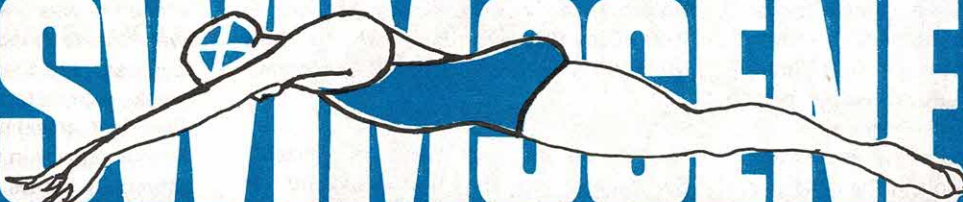


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SCOTLAND'S SPORTING CRIME

Ian Curry

After being warned by Englishmen who had previously ventured North and failed, my arrival in Scotland was something I greeted with great expectation. At least there would be new experiences and at most, something to achieve with a race so different from the rest in Britain, towards whom I felt some remote sort of kinship, even though it was three generations removed.

Now, following more than two years (4 years in Britain), with the battle scars to prove it, I wish to add my view on the Scottish swimming debate.

There are, as always, many problems to solve, including—

1. The provision of equal opportunities in training and competition
2. Developing a programme that will give clubs and their coaches the incentives to expand and maintain senior swimming
3. The establishment of a progressive development programme which links graded age group with junior and senior competitions
4. The provision of a meaningful Local, District and National League structure which will do something positive for inter-club competition
5. The creation of coaching centres which will provide posts for many more full-time professionals, complementing the present structure

This would be a good beginning.

There are however many things which can be accomplished with relatively low resources. This does require strong, positive, intelligent and sensitive leadership, without which you may be bound by your nature to pursue a policy of non-cooperation which has hitherto been the root of your problems.

Fortunately for Scotland there are a number of talented swimmers, coaches and administrators working hard to achieve recognition and success. But their chances could be so much better.

The essence of development can only be initiated and achieved through the recognition by those adults closely involved, that the purpose of youth sport is to provide an opportunity for social interaction whilst in the pursuit of excellence, and that the most important participants are the competitors themselves. Should this be realised then attitudes all too often displayed, to the detriment of the athletes, could be eliminated with a much more open, friendly and supportive role prevailing.

I hope for Scotland's sake, that those responsible are able to make the necessary and sometimes difficult policy decisions, to bring about the much needed improvements swimming so desperately needs and that the swimmers so richly deserve.

NATIONAL SWIMALONG

R. Braund

As was explained to Clubs in September 1980, the idea of a National Swimalong was to provide funds within three areas:

Firstly, to enable a full training and competition programme to be carried out by the potential 1982 Commonwealth Games Team without having to breach the limited funds earmarked for the normal yearly programme.

Secondly, to enable Districts to embark upon representative events on their own account at a level lower than National representation. This may have involved meets such as Darmstadt etc.

Thirdly, it was intended to boost the funds of the individual clubs taking part so that they, in turn, might benefit by being able to travel further uphill for incentive and competition purposes.

The initial reaction was satisfactory and no clubs indicated dissatisfaction at the aims or the share-out and arrangements were put in hand. However, the final support must be said to be disappointing in that only 17 of the 134 clubs affiliated, are taking part. It is unlikely that the Association will be grant-aided other than at the same level on this current year, taking inflation into account. Sponsorship in this current financial situation is proving more than difficult to come by and therefore the 1982 programme, competition, training and

development in its entirety, looks doubtful. Had 75% of clubs given the scheme their support and each raised 75% of the average takings, the nett amount would have amounted to something like £250,000—30% of that to the Association would have been directed to Regional and Club development. Equally, the Districts would have been able to make massive strides in development. This opportunity, it seems, has now been lost. However, should any club wish to add its name to the list of those taking part, it's not too late. Just pick up the phone and ring the office.

In the meantime, thanks to the few who are supporting the Association and Districts in this scheme, and we wish you, for obvious reasons, success.

SWIM NEWS

R. Braund

The Nationals

The S.A.S.A. Nationals in July were successful in many respects. The pool was looking magnificent as always; the officiating, organisation and presentation was much improved. There are still, of course, many ways in which we can improve still further and the Meet management had continued discussions during the week on ways and means of implementing improvements. We were grateful for constructive comments from home coaches and officials as well as from our visitors from across the Border. However, whilst those in attendance appeared to enjoy a well presented Championships, there must remain a large query on those who were not present. The attendance on the balcony was appalling and must be of great concern to all of us in the Association. Holidays has been given as the reason, but it is difficult to believe that 90% of the Association's members and friends are on holiday at the one time. The spectator gallery at the Triangular Youth Meet in Glenrothes the following weekend

was far healthier and produced a better atmosphere conducive to good performance. Many major events take place during the holiday period and do not suffer poor spectator support. It must be incumbent on all members to give our swimmers and officials maximum support in the gallery at the most important event of the year. There is no justification in accusing the general public of lack of interest, when our own members cannot give support and equally potential sponsors will shy away if that support is not seen to be there. That in turn puts an ever-increasing burden on the finances of the Association and in effect, the membership.

It was not all gloom, however. The competition was good—in many ways fierce—and generally, the standards were higher for our own Scots swimmers, which, if you remember, was the point of opening them in the first place. A total of 12 Scottish and 1 British record, as well as 3 Irish records were set this year, as opposed to the one record—albeit a tremendous one of Duncan Goodhew's, last year. That you'll remember, was a Commonwealth record.

The records are listed below and whilst it is difficult to single out any one in particular, it may be worth putting some into perspective:

DUNCAN CRUICKSHANK'S 1500m was an improvement of some 15 seconds over his record of a fortnight previous and ranks him No. 7 in Britain (at the time of the competition). It's a long time since we have ranked in this event.

GRAEME WILSON is ranked 12th in the 100m Freestyle and along with his 200m Freestyle, this is impressive.

NEIL COCHRAN'S excellent 2.10.08 ranked him 7th, although after the A.S.A. Long Course, he would appear to be No. 2 to Dougie Campbell.

SARAH INKSON'S 200m Backstroke time ranks her No. 5.

The event of the Championships must however, surely be the Womens 400m Individual Medley, when Nikki Ramsay—some 8 metres down at the Breastroke to Freestyle turn, split 64.8 in the last 100m to overhaul Patricia Campion by 2 seconds and swim only 0.4 seconds outside Debbie Simpson's 1974 record. This record will surely fall to Nikki in the near future.

At Leeds, the A.S.A. Nationals fared better as far as spectators were concerned, but lacked presentation and atmosphere and nothing really sparkled. Even Jackie Wilmott's world-class 800m Freestyle did little to lift the spectators. However, as far as the Scots were concerned, it must have been the Campbell Clan's meet. A return to form for Dougie saw him retain the 200m Backstroke Championship and take bronze in the 200 Freestyle and 100m Backstroke. The 200m Freestyle was a very brave effort, leading all the way in a class field, to miss the joint 1st place by 0.2 seconds. Brother Iain astounded all of us, including himself, by decimating the 100m Breastroke Junior Record by 2 seconds and the 200m Breastroke twice in one day, by 3 seconds. Although slower in the 100m

Breastroke Final, he placed 3rd, and in the 200m Breastroke, 4th to Billy McGoldrick's bronze place by 0.4 seconds.

Internationals: Home and Away

The 8 Nations took place in Chiasso, Switzerland on the first weekend of August. The team assembled at Stirling for a short preparation period prior to departure. The workload for most was kept up to a reasonable level throughout the whole period due to the National Championships coming up two weeks later. This, whilst having marginal effects on the 8 Nations results, proved to be successful. As far as the Long Course was concerned, the results of the Championships showed an improvement over times posted at the 8 Nations.

Many of our team, and indeed others, found that whilst training and competing outdoors in the sun can be very pleasant, it can also have its disadvantages and takes quite a bit of getting used to. For our team who had forgotten what the sun looked like this year, we found it distinctly tropical, especially so on the first day of the Contest, when the temperature reached 88° and the atmosphere was more conducive to sleeping than racing. The standard throughout the Contest was generally lower than the previous year at Edinburgh, there being only 8 Contest records broken, as opposed to 22 in Edinburgh. However, the Contest started well for Scotland in the first event, when Graeme Wilson reduced his British Junior 100m Freestyle Record for the 3rd time in three weekends.

Under the captaincy of Dougie Campbell and Maureen Campbell and the cheerleader, Billy McGoldrick, the team was in good spirits and gained the following medal placings:

BILLY MCGOLDRICK and **CATHY FINLAY** both 3rd in the 200m Butterfly

ROBIN BREW 1st in the 400m Individual Medley

PAUL MARSHALL and **BEVERLEY ROSE** both 2nd in the 100m Backstroke

MAUREEN CAMPBELL 3rd in the 200m Breaststroke

NIKKI RAMSAY 3rd in the 200m Individual Medley

The Men's 4 x 200m Freestyle Team of **GRAEME WILSON**, **PAUL MARSHALL**, **DOUGIE CAMPBELL** and **NEIL FOSTER** gained a creditable 2nd place behind Spain and the Girls quartet of **JACKIE IRVINE**, **SARAH INKSON**, **CATHY SMITH** and **NIKKI RAMSAY** gained 1st place in the 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay in a new Senior and Junior Record time of 4.01.09 (previously 4.04.09).

DUNCAN CRUICKSHANK, in finishing 5th in the 1500m Freestyle reduced Jimmy Carter's record by 4 seconds to 16.37.43 and on the way, took 12 seconds off the 800m Freestyle time to 8.49.13.

Overall, the team finished 4th to Switzerland's 175.5 points, with a total of 165 points. It was a most enjoyable week and all gained valuable experience, especially in outdoor conditions. The hotel and accom-

modation was good, its own outdoor pool was put to good use for cooling down purposes and the food was excellent. The week culminated in the whole team—President presiding, enjoying a first class fondue outside in the warm evening sun, all attired in babies' bibs, seemingly mandatory in Chiasso.

On the home front, the 3 Nations Junior 2-String Select Meet seems now well established. It may be remembered by many as being the Tenovus Trophy Contest in the Sixties and was always a hard fought and enjoyable match for seniors. The reason for its resurrection is to provide at youth level, an opportunity for a number of swimmers to be initiated into International team spirit and competition. The retention of a few established Internationals provided the background experience and on this occasion, the Meet was a tremendous success in all respects. The help and support from the pool staff and our own officials made for a very pleasant and rewarding weekend and the spectators, who seemed to outnumber the previous week's Long Course gallery by as many as 10 to 1, were appreciative of some very close and exciting races.

Fifteen of the 24 events went to the Scots—not all of them easily. **NIKKI RAMSAY** had her previous week's National success over Patricia Campion in the 400m Individual Medley reversed, but went on to win the 100m and 200m Freestyle. Joanna Robertson was in excellent form and took the 400m Freestyle and 800m Freestyle. Sarah Inkson and Graeme Goudie were also double winners.

The management team of Norman Grieron, Helen McLeod-Bain and coaches, Brian McGuinness and Ian Milne, kept the team in good spirits and Nikki Ramsay, the team captain, received the winner's trophy for Scotland, with 283½ points from Wales (112½) and Ireland (192).

G.B. Caps

No less than 11 swimmers have been capped for G.B. this year, in three events. We have to go back to the early Sixties to find such a large representation and congratulations are due to the swimmers and their coaches, who have prepared them well at the right time of year to make selection possible:

G.B. v ITALY: Blackpool: August

ROBIN BREW
DOUGLAS CAMPBELL
NEIL COCHRAN
WILLIE MCGOLDRICK
NIKKI RAMSEY
BEVERLEY ROSE

EUROPEAN GAMES: SPLIT: YUGOSLAVIA: August

IAN CAMPBELL

G.B. 'B' v FRANCE v ITALY: Blackpool: August

KATHRYN SMITH
SARAH INKSON
NIKKI RAMSEY
PAUL MARSHALL
WILLIE MCGOLDRICK
NEIL COCHRAN
GRAEME WILSON

1982 EASTER SWIM SCHOOL

The 1982 Easter Swim School at Dunfermline College of P.E. is planned for 10th-18th April 1982. Full details of the courses available will be circulated at a later date.

OBITUARY

The S.A.S.A. were saddened by the deaths earlier this year of John Anderson and George Aird.

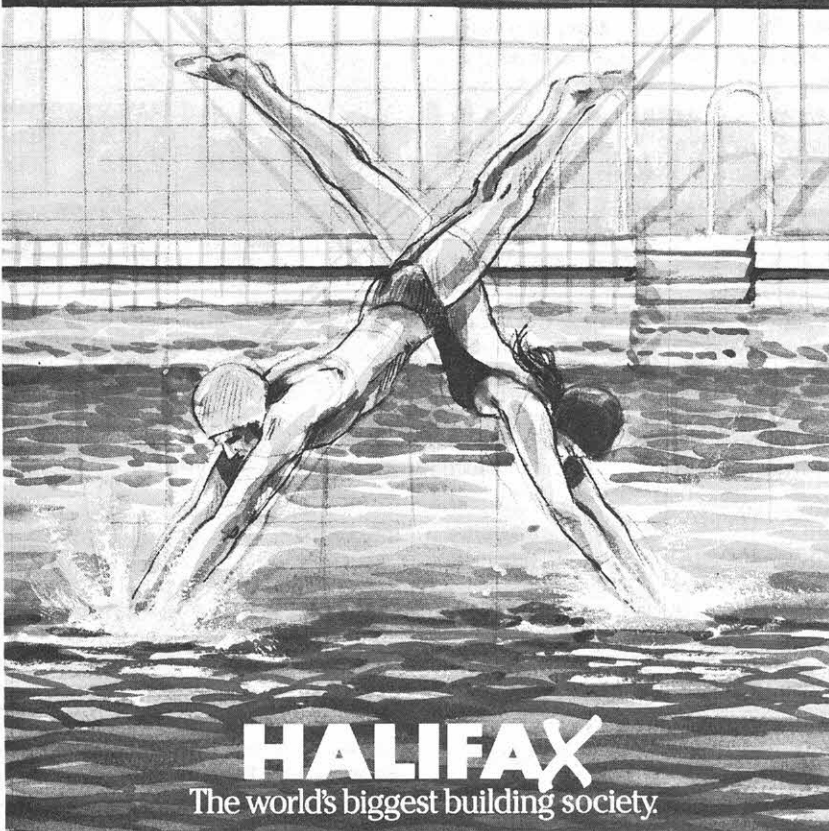
John, President of Inverleith A.S.C. and an active East District official, was known throughout the Association for his manning of and assistance with the Association's timing equipment, both at National and club events.

George, manager of the Dundee Leisure Centre, had been involved with swimming and the Association for many years, and like John's, his death is a great loss to the Association.

Sports Development Scheme—Central Region

Central Region operate a unique scheme involving the creation of a structure for introducing children of Primary school age to selected sports; for establishing a bridge between school and community; and for re-inforcing adult sports clubs in various ways. Four sports have been tackled in the first two years and swimming is now being added. In the first stage a pilot venture is being attempted with Stirling A.S.C. A further report on progress will be published in a subsequent issue of Swimszene.

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WATER POLO NEWS

Coaching and Refereeing Seminar

A Water Polo Seminar (Coaching and Refereeing) has been arranged at Dunfermline College of P.E. for Sunday 25th October 1981, at a cost of £4.00 per person (including lunch). Bed and breakfast accommodation is also available (on prior request) at a cost of £7.00 per person. The Seminar is open to all persons interested in water polo: see programme below: and names and fees of those wishing to attend should be sent direct to the Water Polo Convener before 30th September 1981.

Programme

- 09.30 hours Introduction
- 09.45 hours David Barr—lecturing on University Polo
- 10.00 hours Dutch Film No. 1
- 10.30 hours Decline in Scottish Polo—Frank Jordan
- 10.45 hours Dutch Film No. 2
- 11.15 hours Drew Gordon—lecturing on Schools Polo
- 11.30 hours Dutch Film No. 3
- 12.00 hours Murray Anderson, National Coach
- 12.30 hours Lunch
- 13.30 hours General discussion—coaching
- 14.30 hours David Bathurst—lecturing on European Refereeing
- 15.00 hours Refereeing film and rules
- 15.45 hours Dave Gordon—lecturing on Domestic Refereeing
- 16.00 hours General discussion—refereeing
- 17.00 hours Finish

Applications to sit the Water Polo Refereeing exam, should also be sent direct to the Water Polo Convener:

Mr. R. Elder, 160 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee.

5 Nations Tournament: Denmark: U21

Denmark	21	v	5	Scotland
Switzerland	9	v	19	Belgium
Scotland	16	v	8	Switzerland
Austria	13	v	7	Belgium
Switzerland	7	v	20	Austria
Denmark	16	v	8	Belgium
Austria	15	v	14	Scotland
Denmark	17	v	14	Switzerland
Scotland	10	v	10	Belgium
Denmark	14	v	14	Austria

- Placings:
- 1st: Denmark
 - 2nd: Austria
 - 3rd: Belgium
 - 4th: Scotland
 - 5th: Switzerland

SCOTTISH SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS — 1981

QUALIFYING TIMES (25m)

Men		Event	Women	
Accepted	Considered		Accepted	Considered
26.0	27.5	50m Freestyle	28.0	31.0
55.5	1.00.0	100m Freestyle	1.02.0	1.06.0
2.02.0	2.10.0	200m Freestyle	2.12.0	2.18.0
4.18.0	4.40.0	400m Freestyle	4.35.0	4.52.0
—	—	800m Freestyle	9.45.0	10.15.0
17.30.0	19.00.0	1500m Freestyle	—	—
1.04.5	1.10.5	100m Backstroke	1.12.0	1.19.0
2.20.0	2.26.0	200m Backstroke	2.34.0	2.46.0
1.12.5	1.19.0	100m Breaststroke	1.20.0	1.27.0
2.32.0	2.43.0	200m Breaststroke	2.50.0	3.03.0
1.02.0	1.07.5	100m Butterfly	1.09.0	1.16.0
2.15.0	2.25.0	200m Butterfly	2.32.0	2.48.0
2.18.0	2.30.0	200m Ind. Medley	2.34.0	2.45.0
5.00.0	5.20.0	400m Ind. Medley	5.25.0	5.45.0

NOTE: Times listed are Short Course. Conversions may be used.

DIVING

W. Law

Brno — July 1981

The Scottish team was: —

Jane Ogden, Gordon Brown, James Dickson, Coach/Judge (D. Phinn), Coach/Team Manager (W. Law).

The competing countries were Argentina, Austria, Australia, Canada, Cuba, Dominica, East Germany, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Russia, Rumania, Scotland, Switzerland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

The event doubled as the Czech Domestic Championships. Again the event consisted of a preliminary contest of the full set, with the top twelve repeating all their dives in the final.

Ladies 3m springboard

Jane Ogden dived below standard to finish 23rd with a score of 278.37. To be fair springboard is not Jane's forte. However the experience was good for her. The event was won by Heidi Grecka (CSSR) with a score of 453.00 points, 2nd Silvi Tollner (DDR) 436.74, 3rd Mi. Gonzales (Cuba) 410.04—Grecka repeating her win in 1980. 23 dived.

Mens 3m springboard

Gordon Brown performed the first 5 dives to a reasonable standard but completely collapsed on the 6 voluntary dives to record a very poor 264.84 points, finishing in 22nd place. If Gordon is to succeed in future events he must learn to attack the dives. The event was won by Franchesco Rueda (Mex), 556.80, 2nd Sal. Sobrino (Mex),

538.47, 3rd Enrico Stella (Ita), 528.78. 22 dived.

Ladies Highboard

A sound performance from Jane Ogden in this event, scoring 251.13 to finish in 18th place. But for a little trouble with one dive in training I am sure Jane could have finished at least 3 places higher in the field. The surprise winner was the very popular local girl Alena Neiderlova (CSSR) scoring 357.81 points, 2nd A. Tenoria (Mex) 351.09, 3rd M. Marc (Rum). Interesting to note that the leader of the preliminary contest Grit Meyer (DDR) could only finish in 10th place in the final and the Soviet diver finished 12th. Such is the close competition among the ladies in Europe. 20 dived.

Mens Highboard

Jimmy Dickson in his first international put up a very courageous performance. Jimmy badly injured both heels in training when he struck the platform on an inward movement. The local doctor gave treatment and it was doubtful up to the last minute as to whether he would be able to compete. However due to his own determination Jimmy completed the contest often in great pain and finished in 16th place with a score of 264.78. There were 19 entries. The event was again won by a Russian diver; G. Minov with 488.25 points, 2nd Alex Bagiu (Rum) 473.13, 3rd F. Rueda (Mex) 465.57.

This is a tough meet with competitors from all parts of the world. The number of competing countries is up on previous years as is the number of entries in each of the four events. This proves without doubt that it is a good meet and that the standard of competitor is high. It is good for our divers to be exposed to this level of competition in that it shows them exactly what is expected of them for the future.

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

PALMA DE MALLORCA

Shona Grubb and April Sands

Our first international swimming meet, in Palma de Mallorca, was a most enjoyable and memorable one. We would like to thank the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association for giving us the opportunity to swim and hope that our results are worthy of our selection. Also, April and I, would like to thank Team Coach: Mrs. H. Murray, for the help given, not only during the competition, but also in the preparation. Mrs. Murray's help was greatly appreciated.

We arrived in Mallorca on the Monday evening and training sessions had been arranged as from the Tuesday for each day prior to the competition. On arriving at the pool we both felt quite nervous: it was a large sports complex—"Palacio Municipal de Deportes", and already teams were organised and in the water training. At this stage we were both a little in awe with the idea of a competition.

It was beneficial having the few days before the competition to become accustomed to the surroundings and as the week progressed we both felt more at ease and a great deal less tense.

The standard of the other swimmers, in particular the Americans, was not quite as high as we had anticipated, although they were still superior. As we watched the other teams preparing we began to feel less conspicuous, as there emerged countries of the same standard as us, such as: Norway, Spain and Seymour (England).

On the first day of competition (Friday) it was inevitable that we would be a little apprehensive, it was a vast pool which was also very cold, on that particular day there were no spectators and there was a very tense atmosphere among the 105 swimmers. Six figures were to be performed, one at a time, therefore, very little time was spent in the water in relation to time spent on the pondside. The water was much colder than that which we are used to and it was difficult to perform the figures with the control normally done.

After the figures we both felt that had a little more thought been given, we could have done slightly better—but it was a bit late!

Friday afternoon saw the solo preliminaries. After the mornings performance we both were a great deal more relaxed and quite prepared to swim the solo section—then the music system failed and could not be repaired—the solos were then postponed until Sunday morning.

Saturday was the duet preliminaries, April and I had an unfortunate draw, being placed after the first American duet and we were followed by the second American duet. We had qualified 21st out of 23 for

the duets and were quite contented to remain in that position above the Norwegian and Spanish duet. We performed our duet as well as we have done throughout the year and collected very reasonable scores, including two 7's. This made our duet mark 66.200 compared to the first English duet mark of 62,000, thus, we came 19th in the duets but as figure scores are added our mark was not high enough to move 2 placings but we moved into 20th position above Norway, Spain and Seymour (England).

The solo preliminaries were re-scheduled for Sunday morning; there was a different atmosphere as there was a large crowd to see the competition. April and I swam our solos as expected. April qualified in 28th position and I in 24th but as in the duets, we both managed to move up a placing but then figure marks were added and we remained in our qualifying positions.

After the solo preliminaries we all returned back to the pool and enjoyed the team routines. Now that we can evaluate our performances, what we both lacked was the confidence that could only have been gained from previous competitions. With this competition behind us we look forward to future meets with, hopefully, better results.

CLINICS

Mary Black

Teaching Clinics were held in the West District on Tuesday, 9th June, 1981 in conjunction with the Strathclyde Region Education Departments of the Renfrew and Dumfries Divisions and Jordanhill College. The District was privileged to have Mrs. Jennifer Gray, A.S.A. National Development Officer in Synchronised Swimming on that day, to conduct courses at venues in Strathclyde. The Course content included the Fundamentals of Teaching Synchronised Swimming. The Aim was to introduce schools and clubs, the discipline of Synchro. at a basic level. The Courses were very well attended and each group gained much from the natural teaching abilities and technical knowledge of Mrs. Gray. Her audiences were motivated by her personality and enthusiasm. The pupils and club members at each venue gained personally from her direction.

9.30-12 noon. Johnstone High School. Principal P.E. Dept. Mr. J. Park and Renfrew Div. P.E. Adviser Miss Mary Lochhead were in attendance.

Teachers and pupils took part in the water-work. Miss Margaret McKinnon, Miss Diane Hamilton and Miss Phyllis Weir, all experienced synchro swimmers gave their time all day to act as demonstrators. They

and Mrs. Gray were entertained to lunch by the school.

1.30-4 p.m.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the venue originally fixed at Notre Dame High School Dumfries, had to be switched at a few hours notice to Boclair Academy, Bearsden. The prompt solving of the problem was due to Mr. John Blain, Dumfries Division P.E. Adviser's efforts on our behalf. He also attended the course during the afternoon. The pupils from Notre Dame were re-routed by bus and the course proceeded. A large number of girls were introduced for the first time to Synchro., and made up a short sequence at the end of the afternoon.

6.30-9 p.m. Jordanhill College Teaching Pool. In co-operation with Mr. J. Stevenson Pool Manager.

An extremely big turnout proved the interest, and West District girls attended with prospective teachers. A number of former participants were seen in the audience which was very welcome.

Mrs. Gray would be willing to help in any way in the future.

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(Times from 1st January)

MEN

100m Freestyle

Senior Record:	53.40		
Junior Record:	53.84		
53.84	Graeme Wilson	E/CE	
54.52	Wilson Mills	E/WB	
54.76	Douglas Campbell	M/TE	
55.16	Neil Foster	M/TE	
55.31	Colin Bole	E/WB	
55.42	Paul Gallacher	E/WB	
55.79	Ian McGregor	E/WB	
55.93	Neil Cochran	N/AN	
56.29	Jimmy Fraser	M/CD	
56.46	Alan McClatchey	E/WB	

200m Freestyle

Senior Record:	1.52.47		
Junior Record:	1.55.37		
1.55.08	Douglas Campbell	M/TE	
1.55.37	Graeme Wilson	E/CE	
1.58.66	Neil Cochran	N/AN	
1.59.88	Colin Bole	E/WB	
2.00.49	Ian McGregor	E/WB	
2.01.94	Neil Foster	M/TE	
2.02.27	Alan Ferris	W/PY	
2.03.21	Duncan Cruickshank	N/AN	
2.04.23	Alan Lynn	W/PY	
2.04.62	Graeme Wilson	W/PY	

400m Freestyle

Senior Record:	4.00.32		
Junior Record:	4.08.11		
4.08.11	Graeme Wilson	E/CE	
4.09.34	Neil Cochran	N/AN	
4.14.21	Duncan Cruickshank	N/AN	
4.18.16	Robin Brew	E/IG	
4.22.61	Scott Wells	E/CE	
4.22.90	Alan Lynn	W/PY	
4.23.03	Ian McGregor	E/WB	
4.25.44	Neil Foster	M/TE	
4.26.01	Colin Bole	E/WB	
4.32.19	William Russell	E/CE	

800m Freestyle

Senior Record:	8.33.01		
Junior Record:	8.37.65		
8.37.65	Duncan Cruickshank	N/AN	
9.11.02	Alan Lynn	W/PY	
9.43.76	Richard Sinclair	E/WB	

1500m Freestyle

Senior Record:	15.54.78		
Junior Record:	16.21.46		
16.21.46	Duncan Cruickshank	N/AN	
18.20.46	Richard Sinclair	E/WB	
18.50.30	Jim McMeekin	W/EK	
18.56.59	Steven Wood	N/AN	
19.03.99	Martin Gorman	W/EK	
19.42.53	Kevin Smith	E/WB	

100m Backstroke

Senior Record:	58.35		
Junior Record:	1.02.00		
59.65	Douglas Campbell	M/TE	
1.00.38	Paul Marshall	M/CD	
1.02.25	Neil Cochran	N/AN	
1.03.19	Craig Nelson	W/SG	
1.03.59	Colin Spence	M/CD	
1.03.62	Graeme Goudie	E/WB	
1.04.16	Richard Gordon	E/WB	
1.04.27	Michael Peyrebrune	E/WB	
1.05.91	William Russell	E/CE	
1.06.36	Neil Foster	M/TE	

200m Backstroke

Senior Record:	2.04.23		
Junior Record:	2.10.08		
2.07.77	Douglas Campbell	M/TE	
2.10.08	Neil Cochran	N/AN	
2.12.75	Craig Nelson	W/SG	
2.13.66	Robin Brew	E/IG	
2.17.43	Richard Gordon	E/WB	
2.17.89	Graeme Goudie	E/WB	
2.18.57	Michael Peyrebrune	E/WB	
2.20.55	Colin Spence	M/CD	
2.21.90	William Campbell	E/CE	
2.23.10	Ian Campbell	N/AN	

100m Breaststroke

Senior Record:	1.03.43		
Junior Record:	1.07.62		
1.07.62	Iain Campbell	M/TE	
1.09.96	Paul Gallacher	E/KY	
1.10.07	Robin Brew	E/IG	
1.12.09	James Fraser	M/CD	
1.12.23	Alan Lynn	W/PY	
1.12.83	Bruce Henderson	M/TE	
1.12.98	Stephen Birss	W/LD	
1.13.50	Ian Buchanan	W/CD	
1.13.65	David Sedgely	UNAT.	
1.13.87	Cris Nicol	W/CD	

200m Breaststroke

Senior Record:	2.15.11		
Junior Record:	2.28.65		
2.28.25	William McGoldrick	M/TE	
2.28.65	Iain Campbell	M/TE	
2.32.30	Robin Brew	E/IG	
2.34.86	Paul Gallacher	E/KY	
2.37.74	Alan Lynn	W/PY	
2.37.76	Cris Nicol	W/CD	
2.38.16	Ian Buchanan	W/CD	
2.40.46	Ian Morgan	N/PD	
2.42.02	Paul Brew	UNAT.	
2.42.89	Stephen Birss	W/LD	

100m Butterfly

Senior Record:	57.93		
Junior Record:	59.40		
58.67	William McGoldrick	M/TE	
58.95	Neil Foster	M/TE	
59.60	Graeme Wilson	E/CE	
59.99	Richard Gordon	E/WB	
1.00.47	Neil Cochran	N/AN	
1.00.97	Bruce Wilson	W/PY	
1.00.97	Ian McGregor	E/WB	
1.01.43	Alan Ferris	W/PY	
1.02.03	Paul Gallacher	E/KY	
1.02.77	David Watson	E/CE	

200m Butterfly

Senior Record:	2.04.45		
Junior Record:	2.10.55		
2.06.16	William McGoldrick	M/TE	
2.09.89	Richard Gordon	E/WB	
2.12.39	Alan Ferris	W/PY	
2.14.32	Graeme Wilson	E/CE	
2.14.46	Bruce Wilson	W/PY	
2.15.42	Neil Foster	M/TE	
2.15.68	Neil Cochran	N/AN	
2.18.66	Kevin Smith	E/WB	
2.19.23	Ian McGregor	E/WB	
2.19.29	Graeme Wilson	W/PY	

SPORT COURSE

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WOMEN

100m Freestyle

Senior Record:	59.55		
Junior Record:	59.55		
59.55	Nikki Ramsay	W/ML	
1.00.15	Kathryn Smith	W/CD	
1.00.15	Sarah Inkson	N/MD	
1.00.31	Jackie Irvine	W/SG	
1.00.70	Yvonne Pirie	W/PY	
1.00.71	Joanna Robertson	W/PY	
1.01.18	Eliz. Bull	E/WB	
1.01.80	Alison Hamilton	N/AN	
1.01.82	Carole Lewis	E/FS	
1.01.85	Karen Connolly	M/CD	

200m Freestyle

Senior Record:	2.06.91		
Junior Record:	2.06.91		
2.06.91	Nikki Ramsay	W/ML	
2.09.12	Sarah Inkson	N/MD	
2.09.12	Joanna Robertson	W/PY	
2.09.21	Kathryn Smith	W/CD	
2.11.20	Eliz. Bull	E/WB	
2.12.31	Ruth Gilfillan	M/CD	
2.12.39	Jackie Irvine	W/SG	
2.13.50	Cathy Finlay	W/ML	
2.13.84	Shone Cowie	N/PD	
2.13.93	Alison Hamilton	N/AN	

400m Freestyle

Senior Record:	4.29.17		
Junior Record:	4.30.41		
4.30.41	Joanna Robertson	W/PY	
4.31.82	Nikki Ramsay	W/ML	
4.32.02	Kathryn Smith	W/CD	
4.34.87	Nicola Cochran	N/AN	
4.36.42	Alison Hamilton	N/AN	
4.39.27	Ruth Gilfillan	M/CD	
4.40.48	Karen Connolly	M/CD	
4.42.30	Shona Cowie	N/PD	
4.42.54	Nuala Muir-Cochrane	UNAT	
4.42.69	Elaine Gilfillan	M/CD	

800m Freestyle

Senior Record:	9.17.41		
Junior Record:	9.17.41		
9.19.84	Nikki Ramsay	W/ML	
9.28.29	Kathryn Smith	W/CD	
9.28.41	Alison Hamilton	N/AN	
9.31.10	Nicola Cochran	N/AN	
9.31.55	Joanna Robertson	W/PY	
9.31.64	Cathy Finlay	W/ML	
9.42.22	Fiona Davies	W/PY	
9.42.93	Ruth Gilfillan	M/CD	
9.44.59	Lesley Spence	N/AN	
9.45.19	Linda Brown	E/WB	

1500m Freestyle

Senior Record:	17.56.58		
Junior Record:	17.56.58		
17.56.58	Alison Hamilton	N/AN	
18.19.28	Nicola Cochran	N/AN	
18.46.30	Shona Cowie	N/PD	
19.21.70	Teresa Haskins	N/AN	

100m Backstroke

Senior Record:	1.06.26		
Junior Record:	1.06.26		
1.07.22	Beverley Rose	W/SS	
1.08.44	Sarah Inkson	N/PD	
1.09.56	Karen Connolly	M/CD	
1.10.33	Lesley Spence	N/AN	
1.10.69	Elaine Paul	W/EK	
1.11.22	Maureen Cameron	W/PY	
1.11.58	Alida Kent	W/CG	
1.11.73	Karen Johnston	E/WB	
1.11.94	June Allen	W/PY	
1.12.04	Jill Buchanan	N/AN	

200m Backstroke

Senior Record:	2.25.10		
Junior Record:	2.25.10		
2.25.34	Sarah Inkson	N/MD	
2.27.20	Beverley Rose	W/SS	
2.28.43	Karen Connolly	M/CD	
2.29.46	Lesley Spence	N/AN	
2.35.01	Alida Kent	W/CG	
2.35.15	Maureen Cameron	W/PY	
2.35.94	Gillian Douglas	N/AN	
2.36.22	Jill Buchanan	N/AN	
2.36.46	Elaine Paul	W/EK	
2.36.70	Carol McIntyre	E/AE	

100m Breaststroke

Senior Record:	1.14.97		
Junior Record:	1.15.15		
1.17.19	Maureen Campbell	W/CD	
1.17.91	Sandra Bowman	M/CD	
1.18.28	Elsbeth Carnan	W/PY	
1.18.45	Susan Forsyth	E/WB	
1.18.61	Karen Hourston	N/OY	
1.19.33	Sarah McNab	E/WB	
1.20.04	Susan Hamilton	N/AN	
1.21.50	Nicola Geddes	N/AN	
1.21.87	Nikki Ramsay	W/ML	
1.22.13	Jennifer Ovens	E/MH	

200m Breaststroke

Senior Record:	2.41.96		
Junior Record:	2.41.96		
2.48.19	Sandra Bowman	M/CD	
2.48.44	Maureen Campbell	W/CD	
2.51.69	Karen Hourston	N/OY	
2.51.78	Nicola Geddes	N/AN	
2.52.40	Susan Hamilton	N/AN	
2.52.69	Elsbeth Carnan	W/PY	
2.54.38	Sarah McNab	E/WB	
2.56.05	Fiona Fleming	M/30	
2.57.09	Joanna Robertson	W/PY	
3.00.10	Hazel Reid	W/PY	

100m Butterfly

Senior Record:	1.04.60		
Junior Record:	1.06.41		
1.04.81	Cathy Finlay	W/ML	
1.07.01	Carole Lewis	E/FS	
1.08.62	Elaine Paul	W/CD	
1.09.02	Shona Cowie	N/PD	
1.09.10	Deborah Mochan	M/CD	
1.09.13	Beverley Rose	W/SS	
1.09.16	Jackie Irvine	W/SG	
1.09.22	Evie Alexander	UNAT	
1.09.33	Lynne Denholm	W/EK	
1.09.44	Nicola Cochran	N/AN	

200m Butterfly

Senior Record:	2.21.30		
Junior Record:	2.22.69		
2.21.30	Cathy Finlay	W/ML	
2.30.50	Lesley Hume	E/WB	
2.32.80	Carole Lewis	E/FS	
2.32.84	Shona Cowie	N/PD	
2.33.37	Nicola Cochran	N/AN	
2.35.57	Lesley Spence	N/AN	
2.36.60	Sarah Heardman	W/SG	
2.37.66	Elaine Murray	W/PY	
2.48.70	Sarah Yeats	M/CD	
2.52.12	Janet Boyden	E/WB	

NATIONAL SQUAD 1981/82

Men

Graeme Wilson	Carnegie
Duncan Cruickshank	Aberdeen
Paul Marshall	City of Dundee
Neil Foster	Taybridge
Neil Cochran	Aberdeen
Robin Brew	Incas/Kelly College
Wilson Hills	Warrender/Beckenham

Craig Nelson

Paul Gallagher	Stirling
Iain Campbell	Kirkcaldy
Alan Ferris	Taybridge
Ian McGregor	Paisley
Jimmy Fraser	Warrender/Reading
	City of Dundee

Women

Nikki Ramsay	Motherwell/Guildford
Kathryn Smith	Cumbernauld
Karen Connolly	City of Dundee/Bracknell

Lesley Spence	Aberdeen
Maureen Campbell	Cumbernauld
Cathy Finlay	Motherwell/Guildford

Elizabeth Bull	Warrender
Debbie Lord	Aberdeen
Elsbeth Carnan	Paisley

Reserves

Susan Forsyth	Warrender
Gillian Skipper	Kirkintilloch
Bruce Wilson	Paisley
Bruce Henderson	Taybridge

NATIONAL ESSO YOUTH SQUAD 1981/82

Boys

Colin Bole	Warrender/Monaco
Scott Wells	Carnegie
Steven Wood	Aberdeen
Graeme Goudie	Warrender
Stephen Birss	Largs & District
James Poke	Orkney
Paul Brew	Incas/Kelly College
Martin Robertson	Largs & District

Girls

Sarah Inkson	Moray District
Jackie Irvine	Stirling
Joanna Robertson	Paisley
Alison Hamilton	Aberdeen
Karen Hourston	Orkney
Carole Lewis	Fins
Shona Cowie	Peterhead
Nicola Cochran	Aberdeen
Jill Buchanan	Aberdeen
Nicola Geddes	Aberdeen Dolphin
Ruth Gilfillan	City of Dundee

Reserves

Sara McNab	Warrender/Darlington
Elizabeth Atkinson	Incas
Karen Johnston	Warrender
Fiona Davies	Paisley/Wigan

FOCUS ON CLUBS — MIDAS A.S.C.

Midas A.S.C. was formed in January this year. The Club had previously been Newbattle A.S.C.—the name change coming about due to certain external pressure and was to form part of an agreement to secure extra pool time.

Although the original Club was formed in the late sixties, it was not until 1978 when Peter Purves joined the club as Chief Coach, that the transition took place from what was basically a social club to a competitive club.

In 1979 the Club was affiliated to the S.A.S.A. and that year marked the start of the Club's success, with Anne McGeechan taking third place in the District Junior Ladies 200m Breaststroke.

Swimmers from the Club have represented the District every year since 1979, namely Donna Purves, Jacqueline Smith and Lorraine Drysdale. The highlight of the Club's success so far was when Jacqui Smith won the S.A.S.A. 100m Breaststroke title for 11 year olds, as Jacqui also struck gold this year in the Scottish Schools finals at the R.C.P. by winning the Breaststroke title for 12 year olds. Lorraine Drysdale won the silver in the 14 years Girls Individual Medley at the same venue.

Since the inception of Midas A.S.C. this year and thanks to the dedication of eight coaches, our Club is starting to blossom. The swimmers graduate by promotion through five groups: namely Beavers, Otters, Dolphins, Marlins and Sea lions.

Training sessions are at these school pools and, of course, our home pool is Bonnyrigg. Morning training at the R.C.P. appears to be popular on the three mornings available.

Midas has had its share of problems like many other clubs—for instance pool closures through the year, and difficulties in convincing local councillors of the requirements of swimmers in competitive training. However, the management committee is working well and hopes to achieve favourable results for the club.

In October, Midas have been asked to host a team of swimmers from Heinzburg, West Germany. Heinzburg is Midlothian's twin county, so some very keen competition can be expected, as when Rochdale Aqua Bears visit Bonnyrigg in August. With these competitions and hopefully other Inter Club galas, we hope to introduce and gain competitive experience for our younger swimmers.

Our Club Championships this year were held over a period of three weekends and proved very exciting, with some very close results. Presentations will be made at our first Club Championship presentation dance in late August.

Midas A.S.C. has swimmers ranging from eight to seventeen, who come from Penicuik to Musselburgh and there is still room to enlist swimmers of all ages. Though our opinion may be biased—we have a very good club.

LEN—AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

by

Bill Black, our 1981 LEN Delegate

LEN — Ligue Européenne de Natation — is a federation of European countries affiliated to FINA. Scotland participates as a constituent member of Great Britain.

The objects of LEN are

- to promote and encourage the development of swimming, diving, water polo and synchronised swimming in Europe, and to adopt the necessary regulations and rules;
- to fix the dates and venues of all approved European Championships and competitions;
- to hold an annual Calendar Conference.

The LEN Congress is normally held every two years, but a Mandatory Congress must be held every four years, the next being 1982 in Lisbon, Portugal. The Congress usually takes place at the same venue as, and on the day prior to, the Calendar Conference.

The LEN Bureau are elected for a period of four years at the Mandatory Congress, and they, in turn, appoint the members of the various Technical Committees at their first meeting. Great Britain, in common with other member countries, has two votes and two delegates at the Congress, the delegation consisting of one representative of the A.S.A. (England) and one joint nomination from Scotland and Wales. (The same procedure is adopted for the FINA Congress.)

The Calendar Conference is the most important aspect, from the Scottish point of view. It has enabled us to make direct contact with many European countries of a like standard and thereby increase the number of international competitions available to our swimmers, divers, water polo players and synchronised swimmers. The number of representatives at the Calendar Conference is governed only by the cost of sending them — thus wealthy Federations have large delegations with someone for each discipline, and interpreters. Scotland, in common with many other smaller countries, usually has only one representative, but fortunately, most countries send the same delegates each year and this continuity helps in what can be a hectic situation — once dates are fixed, it is very difficult to change them or to get included in a tournament, if the other participants have already agreed the format and the number of teams.

The Calendar Conference is usually held in early May. Finland was the host country this year with Helsinki the venue, but because of the likelihood of snow, the Conference was delayed until the last weekend of the month. Even so, the European fixtures were in the hands of our Convenors early in June, for the various committees to complete their National programme for distribution to Districts and Clubs, to assist them in their planning.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Having spent the weekend of the 25/26th April on the poolside at Glenrothes observing the 'B' section of the new format East District Age Group Championships, a format suggested by the Director of Swimming and viewed with suspicion (or disdain) in some quarters, a number of the top coaches probably feel that some comment should be passed on what turned out to be a very successful meet.

A list of qualifying times were set and any swimmer meeting those times was entered into the 'A' Group to be swum some six weeks later at Whitburn, swimmers not accepted for the 'A' being allocated to the 'B' meet at Glenrothes, up to three places were reserved in the 'A' meet for the 1st, 2nd or 3rd places from the 'B' meet.

One of the prime aims of the format was to try and give real purpose to, and realise potential in, the 'B' swimmer, be they late starters, swimming 2/3 stroke or in need of motivation. By involving them in this type of competition motivation was always likely to be higher than in even the best run club event.

The level of success can be gauged by just a few salient facts, some 850 swims were arranged with 28 clubs being represented, almost every event yielded faster winning times than those entered, a large number being won in times several seconds faster. One or two examples of the improvements seen were:— 14/15 boys 100m. Back—first three entered times were 1.17.2, 1.17.5, 1.18.9 the final times of the same three swimmers were 1.13.5, 1.14.2 and 1.14.5; 14/15 boys 100m. Free—first place translated his entry time of 1.06.1 into a heat time of 1.01.8 and final time of 1.02.7, the second place turning his entry time of 1.09.1 into a final time of 1.03.7. Whilst these are selected examples the meet had many other examples of this order of improvement.

Enthusiasm certainly abounded, all of the coaches and officials spoken to were of the opinion that the meet was a success and although some further discussion will take place the general feeling was that Age Group Convener John Anderson and his Committee had 'got it right' and that the East would probably maintain the A/B format; what will be of interest will be how the 'B' meet qualifiers fare in the 'A' meet.

I feel that the other Districts should give some serious thought to this new format, it should not detract from the top level of competition and may act as a spur to a large number of club swimmers. The East's experience indicates that the financial returns are sufficient to cover the costs and with a well run raffle (in the East's case yielding over £100 through 4 sessions) the event may even show a profit.

Yours Sincerely,
Charles Lewis, F.I.A.S., A.S.C.

Dear Sir,

For three years we have been attempting to cover swimming events for all branches of the media but we have found it almost impossible to find out where and when events are taking place.

We have tried sending a circular to all club secretaries in Scotland—we received three replies.

Swimming can be a spectator sport and could attract media attention which in turn attracts sponsorship. However, the impression has hardened during the last few years that most swimming officials are just not interested in media coverage or in sponsorship.

Sponsors who are willing to put money into sport look at the media coverage and they will be very soon aware that swimming comes behind such sports as basketball, volleyball and bowls. These sports actively encourage media attention and have been successful in obtaining sponsorship money.

From our own point of view we would have appointed one of our reporters to cover all swimming events as we have done with athletics, tennis, squash and gymnastics but he would have been well and truly underemployed.

We feel we have been banging our head against a brick wall for long enough and make this our last attempt to obtain some sort of system whereby we will be advised of events both nationally and locally, some way in which we can break into the secret society which seems to operate in swimming.

Yours faithfully,
61 Corrour Road, Glasgow,
Glasgow Sports Agency

Dear Sir,

I should like to place on record my Council's very deep appreciation of the action of the Scottish Amateur Association in commending to their affiliated Clubs our annual sponsored swimming contest.

Last year's effort raised more than £2,200—a 50% increase over the previous year and no mean contribution towards relieving our desperate financial situation. Naturally, we are hoping to do even better this year.

May I have the courtesy of your columns to express gratitude also to all the Clubs and their members who so generously participated either directly or by donation and to beg even more Clubs to join in this year. As I have mentioned many times, there is no more appropriate cause for swimmers to support than that of spastics, the overriding reason being that swimming is the only possible form of physical recreation for hundreds and hundreds of Scottish spastic children and adults whose bodies are confined to wheelchairs otherwise.

Yours sincerely,
Eric Dow,
Publicity & Promotions Manager,
Scottish Council for Spastics.

ULSTER VISIT BY CENTRAL REGION CLUB SELECT

D. E. Colquhoun

On 1st to 4th May, a team of 39 swimmers and 9 officials drawn from Bo'ness, Falkirk Otter, Grangemouth, Polmonthill Dolphins and Stirling ASC's visited Ulster to compete against the Ulster Provincial Towns League. This was our third visit to the Province in what has now become an annual event. At stake was the Cape Insulation Shield presented in 1980 and won then by the Central Region on their home ground.

As usual the hospitality received was overwhelming. This affected swimming performances, with a few notable exceptions, but despite this the Central Regional Team won both the Galas which were held. As the Trophy was being contested on an aggregate basis the actual points total in each Gala was important and this led to a typically "Irish" situation. The first Gala was held in the superb Bangor Pool and at the end the U.P.T.L. team had apparently won by 2 points. When we arrived at the Ulster Polytechnic for the second match in their 8 lane 25 metre pool, the hosts asked for a recount of the Bangor score as they thought that they had won by 10 points. After the recount it was found that Central Region had in fact won by 6 points. If you go to Ulster take your own recorder! The second Gala was won more comfortably and without dispute.

It would be misleading to state that the visit was made without qualms, and as usual the team was selected from those who indicated their willingness to go on the Tour. However, we had the advantage of first-hand knowledge of the areas which we were visiting and in which the swimmers were to be hosted. With this knowledge, we knew that the picture presented by the media is equally misleading if it is interpreted as being typical of all Ulster. There are certain areas which of course you would not venture into, but we can assure anybody who is considering such a visit that the welcome you will receive in the remainder of the Province will be second to none—it was almost too much even for Tommy Nelson!

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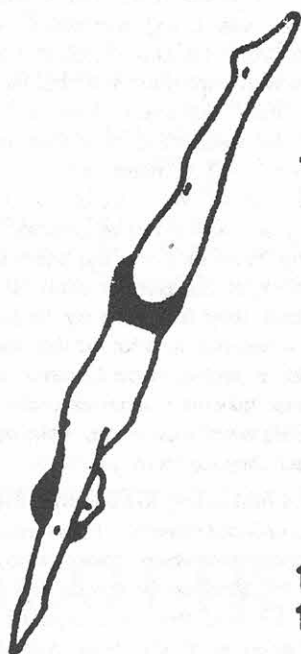
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PER CAPITA FEES

Club Treasurers are asked to note a request from the General Treasurer that Per Capita payments be updated quarterly to take into account new members throughout the year. Per Capita payments should be paid to District Treasurers.

NATIONAL SWIM CENTRE

The Association have reached agreement in principle with Stirling University for a four-year extension of the National Swim Centre contract for its period 1981-85. The only major change from the first contract is that it will only involve the first semester, i.e. September to December. The problems of trying to fit in training week-ends, championship events and internationals have proved insuperable for the period January to May. The offices will remain at the University and Association meetings will continue to be held at Stirling. When it is signed the contract will ensure some stability and continuity and the new programme is already under way.

BREASTSTROKE KICK RULE

At the 11 Bureau Meeting held in Sydney, the matter of a controversy arising over the new Breaststroke kick rule was discussed. It appears that there have been varied interpretations by officials as to whether certain movements constitute "up or down movement of the legs and feet in the vertical plane" which is not permitted under the new FINA Rule SW6.5. The full Rule is as follows:

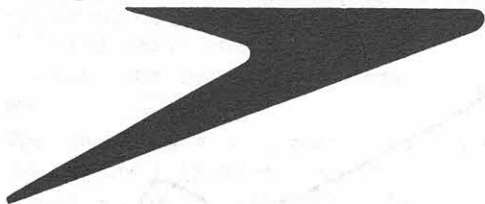
"SW6.5 In the leg kick, the feet must be turned outwards in the backward movement. Up or down movement of the legs and feet in the vertical plane is not permitted".

It was noted that it would be much simpler to view films to demonstrate what is permissible and what isn't; but until there can be general clarification in this better way throughout the world, it was agreed that an attempt must be made to place in writing an illustrative interpretation. A proposed ruling was presented at the Bureau Meeting (Item 43.1 and annex 43.1 of Circular 48.1) which appeared acceptable to the Bureau, but was referred to the Technical Swimming Committee for their review, recommendation and mail vote.

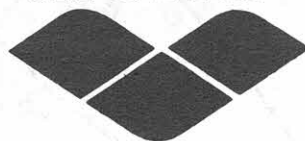
Because of the extreme difficulty in drafting an interpretation and the inherent difficulty of a mail vote without the benefit of oral discussion, the FINA Secretariat has just now received a mere majority vote of the T.S.C. However, it should be clearly understood by all Federations that this matter will be discussed again by the Technical Swimming Committee at its meeting to be held in Madrid 18-20th September 1981 and may very well be modified. In the meantime, in view of all the competitions to be held in the interim, it is being reprinted here for guidance of officials and Federations. The interpretation is as follows:

"In the normal Breaststroke Kick action, when the knees are flexed to begin the recovery for the next kick, the feet will rise and the knees and legs will drop. When the kick begins, with the feet turned out, the feet will drop and the legs rise. At the completion of the kick, in some swimmers today, the feet finish the kick with the plantar portion of the feet turned up, giving the appearance of a Butterfly Kick action. The normal rise and fall of the feet and legs is not a rule infraction".

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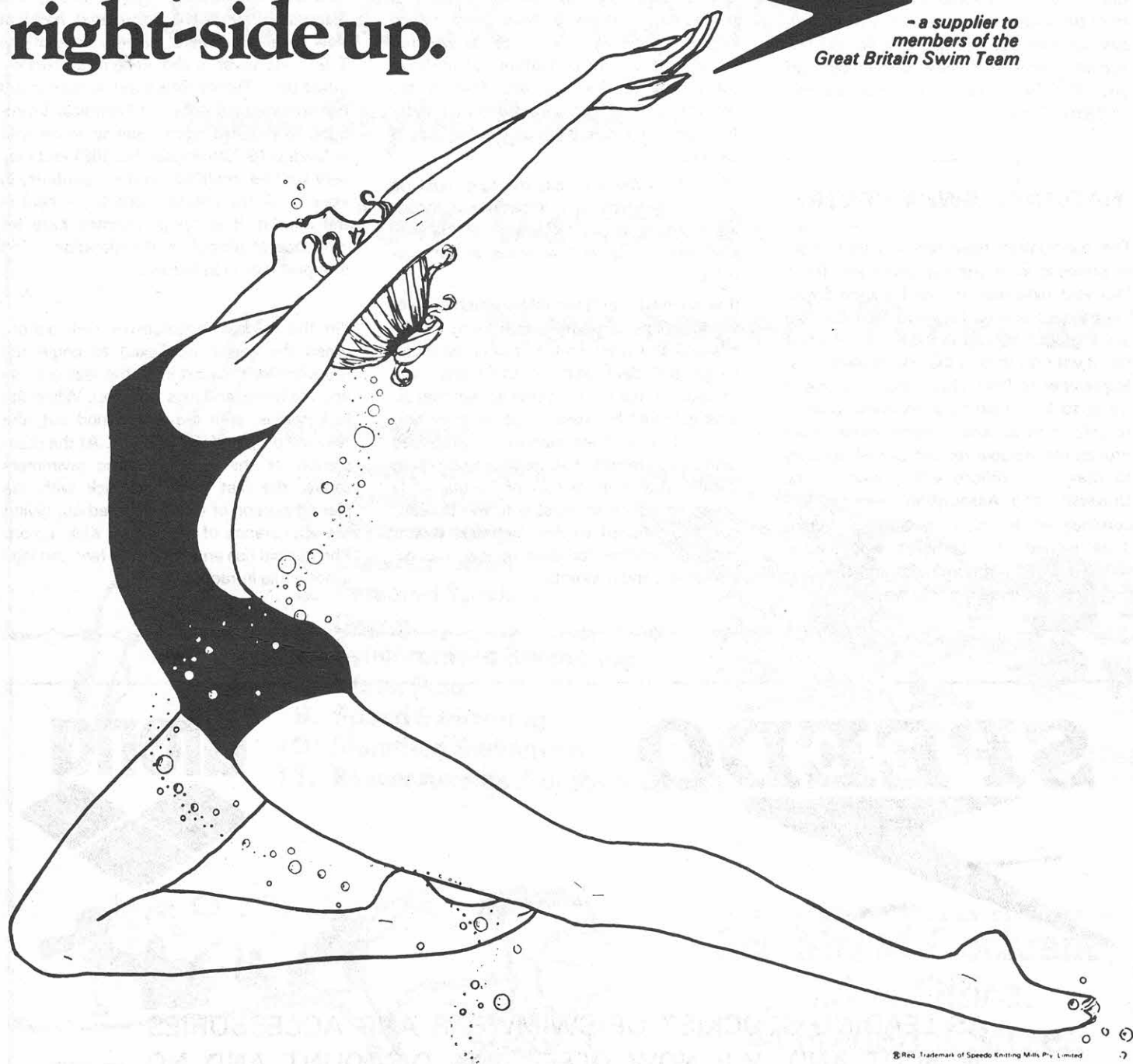
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