

Improved fee payment method.

Waltham Forest Diving Club has not changed its fees for a couple of years, and unfortunately as we all know all too well everything else has increased. We have been advised that our fees are some of, if not the cheapest in London. Diving and our dryland training are both very inexpensive sports when compared to others that our children take part in. Swimming lessons for example per hour are far more expensive than our sessions, and we try and have other events during the year – not restricted to diving.

Also we have over the last couple of years, had various complaints from parents and guardians of our members, as to the time periods that we cover. It can be difficult to remember when fees are due, when we charge bi-monthly – which is unlike any other sport. The committee has therefore taken on board this criticism, and has decided that the fees will now be payable in conjunction with the school terms, like most other pastimes and sports.

Also, upon review, we have noticed that the first sessions of a new period are often less busy, and then following further investigation divers seem to leave, without advising the club. This means that we have a shortfall of both divers and fees, until we can get new divers into the club, from our waiting list. Most swimming lessons and clubs expect fees paid before the start of the new period, to stop this occurring.

Given the three observations above we have decided on the following changes, which were delegated to the committee by the Annual General Meeting in March of this year:

- Fees to be paid in alignment with school terms
- Fees to be paid by the end of the **previous term**. We will assume that anyone who has not paid their fees by the end of the term (as above) does not wish to continue with the club, and their place will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.
- Fees will be charged as below, (please note that the actual increase per session is very small the switch from bi-monthly to termly does appear to make it seem worse.)

1 session	£50.00
2 sessions*	£68.00
3 sessions*	£75.00

* more than one session by invitation only.

- Dry- land training will remain at £30.00 per half term at the moment.
- Membership currently is £18.00 per year (£32.00) for a family.

The actual small increase in fees per session is to off-set the long overdue increase in coaches expenses.

Fees for the autumn term (beginning September 2008) are now due.

Please complete the form at the back of this newsletter and return asap.

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Committee News



Waltham Forest Diving Club has just been awarded an accreditation for Swim 21 – which is something all swimming and diving clubs that have any contact with children, across the country are trying for. The committee have been working tirelessly to ensure that we achieve this – as failure to realise this goal could potentially mean the club losing its affiliation to the Amateur Swimming Association. Further details can be found on our website: www.wfdc.org.uk.



The committee have been making very good progress with the aim of finding a club administrator who will cut down on the load on Anita and Bill, allowing them to actually coach!

We are currently in the process of placing an advert in the local press:

“WFDC, a not for profit organisation based at the Pool & Track Leisure Centre requires an administrator/book-keeper for up to 4 hrs per week. Mainly working from home with occasional attendance at Club night, the successful candidate would be required to undertake general administrative duties, the collection and recording of fees and the preparation of accounts.

For further details please contact Anita Starling (07803 701 786) or Steve Waspe (07965 995 252) Although this is a voluntary post expenses of £7.00 per hour are payable.”

This post will replace the Treasurer’s post which we failed to fill at the Annual General Meeting this year. If you know of anyone who could fit the bill, please advise Anita or Steve.

End of term buffet and awards

The ever popular end of term extravaganza will occur on Thursday 24th July 2008. As always there will be a fun swim from 6 to 7pm (along with loads of the fun the odd splat I’m sure!). Following the fun swim there will be the awards ceremony (makes it sounds posh – it isn’t!) and buffet. All divers are welcome! This evening is always a great social event – where you can meet the future of the club and their parents, in a very relaxed environment. Tickets are very cheap - £3.00 per person, or a family for £10.00. **Please note - accompanied children only.**

All we ask is that you bring a small dish of your choice (preferably with something in it!) – and should you have any unwanted gifts that could be utilised for our raffle we would be ever so grateful if they can be brought along as well.

Session Information

Please make sure you put all your clothes into a locker and bring the key with you, and give it to your parents – or a responsible adult, or in a small bag poolside. Recently a diver ended up with no dry clothes to go home in – as their own clothes were soaked in the changing room! Bring a towel on poolside if you need it.

Don’t forget for up to date information visit our website www.wfdc.org.uk

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Competition Results

St Albans Dive In – Saturday 10th May 2008

Boys Group D - Novice

3rd Ben Rowlandson

21st Matthew Wallace

Boys Group C - Novice

7th James Morris

11th Daniel Barton

Boys Group B - Novice

3rd Andrew Peacham

Girls Group D - Novice

4th Jodie Barton

Girls Group B - Novice

3rd Charlotte Phillips

4th Ellie Barton

5th Samantha Potton

Syncro Group D

3rd Jodie Barton & Matthew Wallace

Syncro Group B

2nd Ellie Barton & Samantha Potton

7th James Morris & Andrew Peacham

Boys Group D - Age Group

5th Adam Abbott

Boys Group C - Age Group

8th Kai Spink

Boys Group B - Age Group

1st Jack Morgan

Girls Group C - Novice

24th Amy Waspe

Girls Group B - Age Group

4th Toni Wright

Syncro Group C

9th Daniel Barton & Amy Waspe

Syncro Group A

7th Jack Morgan & Kai Spink

London Youth Games – Sunday 29 June 2008

We had various representing three boroughs this year – and Team Waltham Forest managed a creditable joint 3rd, Redbridge 7th, and Islington (who only two representatives in total (one ours!) 17th.

WFDC divers achieved the following:

Junior Girls

Ellie Barton	Islington	12 th
Katie Randall	Waltham Forest	14 th

Junior Boys

Adam Abbot	Waltham Forest	3 rd
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Senior Girls

Toni Wright	Waltham Forest	8 th
Charlotte Phillips	Redbridge	9 th

Senior Boys

Jack Morgan	Waltham Forest	3 rd
Kai Spink	Redbridge	6 th

Need to fix up your Diving

Dry land training is on Wednesdays from 6-7 and 7-8. This is a great way to help your diving. You can have fun but learn at the same time. There is floor work where you learn to do flexes; and a trampoline where you can practice things [it also has a rig so you can practice somersaults]. We also have a dry board where you can practice your dives as if you were going in to water and last of all we have the pit which is filled with foam blocks. In there you can play games but also practice diving. Dry land is really fun and exciting, everybody who goes enjoys it **but** we need more recruits to attend the sessions. If you are interested talk to your coaches or Anita to see what you have to do.

PLEASE COME!!! :)

By Ellie Barton

[A diver Who already attends Dry Land Training!.

Dates for your Diary

15 th July 2008	Executive committee meeting P&T 7.15 pm
24 July 2008	End of term fun-dive, buffet and awards Also last date for Payment of fees for Autumn term
04 September 2008	Return to diving for Tuesday Divers
05 September 2008	Return to Dryland Training
06 September 2008	Return to diving for Thursday Divers
23 October 2008	Internal Competition
23 November 2008	Open Competition
18 December 2008	End of term fun-dive

Andrew Superstar?

A few weeks ago Coach Andrew was asked to help out in the making of a Television program called Superstars. It is a kind of remake of an old 70's and 80's show – where sports personalities competed in a series of events – a bit like a decathlon. The new show is slightly different there are four teams – captained by Sir Steve Redgrave, Dame Kelly Holmes, Roger Black and Darren Campbell. One of the sports involved is diving – and Andrew is one of the judges! It begins on Friday 11 July at 8pm on channel 5. You might want to tune in.....

Fees Sheet

Diver(s) Name(s) _____

Sessions attended (delete as applicable)	1	2	3
Cost	£50	£68	£75

Total Fees Due: _____ _____ _____

Please return this form, together with the payment in full - cheque (made payable to WFDC) or cash, either to a member of the committee at poolside, or by post to:

WFDC,
C/O 44 Bridge End
Walthamstow
London
E17 4ES

Thank you