

EDINBURGH DIVING NEWSLETTER



February 2005

Welcome to the February newsletter. We have been very busy this term, with trips and competitions. The calendar of events for 2005 is at the back of the newsletter for your information. The Novice League dates are correct, but there may be some alterations to the venues, as we are having a few problems with the other sites. We will pass on the new information as soon as it is confirmed.

Re booking for summer term will take place on the week beginning **14th March** for existing business and **21st March** for new business.

Apologies for the Swimfest event. Through no fault of our own, the display by Edinburgh Diving Club was cancelled.

As you will see in the newsletter, Leon Taylor will be visiting the pool on 26 March. We would like to have some stalls with merchandise on display that day. Any parent wishing to help, please see Mary.

For further information on the Diving Programme or results of competitions, please see the notice board or our website:

www.edinburghdivingclub.org.uk

Easter Camps

Tuesday 29 March – Friday 1 April

Tuesday 5 April – Friday 8 April

Beginner Camps 10am – 12 noon

Advanced camps 2pm – 4pm

(Advanced camps for Diver 1 and squads)

Cost £21.00

Please book at reception as soon as possible to secure a place



£££ Fundraising £££

Edinburgh Diving Club are holding a

“SPONSORED DROP”

during the week of 6th June.

Divers have to drop (or dive) as many metres as they can in 30 minutes. So the higher the board you can dive from, the less dives you have to do!

Further details to follow

Edinburgh Diving Club News

Congratulations to all divers who competed in the February Novice & Age Group Leagues, especially Chloe Doull (N squad) and Olivia Martin (J squad) who both won a bronze medals in their first competitions. Well done.

Club Fees. 2005 fees are now due. Please would all divers return the completed form and payment to the club secretary, Sheila Murray, in the stamp addressed envelope provided. On receipt of this, the Squad Booklet for 2005 will be sent to you by post.

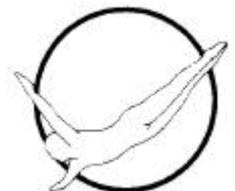
Coaching Fees. May I still remind several divers that their fees to Edinburgh Leisure for this term have still not been paid. This was picked up at the audit, and Edinburgh Leisure are now aware.

Scottish Age Group League. Well done to all divers who now have an Age group list from 3 metre. The next competition on March 26th will be 3 metre again.

Shipleigh Novices, Bradford. 4/5 March. We are sending a team of 22 divers to Shipleigh. Remember to bring a bowl, spoon and water bottle with you. If you have ordered a t-shirt, these will be at the pool on Thursday 3rd March. Tom will collect them and give them to the Shipleigh divers at the station.

Competition calendar. The 2005 calendar is at the back of the newsletter. PLEASE KEEP THIS SAFE!

GB Novice & Intermediate Championships Plymouth. 29.04.05 – 2.05.05. Please can you let us know if you are wanting to compete as soon as possible or phone Mary if you want more information. As we have to travel all the way to Plymouth, we need to know numbers to try to arrange travel as cheaply as possible.



Forthcoming Events

- Scottish Novice League** The next league will be held in Edinburgh on Saturday 26 March. 11.30am training, 12.15pm start. The April event will be on Saturday 23 March. Venue still to be confirmed
- Scottish Age Group League** As above.
- Shibley Novices** Bradford. 4-5 March. Meeting at WH Smith, Waverly Station at **1.50pm sharp**.
- Team:**
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|------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| John Arthur | 14/18 | Hannah Burns | 12/13 |
| Neil Wilkinson | | Laura Smith | |
| Becky Shields | | Ellen Hood | |
| Gillian Fleming | | Chloe Doull | |
| Jane Kennedy | | Liam Greig | 10/11 |
| Holly McDowall | | Andreas Christodoulidis | |
| Glenn Robison | 12/13 | Calum Rourke | |
| Michael Weir | | Anna Sless | |
| Ross Marsh | | Eilidh Walker | |
| Catherine Webber | | Michelle Weir | |
| Hannah Watson | | Alana Greig | 8/9 |
- Team Manager.** David Bennet
- Coaches.** Mary Sless
Tom Chambers
Vicki Tomlinson
- Chaperones.** Susan Greig
Julie Burns
Jane Christodoulidis
Sandra Doull
- Edinburgh Primary Schools Gala** Wednesday 23 March, 9am – 12noon. Open to all Primary 4-7 children in local authority schools. Information letter will be given to all divers this week.
COMPETITORS DO NOT NEED TO BE IN THE DIVING CLUB TO COMPETE
- Hydro Novices** Harrogate. 8/9 April, 2005. Edinburgh has decided **not** to send a team to this event
- GBDF Masters Championships** Edinburgh. 22-24 April, 2005.
- ASA National Novices Championships** Plymouth – again! Aaagh. 30 April – 2 May, 2005. See club news
This is an important competition for our divers to attend.

Please note: Divers must be affiliated to Scottish Swimming to dive in competitions. Club fees are now overdue.

Reports and Results



Scottish Novice League. Saturday 19 February 2005, RCP

This was the largest entry so far in the league with 38 divers competing. It was great to see Westerhailes divers in the competition for the first time. There are now four teams in the event which is excellent

Congratulations to Jane Kennedy on a superb score and to Andreas Christodoulidis on winning his first competition. As mentioned in Club News, well done to Chloe Doull and Olivia Martin who won bronze medals in their first competition

Full results at the back of the newsletter.



Scottish Age Group League. 29 January 2005, RCP

Nine divers competed in the second round of this event all from B, C & D squads. Come on S squad, let's see you competing. The next competition is 3metre springboard. Results at back of newsletter.



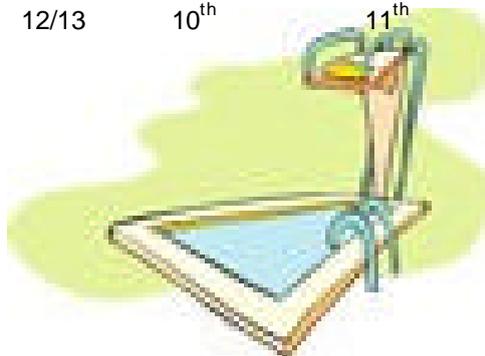
Armada Cup. 24 – 27 February 2005, Plymouth

Four Edinburgh divers, Gregor McMillan, Grace Reid, Laura Smith and Anna Sless attended this Age Group competition. All the divers performed well. Congratulations to Grace who made the finals on 5m.

A special thank you to Lesley Smith for all her work in securing travel & for chaperoning the event. Thanks also to Liz for all her help, to the McMillans for not cracking up, to Davy for remaining calm and to Jenny for giving up her comfy hotel room. No thanks at all to Mary, who completely buried her head in the sand! I hope we never have a repeat of this again!

Placings below. Full results are on the website

Gregor	10/11	1m	8 th	3m	10 th	5m	8 th
Grace	10/11		7 th		8 th		6 th
Anna	10/11		9 th		14 th		-
Laura	12/13		10 th		11 th		-





LEON TAYLOR

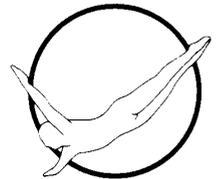


The Olympic silver medallist in the Synchronised Platform diving event in Athens, Leon Taylor, is coming to the Royal Commonwealth Pool on Saturday 26th March. He will be watching the Scottish Novice & Age Group Leagues. You will have a chance to talk to him and see his medal.

Everyone is welcome.

Please see notice board for further details

DAVID BENNET - THE PRESIDENT OF EDINBURGH DIVING CLUB



As most of you will know, Davey works tirelessly for the club and for Scottish Diving. He helps organise all competitions, sorts out all our travel and even drives the train for us on special occasions. He is vital to Scottish Diving

Last weekend, at the annual Awards Dinner held by Scottish Swimming, he was presented with Scottish Diving's trophy that says 'thank you for all you have done and do' - the John & Margaret Bell Award for outstanding contribution to Scottish Diving.

The dinner was a rather formal event, and few of the people there would have had any idea of the gratitude, and respect we have for Davey. So we've decided to have a re-presentation dinner here in Edinburgh, where we can give him and Gillian the award in our own style.

The plan is to book a whole restaurant (probably a Chinese buffet banquet) so we can have as many mums and dads as possible join us. If you'd like to come along, you'll be very, very welcome. Davy's decided the date of **Saturday 19th March**. If you'd like to come, then Mary is gathering names. Please ring her on 07968275751. When we know the numbers we'll book, and then be sure to tell you the venue! We look forward to having a great night in Davey's honour.

Once again we have some more no nonsense advice from the straight talking armchair coach.

Dear Armchair Coach

Weren't we supposed to be getting a new club costume?

The Armchair Coach replies

Well remembered! Sheila Murray and Becky Shields are hard at work crocheting the final design as we speak.



Dear Armchair Coach

What's the difference between Adult Divers and Masters?

The Armchair Coach replies

Adults have a relaxed and leisurely approach to the sport. They attend lessons for fun. They are pleased with dives that go in on their head. Masters are obsessive about all aspects of diving. They have matching costumes and enter competitions. They don't care about their dives, as long as they get a mark for them.



Dear Armchair Coach

Rumour has it that you wrote a fantastic guide last year about how diving can help you with Standard Grade and Higher English. I have not been able to trace it on the Amazon web site despite an extensive search of their Study Guide section and wondered if you could help. I am only in Primary 3 but thought it might be useful for my forthcoming National Assessments.

The Armchair Coach replies

How strange that you couldn't trace it through Amazon. Never mind, a simpler and cheaper solution is to go to the EDC website and print out a copy of the April 2004 newsletter. I will also ask Professor Malcolm Taylor from the Academy of Diving Technical Wizardry to put the 3 page guide on the website as a Word Document which should be easier on your printers.



Keep those questions and comments coming.....



Talking about obsessive masters.....

The GBDF Spring Masters Championships will be held at the RCP on 23-24 April, 2005.

The Edinburgh masters team will be there in style.

Please come along and support. It will be an enjoyable event to watch.

CONGRATULATIONS



To David Bennet for the John and Margaret Bell Trophy

To Grace Reid for making the finals on platform at Armada Cup

To Andreas Christodoulidis for winning his first novice league

To Chloe Doull & Olivia Martin for winning Bronze medals in their first competitions

Michelle Weir was involved in a hit and run accident last night, Wednesday 2nd March. She is currently in the Sick Children's Hospital, Ward 3. She has severe leg injuries.

Everyone in Edinburgh Diving Club wishes her well & our thoughts are with Michelle, Angela, and

Michael