

# The Scarlet Blade



## Captains Update – Graham Bailey

So the first update as Captain, what a better way to start then recognising two important groups working hard at KRC at the moment.

Firstly the top women's group who not only brought home a collection of medals from the National Championships but also won the coxed fours club trophy, with four of these athletes going on to win medals at the commonwealth regatta.

Secondly the group of stars who have helped raise nearly £1,500 over the last few weeks and helped get the club house ready for the new season. The **Club Scrub** (of the hall, kitchen, bar outside and training areas) was really well supported and I would like to thank all that helped.

All those that couldn't make it down this time, I look forward to your help in the near future at the Pledge Auction.

## Project Oarsome

**Project Oarsome** is the main club objective for this quarter. Oarsome requires the club to raise £15,000 this then provides us with £55,000 of boats and equipment for junior rowing at KRC. So you don't need a Blue Peter totaliser to realize we have a long way to go and that we all need to pull together to achieve this.

*So why are we bothering?*

### *Three Key Reasons*

1. *To ensure KRC is a major force in rowing again. We need to have rowers at all levels to provide competition to continually drive up our standards. Without a strong base no sustained success will ever be achieved*
2. *To provide access to rowing for all. The Kingston reach is a community resource for all and we have a duty to ensure we support access for all within the surrounding area.*
3. *To support British International Rowing. KRC must operate as a center of rowing excellence and therefore gains access to appropriate lottery and sports grant funding. This will enable the club to continue to produce top international athletes*

*To achieve this we have to use the resources we have as a club. So please help and ensure we continue to pull our weight in and out of a club.*

*Thanks - Graham*

## Hot Dates for your Diary

<i>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Start of Winter Training</i>
<i>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Wallingford Long Distance Sculls</i>
<i>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Pledge Auction</i>
<i>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Kingston Junior Head &amp; The Pairs Head</i>
<i>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> KRC Club Triathlon. We will be holding a club triathlon for all members. This will be an ergo, a cycle through Richmond Park and a Run to finish. Prizes will be given for the best Men's and Women's Novice, Senior and Vet.</i>
<i>12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>These are a new concept whereby the main club groups will train early Saturday and then 4pm Sunday. This is to enable people to go away for a night and see friends, have a lie in or partake of a few beverages. This ensures everyone goes away the same weekend and crews don't lose a month because a different member goes off each weekend in October</i>
<i>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Marlow Long Distance Sculls</i>

## Pledge Auction – (preceded by Lunch)

Ladies and Gentlemen – we need your talents! Whether it be cooking, knitting (?), gardening, coaching, a “slave for a day” or donating prizes of any sort. Through you will need to raise the essential sums to support Project Oarsome.

So..those of you who have mailed me already with your pledges, - thank you. Those of you who have not please send them through to [carol\\_cornell@hotmail.com](mailto:carol_cornell@hotmail.com). Alternatively if you prefer to use more conventional means I can be contacted upon 07767 475881.

Lunch will be served from 12.30 (ish) onwards, the bar will be open and the auction will start @ 2 p.m. – Look forward to seeing you all there.

So,...how much are we bid for tennis lessons with Scottie?!?

## HENLEY SATURDAY.

You know how it is Fawley bar after lunch , the older we get the better we were sort of conversation that often ends up a with very dodgy and slow crew being formed that then gets stuffed at Kingston regatta the following Saturday with the whole crew at the start thinking " what the F\*\*\* am I doing here" !

Well it was a bit like that for me this year although the conversation resulted in me not being in a slow crew ,but back on to the KRC committee were I have subsequently been elected chairman !Rather than thinking what am I doing here at the first committee meeting I felt proud to be part of a committed and serious team whose aim is to put Kingston back to the forefront of club rowing in this country. The hard work put in by the previous committees steered by Peter King, Carol Cornell and Nick Ronald is at last starting to bare fruit!

*Guy Lewis – Newly Elected Chairman!*

## Membership Details

The Summer is coming to a close and thoughts turn from the regattas of the past months to the long dark evenings of Winter training. To add to that cheery note, subscriptions for the season 2002/2003 are due on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The new membership rates are:

Casual £130 (an increase of £10)

Cox £0

Full £260 (an increase of £20)

International £0 (at the committee's discretion)

Junior £65 (an increase of £5)

Novice £100 (£50 payable at the beginning of the season, £50 payable after Christmas)

Social £50 (no increase)

Student £130 (an increase of £10)

Standing order forms are available from the KRC website, from behind the bar and by emailing the membership secretary. Payment for full membership by standing order will be through 6 payments of £45 – the premium of £10 for standing order payment allowing members to spread their payments over 6 months. This is the first increase in fees for at least 2 years and not only keeps us in line with inflation but also other clubs on the lower Thames.

For a training athlete the membership represents excellent value coming in at just over £20 per month for as much training and rowing as you can take. This point is reinforced when you compare the cost of full membership to the membership fees of gyms in the area and there is the added bonus of not having to pay a 'joining fee'.

For a social member there has been no change in the membership fee. Revenue from social membership forms an important part of the club's income approaching 25% last year. With this in mind, I am inclosing a standing order form for social membership with this letter. It is of great assistance to the club to get subscriptions in at the beginning of the season and whilst I am grateful to all members who pay their subscriptions, it would aid the club in terms of cash flow if those currently paying by cheque could set up an annual standing order.

Can I also remind social members that membership of their founding club is a prerequisite for Remenham membership and this year I will be sending Peter Jennings a return listing our current membership.

Rack fees remain unchanged at £100 for an inside rack and £50 for an outside rack. Members are reminded that rack allocation goes hand in hand with payment of full membership. Following a change of personnel managing the racking an audit is taking place of rack allocation. So, if you have dust-covered single downstairs at the club you will hopefully be hearing from Paul Francis or Steve Pratley in the near future.

Finally, please inform me of any changes of address or membership status and if you know of one of your contemporaries who has lost touch with the club or whom the club has lost touch with, please forward me details of name and address.

Craig Elliott  
Honorary Membership Secretary

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### **Vet Rowing - Calling all Thirty Somethings**

Recognising that Veteran Rowing is something which has not recently been high on the priority stakes at KRC this it has become a hot topic for the committee. How do we make it work? Please give us your thoughts, equipment is ready and waiting! Our new captain will make this clear when he speaks at the next Vet supper in Autumn!

Please mail either Guy Lewis (Chairman), Nick Ronald or Carol Cornell with your feedback.

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**LIKE HIM OR LOVE HIM!.....Ian South has been coaching at KRC for 15 years , his single minded determination has produced a clutch of International standard athletes whose names make up the majority of those on our International honours board at the club. His bluntness upset many people if you were not good enough he told you, if you were however his support was 100% not just in terms of his time but financially and emotionally.**

**Ian has a job move to the USA and I am sure that all of us who care about**

**KRC would join me in saying thank you Ian and good luck!**

**GL**

### **WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS SEVILLE.**

**Congratulations to the following KRC members who are representing GB . Kieran West in the coxed IV, Rebecca Romero in the women's 4X and Sarah Birch in the womens lightweight 4X. Good luck to them all!**

**GL**

### **Crop circles and showers at KRC...(6 emails later)**

**The question is: who turned them off and why and who turned them on again.**

**They were not working at 6.30 pm last night, but by 8.30 they were!?!**