

The Scarlet Blade



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT Carol Cornell

Welcome to another year in the life of Kingston Rowing Club! - The focus for the coming year is 'consolidate and build' and this is a message that you will find recurring throughout each of the reports contained in this bumper edition of Scarlet Blade.

Those of you who attended the AGM will remember that all parties identified the need to put a strong infra-structure in place that will not just support the club through the coming year, but will work on a long term basis. To achieve this we are focusing upon the key areas of athlete requirements, coaching development, boats and boathouse, social, finance

(including sponsorship) and membership. A full list of Committee members and responsibilities will be on display on the notice board over the coming week.

One key point to make is that as part of our commitment to 'consolidate and build', we actively decided to hold subs at last years level for the coming season. This does mean (as Steve will emphasise!), that there is a distinct need for fundraising support to ensure we can upgrade equipment as required.

In the short term, there are two opportunities for 'revenue generation' that need your backing, both will take place prior to Christmas and both have a very different focus. We

are running a Grand Christmas Raffle, (see Neil Myers report), for which we will be posting out books of tickets to all club members in addition to selling tickets at all rowing events prior to Christmas, e.g. Kingston Head and 4's Head etc. Also, Scott has also committed to organising a Pledge Auction, so please start to think of something / some skill which you have that can be auctioned! (See Great Scott report!)

Finally, remember that Kingston is your club, -we need your participation and feedback to ensure we develop our strengths and achieve our potential.

Happy rowing, (& socialising!)

CAPTAIN'S REPORT Mike Smyth

Having spent one year assisting Gary Meacham and looking after the club during his absences abroad I feel suitably armed to take on the role of Captain for the coming year! As you are aware, any position of responsibility within the club can occasionally be an arduous task, so I would like to start by thanking everyone who was prepared to stand for any position at this years AGM. In addition, a special 'thanks' to all those who helped out last year, - especially Gary who will be greatly missed and Peter King, our outgoing Chairman who has made an enormous contribution to club life. It is now my duty to take the club forward, to ensure

that Kingston achieves its true potential but in doing so it is important that we learn from the lessons of the past and build on what we do best.

Coaching Structure

I will be making a few changes to the clubs coaching structure and the way we train in the forthcoming season. In the past, the job of developing club rowing has rested entirely with the captain. This is a full-time job in itself, let alone any other responsibilities that are incumbent upon any captain. Therefore this year I have appointed **Farrell Mossop** and **Chris Elmit** to assist me in developing a winning rowing strategy and co-ordinating

coaches. Farrell will concentrate his efforts on supporting the men's coaches and ensuring that this side of the club runs smoothly. In addition to these responsibilities he has also undertaken to arrange approved ARA coaching courses for our recognised coaches. Chris Elmit on the other hand will assist co-ordinating the women's coaches and has similarly undertaken to draft in key speakers to talk about issues such as technique, physiology and diet. I will keep you posted as the season develops as to when the various courses and lectures will be run.

On the coaching side itself, **Pippa Message** has been appointed as

Chief Men's Co-ordinator and High Performance Coach. There will also be another coach with responsibility for looking after the development men from senior four upwards and hopefully this position will have been filled by the time you read this newsletter.

Steve Aqualina has been appointed as Chief Women's Co-ordinator with responsibility for the development of the female squad and as in previous years, **Ian South** will continue as High Performance Coach. This year I intend to run a focused novice group of men and women which will be co-ordinated by **Rachel Knight** and coached by **Richard Higgins**.

In addition to all the above named coaches I would like to see as many members participating as support coaches to help out at weekends, some of you will have received letters from me already asking for your help. At the time of writing I have received some not many replies and if you are able to help, even for a couple of sessions, the active oarspeople and myself would be very grateful. Please either contact me at the club or call me at home on 0181 542 2650.

Athletes Reps

One comment that I frequently hear from Athletes is that they think there is limited communication between captains, coaches and other club groups. In order to try to resolve this problem I am intending to appoint representatives from each group within the club. The idea is that if any oarsperson has a problem, they can initially channel it through their coach or their group representative. If it is then not resolved they should contact myself. It is hoped that the appointment 'representatives' will facilitate a

two-way flow of information that will enable me to be kept fully abreast of current developments within each squad. The list of 'reps' will be on the board during the next couple of weeks. I envisage the appointment of representatives will obviate the need for vice-captains.

Boat Purchases

As you are aware (!), the club's finances are not healthy. Having carried out a thorough review of boats and equipment the primary need is to upgrade the ergos. Although we have clear plans for two fund raising activities, we do need to ensure that subs are paid promptly, so please make Steve's life as easy as possible! On the subject of payment for sculling racks, please see the note from Carol and Ian later in this edition.

It is our intention to carry on our boat replacement policy and as part of this I have identified a number of boats within the fleet that are nearing the end of their shelf life and which could be sold to raise funds for new equipment. More details to follow. In the meantime it is imperative we do all we can to maintain the current fleet in good condition. Therefore all boats should be washed once a week and rigged immediately they return from any event. Parts should not be 'borrowed' from one boat to repair another. This is short term and causes inconvenience all round.

Finally I would like to wish you every success for the forthcoming season and if at any stage there is anything you wish to discuss please contact me and I will try to help.

Thanks and have a great start to the season.

We are deeply saddened to report the death of Adrian Spencer following a tough struggle against cancer. Adrian was affectionately known as 'Bone' during the period at the club when virtually everyone at the club had a nickname.

Some examples of the custom you may know: Queenie, Lurch, Scully, RR, Vampire, Sooty, Dinsdale, Boysie, Uncle Nick. Others will be remembered by some of our older members such as: The Rat, Piggo, Piglet, Tigger, Chairman, Quackers, Knome, Whipper, Gunner, Shoulders, Weasel, Dodgy, Doc, Porky Pie, Hammy, and many more I can't remember.

Bone was a fantastic runner who I first came across in my own first season at the club in 1971 when one night's training consisted of a park run which the better runners completed in around 23 minutes for the 4 miles. The starts were staggered to allow the slower runners to get back before the bar shut. On one particular evening I was going quite well when Bone went past me like a sprinter on his way to a sub 22 minute time and sickeningly, was hardly out of breath when I staggered into the club just after him.

As with all the great characters of that era, there are many hilarious stories through which we can remember and celebrate the life of a good Kingston member who will be greatly missed.

Also of Lt Col Ron Pounds MBE TD, who joined the Club in 1951 and coxed our crews for a number of years, including, it is recorded, in the 1957 Head of the River Race.

Scott & R.R.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Aqualina

The AGM in July marked the anniversary of my election as Treasurer. The year has proved a tough one, with finances tighter than I had imagined. However I hope that our increased financial awareness will

provide the basis on which our finances can be rebuilt.

Many in the rowing world - including some Kingston members - believe KRC has magical access to a limitless supply of cash. Alas the truth is far

from this and our survival depends largely on the willingness of a depressingly few number of people to put themselves out for the club.

A large vote of thanks must therefore go to Gail Birkett, latterly with

the help of Steve Pratley, who between them have stemmed the flow of money going on unpaid race fees. Assisted by a more enlightened attitude from the coaching team, crews are now paying before they are entered for an event. I ask only that you keep paying on time to make this thankless task easier for all involved.

As mentioned by Carol, the Committee has thought long and hard about next year's subscriptions. We are conscious that some members struggle to cover annual subscriptions, race fees, ARA levies, kit costs and travelling expenses and with this in mind have decided to hold subs at last year's level - if anyone strongly disagrees please feel free to send a cheque for the extra you are prepared to pay!

The standing order scheme for full subscriptions proved very popular and will be continued again this year. Full subs can now be paid through six £33.34 instalments. Standing order mandates and subscription forms should accompany this newsletter.

We are also keen to reward those members representing Great Britain at this year's World, Junior & U23 Championships who have flown the flag for KRC over the past season. In recognition of this the Committee has agreed to waive next year's subscriptions for Jane Hall, Robyn Morris, Sara Burch, Tegwyn Rooks, Jo Nietsch, Colin Greenaway, Rebecca Romero and Claire Fox. Well done to all of you - and Good Luck for those still to race at time of writing.

The purchase of the club's first Empachers and two Glyn Lockes reflect the hard work put in by Scott Tunbridge with the Veteran Fund, Domyk Honey & Mary Stevens with the Boat Fund and Jonsey with the 200 Club. These funds need now to be replenished before any further

equipment can be bought - Fundraising volunteers please step forward!

Looking ahead the most urgent capital project will be to replace our worn ergos. With 45 minute ergo pieces the norm rather than the exception their combined mileages must be astronomic. It is hardly surprising that sitting on them evokes The Iseley Brothers 'You've Lost That Loving Feeling', followed closely by You've Lost All Feeling in Your Feet, Thighs, Buttocks & Back. The situation will be rectified as soon as we get enough money in do so. To ensure we generate the revenue to do this we need your support for the two pre-Christmas fund-raising activities.

I am pleased to say that we now have a Sponsorship brochure in place. If any members have ideas for sponsorship please give Joshua a call on 0181 546 3111. All ideas will be gratefully received.

Additional fundraising events planned for after Christmas will include a sponsored Step Aerobics co-ordinated by Sylvia Bartley (0171 975 5555 ext 4929) a chance to work off the excess before we progress to far into the new year! Plans are also being hatched to run a second 24 Hour Ergo Challenge in Spring 1999 - so get practising!

Reading this report may give the impression that our money woes look like clearing. I wish they were, but fear that we have some way to go before we can afford all the things that we'd like to see at the club. However, as anyone who has raised money will know, ideas come easy it's implementation that takes the effort. So let's get behind these fundraising schemes, give their organisers as much help as we can and make sure that we can look back on the coming year as a string of successes.

Membership Update

Karen Relph

Firstly and most importantly, please ensure you are keeping me up to date with any house moves, email addresses and work / home telephone changes.

Secondly, I will be contacting all those lonely ex-Kingston members who have been allowed to drop off our membership file and who are

secretly longing to come back and row at either Club or Vet level. (Or maybe they just miss the bar facility and would like to become a social member!) If you have any names or contacts please let me know, - especially as this is a key fundraising year for KRC. The more the merrier!

SAFETY OFFICER'S COLUMN

Neil Myers

As the days are getting shorter it is time to remind everyone of the safety rules of night time rowing/sculling. The rules of the river state that two white lights are required when rowing at night. These lights must be white and the use of red/flashing bike lights is prohibited. Rowers are also advised to wear brightly coloured clothing when rowing in the dark. In addition can people ensure they continue to use the notice board, downstairs in the boat bay to record their outings and in the event of an accident please record the exact details in the blue file, located upstairs in the clubhouse.

Special Needs

We are trying to set up a special needs group and I would be interested to hear from anyone who would be willing to help. It would only require a minimum commitment of time and should be very rewarding.

Fund Raising

As you are by now aware, I am organising a Christmas prize draw for which the intention is to send out to ALL club members books of five tickets, to be sold at £1 per ticket. We are also in the process of obtaining a license to see the tickets to Joe Public, - ideal venues will be the 4's Head, Kingston Head etc. The proposed first prize will be £250, followed by 3 prizes of £100 and four at £50. The date for the draw will be the same as The Review namely Saturday the 19th of December. We also hope to offer additional non-cash prizes, therefore if you have something to donate, i.e. a magnum of Champagne (!), I need to hear from you. Please contact me either at the club or on 0181 755 3132. The objective of the Christmas Draw is to raise sufficient cash to purchase a minimum of two new ergos - so think of the comfort factor when selling tickets!

SOCIALLY UNTOUCHABLE

Domenyk Honey

Hello everyone! Another year is upon us and the bar has been spruced up with new framed photos of last year's high achievers and the fridge has been stocked with bottles of Whitbread's finest beers. The Honours boards have been updated and the blades have been given a fresh lick of paint. The club is buzzing with the sound of excited new members as they witness the incoming captain marshal his resources to make this year rewarding and fun. But as you all know, real fun at the club starts by ordering a pint at the bar and stops when crawling into the loos for a little redemption.

Just so you know, the organisation of this year's events will be a little different from usual. The committee is encouraging the social secretary to "manage" the social events at a high level and devote most energy to organising and promoting the events through the year. Hopefully, small teams of people from the club will be asked to run each party, providing a much-needed injection of enthusiasm into the club's social events. This format worked especially well for the last New Year's Eve party which was

Date	Event	Time
10 Oct	Start of Season Party	2000
24 Oct	Internationals Reception*	1300
27 Nov	Scullers Supper*	1930
5 Dec	Theme Party	2000
19 Dec	Christmas Review*	2000
31 Dec	New Years Eve	2000

the event of 1997-98.

The season starts in September and the kick-off party is on 10 October, a chance to really get to know the newest members of the club and for the old farts: an opportunity to relive past rowing triumphs with the aid of an unwashed lycra all-in-one. It really is the defining moment for the new year's social activities, so make it happen. We're calling it "The Mad Hatters' T Party", where T stands for Tequila and you have to wear a silly hat to gain entry. There will be beer promotions, loud music, bad behaviour and probably some dancing as well. For the older, more sedate among you, don't be put off by the inadequacies of your youth: come to the events asterisked below - renew acquaintances, meet new peo-

ple and see what's happening at the club. On Sunday's we hope to start offering lunches in the bar provided in partnership with a local pub. Entertainments include the best opportunity to journey with RR and Vamp down memory lane - why not bring the kids! Other highlights include Brakspears and conversation.

Finally, Scott will be organising his usual spectacular evenings for the Veterans and everyone at the Annual Dinner. And let me remind you about the club this New Year's Eve, when will expect to build on last year's success and stage an even more exciting event that really keep's everyone up well past midnight.

KRC - better than Viagra

PUTTING OUR SCULLS TOGETHER!

Ian South & Carol Cornell

Please note that this year we are changing the policy on sculling racks both inside and outside the boathouse. There will still remain a certain amount of 'garage' racks for those club members who pay a membership, however the priority for the coming year is to provide active oarspeople with an accessible rack, ideally in the boathouse, if not outside. Unfortunately this will mean some boats being removed. We will be writing to all scull owners (users) over the coming two weeks to let you know which rack you have been allocated. Therefore please return your rack fees once you have

been allocated your rack.

By the same token can all owners of sculling blades, please ensure their name is clearly visible and that their blades are in a blade rack. The pile of blades at the bottom of the eights' bay is being sorted out the first week of October. Any blades not moved, labelled by then will be deemed to be for general use.

Finally, can we please remind all club members that personal labelled blades are not to be taken and used without the owners' permission. There have been several instances of this happening recently, it is not an acceptable practice.

GREAT SCOTT!

*It's the
KRC pledge
auction
1998!*

Scott Tunbridge

Despite all the money floating around the sporting world these days, the poor old amateur clubs who do so much to assist the development of the sport, continue to survive on a shoestring. [CUEVIO-LINS]

But are we downhearted?

Do we sit and mope in an air of gloom and doom?

NO, WE GET STUCK IN AND RAISE THE MONEY WE NEED!

The latest and potentially greatest idea for this season is a **Pledge Auction**.

Before you ask, a pledge auction is where all the members of the club pledge a deed, or a service, or some worthy goods to put into an auction. All the members and other interested parties attend to bid for these pledges and all of the money raised

goes towards a useful cause - such as: replacing the ageing ergos.

Examples: 6 coaching sessions, bake a cake, obtain some free breakfasts at the Blue Spot, theatre tickets, complimentary cinema tickets, sample products from your own company, cook a dinner for 6, wash dirty rowing kit for a month. You know the sort of thing.

What next?

Fill in a pledge form including details of the pledge, your name and a phone number. You can get one from behind the bar and from various pledge collectors - details of these good souls will appear shortly.

The date of the auction will be advertised in due course - probably in late November/early December to enable us to raise the money we need in good time for this season.

HELP US TO HELP YOU HELP THE CLUB HELP YOU!!!

KINGSTON ROWING CLUB

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CASUAL (not including regattas)	£100	
SOCIAL	£40	
COX	£40	
STUDENT	£100	
JUNIOR	£100	
RACK FEES		
Inside rack	£90	
Outside rack	£45	

Please send this whole form and your payment as soon as possible to :-

**Steven Aquilina
Kingston Rowing Club
The Boathouse
Canbury Gardens
Lower Ham Road
Kingston-upon-Thames
Surrey KT2 5AU**

Cheques should be made payable to **Kingston Rowing Club**.

Important!

If you have **LIFE** or **HONORARY** membership, if you pay by **standing order** or if you have already sent your payment, please ignore this notice.

Christmas '08

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ChairPersons Report Carol Cornell

We have had a very positive start to the season in starting to put a structure in place that will take the club forward on both a short and longer-term basis. Predictably there are plenty of jobs for what is a relatively small band of people. If you have a small amount of time you can allocate, your involvement would be most welcome and this does not have to be on an on-going basis. Volunteers sign up please! - or call me on 0467 475881.

The key issues of equipment and subs are dealt with later by Mike and Steve, however the most important area for us in the short term is fund raising! Please support the fund raising initiatives taking place before Christmas! Particularly the....

GRAND PRIZE DRAW into which Neil Mears has put so much effort. Some of you have already taken books of tickets from the club, some of you have tickets enclosed with this edition of Scarlet Blade. Please sell them to anyone and everyone. We are licensed by statute to sell these tickets to non-members and there are only five tickets per book costing £1 each. I'm sure that even the most dedicated Oarsperson has at least five friends! Neal can be contacted on 0181 755 3132 should you have any questions. Dick Offer our club President has kindly put up a prize for the person selling the most tickets, so please get behind this initiative! Monies or tickets should be returned to the club and marked for the attention of Neal Mears, Steve Aqualina or myself. The revenue generated from this will be used to update the ergos, which despite a welcome overhaul from Andy Tomkins still require

attention. The proposed new ergo deal will see a rolling program or renewal and maintenance that enables us to replace three, bring five up to scratch with new parts then replace the remainder over the next 18 months. More details to follow.

Attention All Members

Last Friday the 27th the shutters were left open. Vandals went into the boat house with the end result that two boats were pulled off the racks and Croker blades were thrown in the river. On Tuesday the 30th, the upstairs of the club was again left open. If you are out on the river during the day, please use the outings board, lock up and turn out the lights if you are the last one to leave. Protect your Club and equipment!

Captains Report Mike Smyth

We are now a couple of months into the winter season and all the athletes should have settled down to a regimented training regime. Despite a two-week sojourn on my part to the Dominican Republic early in October a lot has been happening since the last issue.

Results!

On the rowing front, the club has competed in both the Pairs Head and the Fours Head. At the former, the most noticeable result came from the womens group with a win for Robyn Morris and second places for Jane Hall, Caroline Dring, Emma Jowitt and the Veasey twins.

At the Fours Head... Kingston Rowing Club achieved its best ever result with Colin Greenaway coming in second overall in a composite quad with Molesey Boat Club. Congrats to Colin who continues to fly the KRC flag along with Damion, his coach, on

the mens international scene. In addition the womens squad achieved second place in the open coxed four, lightweight quad and senior 2 four. Congratulations to all involved. Yet another achievement was at junior level, where Ed Fox came third overall at the closed training camp at the end of October. Ed is a great asset to the club and I feel sure he will go on to greater things later this year. At club level, the mens squad has got off to a slow start and has initially suffered from athletes either retiring or moving to another club. However, there remains a group of club men, who I hope will demonstrate the commitment to go on to greater things this summer. Subject to new recruits, I have identified our target boats for the summer as being a coxed four and lightweight double.

Equipment

In the last bumper edition of Scarlet Blade, I spoke of the need to replace some of our existing equipment and in particular to purchase a new set of ergo's. In part, this will be funded by the sale of existing equipment, but a very important part must come from fund raising. Since the last edition I have put several boats on the market and am currently involved in negotiations with two clubs for the sale of some of our existing fleet. The welcome influx of novices has meant bringing the Karlisch back into good use but still leaves us short of a stern-loaded coxed four. We are looking to secure a good quality second-hand boat and I hope that by the time you read this a deal to buy one will have been struck. In conjunction with the Committee and club coaches, I am ensuring that the re-investment in new equipment is designed to suit clubs needs and reinforces our commitment to our existing athletes.

Er-we-go

To reiterate, the purchase of ergo's remains our number one priority and we hope to have these in place by the New Year.

Fund Raising

As mentioned this is a key priority for us to facilitate the purchase of much needed equipment. Since the last edition there have been two major fund-raising events which have helped considerably towards our cash-flow. The Mad-Hatters Party in October raised a staggering £1,300 and has set the standard for other club socials to follow! In addition, a personal thank-you to the Veterans, who at their supper event raised a similar amount!

Subs

As reiterated in both the chairpersons and treasurers report, we do need all subs in as soon as possible, as it is only when all of these have been collected that I will have sufficient ammunition to persuade the treasurer to part with some cash!

Kit

Now that we have started racing the thorny question of kit has arisen! Previously this have been left to a volunteer within the club, consequently the success / failure of this venture has relied upon the enthusiasm of the person involved. As such, I would like to extend a large thank-you to Helena Smallman-Smith who has managed this on behalf of the club for the last few years. Regretfully, Helena has now been forced to give up this role, so I am pleased to announce that as of December all KRC Kit will be supplied by Readhead clothing, (formerly Bladerunner), run by those well known enthusiasts Alison and Tony Larkman! An agreement is currently under discussion within the committee for the exclusive supply of KRC kit, giving the benefits of improving lead-time, ensuring a uniform style, providing a discount to

club members against normal R.S.P.(retail selling price for the uninitiated!), and most importantly providing a profit to the club. Look out for their stall which will be appearing on a monthly basis in the bar, - first appearance on Thursday 3rd December.

Its no.....Barrier

The position in relation to the Canbury towpath barrier has still not been resolved and the reason for this has simply been that the council is dragging its feet. I am maintaining pressure on the council to resolve the situation and expect matters to come to a head fairly shortly. More news in the next edition!

And finally.....

Training hard now is money in the bank when it comes to the summer. Similarly, cash in the bank now will buy us equipment for later in the year when you need it!

Racks The boat house is now full!

We have moved the sculling boats, and master copy of the rack layout is on the notice board. Those owners with outstanding fees will receive another reminder, - this must be paid by Christmas unless agreed with the treasurer. We do need the revenue and it has historically been a difficult task in chasing members for payment. If your name appears on the rack list and you **do not** intend to use your boat this coming year you may like to consider co-ownership to reduce costs.

Please contact either Ian South or Carol Cornell for further details.

Treasurers Report – Steve Aqualina

Looking first on the positive side, KRC has already benefited from Jo Brown's involvement in running the club social events. Her hard work resulted in the now legendary Mad Hatters Party and the forthcoming (Are You) D&G Party on the 5th of December – no I don't understand what it means either! Together with the re-introduction of bar food on Thursday's and Steve

Frasers involvement behind the bar, we are starting to see an upturn in activity over the bar. However, we would love to see some more of our social members and hope that many of you will be able to make next months Rum-Punch Eights.

Subs Please!

With winter training in full swing the committee now has an idea of the size of the squads training at Kingston and their equipment needs. Not being flush with cash solutions have to be imaginative to stretch the KRC pounds as far as possible!

The biggest outlay to plan for is the replacement of the club's landing stages. Having given many years service they are becoming worryingly springy underfoot and barely a week goes by without another plank requiring replacement. Many thanks to Dinsdale for keeping the stage going as long as he has. The bad news is that a replacement will cost as much as £11,000. We can save on this considerably if we put in the manual work and I am hoping that a willing Veteran (male or female), will come forward to co-ordinate the re-building, possibly about Eastertime. In the meantime, please drop me a line at the Club if you would be prepared to lend a hand.

Stop Press....

Congratulations to the winners at Tiffin Head

Mens Open Coxed Four: - Mike Smyth, Craig Elliott, Paul Hunter, Mark Hughes, cox Sarah Peacock
Womens Senior II Coxed Four: - Ruth Dixon, Rebecca King, Sylvia Bartley, Keri Backx, cox Sam Walker

Your Money And Your Life – Joshua

Pert - Sponsorship (& newly married!))

That's right, after encouraging you to forsake the comforts of home and family to sit in a cold boat in the middle of the Thames for hours on end we now want you to part with your money as well. Well not actually your own money.

As You all realise this club does not run on good will alone and despite the efforts of everybody on the committee to provide for your every need we cannot do this alone. Everybody can make a contribution to the club by spending hours (and pounds) in the bar and by making fools of yourselves at the many events that Dom has up his sleeve. What this club needs more, however is a long-term sponsor to support at least part of our activities.

We could really do with your help in this area, if everybody could pass on any ideas about potential sponsors be it an employer or just one of those great ideas please get in touch. Ideally we would be looking at a large local Firm who would have something to gain from sponsoring us so as to establish a long-term relationship. Results count. The best way to attract more money is to be get the results that we all know we deserve. There is nothing that sponsors love more than a big list of silverware.

For this reason please could everybody send any results to me (through the club or by e-mail joshua.p@marchcom.co.uk) so that we can get them in to the press and make people take a bit more notice. The higher our profile the better the chance of somebody deciding to spend money on us! Kingston has the credentials to attract funding and with a respectable national and international record we can give a sponsor the exposure coverage they want.

Membership

Karen Relfe and Sam Walker have been working to update the club database. Please can all club members ensure that they keep Karen informed of any changes in address by leaving details in the pigeon holes at the club

Great Scotts! Vet Update

The Autumn Veterans Supper took place in November and was by all accounts one of the most successful yet, with some 78 Veterans attending. Notwithstanding the dubious quality of the soup dish - which appeared to be sponsored by Thames Water (a situation which has already been addressed for future events) - the bonhomie was at an all time high. All generations of KRC rowing legends joining forces to put the rowing world to rights over a bottle or three of wine and substantial measures of port! If you haven't been to one of these evenings for a while you're really missing out. If you haven't been invited for some reason let me know (I can usually be contacted via the club on Thursday nights) and I will update my database to correct the situation.

Hot Diary Dates

Saturday 5th December - D&G Party

Saturday 19th December – Not the Christmas Review – and this year it will not take the form of a review! –

Details to follow, - please book the date in now. Most importantly the **GRAND DRAW** will take place on this date, - please attend.

Food and Fun – Every Thursday in the club – all welcome

Pledge Auction – early 1999 – date TBC



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See overleaf for outstanding Rack Fees

Please send this whole form and your payment as soon as possible to :-

**Steven Aquilina
Kingston Rowing Club
The Boathouse
Canbury Gardens
Lower Ham Road
Kingston-upon-Thames
Surrey KT2 5AU**

Cheques should be made payable to **Kingston Rowing Club**.

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