

EDINBURGH DIVING NEWSLETTER



February 2003

Welcome to the February Newsletter.

So far, 2003 has got off to a tremendous start. Many more divers have joined the lesson programme, which is steadily expanding. We would like to welcome back Alice Sparks to Diver 1. Alice has been away for a few months. Also welcome to Andrew Murray who has joined us from the Westerhailes diving programme.

As you will probably have heard, the diving pool is closing for 10 weeks in April for repairs and alterations. We are currently sending out a letter to all divers regarding the closure, offering dry land training classes. We would welcome any comments on this subject and would ask you to return the reply form as soon as possible so that we can start organising the classes

We are delighted with the response to term times. Bookings seem to be running smoothly, and this system will continue after the pool re-opens.

We would like to thank all parents and friends who supported the February Novice League. It was wonderful to see so many competitors and spectators. We apologise for the late start of the competition and thank you all for being so patient. We will try to ensure that these events start promptly in future, as we know Saturdays are busy days for all parents. While the pool is closed, the Novice League will be held in Aberdeen, Dundee and Ayr. We will keep you informed about teams for these away competitions in the Newsletters.

Easter Camps

Due to the impending closure, we are unable to give you dates for our Easter Camps. We may be able to run **one** at the start of April and will keep you informed



Tee Shirt Competition

We now have quite a few designs for our tee shirts, and have set a closing date for competition. All designs must be handed in (with your name printed on the back) by the **21 st March 2003**.

SO KEEP THE DESIGNS COMING

Edinburgh Diving Club News

In the last Newsletter we explained about the new category of membership in the club – the Novice Member.

The EDC committee has now completed the “Welcome Pack” for all new members, and this is being sent to the divers listed below, inviting them to join the Club.

The classes and training times of these divers will not alter at present, but as explained previously, the divers will be able to compete for Edinburgh Diving Club in events north and south of the border, and can buy club merchandise. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact any Committee member.

The divers invited to join Edinburgh Diving Club are as follows:

Hannah Burns
Ellen Crofts
Beth Dodds
Natalie Ferguson
Alanna Greig
Liam Greig

Stacey Henderson
Ellen Hood
Megan Hughes
Jade Johnstone
Jane Kennedy
Brandon Lamb

Laura Mackay
Andrew Marko
Holly Nugent
Grace Reid
Jack Shearer
Anna Sless

Laura Smith
Rachael Tinkler
Michael Weir
Michelle Weir
Alex Williamson



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO ALL THESE DIVERS



Competitions

- **Scottish Novice League** - Next competition Saturday 23rd March at Royal Commonwealth Pool.
- **Armada Cup, Plymouth** - The team travels to Plymouth on Thursday 27 February. GOOD LUCK DIVERS
- **ASA National Novice Championships, Plymouth. 4th- 7th April** - A letter will be sent to all team members giving provisional information regarding costs, accommodation, transport, chaperones etc. by end of February.
- **Edinburgh Primary Schools Gala** - 2nd April. Primary 5 – 7. Details to follow



Team for Armada Cup : Grace Reid, Gregor McMillan, Glenn Robison, John Arthur
Tom Chambers, Vicki Tomlinson, Jenny Leeming, Niki Bennet,
Peter Smith - Coach Liz Reid - Chaperone

Team for ASA National Novice Championships

The trial for this event took place on Saturday 22 February at the Scottish Novice League. Qualifying scores were based on 6th place in the 2002 competition, and we are delighted that so many divers achieved their scores.

Gregor McMillan	9years	Mandie Arthur	12/13	Ashleigh Laidlaw	14/16
Liam Greig	9years	Megan Hughes	12/13	Louise Fleming	14/16
Beth Dodds	10/11	John-Mark Vinten	14/16	Sarah Kelly	14/16
Laura Smith	10/11	John Arthur	14/16	Stacey Henderson	14/16
Glenn Robison	10/11	Gillian Fleming	14/16	Jane Kennedy	14/16
Michael Weir	10/11	Becky Shields	14/16	Judy Wardlaw	14/16
Charlie Eyoma-Murray	12/13				

Any parents interested in being a chaperone for away events please contact Mary (07812678758)

Results and Reports

British Championships

- Monique McCarroll won a Silver medal in the Women's Platform Event. This was an excellent result and means she qualifies to compete in the Grand Prix Circuit with the Great Britain Team in Germany, Canada and the United States.
- Jenny Leeming finished in a very creditable 10th place in the Women's Platform Event
- Niki Bennet came 12th in the Men's Platform Event. This was Niki's first British senior competition where he was competing against Britain's top divers



Scottish Novice League

- Results of January and February's competitions on separate sheet at back of newsletter.

Information



ABOUT US

The difference between Senior, Age Group and Novice Competitions Part 1.

Novice Competitions

- These are the first events divers will compete in
- They are divided into different age groups – **7&U, 8 / 9 years , 10 / 11 years , 12 / 13 years , 14 – 16 years**
- 7& U perform a spring header and a crouching back dive from poolside, 2 dives from 1 metre one of which must be a forward line-up
- 14 – 16 age group must perform a forward dive and back dive from 1 metre, 2 other dives from 1 metre and a forward or back line-up from 3 metre
- All other age groups perform a forward dive tuck and a back dive from poolside, 2 dives from 1 metre and a forward or back line-up from 3 metre
- The ASA (England) do not have a 7&U group and start at age 9
- The judging in these competitions is much more lenient than in Age Group and Senior events
- Novice competitions have a friendly atmosphere. They are meant to encourage children to participate in the sport.
- There is a big difference in standard between Novice and “Age Group” level.

.In next month's newsletter we will explain the criteria for Age Group Competitions.

Selection for Scottish Squad.

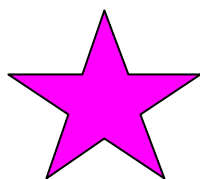
Scottish squad is open to any diver in Scotland from any club. However, it is not a natural progression through the different levels of classes in the Edinburgh programme. Steve Gladding, our National coach has enclosed the selection criteria for the squad and we hope this will clarify the selection procedure.

Change of dates

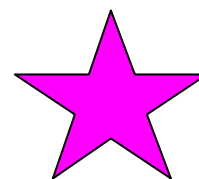
The Dates for the Thistle Trophy have changed to the 6th – 7th December..... VERY IMPORTANT

Two more competitions have been added to the calendar - Southampton Invitational 24 –26 October
Luton Challenge 29 – 30 November

Both these events are Age Group competitions



Congratulations



- To Monique for her Silver Medal at the British Championships
- To Gillian Fleming for winning her event in the February Novice League with an excellent score
- To Megan Hughes for diving so well in the February Novice League and scoring a PB
- To Fionnula Kerr for moving up to Diver 1 and training so well
- To Beth Dodds for winning Diver of the Month in Mary's Squad
- To Alanna Greig for winning Diver of the Month in Vicki's Squad

Finally..... remember

(See Notice Board for details)

Diver of the Term
