

EDINBURGH DIVING NEWSLETTER



January 2003

Welcome back. We hope you all had a good Christmas and are looking forward to a new year of diving.

This is the first Edinburgh Diving Newsletter, and the aim is to let all divers and parents know what is happening within the diving programme. We will be telling you about forthcoming events, competitions, successes, and general information. If anyone wants to write an article for the newsletter or include any information, please see either the coaches or Mary.

By now you should all have the letter from Edinburgh Leisure regarding the new booking system. We hope that this new system will make your lives easier. The change to terms should bring more structure to the classes and divers will be put in classes appropriate to their standard. Diver 1 classes may alter slightly, but we will contact parents involved before we make any changes.

We will issue term dates for the year as soon as this information is available. Unfortunately, we are still waiting to hear when the diving pool is to close for repairs and alterations to the boards.

Easter Camps

We are running two Easter camps :

MONDAY 7 APRIL – THURSDAY 10 APRIL

MONDAY 14 APRIL - THURSDAY 17 APRIL

Booking Forms will be available from reception.

More details in next month's newsletter



Tee - shirt Competition

Edinburgh Diving Club will soon be selling Tee-shirts for divers in the lesson programme, novice club members and full club members, each with a different colour.

We would like divers to design a logo for the tee-shirts. Please print your name on the **back** of the design. The best design will be printed and the winner will receive a free tee-shirt and prize

SO GET YOUR PENS OUT NOW!

Edinburgh Diving Club News

Last year Edinburgh Leisure divers were able to take part in competitions through the "Flying Start" scheme which allowed them to be affiliated to Scottish Swimming. However, this scheme is not now available and divers **must** be a member of a club before they can enter competitions

Therefore, the constitution of Edinburgh Diving Club was amended at the AGM, to allow for a new category of membership – the Novice club member. There are now three types of membership:

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| FULL CLUB MEMBER | a diver with a set of dives to compete in Age Group or Senior competitions |
| NOVICE CLUB MEMBER | a diver with a set of dives to compete at their age group in novice competitions. The dives must be performed to a standard set by the coaches. When this standard has been reached, the diver will be invited to join the club. |
| ASSOCIATE MEMBER | parents, adults or ex-divers who wish to be part of the club but do not wish to dive. |

There are a number of Edinburgh Leisure divers who fall into the new Novice category. These divers will receive an Information Pack before the end of February (when the current "Flying Start" affiliation expires) from EDC, that will explain everything they need to know about joining the club. The cost of novice membership is £22.50 for the year.

Membership fees for Full and Associate members are due by the end of January.



Competitions

- **Scottish Novice League** - the first competition of 2003 is on Saturday 25 January at 11.00am. Training from 10.00am onwards. Anyone wishing to spectate will be very welcome
- **Armada Cup, Plymouth** - Full club divers. See Mary or Steve for requirements. Team will be selected early February.
- **British Novice Championship, Plymouth** - trial for selection on 22 February at Novice league. Further details to follow.

The Calendar of Events for 2003 is enclosed - Please try not to lose it, divers!

Any parents interested in being a chaperone for these away events please contact Mary (07812678758)

In next month's newsletter we will (try to) explain the various levels of competition and the criteria for Novice, Age Group and Senior categories.

Results and Reports

Club Championships 2002	East District Championships 2002
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Senior men	Niki Bennet
Senior women	Monique McCarroll
Junior boys (16 & u)	Niki Bennet
Junior girls "	Jenny Sless
Age Group boys (14 & u)	John Arthur
Age Group Girls "	Jenny Sless



Senior men	Highboard	Niki Bennet
Senior women	"	Monique McCarroll
Junior boys	"	Niki Bennet
Junior girls	"	Jenny Sless
Senior men	3 metre	Niki Bennet
Senior women	"	Monique McCarroll
Junior boys	"	Niki Bennet
Junior girls	"	Jenny Sless
Junior girls	"	Jenny Sless
Senior men	1 metre	Niki Bennet
Senior women	"	Monique McCarroll
Junior boys	"	Niki Bennet
Junior girls	"	Jenny Sless

The Honours Award was presented to **Monique McCarroll** for her outstanding achievements in 2002

The Diver of the Year for 2002 was presented to **Jenny Sless** for her results in 2002

The Thistle Trophy 2002

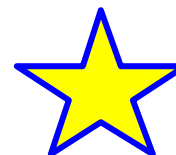
.....EDINBURGH DIVING CLUB WON !!!.....

Congratulations to all 36 members of the team. Without your help, Edinburgh would not have managed to retain the Trophy. There were some excellent results from our divers, especially from those who were competing for the first time in such a big event. A special mention must go to Andrew Marko from Diver 1, who not only dived up an age group, buT won a Bronze medal! WELL DONE DIVERS.....

Our medallists were:	Mandie Arthur	12/13	Gold	Grace Reid	7&U	Silver
	Anna Sless	7&U	Gold	Patrick Hare	14/16	Bronze
	John-Mark Vinten	14/16	Silver	Andrew Marko	12/13	Bronze
	Glenn Robison	10/11	Silver	Ellen Hood	8/ 9	Bronze
	Gregor McMillan	8/ 9	Silver			

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the event such a success. All the visiting teams said it was a great weekend.

Congratulations



- to Gregor McMillan for winning the Scottish Novice League in 2002.
- to Grace Reid, Anna Sless and Gregor McMillan, who were selected to join the Scottish Novice Squad by Steve Gladding, our National Coach and Scottish Development Officer
- to Monique for learning the very difficult back 3 ½ somersaults from 10 metre when she was in South Africa
- to Niki for also learning a very difficult dive - an inward 3 ½ somersault from 10 metre
- to Sarah Bainbridge, our new Club President, for organising the Black and Blue Trophy. Thank You, Sarah!
- to all the parents who took part in the Black and Blue Trophy. We were very impressed!.....Mary has a video of the event if anyone wants to see themselves. (she is also open to bribes to destroy the evidence)

Club Merchandise

Tracksuits, tee-shirts, club costumes and chamois are available for purchase

See Susan Arthur for further details :
Tel. 661 0530

£££ Fund Raising £££

A fund raising group is being set up by some of the parents. If you are interested in joining this group or have any good fund raising ideas, please contact either Susan Arthur (tel. 661 0530) or Liz Reid (tel. 441 5468)

Finally.....**GOOD LUCK** to Monique McCarroll, Jenny Leeming and Niki Bennet who are competing in the British Championships in Sheffield next weekend.

