

Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association

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October 2025



Welcome to the late October (Halloween) 2025 edition of the club newsletter.

Our next big event, is the Dook on 1st January, for which planning is at an advanced stage. We have permission from the council to increase the number of dookers if we want to (Up to 500).

However, at present we are catering for 300 dookers to attend the event. We will see how the entries go in the coming weeks.

We will, as always, need about 40 volunteers on the day to make it run successfully. Will you be one of them?

Our 2025 AGM took place at the beginning of October with a healthy attendance of 25 Members. There is a separate report in this edition covering this event in more detail.

We are looking forward to doing some training during the winter season and also preparing for our transition from SASA to BLDSA in Mar 2026.

I look forward to seeing, and working alongside, many of you over the winter months as we move the club forward to a new chapter.

Well, that's all from me for now, and in case we don't have another newsletter until after the dook, I will wish you all good tidings for the festive season.

Drop an email to our secretary, Clare McRobbie, via the following email address: secretary@yeaaba.org (or our communications convener, John Walker, via communication@yeaaba.org) if you are interested in finding out more about any of our activities. Or if you want to contact me directly then I'm on johndaviee1969@gmail.com until we get the president address up and running.

John Davie (President - YeAABA)



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Below is a list of the planned fundraising events for this coming year

- 1st November - Sponsored Santa Fun Run (Joint with Mid-Lin Day Care)
- Christmas hamper £1 a strip draw on 19th December.

Helen Dunnin, as always, will be at St Johns pool on Fridays from 5pm to 8pm for any prizes that you wish to donate. Also collection point at

entrance to changing rooms in clubhouse if you wish to drop anything off down there.

Easyfundraising: Please when buying something, join Easyfundraising first as we may receive a percentage of the cost of your purchases. Every little helps, as they say !!

Between the recent Quiz night and our Race Night we have banked a total of **£1204.90**. A huge thank you to our Fundraising Team for organising these events and to all who came along and supported the events and had a good time whilst doing so.



Spond Usage

For the 26/27 season, we would encourage all members to join the club spond app. It can be accessed via a web browser or using the mobile Spond app, which is available for both Android and iPhone.

Spond is one of our prime methods of keeping members up to date.

We currently have 45 members active on Spond, so not all members are signed up yet.

If you still need access to the app then use this link

<https://spond.com/invite/ESAAF>

and complete the required information. The admins will be advised of your request and will approve access to club members, so that you can see our events and notices Etc



AGM Update

The club held it's AGM on Sunday 5th October at Mid-Lin Day Care Centre in Dundee.

Following approval of the 2024 AGM minutes and the reports, the members approved the FY24/25 accounts from the independent examiner and approved the appointment of BK+ for a further 12 months.

The Shed convener and IT/Comms covener were duly re-elected for a further period of 2 years. There were no nominations for the post of Kit Convener or Fundraising lead, so these posts remain vacant in the meantime.

The treasurer then gave a presentation on the proposed transition from SASA to BLDSA. After a lively question and answer session a vote was taken, the outcome of which was that the proposal to move to the BLDSA in 2026 was approved. We will move from SASA to BLDSA at the end of March 2026 (end of current membership year).

With a move to BLDSA, it means that the membership fees next year for a swimmer will be **£70 per adult** and **£40 per Junior**. It also means that the club will not need to pay a fee for our volunteers.

Only difference will be in Personal Accident insurance cover. With BLDSA this is a seperate cost and it is entirely up to the individual if they wish to take that out (cost of £30) via BLDSA directly (or you can source your own if you so wish).

There are no plans to change the pool fees at this time for club members.

In order to transition to BLDSA, there is some work that we need to undertake during the next few months in relation to the provision of PVG's for those in a regulated role. We need to register with Disclosure Scotland and then apply for PVG's for all our volunteers and staff who need them, so early in the new year you will have to undertake the PVG process again, but this time for YeAABA and we will be the holder of the record instead of SASA.



Lastly it was announced that Steve James was to be admitted as a Life member of YeAABA for his services to the club over many years.

Well done Steve on this accomplishment from all at the club.



Santa Fun Run

We are having a fundraising Santa Fun Run in conjunction with Midlin Day Care Centre.

Details below:

Sat, 1 November '25 10am – 12pm GMT

Dundee Rugby Club - Alloway Place
Campus, Alloway Place, Dundee, DD4 8UA

100 Santa spaces available



Santa fun run is a joint charity fundraiser between:

Mid-Lin Day Care - Reg Scottish Charity No SC034269

YeAABA - Reg Scottish Charity No SC040107

All Finishers will receive a Santa Medal and Certificate

There will also be a prize for the best dressed Adult and Junior Santa

Adult Santa Fun Run Entry **£7.50** Adult (18 and Over)

Santa Fun Run (Junior) Entry **£5.00** Junior (Under 18)

Entries for Santa Fun Run Available until Thu 30 Oct 10am

Scan the QR code to go to the booking page for full details.



BLDSA Dinner 2026



The British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) are holding their 2026 AGM and Annual Dinner here in Broughty Ferry, and YeABBA will act as hosts for the event.

Both events will take place at Lodge Broughty Ferry No 486 which is located in Brook Street, Broughty Ferry. BLDSA will hold their AGM on the afternoon of Sat 14th March and their annual dinner will take place on the Sat evening (6:30pm for 7pm) until 11pm.

On the Sunday any BLDSA members who wish to come along to the clubhouse at Noon, for a look around and to join us in taking a dip in the water. (High Tide 12:09 and around 4.5M).

Tickets for the dinner are £40 and are available to both **BLDSA** and **YeAABA** members on a First Come, First Served basis (numbers are limited to a total of 75) from the following url:

https://bookwhen.com/yeaaba_misc_events/

Note: Dinner choices will be required when making a booking to aid with the catering.

The menu is reproduced on the following page, and can also be downloaded from the booking site.

Following the meal, there will be music, and time to relax, dance or simply make new acquaintances.





BLDSA

ANNUAL DINNER

2026



Starters

Lentil Soup (v)

Prawn Cocktail

Mains

Steak Pie (Boiled Baby Potatoes & Seasonal Veg)

Balmoral Chicken (Boiled Baby Potatoes & Seasonal Veg)

Roasted Vegetables (v)

Sweets

Sticky Toffee Pudding & Ice Cream

Crackers & Cheese

Tea / Coffee (with Mints / Tablet)

BOOKING A TRAINING SESSION IN 2026

Training sessions next year will be via our booking portal (and not through Spond). You only need to book if you are planning to attend a training session, either as a swimmer or a volunteer. (You don't need to do anything if you are unable to attend.)

There is no cost to book onto a session, it merely records who is coming along so the sessions can be assessed for viability in numbers attending.



You will be able to book onto a session up to 4 weeks in advance of the session, and booking will close 2 days prior to session to allow time to contact people if there are insufficient volunteers (or swimmers) to make the session happen.

A more detailed guide to booking a training session will be issued post the book in early January.

RACE / PRESENTATION NIGHT REPORT

We held a successful fund raising race night on 27th September at the Crows Nest in Carnoustie, organised by Helen and her Fundraising Team, which raised a total of £1204.90 for the club.

It was well attended, no empty seats in the lounge. There were 4 races held before the interval.

At the interval we presented the clubs annual awards which went to the following recipients:

Boatman of the Year: Stuart Coupland

Swimmer of the Year: Katie Oparka

John Black (Endevour) Trophy: Ged Hemblade

George McLaren Trophy: Graham Moodie

Volunteer of the Year: John Davie

Presentations were following by the drawing of the Raffle, and then the buffet, before the second part of the race night took place. On the last race, which was an auction event for the horses involved saw some intense rivalry between John Davie and his boss for a couple of the horses. The winning horse in the last race netted £275 (50% of auction money) for its owner Chloe. Thanks to everyone who attended.

A few photos from the night itself. No photo of Ged getting his trophy as wasn't present on the night but he will be presented with it at the first available opportunity.



Statement of Balances**FY2526****Total to Date
£****Receipts****Voluntary Receipts**

Fundraising	£	3,216.75
50/50	£	642.00
Donations and collections	£	181.78
Grants	£	3,500.00

Bank Interest	£	-
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Receipts from charitable activities

Membership & Pool Fees	£	2,477.03
LTS Fees	£	5,749.00
Entrance Fees (Swims & Dook)	£	1,916.56
Sponsorship / Advertising	£	1,723.44
Sundry Income	£	842.40

Total Income	£	20,248.96
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Payments

Fundraising costs	£	684.56
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Cost of charitable activities

Upkeep & hire of boats	£	2,748.02
Clubhouse Maintenance	£	655.33
Training Courses	£	65.00
Insurance, Rent and Utilities	£	4,450.17
Membership Fees	£	1,355.50
Travel Costs	£	665.60

Administration

Pool & Swim Expenses	£	8,099.28
Stationary / Office Equip & IT	£	0.12
Advertising & Dook Expenses	£	2,699.84
Professional Charges	£	283.20

Other Costs	£	5,310.30
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Total Expenditure	£	27,016.92
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Surplus/Deficit for the year to date	-£	6,767.96
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Statement of Balances**Funds Reconciliation**

Cash at Bank & In Hand - 01 Apr 2025	£	19,046.14
Surplus/Deficit for the year to date	-£	6,767.96
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 01 Apr 2026	£	12,278.18

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	£	12,278.18
Bank Deposit Account	£	-
Total Cash at Bank	£	12,278.18

Other Fixed Assets (Boats / Equip)	£	38,447.00
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Total Assets	£	50,725.18
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Treasurers Update

At this time, we have a little over £12K in the bank.

However, we still have the damaged CCTV cameras on the south face of the clubhouse to replace, which were vandalised during May.

We are aiming to get this work completed as soon as possible as we go into the quiet season.

You will find details of our planned fundraisers elsewhere in the newsletter. Please support them if you are able to.

On the left you will see a breakdown of the club's income and expenditure to date for FY 25/26, as at 06 Oct 2025,



YeAABA 50/50 Club

The 50/50 club is open to club members, friends and family, and allows them to participate in a quarterly prize draw (drawn at end Jun, Sep, Dec and Mar each Financial Year). Members can pick any available, free number (between 1 and 100 - see table below for which numbers are currently available) and entry costs £4 / month payable by Standing Order.

Members may have more than one number selected.

50% of the quarterly income received goes to club funds, and the other 50% forms the prize pot for the draw.

There are 3 Prizes each quarter:

1st Prize (46.0% of prize pot)

2nd Prize (31.0% of prize pot)

3rd Prize (23.0% of prize pot)

* Members may select more than 1 number.

* We would prefer payment by Standing Order (SO) directly from your bank. Being a monthly payment, you can then fix the date to best suit your finances. A Standing Order form can be obtained from the treasurer or you can use the one included in this newsletter. (We would ask that monies are paid no later than 23rd of the month so that all monies are in, in time for the quarterly draw.)

* You can join the 50/50 club in Apr, Jul, Oct or Jan (which is the start of a new quarters draw).

* Contributions towards the 50/50 cannot be recorded as Gift Aid notifications to YeAABA.

* Quarterly draws will take place at the end of Jun, Sep, Dec and Mar each year.

How many numbers are available?

The draw itself has the Numbers 1 thru 100 available and the table below shows the current status. If all numbers were taken, then the club would raise £2,400 per annum from this draw.



**You've Got to be
In it to win it !!**

Table of current 50/50/ Draw Numbers Available (As at 06 Oct 2025)

Latest table can be found here: <https://www.yeaaba.org/5050-club>

**	**	3	**	5	**	7	8	9	10
11	**	**	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	**	**	**	**	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
**	42	43	44	45	46	**	**	49	**
**	**	53	54	55	56	**	58	59	**
61	62	**	**	**	**	**	68	69	70
71	**	73	74	75	**	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	**	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	**	98	99	100

How do I enter the draw?

Firstly, check with the treasurer that the numbers you wish are available. Email [communication@yeaaba.org][1] or call / text on 07894 129257.

You will be allocated the numbers if free and table will be updated.

Secondly complete Parts A and B of the provided 50/50 Club Standing Order mandate and pass the completed Part A to your bank who will set up the standing order on your account. Return the completed Part B to the treasurer who will update the 50/50 club records with your details.

If you have digital banking, then you may be able to set up a standing order online. The YeAABA bank details are on Part A of the form, which you will need for this purpose. If you do set up the SO via digital banking, you only need to complete the Part B and return to the treasurer by post (c/o 25 Crathes Way, Broughty Ferry, DD5 3BY) or by email to [treasurer@yeaaba.org][2].

Grab your favourite
Numbers now



PART A

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To: The Manager

Bank Name:

Bank Address:



Please Pay:

Clydesdale Bank
6/8 High Street
Dundee
DD1 1SS

This Standing Order
Mandate supersedes
all previous standing
orders to YeAABA
50/50 Club

For the Credit Of: Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Assoc

Bank Details:

Account No: 00585760

Sort Code: 82-62-14

The sum of: £ _____ and in words _____

Commencing on ____ / ____ / ____ and thereafter on the ____ day of each month
until further notice and debit my account accordingly:

Account No: _____

Sort Code: _____

Reference*:

Signature:

Date:

Reference* (family Surname
plus initial. Then 50/50)

E.g. Jones J. - 50/50

Please send completed Part A of this form to **YOUR** bank
for processing.

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PART B

YeAABA 50/50 INFO RECORD

Holders Name: _____

Number(s) Selected _____

Holders Contact Details:

Tel No: _____

E-Mail: _____

Payments commence on ____ / ____ / ____ and thereafter on the ____ day of
each month.

To enable payment of any winnings to holders Bank Account:

Bank Name: _____

Account No: _____

Sort Code: _____ - _____ - _____



Part B: Return Address:

Please return the completed Part B form for processing to:

YeAABA Treasurer
C/O 25 Crathes Way
Balgillo Park
Broughty Ferry
Dundee
DD5 3BY

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LEARN TO SWIM (LTS)



Our LTS is now almost at capacity.

We now have around 80 swimmers in the LTS, so our advertising and the loss of school pools has worked in our favour.

Louise Dunnin, who leads the LTS swimming at St Johns has been hard at work over the past few months recruiting new swimmers to the pool.

Any enquiries, please contact Louise Dunnin via email at swimschool@yeaaba.org

The LTS sessions run from 5 - 7 pm and the club members session runs from 7 - 8 pm on a Fri evening at St Johns High School in Dundee (Term time Only).

From the Editor

In the meantime, if you have any articles that you would like to see published, please send them for the attention of the communication convener by email at communication@yeaaba.org.

Hope you have enjoyed this edition of the newsletter and see you all again soon.

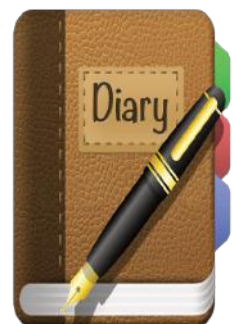
Dates for the Diary

01-11-25 Sponsored Santa Fun Run

19-12-25 Christmas Hamper Draw

01-01-26 The Dook / Annual Raffle Draw

14-03-26 BLDSA Dinner in Broughty Ferry



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