



Social Scene

Keep a keen eye out for further information about the events happening in the first quarter of 2010 via the email system, posters in the club and on the notice boards.

Forthcoming events

The bar will continue to open after training on Thursday's. Pizza's can be bought for £3 each.

The bar is also open on the first Friday night of the month and every 2nd and 4th Saturday.

Annual Events for 2010

The Captain's Dinner

The annual Dinner to salute the captains and the crews who have been training together since the start of the season.

Bumps Party

Last year the men won the Headship Plate and the women's crews defended their positions against fierce competition. What we could achieve this year is being worked on even now and we look forward to celebrating it on the Friday night of racing at our annual all-nighter.

Fireworks Party

Guy Fawkes and watching the fireworks from the best spot in town - the '99s Balcony. This years event saw a huge number of guests arrive for a scrummy dinner, fireworks and carousing until the close of play.

Club Ball

The annual opportunity to don blazers and enjoy a swanky night out. A night for rowers and friends alike.

Watch this space and the club email system for more information.

To volunteer ideas and personal time for social events; To utilise the club as a venue for get-togethers; please contact Laura Blackford on laurablackford@hotmail.com

150 Club

The 150 Club has been re-launched for 2009.

Lucky winners of the latest draw were:

Peter Baron, Andrew Wright and Roger Thorogood. Congratulations to the three of you! Good luck to everyone for the next Draw due in the New Year!

If you would like more information or to join please write to 150 Club, Cambridge 99's, The Boathouse, Kimberley Road, Cambridge CB4 1HJ, email news@nines.rowing.org.uk or visit the club website for a form.



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All Things New

New Faces

The AGM held in September saw new officers elected to the Committee roles and a new structure for training. The club thanks the previous years committee for their efforts and welcomes the following people to their new roles and wish them all the best for the 2009/10 season:

- Eva Ferlez - Health Safety and Welfare Officer
Elaine Davies - Membership Secretary
Keith Garrett & Keith Mitchell - Equipment Secretaries
Cara McLean - Coxing Representative
Laura Blackford - Social Secretary
Carly Crouch - Kit Secretary
Gavin Smith - Trailer Co-ordinator

Iain Hill has accepted the position of Head Coach. Fay Tocknell is the New Starters Co-ordinator. Cara McLean is the Junior Squad Head Coach.

As you can see some roles have not been filled. If you are interested in taking a visible role in running the club you can contact any of the above for more information.

New Spaces

If you've been down to the club any time in the past 3 months, you will have noticed the training space has taken on a new look. The new, fire-resistant encasement for the spiral staircase to the committee room is now in place—complete with windows, a door and the appropriate amount of fire resistance. The ergs and weights training area has been honed into shape, with special thanks to Elaine Davies for the donation of the weights trees, and to Chris Owen, Stan Weller and the many, many helpers who have laid ergs and mats, shifted boxes, lugged equipment and endlessly tidied to get the area ready for a full years worth of training.

We pay special thanks to our President and resident maker-of-all-things, Mr 'Bonk' Connolly. Despite a recent visit to Addenbrookes, Bonk has been tireless in pulling together the encasement around the staircase, glazing it, painting and varnishing and keeping us in line with building/fire safety regulations. We not only have a shiny new separate training space but we have greatly improved (and compliant) access to the committee room. It is already in use for smaller social events, meetings and general get-togethers and it all works superbly!

Chipping In

The club has seen an increased regular membership over the past 3 years. With more people comes the need for more boats, the chance to have more social events and more support requirements. After a get-together with the majority of the rowing membership in July this year it was agreed to try out a new system to organise all those jobs we need doing. So now we have five teams keeping the club ticking over and providing what we hope will be a better environment for everyone—training, partying or otherwise!

The new teams are:

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If you are a current rowing member of the club and do not yet know what team you are in please see one of these people. Teams will change fairly regularly to give everyone a chance to have a go at everything.

Thanks to everyone for being so supportive of the new situation.

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Results round up

Bedford Quarts regatta

Tim Mitchell won the in J16 1x. Chris Mitchell only just lost in the final by a few feet.

Warwick Regatta

Tim Mitchell won the J16 and IM3. Chris Mitchell again tasted defeat in the final by a measly 1ft in the J15 2x

Ouse Marathon, 5/6 September

Chris Mitchell had the fastest double in the Ouse marathon despite competing against the senior men.

Cambridge 99s Regatta, 13 September

Tim Mitchell won J17 1x

Cambridge Small Boats Head, 26 September

Chris Mitchell won J16 1x and Tim was the only entry in J17 1x (completed in a time fast enough to have won Novice, IM3 and IM2), but came second to Duggie in the singles, Tim and his partner also were the overall fastest boat of the day so won the double in J 18. (faster than the Robs captain, so they got a congratulatory handshake from him) Times were really good 11.36 for Chris and 11.16 for Tim so definitely quicker than the last time they rowed the course.

St Neots Small Boats Head, 4 October

Mark Hanman & James Ferguson won the IM2 2- in a time of 10.16. Tim Mitchell won J18 single and J18 double with his school partner Anton at St Neots. Beat arch rival Harry Neale from Norwich in both events which was pleasing for him!!

Pairs Head, 17 October

Start	Finish			Time
9	31	SEN.2x	Owen/Smith	00:12:40
206	137	IM2.2-	Ferguson/Hanman	00:13:27

Fullers Fours HoRR, 14 November

The coxed and coxless fours headed down to London in dubious weather conditions for the Fours head. The coxless crew arrived early and had a paddle in glorious sunshine with a light breeze rippling to water. The coxed crew arrived in time to see the sun disappear and the heavens open. After several hours of waiting for news the crews were finally put out of their misery and sent home with the event cancelled!

Vet Fours HoRR, 15 November

Whilst the crews entered for the fours head did not get to race due to the gale force winds and white horses downstream of Hammersmith, on the Sunday the vets were blessed with no wind, and sunshine warm enough to allow racing in one pieces. As ever the crew could have done with more than three outings but were happy to finish 59th overall and 4th in category.

Bedford Star SBH, 21/22 November

Congratulations to Chiara who was the lone ranger representing the club at the Bedford Star SBH and won her W Nov 1x event and was the overall 4th fastest women single sculler!

CRA Winter Head, 21 November

The club picked up the following category wins:

- Women's IM3 4x
- Men's CRA IM3 4+
- Men's Vet 4+
- Men's Nov 4+ (Perse)

National Indoor Erg Champs, 22 November

Racing in the warm of National Indoor Arena was Sergej, who went on to take Silver in a VERY close race in the 30-34 category.

Scullers Head, 28 November

C Ferrara	WNov1x	25:3.45	14/21
C Owen	IM2 1x	22:28.62	9/25

Christmas Head, 12 December

Bowden	cra	IM3 W4x-	07:23	Fastest W Im3 4x
T Mitchell	cra	J17 1x	07:48	Fastest Junior Sculler
Mitchell/Kent	cra	mxJ16 2x	08:04	Fastest Mixed 2x
Rowley	cra	J16 W4x+	09:19	



We had a Ball

On Saturday 28 November we dolled up and got our dancing shoes (or drinking arms) on for the annual Club Ball. Held at our old stamping ground, the University Arms Hotel, we had a spectacular night of revelry complete with old photos from races gone by and the Bumps Headship Plate on display. It was an excellent opportunity to celebrate a successful year and announce the recipients of the Club Awards.

The Grey's Shield was awarded to **John Cooper** in recognition of the potential he displayed in his rowing, the improvement he made over the year and the enthusiasm and drive he brought to every boat he was in.

The Women's Award went to **Milly Bowden** for her achievements in the double and the effort and skill she has applied to the women's squad. Milly only got signed off to row in the double earlier this year and was off racing with partner, Laura Versnel, at every opportunity representing the club and winning pots.

The Briscoe Oar for services to the club was awarded to **Cara McLean**. For the last 2 years she has been the editor of this newsletter, organised the ball, been the Coxing Rep, Head Junior Coach and a Board member of Cambridge 99s Ltd. Give her half a chance and she will sign you up to the 150 club or hit you up for sponsorship.

Success is labour's reward

Here are some photos from the night!



Thank You!

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank those organisations who have sponsored us in the past year: **Savills, NW Brown group Ltd, SolidWorks** and **Bango** for their generous support.

The club would also like to extend its thanks to **Elaine Davies** for donating the fabulous new Weights Trees that have helped improve our brilliant new training area.

We would also like to say thank you to all the individuals who support the board, committee and general membership by coaching, bank partying, cooking (or baking) and spending an inordinate amount of time 'on-site' keeping things running. Thank you all.