

The Scarlet Blade



PRICELESS FREE TO MEMBERS SUMMER ISSUE

chairman's MESSAGE

By Peter King

You will notice that this edition of the Scarlet Blade is a little shorter than usual, this is because we have run into difficulties in getting it set out, without paying vast sums of money to a printer. If anyone can help and has the skills and equipment we would like to hear from you. We feel the newsletter is a most necessary link between the Club and its members but as virtually all our money goes on equipment for our rowers we do not have the spare cash to fund any extras.

As some considerable time has elapsed since the last newsletter, I would like to start by thanking Libby and Scott for all their hard work in organising a very successful evening for the Annual Dinner. The event was most enjoyable and raised £750 for the Club. The chief guest for the occasion was Richard Phelps, a past member of KRC, ex

President of Cambridge University Boat Club and the youngest person ever to be asked to become a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta. It was a pity however that by the time he stood up to reply on behalf of the guests there were a small number of members who probably through excess alcohol were unable to accord him the respectful attention he deserved. On the one occasion when our Club is on public view to members of other clubs and possibly the press, it does sadden me that a display of bad manners by a few should tarnish its reputation. My hope is that perhaps next year, those members who wish to hold a drinking challenge will stage the event a few nights before the Annual Dinner, this way our guests will be able to see that we at KRC can behave with good manners both on and off the water.

The Kingston Head attracted a record entry in spite of a shortened course and great credit must go to all those involved in the marshalling, timing and safety, for doing such an excellent job. Organising this event is not without its sleepless

nights, however the compliments that I receive on the efficient and professional way that it is run speaks volumes for the very high standard of those who do all the hard work on the day and make it such a success.

As this is the last newsletter before the Annual General Meeting, I would like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking the many members who have worked so hard in the interests of the Club over the years that I have been privileged to be its Chairman. I receive very little 'hate-mail' and many compliments on the way the Club is run. Whilst it gives me great pleasure to know that members are satisfied on the whole, I have to admit that this is not my doing. Many will bear testament to the fact that a cordial greeting from me normally means more than a polite enquiry as to their health! I am very grateful to all those of you that have made my task less irksome and it is only the haphazard demands of my business that have made it necessary for me to stand down from the Committee at the end

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captain's REPORT

by Gary Meacham

The 1998 Rowing Season is now in full swing and the 2 Henley Regattas are almost upon us. The season started very slowly in that a large number of regattas were cancelled due to the extreme weather conditions that we have been experiencing. Despite this the performances of Kingston Rowing Club Members has been very encouraging with the best performances at both Club and International level outlined on the results sheet enclosed. In addition to these results we have had a Men's Senior '4' Coxed Four and Mens Novice Coxed Four, both of whom are getting through rounds but are finding the win elusive. We should also remember the Mens and Womens Veteran Sections who are currently training hard with a

view to racing a little later in the season

It is looking almost certain that ALL of our oarsmen and women racing at international level will race for Great Britain at the World Championships.

In addition to these Edward Fox has been invited to Final Trials for the Great Britain Junior Squad. Edward has got another season after this to race at junior level.

Rebecca Romero is currently the 3rd fastest Junior Womens Sculler in the country. This is a fantastic achievement for someone who has been in the sport for 8 months. Rebecca will almost certainly be in the Womens Junior Squad for the World Championships. As well as achieving a Bronze Medal at the National Schools Championships she collected 3 medals at Munich Junior International Regatta, as follows:

Gold - Coxless Four

Silver - Coxless Pair (Beat a number of crews containing World Champions)

Bronze - Quad Sculls (Beaten by the German

World Champions by inches)

Looking forwards now to the coming weeks, the main events are the 2 Henley Regattas. We are planning to enter the crews shown below. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these Regattas supporting the Kingston Rowing Club crews.

At this point I can advise you that after 2 years I will be standing down as Captain. Having spent most of my time as Captain flying backwards and forwards between here and Asia, the Bank has decided to move me to Asia on a permanent basis. I would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance during my 2 years in office. I would like to finish by giving a special mention to Steve Aquilina who has been doing a tremendous amount of work for the Club during the past year, a lot of which is taken for granted or not even noticed. I would also like to thank Mike Smyth who as Vice Captain has been running the Club during my recent absences.

Womens Henley		Henley Royal	
Open Coxless Four	LWT Single Scull	Wyfold Four	Double Scull
Open Quad Scull	Club Coxed Four 'A'	Britannia Four	Single Scull
Open Double Scull	Club Coxed Four 'B'	Thames Cup Eight	Single Scull
LWT Double Scull		Composite Double Scull	Womens Single Scull
		Double Scull	

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of this season. As usual I would urge as many of you as possible to come along to the regattas and support our rowers many of whom appear to me to be training nearly 7 days a week. Thank

goodness no one had devised these schedules when I was rowing I don't think I would have made past Christmas! With the punishing training schedules that they now follow a little vocal support from the bank is in many instances the boost the crew might need. I look forward to

seeing a profusion of the 'scarlet and white' over the next couple of months on the towpath and in the enclosures. Let us hope that this cold wet June weather improves to allow us to wear it in all its glory.

KINGSTON ROWING CLUB RESULTS BOARD

	Club Level	
Marlow Spring Regatta	Winners	Mens Senior 3 Coxed Fours
Thames Ditton Regatta	Winners Finalists Finalists	Mens Senior 2 Coxed Fours Mens Senior 2 Eights Mens Senior 3 Fours
Ghent International Regatta Saturday	Second Second Second Sixth	Mens Junior Single Scull Womens Open Coxless Fours Womens LWT Single Scull Mens Open Coxless Four
Ghent International Regatta Sunday	Second Second Third Third Sixth	Mens Junior Single Scull Womens Open Coxless Fours Mens LWT Single Scull Womens LWT Single Scull Mens Open Coxless Four
Metropolitan Regatta	Winner Winners Winner Second Second Third Sixth	Mens Open Single Sculls Womens Senior 1 Coxed Fours Womens LWT Single Sculls Womens Open Eights Womens Open Coxed Fours Womens Open Double Sculls Mens Open Coxless Fours
National Schools Regatta	Third	Womens Junior Single Sculls
Peterborough Regatta	Winner	Womens Senior 3 Single Sculls
Docklands Regatta	Winners Winner Winners Third Fourth	Womens Senior 1 Fours Womens Open Single Sculls Womens Open Coxed Fours Womens LWT Single Sculls Mens Open Coxless Fours
Walton Regatta	Winners	Mens Novice Double Sculls
Weybridge Ladies Regatta	Winners	Womens Senior 2 Coxed Fours
Reading Amateur Regatta	Winners	Mens Senior 2 Eights

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International Regattas

FISA Munich Regatta	Second Fourth Sixth	Womens LWT Single Sculls LWT Quad Sculls Mens Double Sculls
Duisberg Regatta	Third Sixth	Womens LWT Single Sculls Mens Double Sculls

KINGSTON ROWING CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1998 Annual General Meeting of Kingston Rowing Club
will be held at the Boathouse, Canbury Gardens
on Thursday, 23 July 1998
starting at 8:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. President's Address
2. Report on Current Activities
3. Financial Report
4. Election of Officers and Vice Presidents
5. Election of Administrative Members of the Executive Committee
6. Any other business appropriate to the meeting.

Note

Nominations for Officers and Administrative Members of the Executive Committee must be made in the prescribed manner and submitted to the Secretary at least 14 days before the date of the meeting.