

Cotswold Rowing Club

Chairman's Newsletter August 2008

Stop Press Row for All Day Sat 13th September 10 till lunch

We are holding an Open Day on Saturday 13th September at Waterland (Keynes Country Park) from 10 till a barbeque lunch. Open to all members, non members, spouses, children, significant others or just friends. We hope to let everybody have a go at rowing under supervision and enjoy a barbeque afterwards. Please tell everybody who might be interested and come yourselves.

Introduction

The Club has now been rowing successfully since May 2008 with up to 6 members turning up at any one time on Thursday evening or Saturday morning. In between these clubnights members have been using the facilities at Waterland for personal use sculling.

We have also had a steady level of enquiries to join and take part or learn to row. We are now faced with gearing up our operation and getting ready for the Autumn and links to local schools and Winter dry training.

This means we urgently need help from our members in either time or money.

Appeal for Help

The attached list of our equipment shows that we are able to provide willing oarsmen with some opportunities to row BUT we need more sculls for heavierweight beginners; a pair for rowers to get started and some sort of tub pair to help beginners to get used to rowing in easy circumstances. We now have new two training sculls thanks to the generosity of one of our members.

But we also need some time and money because all the work is being done by Tony Hynes, Russell Carver and myself and the latter two at least are retired!

Unfortunately as far as the club is concerned but fortunately as far they as individuals are concerned, Gary Kinsella (Club Captain); Nic Hutchins (Treasurer) and even Tony himself have all been promoted into major time consuming jobs and their time for Cotswold RC is limited. We need coaches and people of experience to help put together crews and do some coaching.

Just by paying your subscription at Rowing level (£100 for this year) you would help us.

ARA Help

Rachael Wooldridge who is our Regional Development Officer has been very supportive and arranged the equipment as well as setting up the current arrangements.

We hope to have some part time coaching help from the Henley Stewards Trust for the Schools programme and this will help set up this area in the autumn

Again the more supporting hands the better at this stage.

Conclusion

We are delighted with the response and the numbers are growing rapidly, please help in any way you can but do come on down on Saturday 13th September.

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