

Edinburgh Diving Club Newsletter



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I think that it is fair to say that when we heard that the RCP was definitely closing, many hearts just sank and the question of where would the Club go and what would happen, was on everyone's mind.

That was some 18 months ago and during that time, whilst the Novices became the most successful Novice Club in the UK; a great deal of work was being done behind the scenes. Whilst swimming clubs were being relocated, our unique requirements of water and platforms meant that, for Edinburgh Leisure, our relocation was a little more complicated. Vicki started work immediately on finding suitable facilities but her authority could only go so far. So in stepped her boss, Gillian Jones, who engaged fully with the issues. We owe her a great deal of thanks for all that she has been able to achieve so far.

A number of meetings resulted in a detailed proposal to Edinburgh City Council requesting that they allow the increase in financial terms for the diving programme to continue. The current situation is that we are just about there with our move to Newbattle pool. In previous newsletters we have outlined that there needs to be some considerable work done and yes, meetings are still continuing to secure the work which should start soon and be completed early July. The aim is for the diving programme to start up again on August 17th.

Whilst all this is going on, negotiations with the Army are to start soon with the aim of acquiring time in their pool in Dreghorn Barracks in the hope that we can secure some more 'wet time' in the diving programme. They have a 1m springboard and 3.4m depth – but there is limited pool time and a shortage of pool staff. We will keep you posted as that develops.

So with a time for change at hand, Mary and Vicki have made some changes to the squads and the divers who are to be a part of the squads - these are listed below. In essence, the letters to identify the squads have changed and each squad is now named. The new names are 'Performance', 'Age Group', 'Development', 'Novice' and 'Recreational'. The diving schedule of each squad, which includes 'dry land' training time at Meadowbank, has been sent out separately to the divers.

A quick summary of the new squads....

Performance Squad – 4 hours 'wet' training and 4 hours 'dry' training per week make up the performance squad requirements. These divers are age group and elite level divers with an age group list on a minimum of 2 boards. Divers are expected to compete in national and age group championships and club competitions around the UK.

Age Group Squad – very similar to performance squad... This squad consists of 4 hours 'wet' training and 4 hours 'dry' training per week. These divers are age group and elite level divers with an age group list on a minimum of 2 boards. Divers are expected to compete in national and age group championships and club competitions around the UK.

Development Squad – This squad consists of 2 hours 'wet' training and 1½ hours 'dry' training per week. Novice Divers have a competitive novice list in relation to their age and strong should be working towards a competitive age group list – again in relation to their age on a minimum of 2

boards. These divers are expected to compete in club novice competitions and age group competitions around the UK.

Novice Squad – 1 hours 'wet' training and 2 hours 'dry' training per week. This squad is for young Novice Divers learning a list of basic dives on all 3 boards. Divers are expected to compete in Novice competitions around Scotland and the UK once having the required dives.

Recreational Squad – 1 hour 'wet' training and 1 hour 'dry' training per week. This squad is for divers who enjoy the sport without the pressure of having to compete – unless they choose to.

As we write this newsletter, the plans for our move are being formalised and, along with the springboards, being set in concrete!!!! So we would like to suggest that over the summer break you keep checking on the Club's website for up to date information. For our new divers and their families, the website is

www.edinburghdivingclub.org.uk

We do realise that all the information above is subject to change - and if it doesn't change, we would all be amazed. However, it was felt that a newsletter was due in order to keep everyone informed of the latest developments.



Social event



A Ceilidh has been organised for the Club on **Saturday 27th June** with a 7.30pm – 8pm start and will finish around 1am. So everyone needs to have their dancing shoes on!!! It will be a buffet supper and tickets will soon be available for adults (£7) and children (£3.50). All children need to be accompanied by an adult as there is a bar available.