e. watches, necklaces or any money into the changing rooms. The people who take your entrance money on the door will look after items for you if asked.

Any child found tampering with other Member's belongings in the changing rooms risks expulsion from the Club, so whoever has been doing this recently "YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED".

A FURTHER REMINDER

Parents with children in the 7.00 p.m. classes please note. Your child must not pass through to the changing rooms until 7.00 p.m. when our period of hire commences.

There is a risk of items being stolen from the changing rooms at this time owing to the public still being present in this area.

VERRUCA

Until now the Club has always forbidden swimmers with Verrucas to attend on Club evenings until the problem has been eradicated. We have now reconsidered the situation particularly bearing in mind the obvious use of the pool during the day by many local school children as well as the public.

We would ask parents to inspect their childrens' feet once a week and if a verruca is suspected seek immediate and effective treatment from a doctor or a chiropodist. Many doctors now appear willing to cut the verruca out, which although perhaps painful is usually a quick remedy.

If your child has a verruca we will, under strict supervision, allow the wearing of a verruca sock in future as long as the sock is put on

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VERRUCA (Contd.)

before your child leaves home and is kept on until after he leaves the pool. Infection obviously occurs in the changing rooms, and if your child takes off his socks in this area and puts his foot down, the next child runs the risk of being affected. The risk of infection to your child's feet could be cut down by providing your child with a small hand towel to stand on whilst changing before and after swimming.

If you have a younger child with a verruca, please go into the changing areas with him/her to ensure that the sock is not removed.

Whilst this is a change in Club thinking it is <u>not</u> an invitation to the wholesale spread of these nasty warts and with your vigilance and by following the above suggestions we should be able to continue to keep verrucas among Erith swimmers very much in the minority.

LOST PROPERTY

We have in our possession two boys Digital Watches which have been found at the pool during our sessions. If you have lost a watch of this description please enquire at the entrance table.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following Beginners:-

1 Width	1 Length	ASA Water Skills	ASA Water Skills
Georgina Brown Kay Baxter Stuart Connolly Beth Hazel Sally Hone Christopher Murton Lisa Raybould Claire Rice	Joanne Hurrell Daniel Mantell Christine Reed Rachel Wilson	Grade I Emma Bird Georgina Brown Lindsay Goodes Beth Hazel Sally Hone Neil Kidley Lisa Raybould Matthew Randall Neil Suckling	Grade II Lindsay Goodes Daniel Mantell Sarah Studdart Neil Suckling

A. Bedford

'MINI' CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Once again we are holding a Mini Christmas Bazaar on Friday, 19th November at 7.00 p.m. in the Club Room above the swimming pool. The proceeds from this help towards club expenses, and as everybody knows its success relies not only on people buying but also on your generosity in giving items to equip the stalls.

We would therefore appreciate items such as cakes, groceries, preserves, toiletries, books, bric-a-brac (not jumble), handicraft, toys (raid the 'kids' cupboard in order to make room for more). Any items can be handed in at the entrance table. Many thanks in advance.

Mrs Watkins has appealed to us for balls of odd wool for knitting items for the Bazaar. She is spending a great deal of time with Steven who is in St. Thomas's Hospital following a hip operation and is passing the time knitting. We hope Steven will soon be out of hospital and back with us once more.

J. Bragg

DIARY OF CLUB EVENTS

OCTOBER	Wednesday 27th	Ramble from Shepherdswell to Sandwich. See Peter Frost.
	Friday 29th	Backcrawl Sprint Trophy commences 8.00 p.m. (Age Groups 7 - 15 years, eligible for all of series)
NOVEMBER	Friday 12th	Butterfly Sprint Trophy. Commences 8.00 p.m.
	Saturday 13th	Away match at Halstead, Essex. Coach from Riverside 4.15 p.m.
	Friday 19th	MINI BAZAAR at Riverside Baths. Commences 7.00 p.m. See previous page.
	Saturday 20th	Junior (12 & under) Age Group Gala, Fairfield Pool, Dartford. Commences 6.45 p.m.
	Friday 26th	Frontcrawl Sprint Trophy. Commences 8.00 p.m.
	Saturday 27th	Home Match at Riverside Pool. Commences 7.00 p.m. (Clabs participating: Crowborough Beacon, Halstead, Rochford & District B, Faversham, Tonbridge)
DECEMBER	Saturday 4th	Possible Skating Outing
	Friday 10th	Breaststroke Sprint Trophy, Commences 8.00 p.m.
	Friday 17th	SPRINT TROPHY PRESENTATION.
	Friday 24th	POOL CLOSED
	Friday 31st	NEW YEAR'S EVE. Pool Open. Family Fun Evening. Details to follow.
JANUARY	Saturday 22nd	Away Match at Dagenham Pool.
FEBRUAR Ý	Saturday 5th	Proposed date for an 'll Plus' DISCO
	Saturday 26th	BUFFET DANCE at Invicta Social Club, Burnham Road, Dartford. Details later.
MARCH	Saturday 19th	Home Match, Riverside commencing 7.00 p.m.
MAY	Friday 20th	MINI BAZAAR
JUNE	Saturday 11th	Home Match, Riverside. commencing 7.00 p.m.
JULY	Saturday 2nd	Away Match at Brighton S.C. (Oldest Club in England) Gala commences 6.30 p.m. Pool Length $33\frac{1}{3}$ Metres
	Saturday 16th	"Dolphin Trophy" Gala. Faversham Open Pool.
SEPTEMBER	Saturday 24th	E.D.S.C. Annual Gala, Commences 5.30 p.m.
OCTOBER	Saturday 29th	Away Match Sevenoaks - Eardley Road Pool commencing 6.45 p.m.
NOVEMBER	Saturday 26th	Home Match, Riverside. Commencing 7.00 p.m.

More dates as available to be announced.

AN APPEAL

It would be appreciated if parents would make every effort to collect swimmers punctually, especially after the last session i.e. 10.00 p.m.

Mr. Bedford is at the pool from 6.45 on Tuesdays & Fridays and when he has to wait for late parents with the children it is after 10.15 before he leaves.

E. McArdell

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A. Bedford