

The Scarlet Blade

*Kingston Rowing Club's official newsletter
Henley edition June 2005*

Chairman's Report Guy Lewis

Hopefully you will have this edition of Scarlet Blade before Henley, and if you do I am sure you will want to wish our athletes well, for the Thames Cup 8 at Henley Royal and the girls 4, lightweight pair and Junior double at Women's Henley. [The lightweight pair of Emily Possnicker and Laura Newton got to the final, congratulations to them both]

The Thames cup crew has only just been formed from the two 4's that have been racing since the heads with moderate success, sadly injury has taken Dan Genazzini out of one of the 4's leaving no option than to draft in another person (our illustrious captain) and re-form as an 8 . I saw them out for the first time last night and they looked good! As you know our 1st 8 finished 20th in the HERR. I always felt that after the Heads an 8 was always going to be the best bet, but I gather that was not the wish of the crews, maybe in future coaches should have more input as to what crews should do what! (mild rant over!)

The novice group is coming on with leaps and bounds under the guidance of Jon Shepherd and Two 8's were out last night, not only is this group rowing well they have organised a big party with a live band after Kingston Regatta, tickets are available thro' the club Webster. In addition they have volunteered to do a mammoth clean of the clubhouse, so if you find a KRC novice on your travels buy him/her a beer!

The junior group is continuing to run successfully under the watching eye of Boysie , however he is going to concentrate on coaching next year and is passing on the general running of the group to the parents who, now 2 years into the programme, know what is required and hopefully next season some of them will join the main committee so that all sections of the club can work successfully together. The group have also produced a crew to compete in the boys quad sculls event (the Fawley cup) at Henley Royal, it is likely that they may have to qualify, so if you do, good luck , and if you didn't , no worries you had the opportunity to race along the most famous piece of water in the Rowing world

With the warmer and lighter evenings a few more fair weather rowers are appearing, in order to avoid any mis-understanding, please do not use any club equipment (land and water) unless your membership is up to date, not only do we want the money we want you to be insured whilst using our kit !Use of Club boats require express permission from the Club captain it has to be remembered.

It is considered that an Honourary membership of £50 is only for people using the club for the bar and keeping their membership to Remenham live, for people using the gym and for boating from the club please up-grade to Casual membership which is currently £130 pa (half the cost of a full sub). Please speak to Brendan Togher, our membership secretary.

Remenham club is looking fantastic and all of you who are going to enjoy it, please do stick to the rules especially about passing tickets over the hedge! The committee takes a very dim view about this and any one caught doing it will have a problem, and so too will the member whose No is on the back of the badge.

Finally, if you have received this after the Regatta I hope you enjoyed it! If it is about to happen have a good one!

Internationals

Jo Hammond is currently racing with the GB squad at the Munich World Championship in the Olympic lightweight double class.

Kieran West is currently racing with the GB squad at the Munich World Championship in a pair.

Veteran Rowing

LUR Cheston-Porter

KRC Leviathan

The Leviathan rumbles on, ploughing its deep furrow from Kingston to Hampton Court, which is no mean feat on water. After the Himalayan Buffet, the outing on 22nd May was hot stuff. Following the late "no show" from the "Goz" and "Quackers" White, we indeed did boat an 8+ and 4- on the day. "Boysie" cried off with both challenges from either his J13 Men's 8+ or the J16 Women's Octuple. He was probably put off by how seriously our coaching team took the challenge made to the Leviathans and the variety and length of their considered responses. The crews that boated were:

EIGHT: cox: "Sooty" Biddulph, Stroke: "Horatio" Nelson, 7: "Piglet" Pearce, 6: "Doc" Steer", 5: Lurch" Ayling, 4: "RR" Rowland, 3: "Boots" Brunt, 2: "Weasel" Christie, Bow: "Dan" Dare.

COXLESS FOUR: Stroke: "Atilla" Ayling, 3: "Gus" Gait, 2: "Twiglet" Wylie, Bow (steers): Di Gait.

Both crews made their own way upstream in lovely sunshine, only spoilt by the high wind (headwind on the way upstream) and certain river users not using their noddles. The eight was stroked by "Horatio" Nelson, replacing the robust frame of "Rambo" Lewis, and making 3 out of stern four an Old Hinchleyan combo. "Rambo" was representing KRC and Leviathan interests at the pre-Henley Remenham "piss-up". "Boots" Brunt, as is no surprise now, won the best turned out crew member award, although his choice of the leopard skin style thong as an undergarment could have proved dangerous with the "Weasel's" fingers near to the thongs proximity during the row - but he escaped and kept his title anyway.

The journey upstream saw "Sooty" reliving his past slalom skiing exploits on the piste in mid-winter as he assaulted the Marina reach in a weaving and unconventional way. In fact the crew were treated to unconventional and difficult exercises as they made their way through the washes created by the humungous Thames sailing boats crewed by former rugby greats. A couple of exercises to recount were square blades (in a wash) and single strokes - hands away (also in a wash). The superb and quality way that the boat consistently progressed upstream down on bow side one stroke, and down on stroke side the next, would have made the coaching team proud. "Dan" Dare, fresh from his recent inter-galactic single scull outings was pleased to be included in the eight's group, and was heard chuckling with the "Weasel" about technical points at the mid-

outing

break.

Just before Hampton Court the eight turned and met the coxless four, which had boated in advance. The four was stroked by "Atilla" Ayling, recently returned from her Germanic re-charge and was stroking with some Gusto. The Gait duo held down bow side, with "Twiglet" attempting not to be pulled around (in the water I mean!!!) by Di Gait at bow.

On the return run, with "Piglet" and "Horatio" fired up various half and three-quarter pressure pieces were carried out, but the number of other yachts, canoes around meant that any thought of longer pieces together was a definite non-starter, as was "Sooty's" admitted "curvier" steering.

Apart from two sea cadet canoeists who attempted to impale themselves on the bows of the 4- the return trip with lots of 1/2 and 3/4 pressure bits was largely uneventful, the 4- had also visited Turks Moorings on the return journey, no damage to crew or equipment being suffered.

The de-brief was as usual enjoyable, we ended up watching Woking's finest winning the Monaco Grand Prix on the club TV while the sun shone through into the de-briefing room and the £10 whip was reduced.

Veterans

LUR Cheston-Porter

The late Spring Veteran Supper on Friday 20th May took the form of a Himalayan Buffet superbly organised by celebrated canoeist, oarsman and raconteur Peter Hope.

An attendance of 28 KRC veteran members included many Leviathan celebrities and others who, like the wine, were of a dubious vintage. The starter was Chicken and King Prawns, followed by a Chicken Curry and Lamb Curry, Pathia Rice and Chapattis - and their were seconds! Red wine at £5 per bottle meant that nobody got de-hydrated and several members other than "RR" were seen wobbling in a friendly manner as if they were on a ship in a storm as they progressed to the bar later in the evening. As befits a convivial indoor al fresco meal, the participants diligently cleared up and washed up after the meal. Apart from the bar profit, the supper also made a donation to the Boat Fund. Here's to the next one watch this space.

Ultra Veterans

Bryan Jones

Whilst much is said of the Leviathans and stout fellows they are too, all credit to them: perhaps a thought might be given to the Chronic Geriatrics.

We usually go out most Fridays in a coxless four to Hampton Court and back, after which we repair to Boaters for some refreshment. The crew consists of Dennis Moore (75 this year and blind); Doc Sutton (77 this year, whose infirmities would extend the most comprehensive medical dictionary and who has been resurrected more than once); Colm Greene (77 this year, and it would be kinder not to mention all of his ailments) and myself (72 this year with a gammy leg).

The two substitutes are RR and Tim Pride. Although they do not qualify by age, their dissolute life styles have rendered them fit to row with our elite squad.

All KRC septuagenarians who are lame, blind or clinically infirm are cordially invited to join our outings. If interested please contact Jonesie.

Treasurer's Report

Angus Gait

You will find a copy of the Accounts for 2004/5 in this edition of Scarlet Blade. If you are going to attend the AGM, could you please bring it with you so that we can contribute our little bit to slowing the deforestation of Canbury Gardens by not printing any more. Hopefully they are clear but, if you have any questions, please raise them at the **AGM on Sunday 31st July**.

I think it is necessary to clarify the conditions for racking private boats at KRC. Racks are only available to Full and Life members by agreement with the Captain or Membership Secretary. The use of private boats is subject to the same conditions as Club boats and they should only be used by KRC members who have paid a rowing subscription. If you allow someone to use your private boat you must ensure that they are a member and have paid. Honorary membership is not a rowing or training membership, as I pointed out in a previous Scarlet Blade. The membership secretary can provide guidance on membership matters and I hope it won't be necessary to increase the amount of bureaucracy involved in the administration of racks for privately owned singles and doubles.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Notice for the AGM is included in this mailing. Please try to come to the meeting; 2005/6 will be an important year for the Club as we move towards the time for negotiation with the Royal Borough of Kingston over the Club's tenure arrangements. The Lease on the boathouse (for those not familiar with the arrangement, this is held jointly with Tiffin through a private company) is due to expire in 2010 and various health and safety and related requirements mean that a lot of refurbishment work on the building is needed. The effect is that the Club will have to face greater commitments 'off the water' than those with which we have recently lived and the whole way in which the boathouse is managed will have to be reviewed. The incoming Committee will therefore be operating in a more complicated environment and it is important that members are aware of the underlying factors involved. It is also probable that efforts will be made to have much more work done outside the formal Committee, with wide involvement of non-Members of the Committee. The AGM will give an opportunity to discuss the prospects and the developments involved while we are still in 'early days' and before things start to crystallise.

Membership

A letter will be sent out regarding membership for the 2005/06 Season during the next 2 months. As a reminder subscriptions are due on the 1st October every year. Payment must be started then and any instalments agreements must be continuous and preferably through bank transactions.

Boats & Equipment

Please can all members take note that there is an outings book in the main hall that requires completion

before and after every outing. Please record time you go on the water, which boat you use and time that

you come off the water.

Coaches need to do likewise with use of launches.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 9th July '05	St. Krinnians Skool disco
Saturday 9 th & Sunday 10 th July '05	Kingston Amateur Regatta
Sunday 24th July '05	End of Season BBQ at Club
Sunday 31 st July '05	A G M
Saturday 17th September '05	Triathlon & Party
TBC October '05	Vet's Supper

Email updates will also be sent out from time to time both about upcoming events and club news.

This

is a good way of keeping up to date with the activities at the club. If you wish to receive these emails

please send your email address to: info@kingstonrc.co.uk

Social

The Club bar is open for business on Tuesday and Thursday evening as well as Sunday lunch time. Food is generally available on a Thursday evening. This is a voluntary service and anyone can offer to help / cook.

All profits from the bar and food go straight back into the Club. If anyone would like to volunteer to organize Club fundraising events, such as a quiz evening, please feel free to do so. All you need to do is speak to a committee member and agree a date, easy!

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!!!

Who's Who

Committee

The principal appointees for 2003-4 are:

President	Dick Offer
Captain	Nigel Wilson-Dykes
Treasurer	Angus Gait
Secretary	Richard Rowland
Chairman	Guy Lewis

Other useful contacts

Welfare Officer	Melanie Court-Smith
Safety Advisor / Social	Andrew Martin
Bar	Andy Hall

Useful Contacts

KRC & website: www.kingstonrc.co.uk (0208 546 8592)

Adult Rowing enquiries: Nigel Wilson-Dykes (07801 713558)

Junior Rowing enquiries: Paul Reynolds (07957 365114)

Membership: Brendan Togher (btoghc@hotmail.com)

200 Club Recent Winners

£250 Simon Mepham

£50 Peter Land, Andy Hall, Bruce Dunbar, Alan Spong.

Are you a member? Bryan Jones has some vacancies and for £15 per year per number you could join the ranks of the winners.

To join the 200 club you can;

Set up your electronic transfer direct with your bank. If you do this please e-mail: info@kingstonrc.co.uk to let us know that you have done it.

Each number is £15 paid immediately then once a year on the 1st January.

Sort Code: 40-26-17

Account: 30508616

KINGSTON ROWING CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

	Notes	2005 £
Operating Income		
Subscriptions and rack fees	2	27,810.19
Other operating income	3	19,002.64
		<u>46,812.83</u>
Operating Expenditure		
Rowing expenses:		
ARA and affiliations		1,220.75
Environment Agency licences		1,110.91
Insurance		7,144.17
Regattas, transport, coaching and courses	7	3,728.71
Boat repairs		7,359.80
Equipment and repairs		9,177.74
Depreciation	9	7,139.38
		<u>36,881.46</u>
Boathouse expenses :		
Administration		494.20
Insurance		2,524.01
Light and heat		339.00
Rent and rates		4,738.29
Repairs and maintenance		8,043.28
Cleaning and waste collection		5,135.91
Telephone		164.60
Recharge to Canbury Boathouse		(7,511.42)
Bank charges		373.67
		<u>14,301.54</u>
Total operating expenditure		<u>51,183.00</u>
Operating surplus/(deficit)		(4,370.17)
Grant for boat purchase		3,000.00
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u>(1,370.17)</u>

KINGSTON ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2005

	Notes	2005 £	2005 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9		<u>14,405.62</u>
Current Assets			
Stocks		2,494.04	
Debtors		3,804.26	
Cash at bank and in hand		25,946.70	
			<u>32,245.00</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors			
Subs and rack fees in advance		19,225.07	
			<u>(19,225.07)</u>
Net current assets			<u>13,019.93</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			27,425.55
Creditor - Bar loan			<u>(6,579.61)</u>
Net Assets			<u>20,845.94</u>
General Fund			<u>20,845.94</u>

KINGSTON ROWING CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principle accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the accounts are as follows :

Subscriptions and rack fees

Annual subscriptions and rack fees are accounted for on the basis of amounts received during the year as adjusted to relate to e subscriptions and rack fees to the accounting year.

Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets, comprising boats, are depreciated at 20% in the year of acquisition, thereafter at the rate of 15% per annum on cost.

Taxation

The Club is treated for corporation tax as being mutually trading and is not liable to corporation tax on its trading surplus. Taxation is charged on the Club's investment income and capital gains arising.

Rowing equipment

Rowing equipment, other than boats, including oars and weights is written off under operating expenditure.

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS

	2005 £
Subscriptions received during the year	38,450.14
Subscriptions in advance at 1 st August 2003	8,585.12
Subscriptions in advance at 31 st March 2005	<u>(19,225.07)</u>
	<u>27,810.19</u>

3. OPERATING INCOME

	Notes	2005 £
Bar and catering income	4	3,610.18
Events and functions	8	1,302.93
Clothing	5	(355.00)
Donations/boat fund	6	11,600.45
Insurance claim(s)		
Boat Sales		1,975.00
Bar loan credit		531.80
Bank interest		337.28
Sundry income		
		<u>19,002.64</u>

4. BAR AND CATERING INCOME

	2005 £
Sales (gross takings)	<u>15,522.60</u>
Cost of sales:	
Opening stock	1,263.13
Purchases	12,325.33
Closing stock	<u>1,676.04</u>
	<u>3,610.18</u>
Net profit	<u>3,610.18</u>

5. CLOTHING

	2005 £
Sales	<u>709.79</u>
Cost of sales:	
Opening stock	1,048.75
Purchases	834.04
Closing stock	<u>818.00</u>
	<u>(355.00)</u>
Net (loss)/profit	<u>(355.00)</u>

6. DONATIONS

	2005 £
Kingston Head	2,000.00
D Gibbs Bequest	2,000.00
Triathlon	1,106.50
Lords	500.00
Guy Salmon	1,500.00
Sportsmatch	1,500.00
Boat Fund and Personal donations	<u>6,129.60</u>
	<u>11,600.45</u>

7. REGATTAS, TRANSPORT, COACHING & COURSES

	2005 £
Regatta entries	(180.00)
Training camp	(1,001.05)
Coaching and courses	(7,141.80)
Training camp payments	1,117.89
Course and coaching payments	<u>3,476.25</u>
	<u>(3,728.71)</u>

8. EVENTS

	2005 £
Expenditure	(2,344.56)
Income	<u>3,647.49</u>
Profit/(loss)	<u>711.47</u>

9. FIXED ASSETS

	2005 £
BOATS	
Cost	
At 1 st April 2004	126,609.21
Additions	3,400.00
Disposals	(5,713.00)
At 31 st March 2005	<u>124,296.21</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 st April 2004	108,464.21
Charge for the year	7,139.38
Amount applied to disposals	(5,713.00)
At 31 st March 2005	<u>109,890.59</u>
Net book value	<u>14,405.62</u>

10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A banker's guarantee is held for £2,000 in respect of customs liabilities involving boat transport.