

The Scarlet Blade



Kingston Rowing Club's Official Newsletter

Henley 2009 Edition

Captain's Report

The regattas are now coming thick and fast, and despite the close proximity of reports I'm delighted to report continuing success for the club across all levels – senior, novice, junior and veteran.

At Twickenham Regatta we came away with the Ian Rogers Victor Ludorum for Remenham Clubs, winning the IM2 4+, WIM3 8o and MN 8o. It was a fantastic day, and great to see the winning ways continuing.

At the Metropolitan Regatta at Dorney Lake, we saw good displays from our senior men's and women's coxed fours, both achieving a second place in IM2, and the men finalling in the Senior event. Our lightweight women and men continued to show their class, winning the Women's Elite Lwt 2x on the Saturday, and the Men's Elite Lwt 2x on the Sunday. Other results included 3rd in Women's Elite quads and 2nd in Men's IM1 double sculls.



The IM2 4+ leading their final at Twickenham



The winning Elite Lwt Women's 2x



The MN 8o leading Wadham College in their final



The winning Elite Lwt 2x





Chris and Jon collecting their medals



The Women's Club Intermediate 4+

Congratulations must also go to Birgith Sims, who just before going to press won Gold in the W/Vet D/E 1x at the National Veteran Rowing Championships, held at Nottingham on 14th June.

These latest regattas take our total number of wins to 58 for the year, meaning that we have already surpassed the total for last season (57), with a number of races still to go, including the respective Henley's, Marlow, Kingston and the National Championships.

We now move very much to the important end of the season, with Henley Women's Regatta coming next weekend. I'm pleased to let you know that we will have 4 great crews racing at this event:

The Elite Lightweight 4x: Cheryl Gilliver, Emily Possnicker, Mel Court-Smith and Laura Newton.



The Women's Elite Lwt 4x

The Elite Lightweight 2x: Cheryl Gilliver and Emily Possnicker.

The Intermediate Club 4+: Gemma Etherington, Lisa Graham, Fabienne Miler, Helen Gadsden, and Heidi Anderson (cox).

The Intermediate Club 8+: Tara Lanigan, Marise Heyderych, Suzanne Timmis, Tamara Santiago, Lydia Stallion, Jen Griggs, Emma Lawrence, Kyle Goddard and Emily Watson (cox).

We wish all of the crews the best of luck, and hope to see all of them racing on the finals days, Sunday 21st June. For more details of the event please go to www.hwr.org.uk

At the same time we will have our Senior Men's crews racing at the Marlow Regatta (again at Dorney) in their final preparation before Henley Royal Regatta. Following the success at the Met for the Lightweight double we have built a composite Lightweight quad, with the target of HRR and the National Championships. The crews racing at Marlow and being entered for HRR are;

The Elite 4x- (Prince of Wales Challenge Cup): Jon Mackinney, Chris Ellam, Andy Dax (Blue Coat) and Cameron Johnson (Blue Coat).

The Senior 4 (Britannia Challenge Cup): Adam Dracott, Graham Thompson, Paul Savage, Will Hetherington and Karolina Ciulemba (cox).

The IM1 4- (Wyfold Challenge Cup): Richard Lear, Lee Waller, Rob Thompson and Adam Page (steers).



The IM1 4- (Waller)

The IM1 4- (Wyfold Challenge Cup): Gavin Leney, Gareth Evans, Andy Kervell and Marc Baldwin (steers).



The IM1 4- (Leney)

We will also be entering the Women's 4x at Henley Royal Regatta in the Princess Grace Challenge Cup. Good luck to all the crews, especially those taking part in qualifying races, and I look forward to seeing all the crews racing at these coming regattas.

Andy

Chairman's Report

With both Women's Henley and Henley Royal Regatta just around the corner most of you are training hard and making final preparations. As Andy has covered the season so far in his captain's report, including the Henley trials, all that remains is for me to wish everyone competing at Henley the very best of luck in their respective events!

On the committee side a number of tasks continue to keep us busy as we come to the end of the rowing year. Work on the landing stage is progressing where it can as we wait for the Environment agency to make a number of decisions about the riverbank. Outstanding work items on the clubhouse are being identified and the negotiations on the clubhouse lease are under-way with the council. In other areas the ARA has recently released new guidelines and policies which the committee is reviewing and will have to incorporate into the clubs constitution and membership requirements.

The date for the AGM is now set as the 16th August so if any of you are interested in helping out with the running of the club then please consider standing for the committee next year where you can help to make a difference.

Junior Report

BALL CUP South of England Junior Championships (Dorney – 10th May)

The 9-10th of May was big weekend for the club with crews competing and winning at 3 different regattas and to quote Director of Rowing Ian South; "the best achievement must go to Richard Ayling and his coaching team for the Junior Squad who at the Ball Cup in Eton missed out on the Victor Ludorum by just 2

points returning home with 3 golds, 1 silver and 6 bronzes".

This was easily our most successful regatta of the season to date and, with some crews not there. So well done to:

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| J18 1x | W Hayes | Gold |
| WJ18 1x | P Wood | Gold |
| WJ14 2x | R Talbot E Mayer | Gold |
| WJ16 2x | K Sandys V De Temple | Silver |
| J13 1x | M Georgiou | Bronze |
| WJ18 2x | A Tan T Esterhuyse | Bronze |
| J13 2x | H Christie M Georgiou | Bronze |
| J15 2x | T Hoskin E Lovern | Bronze |
| J16 2x | W Pearn H Mitchell | Bronze |
| WJ14 4x+ | F Capellaro A Porteous R Talbot E Mayer Cox: E Hayes | Bronze |



W Hayes



P Wood



R Talbot / E Mayer



A Tan / T Esterhuyse



K Sandys / V De Temple



T Hoskin / E Lovern



H Mitchell



M Georgiou



H Christie / M Georgiou

Thames Ditton Regatta

Congratulations also to the WJ14 4x+ crew of Francesca Capellaro / Anna Porteous / Rosie Talbot / Emily Mayer – cox Harry Christie, who won their event at Thames Ditton Regatta the following week to the Ball Cup.

This was our 15th win of the season to date.

Jack Petchey Leader Award

Congratulations to all seven of our recent Jack Petchey award winners (Amelia Tan, Roxy Ayling, Rosie Talbot, Harry Christie, Ellie Warner, Will Hayes and Adam Dracott), who at the recent Boat Naming ceremony received their medallions from Kieran West and Sarah Birch.

In addition to the Achievement Awards we also had one more special award to make. Each year the Jack Petchey Foundation allows the club to nominate a Coach for the Leader Award in recognition of their outstanding commitment in supporting and encouraging young people.

We had no hesitation in nominating Chris Griffiths for all the range of tireless work he performs for the club. Chris received a framed certificate, a boxed medallion, and a cheque for £1000 to be spent on a club project of his choice.

The Jack Petchey Foundation gives grants to programmes and projects that benefit young people aged 11-25. Jack Petchey is one of the UK's most successful businessmen. Born in East London in July 1925, Jack came from a working class background with very few advantages. From an early age he showed the entrepreneurial skills that have aided his success.

In 1999, he set up the Jack Petchey Foundation as he wanted to give opportunities to young people in London. Over the last nine years he has donated over £50 million to schools, clubs and projects which benefit young people in London. In 2004 Jack was awarded an OBE at Buckingham Palace, by Her Majesty The Queen.

For more information:

www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk



Chris Griffiths receiving the Jack Petchey Leader Award from Kieran West and Sarah Birch

Boat Naming Ceremony

On Sunday 7th June we were delighted to welcome our guest Sarah Birch and Kieran West, as well as our sponsors Laytons for the naming ceremony for our latest fleet acquisitions. After presentations from the Jack Petchey foundation for junior members, we named the boats with the pouring of champagne over the bows of the boats.



From left to right; Director of Rowing Ian South, Sarah Birch, Kieran West, Captain Andy Hall, and Chairman Paul Francis, with the christened boats

The Sarah Birch is a Stampfli 2x/-, and was named after Sarah, who rowed from a Junior at the club, and became World Champion in the Lightweight 2- in 2001 (amongst many other honours when representing the club).

The Kieran West is a Stampfli 8o, named after Kieran West, who started his rowing career at Kingston as a junior, coxing and sculling, before an illustrious rowing career that included two victories in the Boat Race

representing Cambridge University, and most memorably winning Olympic Gold in Sydney in the VIII. Kieran brought his rowing career to an end racing for the club at Henley regatta last year, and winning the Visitors Challenge Cup.

It was a fantastic day, and highlights how much had been achieved in the development of the fleet. We look forward to a long and successful career for these boats, with the Sarah Birch already having 4 elite victories recorded (2 at Gent, 2 at Metropolitan Regatta).

Laytons Laid Bare

Laytons are thrilled to be supporting KRC through our sponsorship of the club for another year. We are thoroughly enjoying getting to know some of the members of the club through our attendance at events, and thought that you might like to know a bit more about us so we've included a few facts about what we do, how we do it and what is important to us as a firm below.

Laytons is founded on a strong set of values that form the basis for everything that we do. Founded in 1875 our focus is very much on our clients and what is important for them.

We very much see ourselves as relationship lawyers and not transaction lawyers, and as such we invest time in building lasting relationships in order to ensure that we obtain good understanding of our clients' affairs. This means that we can be sure that we are giving advice that is appropriate to the long term strategy of our clients, to ensure that our advice aids the achievement of any goals and works alongside their beliefs and ethos.

We operate from offices in Guildford, London and Manchester and have 166 team members. We offer a wide range of services across those offices including: Charities; Corporate and Commercial; Corporate Tax; Dispute Resolution; Employment; Family and Matrimonial; Insolvency; Intellectual Property; Property and Construction; Pensions; Trusts and Estate. We provide these services to a variety of clients ranging from private individuals, partnerships, owner managed companies, national quoted PLCs and international organisations. Each of our clients is treated with the same level of respect and client service, whatever their size or status.

The way we communicate and relate with clients is obviously key to our position as "relationship lawyers" and this is why we assign a "relationship team" to every client. This team is at the heart of our close relationship with clients and its role is to be proactive and positive in all aspects of the relationship: to build a close, effective knowledge of the client's affairs, a good understanding of what is important and represents best working practices for the client, and to identify and develop with the client improvements in our service and ways to add value. In this way we can ensure that our advice and service is relevant, effective and appropriate.



We recognise that the quality of our service to clients depends upon the quality of our people. We are therefore committed to recruiting the right staff, who believe in and will naturally support our core values, and to developing their skills and expertise. We encourage personal development and actively encourage our employees to become involved in both the local community and national initiatives through our Corporate and Social Responsibility initiative.

Our Corporate and Social Responsibility initiative prompted the relationship with Kingston Rowing Club. The initiative supports the firm in achieving its goals and objectives by not only providing our clients with positive, practice and technically excellent legal advice, but by doing so in such a way that encourages mutual respect and responsible business practices with regard to each other, our clients and the world at large. Our four main areas of focus are: Our people; Our clients; Our community; Our environment.

Kingston Rowing Club are seen by Laytons to be an important contributor to the community within Kingston and the surrounding area which is why we made the decision to support the club via our sponsorship. Working hard as a team and striving to constantly improve performance levels is something that we share with the club and its members and we are immensely pleased to be able to aid the purchase of new boats to help improve the clubs performance in local and national competitions.

The Project Oarsome initiative is also of great interest to us as we feel it of particular importance to nurture the development of young people, in respect of both education and extra curricular activities. Inspiring and motivating young people to take part in a team sport such as rowing is something we are particularly proud to be involved in and sits well alongside the work that we do in local schools promoting the importance of education, and in our work with local student mentoring schemes.

We hope that this insight into Laytons gives you a better idea of what we are all about, and our reasons for supporting the club. If you would like to find out more about our services, or if you would just like to find out more about what makes us tick, then please feel free to call Anne Whatley or Deborah Caldwell on the contact numbers below. We wish the club every success in the events coming up in the next few months and look forward to getting to know more of the members at these events.

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Remenham Club

As some KRC members may be aware Remenham club, of which Kingston is a founder club, celebrates its centenary year this year and to celebrate there are a number of activities planned by Remenham for 2009:

- For a few weeks from Women's Henley onwards, the River Rowing Museum in Henley will be exhibiting some select pieces of memorabilia from the clubs 100 years
- Remenham Club will be sponsoring the senior eights at Women's Henley
- The Remenham club AGM, scheduled for Saturday the 27th June, will include a post AGM party with brass quintet. The HRR stewards will be attending and plan to make a presentation to Remenham club
- Friday at HRR (July 3rd) – Remenham will entertain Royal visitors in the form of Prince Michael, there will also be a fly past from a Spitfire, musicians from tea time, and a Centenary row-past featuring eights from each of the founder clubs
- Saturday at HRR (July 4th) - Enhanced catering, singers in the marquee, roving entertainers from 19:30 - 21:00 onwards

In addition to all of this, the Remenham shop is currently selling a number of Centenary specific items, including prints, a booklet, rugby shirts and of course the centenary teddy-bear!

These can all be found online at <http://www.rock-the-boat.co.uk> (click on Remenham club from the list on the left.)

For any enquiries about Remenham club and how you go about becoming a member please contact you club reps: Nigel Main, Paul Francis and Guy Lewis.

Remenham Row Past

The crew has been selected to take part in the Remenham Centenary Row Past on Friday 3rd July at HRR. This had been done following a ballot process, and those selected are as follows;

Michael Clarke
Chris Griffiths
Gemma Etherington
Helen Gadsden
Adam White
Chris Warburton
Will Hayes
Phoebe Wood
Harry Christie (cox)



We look forward to seeing the crew rowing down the course with other Vllls from Remenham clubs to celebrate the centenary of the Remenham Club.

Rebecca Romero Auction

Many of the more active members will have seen (and perhaps own one of) the club cycling shirts, essential accessories for the winter cross training when the red boards are in force.

Rebecca Romero has signed two of these for the club, one for display in the bar, and the second to be auctioned in the near future to help contribute to the replacement of the landing stage. Details of the auction (and any other goodies that will be auctioned will be provided in the near future, but in the meantime please take the opportunity to have a look at the shirt in the bar. It's approximately 4' by 3' and is very attractively framed.



Trailer Volunteering

As has been reported in previous issues of the Scarlet Blade we're starting to have issues with being able to tow trailers, due to the number that we are sending to regattas, and also the number of people who have experience in towing trailers who can legally do so.

We've been supported this year by Chris Griffiths, Michelle West, Richard Nelson, Matt Evans and Ian South. However if you have experience are licensed, and would be able to help out then please let us know. There is no expectation for you to provide a towing vehicle, just your experience! If anyone can help please let us know.

Andy

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Member Notice

The 2009 AGM will be held on Sunday, 16 August starting at 11:30, with the usual business. This is an opportunity to hear and talk about the current situation of the Club and plans for the coming year, as well as the occasion on which a new Committee is elected. It is an important event in the Club's calendar, and Members are urged to attend.

200 Club

The 200 Club is a useful source of revenue for the Club, worth several thousand pounds a year, which can be spent on equipment. There are monthly draws of £50 with additional prizes of £250 and £500. Participation is by annual payment of £15 per "number", paid by standing order, and it is possible to have more than one "number" in the draw. If you do not already take part in the draw but would like to do so, please request a standing order form and return it to Richard Higgins at the address given. Equally, if you are already a member but would like a further "number", please let Richard know so that an appropriate form can be sent to you to increase your subscription.

Regalia

Refurbish yourself for Henley with a new Regatta tie (traditional design, in silk and square cut with horizontal stripes) or brass blazer buttons. Ties already in stock are available at £18; more are on order but will have to be charged at a higher price. Orders will be met on a 'first come, first served' basis. Buttons, large (jacket body) and small (cuffs), cost £2.50 each. Please send orders to Richard Rowland (RR) at:

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