

Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association

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November 2024

Welcome to the November edition of the club newsletter.

Our open water season is now finished and we are now looking forward to the dook on 01 Jan. This is the largest fundraiser that the club undertakes every year. However the event takes quite a bit of organisation, planning and manpower to run the event successfully.

We will need around 30-40 people to help us run the event. Let us know if you are able to support us in the running of this event.

Swimming continues at St John's Pool on a Friday night for members. Pool swimmers are reminded that pool block fees can be paid by BACS transfer or via our shop at yeaaba.charityhive.co.uk

Any payment issues, please contact the treasurer (treasurer@yeaaba.org) for assistance.

As we enter the winter period, we are looking to run some essential training workshops to enhance the clubs skillsets and encourage more involvement in the clubs activities.

Our first session, a Meet and Greet session was held at Midlin Day Care on 3rd Nov, where the president met as many members as possible to find out what their aspirations are in terms of open water swim progression.

From this we are developing the plan of the future workshops which we hope to hold over the winter period.

Our new season will get underway in April next year, when membership renewals will be due for the 12 months from Apr 25 to Mar 26.

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Championship Updates

Woodhaven

This event took place on the Sat 3rd Aug. This swim starts at Broughty Ferry Pier and ends at Woodhaven Harbour Slip. There were 5 Swimmers taking part in this event.

Ladies

1st - Mhairi Murdoch

2nd - Lynsey Coupland



Gents

1st - Kris Copeland

2nd - Robert J Mitchell

3rd - Robert Mitchell



Monifieth

This event took place on the Sun 4th Aug. This swim starts at Monifieth Beach and ends at Broughty Ferry pier. There were 5 Swimmers taking part in this event.

Ladies

1st - Mhairi Murdoch

2nd - Katie Oparka

3rd - Erin Farley

4th - Louise Dunnin

Gents

1st - Kris Copeland



Veterans

This event was the recheduled swim and took place on the evening of Thurs 8th Aug. This swim starts at Tayport and ends at Broughty Ferry pier. There were 5 Swimmers taking part in this event.

Ladies

1st. Katie Oparka

2nd Lynsey Coupland

3rd Susan Godman

Gents

1st. Kris Copeland



Loch Earn Swims

The full Loch took place on Sat 17th Aug and was from Lochearnhead Jetty to St Fillans. There were 3 Swimmers in the event

Ladies

1st - Erin Farley

2nd - Marianne James (wetsuit)

Gents

1st - Kris Copeland



The half Loch took place on the morning of Sun 18th Aug and was from Derry Point back to Lochearnhead Jetty. There were 2 Swimmers in the event.

Ladies

1st - Isla Kidd

2nd - Louise Dunnin



The Crannog Isle event went off at 2pm on Sun 18th August is from Lochearnhead Jetty, round the back of Crannog Isle and back to the Lochearnhead Jetty. There were 10 swimmers in this event

Gents winner was Kris Copeland and Ladies winner was Isla Kidd.



Senior Championship

This event took place on the Sun 1st Sep. This swim starts at Discovery Point and ends at Broughty Ferry pier. There were 5 Swimmers taking part in this event.

Ladies

- 1st - Katie Oparka 1:22:40
- 2nd -Lynsey Coupland 1:25:54
- 3rd - Erin Farley 1:29:02
- 4th - Louise Dunnin 1:32:06

Gents

- 1st - Richie Oparka 1:26:19



140th Anniversary Dinner

The event took place on Sat 21st Sep at Forbes of Kingennie, with 100 members and guests enjoying a superb meal and musical entertainment during the evening.

Our thanks must go to Goodfellow and Stephen for the marvellous cake that they provided for the event and to the staff at Kingennie for making the event so special.



The club's Vice President introduced the guests, including our principal guest, The Lord Provost of Dundee, as well as many of our invited sponsors, before giving a brief history of the club.

The Lord provost then gave a reply.

During the interval between courses, we had a few life members, give their tales from the times that they were active members of YeAABA.

After the dinner we held the clubs annual awards ceremony. Our thanks go to Jenny Pederson for collating the reponses. The awards were:

1. Volunteer of the year - Pauline Halliday
2. George McLaren trophy - Joyce McIntosh
3. Swimmer of the Year - Kris Copeland
4. John Black Trophy - Louise Dunnin
5. Special Achievement Award - Clare McRobbie
6. Boatman of the Year - Gary McPhee

As Joyce McIntosh steps away from the Dook and fundraising side of YeAABA, which she has done for many years, the club presented her with an engraved vase and a bunch of flowers.

Flowers were also presented to Jackie Laing and Pauline Halliday for all the work done in setting out and decorating the venue, and organising the raffle.

The raffle raised £600 and the silent auction for the coffee machine raised £300, so a good night overall for the club.

In Memoriam

Sadly, one of our long term club members, Frank Chalmers, passed away in his North London home on 17th July 2024, where he lived for many years.

In the early days Frank was a member of Yeaaba and swam in all our championships and was an integral part of a few of our challenge swims namely "Rivers" with Griff Rhys Jones, English Channel, and Millennium year (2000), swimming across the Tay on the 1st of January

We nicknamed the team that day "The Magnificent Seven" as they all took their turn swimming in a relay team to bring them over the water from Fife.

Frank was a true pioneer of open water swimming, always loving a solo challenge in the most treacherous waters. I have fond memories of Frank and I swimming in his backyard Lido, in North London.

For the last thirty five years Frank and his family have supported and attended the annual Broughty Ferry Dook religiously.

My fondest memory of Frank is when we sat in the stands at the Emirates stadium, watching his beloved Arsenal, which was a surprise from me to him for his sixtieth birthday.

We will all miss you Frank and that smile.

Yeaaba were proud to have had you as a member.

Joyce McIntosh
Life President

Club 2024 AGM

The club held it's AGM on Sun 6th October at 1pm in Midlin Day Care in Dundee. Over 20 members attended the event.

The Vice president welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

The minutes of the 2023 meeting were read and approved.

Reports were received from the Interim Secretary, Treasurer and Swim Team covering the last years activities of the club.

The annual accounts for FY 23/24 were approved and auditor will be asked to finalise these accounts in preparation of going to OSCR.

It was agreed to retain 4M Accountants as the clubs auditor for next year.

The proposed constitution amendment to reduce the number of Vice Presidents posts back down to 1 was upheld and the constitution will be modified to reflect this change.

The election / re-election of Office bearers took place and the following is the result of that process.

Elected:

President: Fiona Brown

Secretary: Clare McRobbie

Membership Sec: Carrie Milne

Training: John Davie / Michael Grace

Kit Convener: Louise Dunnin

Re-Elected:

Wellbeing: Margaret Moodie

Vice President: John Walker (Temp - 12 Months)

The incoming president thanked the previous post holders for their work on behalf of the club.

The meeting closed at 2:30pm

Boat Sponsors

We currently have a number of sponsored boats which are due for renewal of sponsorship. We will shortly be writing to the current sponsors to offer them a chance to renew their sponsorship of a boat for the coming season.

We also have a few boats that currently do not have any sponsors, so we would be happy to hear from any business that would like to have their name on one of our blue boats in 2025.

Interested? Then drop an enquiry to communication@yeaaba.org for more details.

Spond Usage

Sadly, with the use of the messaging facility within spond going the same way as the whatsapp group that we had, we are now seriously relooking at whether spond is the right solution for the club.

A decision on it's future will be made early in 2025, as whatever happens will determine how we take payments and manage all membership actions going forward.

President's Address November 2024

Good Evening, since our last meeting I have met with Jordan Young, RSDM for Grampian and Tayside. We discussed roles of a President and the courses I need to do as recommended by SS. Jordan wished the club well for the future and reminded me that he and the district are always available for support.

John, Michael and I attended the TEWSH meeting. The meeting was chaired by Stuart Murdoch. We were made us feel very welcome and the hub has offered the club support once we have identified the roles of support needed.

Dates for the diary

- TEWSH – AGM – 2nd December
- RTYC – 'Bring a Friend/Family' 10th May
- RTYC – Regatta 14/15th June – Open event
- One Day Regatta on the Tay – 28th June – boating and fun swim
- Water Sports Week – 21st – 25th July

On behalf of the club I would like to thanks Bruce Saunderson for his kind donation that has allowed us to buy four new engines.

Meet and Greet – 3rd November – was well attended with members ranging from current, old, returning and new. A good few discussions over some light refreshments provided by Mid-Lin Care Centre, thanks for the hospitality and use of facility.

Thanks Fiona

Treasurers Update

In the summer, we had a surprise donation of £25K from a charity that was being wound up, followed by another £3K3 after completion of the winding up exercise. This is to be used for the furtherance of the clubs activities and upkeep of the building.

We must also thank Bruce Saunderson for his kind donation that has allowed us to purchase a further 4 new engines.

So at this moment, we have a little over £43K in the bank.

In the next few months, work will be getting done on the clubhouse, to replace the roofing, improving security of the windows, and updating the roller shutters as required.

50/50 Club Draw

Draw: September 2024 **Drawn** 06 Oct 2024

Prize	Amount	Number	Name
1st	£77.52	04	Clare Davidson
2nd	£51.71	28	Jeanette Spalding
3rd	£38.77	13	Vicky Taylor

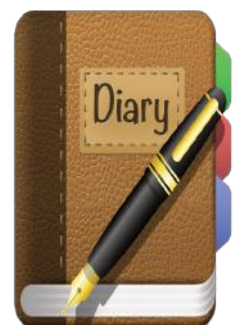
Thanks to Fiona Brown for making the draw after the clubs AGM.

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Dates for the Diary

- 24-11-24 Workshop Event
- 01-12-24 Swim Team Meeting
- 03-12-24 Monthly Committee Meeting

- 01-01-25 New Years Day Dook
- 07-01-25 Monthly Committee Meeting
- 12-01-25 Workshop Event
- 23-02-25 Workshop Event
- 23-03-25 Workshop Event



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