

EDINBURGH DIVING NEWSLETTER



March 2005

Hi everyone. We are at the end of yet another term that has seen lots of changes and successes. I hope all the divers have enjoyed themselves and we look forward to seeing some of them at our Easter Camps.

Re-booking is underway for next term, which starts on the 11th April. The term runs for 12 weeks, except for the Saturday classes which are only 9 weeks. The diving pool is unavailable on Saturday 16th & 23rd April and 18 June due to special events. The cost of the Saturday lessons has been adjusted accordingly. Please ensure that you book quickly to keep your place. We are hoping to shuffle some of the squads

and will contact you during the holidays if your child is involved.

Thanks again to all the parents and friends who have supported the Novice League competitions this term. It is great for the divers to compete in front of an enthusiastic audience. The next competition is this Saturday 26 March – full details below.

We hope you have a good Easter break and look forward to seeing you all, either at the camps or on the week of the 11th April.

Remember, you can get information about the programme and results of competitions on our website: www.edinburghdivingclub.org.uk

Easter Camps

Tues 29 March – Fri 1 April

Tues 5 April – Fri 8 April

Cost. £21.00

All beginner Camps Full

Spaces still available in Advanced Camps (Diver 1 & squads)

Please can squad divers book as soon as possible to enable us to allocate coaches



Leon Taylor



Leon, the Olympic silver medallist in the Synchronised Platform Diving Event in Athens, will be at the Pool on Saturday 26th March during the Scottish League.

You will have a chance to watch him dive, talk to him and see his Olympic medal.

EVERYONE WELCOME.

Edinburgh Diving Club News

We hope that club divers will attend the advanced camps during the Easter holidays. These Camps are good fun and will give you the chance to learn new dives

Club Fees. We are still a few divers who have not paid their club fees. Please send these to Sheila Murray in the stamped address provided or you will be unable to compete in any events.

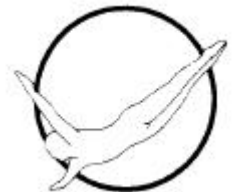
Scottish Age Group League. There is an alteration to the April League. It will now be held on the **16 April, in Ayr.** As Ayr has just set up a programme, we would like to take a big team through to the competition to support them. Please let your coach know if you are available. Details of this trip to follow.

Shipleigh Novices, Bradford. 4/5 March. Well done everyone. You were great!

Competition calendar. Please make sure you all have the competition calendar for 2005. It was on the back of the February newsletter. It is also on the club website

GB Novice & Intermediate Championships Plymouth. 29 April – 2 May 2005. The team has now been selected. Congratulations to everyone who will be representing Edinburgh. Full details of the trip will be sent to you in due course.

EDC Committee There will be a vacancy for the post of treasurer at the AGM in November. Any parent interested in this post or would like to find out what is involved, please contact Mary or David.



Forthcoming Events

Scottish Novice League The next league will be held in Edinburgh on Saturday 26 March. 11.30am training, 12.15pm start. PROMPT
The April event will be held in Ayr on 16 April *Please note change

Scottish Age Group League As above. Ayr will be a 1m competition

Edinburgh Primary Schools Unfortunately, due to the proposed strike by Unison workers, the Gala had to be cancelled. It is hoped to re-schedule it for late May, early June. I will let you know as soon as I receive information. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

GBDF Masters Championships Edinburgh. 22-24 April, 2005.

ASA National Novices Championships Plymouth. 30 April – 2 May, 2005. The team selected is listed below

Intermediates

Gillian Fleming
Jenny Sless
Laura Smith
Hannah Burns
Anna Sless
Grace Reid
Glenn Robison
Liam Greig
Gregor McMillan

Coaches

Novices

Catherine Webber
Ellen Hood
Hannah Watson
Marcus Shaw
Michael Weir
Alana Greig

Mary Sless
Jenny Leeming

Amsterdam Diving Cup Divers will be selected for this event by the National Coach

East District Championships Edinburgh. Monday 23 May. 1m event

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



Reports and Results



Shipleigh Novices – Bradford. 4 – 5 March 2005, Bradford

Alana Greig
Anna Sless
Eilidh Walker
Laura Smith
Ellen Hood
Hannah Burns
Catherine Webber

Hannah Watson
Chloe Doull
Gillian Fleming
Becky Shields
Jane Kennedy
Holly McDowall
Calum Rourke

Andreas Christodoulidis
Liam Greig
Ross Marsh
Glenn Robison
Michael Weir
John Arthur
Neil Wilkinson

Team Manager

David Bennet

Coaches

Mary Sless, Tom Chambers

Chaperones

Susan Greig, Julie Burns, Jane Christodoulidis, Sandra Doull

★ Edinburgh Diving Club win Team Trophy, ★

This is the first year that Edinburgh Diving Club has sent a team to this event. The competition only necessitated an overnight stay, which we felt was a good starting point for new divers to the team. It was the last novice event for some of our more experienced divers, as they will be moving to Intermediate or Age Group competitions, and it seemed an appropriate “final outing” for them. It was also felt that the less experienced divers would gain experience and learn from the others.

The event was excellent with a friendly atmosphere. There were 8 different events within the competition. The top 6 competitors in each age group were presented with medals, the top three competitors received t-shirts and the winner received a trophy.

As well as winning the team trophy, Edinburgh divers won 4 events, with 11 medals in total. All the medal winners rose to the occasion and most achieved personal best scores. The less experienced divers all gained valuable experience and dived well

Special mention to the four winners:

Laura Smith dived beautifully to win the Girls 12/13 event, closely followed by her team mate Ellen Hood in silver medal position. Edinburgh had 3 divers on the podium in this event with a fourth diver narrowly missing out in 7th place. There were 21 divers in this event

Anna Sless excelled herself in the Girls 10/11 event, beating several JTP and TID divers. There were 26 competitors in this event.

Gillian Fleming won the Girls 14/18 event with a very good performance. Edinburgh again had three divers in the medals,

John Arthur won the Boys 14/18, diving well. It's good to see John back. Well done

The four chaperones were excellent and worked very well together. Thank you from all the divers and coaches. Having four chaperones made the trip run smoothly and consequently, the behaviour of the divers was excellent. As usual Davy was great with all the travel arrangements.

The only unfortunate part of the trip was that we had to catch the train home before the competition was finished, and did not realise that we had won. However.....

The Trophy will be presented to the team on Saturday, by Leon Taylor, which more than makes up for it!

This was an excellent and very successful trip. Well done Divers! (Full results at back of newsletter)



GBDF Spring Masters Championships 23-24 April, 2005.

Royal Commonwealth Pool

The Edinburgh masters team will be there in style.
Please come along and support.

Davy & Gillian would like to thank everyone who attended the meal in honour of Davy receiving the John and Margaret Bell Award for outstanding contribution to Diving.

It was a great night which they both really enjoyed.



£££ 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

Diver of the Term Awards



Beginners

Diver 1

J Squad

S Squad

N Squad

B,C,D Squad

David Tully

Feargus Davidson

Tommy Loan

John Arthur

Hannah Watson

Catherine Webber



Debbie Shields, Child Protection Officer for Edinburgh Diving Club, would remind everyone who received a self disclosure form to return it to her on Saturday 26 March. Thank you



CONGRATULATIONS

To Laura Smith for winning the 12/13 event at Shipley novices

To Anna Sless for winning the 10/11 years event

To Gillian Fleming for winning the 14/18 event

To John Arthur for winning the 14/18 event

To the Edinburgh Team who won the Shipley Novices Trophy

To all the "Diver of the Term" winners

To Judy Wardlaw for passing her driving test