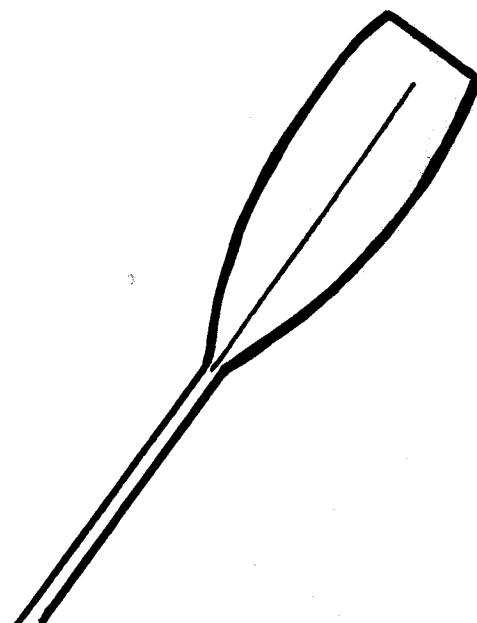
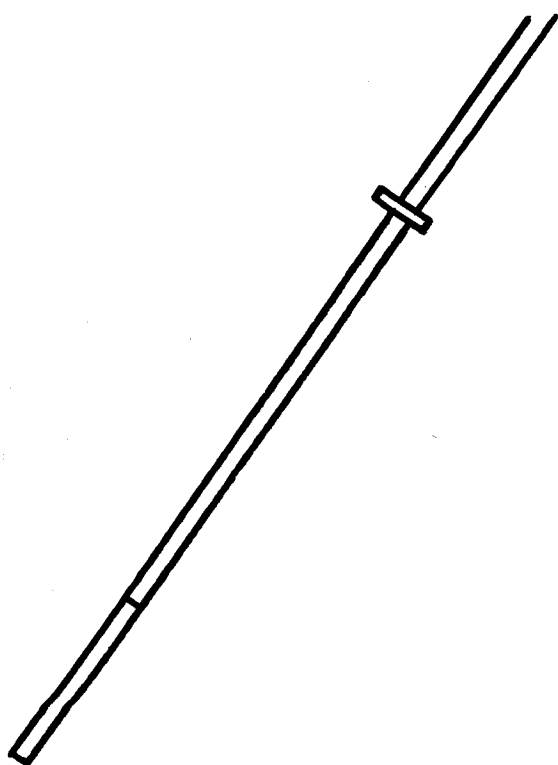
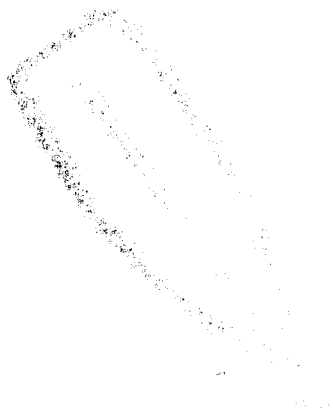


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EDITORIAL

Belated New Year Greetings to all our readers!

With this edition, "The News" has reached the end of its first year of publication and has grown from its original 13 pages to an unintentional 21 (despite efforts to keep it down to 19). It has been an eventful first year - and an enlightening one. Had we known the amount of work involved to produce each issue, we may well never have begun and I must thank all those who have contributed and given encouragement and those who have helped with production. But perhaps the most gratifying part of the whole exercise has been the number of people who regularly ask "when's the next edition coming out?" (The answer in relation to No. 6 is March, I hope.)

Once again, we are able to include a report from Ronald Bradbeer, ARA Rep. for Division One - parts of it will not make very cheerful reading but I note that he has raised various points with the ARA regarding "our" finances - no doubt we will hear more of that in the future.

Those who have seen the "Director's Letter" dated 11 December 1973 from Mike Stanford, Director/Secretary of the ARA will no doubt, like me, welcome such an attempt to "create a better dialogue". (Those who have not seen it may like to suggest that their Hon. Sec. puts it on the club noticeboard!) Perhaps someone in ARA Division One should put to rights the fact that our Directors travels have extended no further north than Bradford and Hollingworth Lake We also look forward to receiving our share of the 25,000 "with it" recruiting pamphlets which we are informed shortly are to roll off the presses!

Changes of address of club officials, etc. are one of the pieces of information which can be usefully published in The News - please let me know of any - other than those in this edition - which have taken place recently.

N.B. As from 4 March, my office telephone number will be Darlington 4906 or 52186. Home address remains the same.

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Durham.

January 1974

EBCHESTER REGATTA - 6TH OCTOBER 1973

Ebchester Regatta attracted 30 entries which were received from Bede College, Hatfield College, Durham ARC, Hexham BC, and City of Sheffield BC. The entry was disappointingly low compared to recent years but, nevertheless, some very enjoyable racing was seen and partaken of by those who attended this event on the 200m sprint course on the River Derwent.

The long journey undertaken by City of Sheffield members became worthwhile when N. Cross won Senior C Sculls. The remainder of the events, however, apart from Veteran Sculls which was won by J. G. Oliver of Tyne, were all in favour of River Wear based crews. John Wishart, last year's Durham University president, won Senior B Sculls while Geoff Potts of Durham ARC won Elite Sculls. The James Brothers of Durham ARC achieved a family double when Joseph won the Novice Sculls event and Peter, better known as a cox, won the Junior Sculls event. Some particularly close racing, not to mention gamesmanship, was seen in the Coxed Pairs event in the Final of which last year's winners and favourites to retain their title, John Wishart and John Hedley representing Bede College, were narrowly beaten in a closely fought Final by the Durham ARC Pair Chris Kenyon, Geoff Potts and cox Peter James.

Prizes were presented by Mrs. F. Bell.

TYNE EIGHTS - 20TH OCTOBER 1973

It rained - and how! Not to mention the fact that Durham ARC arrived with only 7 out of their 8 riggers and as if to add to their misery, it went on raining. So while City borrowed a boat (there and then) from Newcastle University - who appeared to know nothing about the event! - and Cambois borrowed one (as previously arranged) from Tyne, Hatfield College put their own boat, 8 men, 8 oars and 8 riggers and cox quietly onto the water and went to the start. At this point it stopped raining but there was a tricky wind favouring the North station (Hatfield); Centre (DARC) was unpleasant and South (Cambois) not at all nice.

For the first 200 metres or so there was little in it but after that point Hatfield drew away to take a comfortable lead leaving City and Cambois to fight for the second place. By Newburn Bridge, City had a length on Cambois which they increased by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths by the finish, but could get nowhere near Hatfield who had crossed the line 3 lengths clear.

This race, which carried Elite B Status, was the last to count towards the 1972/73 Page Pennant Competition.

FOR SALE

A number of shell sculling boats, ranging from 10 stone to 13 stone. All recently professionally refurbished. Price £250 each. Further details from Tom Bishop, Shiplake College, Shiplake, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

THE PAGE PENNANT 1973

With Ebchester Regatta and Tyne VIIIs completed it is now possible to give the final placings in this year's Division One League table. The 1972 placings and points are shown in brackets.

1973 WINNERS	(1)	Durham ARC	305	(240)
2nd	(2)	Durham UBC	185	(139)
3rd	(6)	Berwick ARC	144	(61)
4th	(3)	Durham School BC	110	(138)
5th	(4)	Tyne ARC	101	(99)
6th	(11)	Canbois ARC	74	(28)
7th	(20)	Hatfield College BC	54	(14)
8th	(13)	St. Leonards School BC	48	(24)
9th	(5)	Bede College BC	42	(69)
10th	(10)	St. Guthberts Soc. B.C.	38	(37)
11th	(14)=	Talkin Tarn ARC	32	(23)
12th	(21)	St. John's College BC	30	(12)
13th=	(-)	Selset Oarsmen	25	(-)
	(7)	Newcastle UBC	25	(52)
15th	(17)	Blyth RC	21	(18)
16th	(12)	Newcastle RGS	20	(25)
17th	(8)	Tees RC	18	(48)
18th=	(23)	Newcastle Medicals BC	13	(7)
	(27)	South Hylton ARC	13	(2)
20th	(19)	Tynemouth	10	(15)
21st	(25)	University College BC	9	(5)
22nd=	(14)=	Van Mildert BC	5	(23)
	(26)	Chester-le-Street ARC	5	(3)
24th	(16)	St. Chads College BC	4	(21)
25th=	(28)	Ebchester ARC	0	(0)
	(18)	Grey College BC	0	(16)
	(24)	Hexham BC	0	(6)
	(22)	Newcastle Polytechnic	0	(9)
	(9)	Slatyford School BC	0	(44)
	(-)	Queen Elizabeth GS (Hexham)	0	(-)
	(28)	Sunderland College of Ed.	0	(-)
	(-)	Teesside Polytechnic	0	(-)
	(-)	Collingwood College BC	0	(-)

COUNTY EIGHTS CHAMPIONSHIP - 7TH OCTOBER

A race for Eights representing counties in the North of England and Scotland was first held at York Regatta in 1939. Since 1949 the event has been organised by the Northumberland County ARA and rowed on either the River Tyne or the River Wear at Durham and in 1962 the event was opened to any county in Great Britain.

For a variety of reasons this event has never really blossomed to its full potential and in the past few years has failed to attract more than 2, 3 or 4 entries. Time was when it was regarded as an honour to wear a 'County Vest' - and places were competed for in the various county boats.

This year the event reached what must be an all time low with confusion over the date - which was changed at least three times (apparently at the request of persons unknown who in the end did not turn up on re-arranged date) - uncertainty about the location - eventually the race - yes race, for only two entries were received - was held at Durham.

Once can only admire the efforts made by Blyth RC to make sure that a race took place - for they turned out to represent Northumberland with a crew comprising their Veteran D Four plus four younger members. The other entry from County Durham, which had been in regular training for some 5 weeks, had little trouble in beating the Northumberland VIII to retain the title which they won last year. Afterwards both crews enjoyed an excellent social get together in City's bar which was perhaps the best part of the whole event!

Winners: County Durham

Crew: Balfour, James (DARC), Lund (Selset) Snythe (South Hylton), Wanless, Kenyon, McQuattie, Snowden, Moir (cox) (DARC).

There is no doubt that this Championship was once a worthwhile event - and there is surely no reason why it should not be so again. Perhaps a change of date would help - to sometime, say a Sunday, during the regatta season proper. Publicity would help - a well designed poster sent to all prospective competitors - an advert in "Rowing", etc. Any suggestions, letters, etc., can be forwarded and/or published

TEES LONG DISTANCE SCULLS 13TH OCTOBER 1973

After successfully running a trial invitation event last year, Tees Rowing Club this year formally introduced a long distance sculling race into the programme of open rowing events held in the North-East.

And so it was that 11 scullers set off at ten second intervals to race against the clock over a $3\frac{3}{4}$ mile course on the River Tees from Billingham Reach to Victoria Bridge, Stockton. The organisers had hoped for a larger entry, particularly in view of the success of last year's trial run, but like all new events, this one will no doubt take time to "get off the ground".

The scullers raced in perfect conditions on a rising tide with a tail wind. Early fears that the large amount of driftwood that came upstream past the Boathouse at Stockton before the Scullers boated were dispelled when it was seen that this was only a passing hazard for after the tide had flooded for an hour, the river cleared completely.

Last year's winner, Rolf Munding of Durham University, started first but was soon overhauled by the next two competitors and Dave Gattey, also of Durham University BC who had spent an active rowing vacation, demonstrated his fitness by covering the course in 20m.27s - 35 seconds faster than Chris Kenyon of Durham ARC in second place and 37 seconds

faster than Robin Balfour, also of Durham ARC, who was third. The Restricted boat event was won by Woods of Durham University.

Full results were as follows:

1. Gattey (DUBC) 20m. 27s; 2. Kenyon (DARC) 21m.02s;
3. Balfour (DARC) 21m.04; 4. Munding (DUBC) 21m.07s;
5. Ward (Leeds UBC) 21m.16s; 6. Woods (DUBC) 22m.36s winner of Restricted Division;
7. Wolsley (Toos RC) and Stanley (DUBC) 23m.23s; 9 Robinson (Tees RC) 23m.43s - Fastest Veteran;
10. Russell (South Hylton ARC) 25m.41; 11. Beattle (South Hylton ARC) 28m.10s.

The event was timed by RAC/ACU Timekeepers, to whom it must have been an interesting change from timing high powered racing machinery!

TYNE LONG DISTANCE SCULLS - 27TH OCTOBER

Thirty-four scullers from clubs as far apart as Kingston-upon-Thames, Hollingworth Lake and Glasgow competed in this year's River Tyne Long Distance Sculling race over the 3¹/₄ mile course from Scotswood to Newburn. Whilst the organisers, Tyne Amateur Rowing Club, were a little disappointed with the quantity of the entries they could have no complaints about the quality which the event attracted. The winner was Veteran Bob Grubb of Cambridge 99 Rowing Club and well known to Northerners because of his earlier association with Nottingham and Union RC. He covered the course in 19m.6s. - this was 12 seconds ahead of Colin Barrett (formerly President of Durham University BC and now with Kingston-on-Thames RC). Only one second behind was Paul Gooder of Hollingworth Lake; George Parsonage of Clydesdale (Glasgow) a former winner of the event, was fourth. Highest placed local man was David Gattey of Durham University who finished 5th and won the Senior B trophy. The Senior C trophy was won by Brian Balmer of Clydesdale whilst Shaun Wanless of Durham ARC won the Novice prize (for novice scullers who have not won such a trophy in a long distance race in 1973). As no sculler can win two trophies in this event, the veteran trophy went to Barry Dack of York City RC. The Senior C (Restricted) Permant went to A. Watson of Clydesdale.

Although Durham ARC did not retain the overall winners trophy which Ton Bishop won for then last year, they retained the team prize thanks mainly to an outstanding performance by Geoff Potts who finished 7th overall in a clinker built boat - beating 13 shell boats. Others in the City team were Chris Kenyon, Robin Balfour and Shaun Wanless. The team prize is decided on the aggregate time of the four scullers in each team and the City quartet took a total of 83 minutes 18 seconds - only 9 seconds less than second placed team, Clydesdale.

The race was sculled in ideal conditions, which have become a characteristic of the majority of events held on the Tyne this year.

Team Competition

1.	Durham	83.18.0 (p)
2.	Clydesdale	83.27.2
3.	Tyne	86.53.8
4.	Durham University	87.21.6
5.	Newcastle University	91.47.0

Tyne Long Distance Sculling Race results

1.	<u>R. E. Grubb (Cambridge '99)</u>	E(V)	Turo Hiller- strom Cup & P	19.06.0
2.	<u>C. N. Barratt (Kingston)</u>	SA	2nd P	19.18.0
3.	P. N. Gooder (Hollingworth Lake)	E		19.19.0
4.	G. G. Parsonage (Clydesdale)	E		19.25.2
5.	<u>D. Gattey (Durham U)</u>		SB P	19.32.2
6.	<u>B. Balmer (Strathclyde U)</u>	SC	SC P	19.47.2
7. *	G. Potts (Durham)	SA		19.51.8
8.	G. M. Dodd (Talkin Tarn)	SC		19.56.6
9.	J. C. Kenyon (Durham)	SA		20.01.0
10.	A. Ward (Leeds U)	SC		20.02.2
11.	<u>P. D. Dack (York City)</u>	E(V)	V P	20.10.4
12.	I. L. Boyd (Tyne)	SB		20.18.0
13.	R. P. Balfour (Durham)	SC		20.21.0
14.	P. E. Johnson (Newcastle U)	SC		20.24.8
15.	P. Thompson (Talkin Tarn)	SC		20.29.0
16.	P. J. M. Barton (Clydesdale)	SC		21.00.0
17.	M. G. Wrottesley (Newcastle U)	N		21.17.6
18. *	<u>A. Watson (Clydesdale)</u>	SC	SC Rst.P	21.27.6
19.	I. H. Lenthall (Tyne)	SC		21.33.2
20. *	P. J. O'Brien (Clydesdale)	SC		21.34.4
21. *	P. Stanley (Durham U)	SC		21.35.2
22. *	S. Woods (Durham U)	N		21.37.6
23. *	G. Appleby (Tyne)	SC(V)		21.42.8
24.	A. M. Taylor (Newcastle U)	N		22.04.4
25. *	M. Smyth (South Hylton)	SC		22.32.8
26.	R. Lundin (Durham U)	N		22.46.2
27. *	<u>S. Wanless (Durham)</u>	N	N Rst.P	23.04.2
28. *	M. Marshall (Tyne)	SC		23.19.8
29. *	W. Evans (Thames Tradesmen)	N		23.28.0
30. *	P. Pickles (Newcastle U)	N		24.10.6
31. *	J. Hartley (Newcastle U)	N		24.14.4
32. *	J. M. Russell (South Hylton)	N(V)		24.36.8
33. *	J. Tumelty (Strathclyde U)	N		24.44.2

* Restricted Boat

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SENATE REGATTA

10TH NOVEMBER, 1973

By a "special correspondent"

Bede and Grey Colleges shared most of the honours at Durham University's Inter-Collegiate Regatta. Bede won the Senate Cup and Bede's Jock Wishart the Senate Sculls Cup after a race which had to be started again when he collided with a crew paddling up river.

The Pickard-Cambridge Cup went to Grey and Simon Woods of the same college won the President's Sculls. Neville's Cross College topped the Ladies Fours and Hatfield College beat St. Leonard's School by a length to win the invitation eights race.

1973 HARP LAGER NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' REGATTA

RIVER WEAR, DURHAM, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1973

By Brian MacDonald (St. Cuthbert's Society BC):

After a week of gale-force winds, Saturday 17th November turned out to be a calm though somewhat chilly day for the holding of the 1973 Harp Lager Northern Universities' Regatta. Durham University Boat Club organised the event with the intention of beating the snow, icy winds, darkness and inadequate facilities which have bedevilled the Regatta at Lancaster over the past few years.

As it happened, the event was a success, good organisation with, in particular, the availability of several landing-stages allowing the racing to finish only some twenty minutes late following a late commencement. Also, crews and scullers from Durham Colleges won six out of the eight events, so the presentation of prizes by Mr. Rickord of Harp Lager and Mr. Ian Graham the University Registrar, turned out to be very much of a home occasion.

The now well-established 1,000m. course was used and produced four winning finalists on both Pelaw and Racecourse sides. Indeed, there were few complaints about the staggered start and in any case the only close final was in the Harp Lager Championship Eights when Nottingham University beat Glasgow by half-a-length. The other non-Durham final saw Snell also of Glasgow University, beaten by Balmer of Strathclyde in the Fine Sculls. It wasn't to be Glasgow's day when their ladies' crew went down to a strong St. Hild's College crew in their final.

Grey College would have won an overall points trophy had there been one, for their crew in the 2nd Fine Fours event beat Edinburgh University, while in the Restricted Sculls Simon Woods beat his club-mate Knight. It is interesting to note that in this event former D.S.B.C. captain 'Biff' Finlay went for a swim in his race!

Hatfield College produced one winning and one losing finalist. In the final of the first Fine Fours, Bede had a comfortable win of three lengths over the dark blues, while Hatfield beat neighbours Van Mildert in the Restricted Fours Division 'A'. The only other event to be mentioned, Division 'B' of this class, was won by St. John's College, Durham who beat a Nottingham University crew who had themselves beaten a Birmingham crew by only 2 ft. in the semi-final.

D.U.B.C. should be congratulated on taking the bold step of introducing yet another Regatta to the River Wear, for it certainly proved worthwhile. D.A.R.C. and the Northumbrian O.T.C. Signals gave invaluable assistance, and, of course, it was due to the generosity of Harp Lager Ltd. that the event took place.

RUTHERFORD HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

8TH DECEMBER, 1973

Crews from Durham dominated the Rutherford Head of the River Race held under the auspices of Newcastle Polytechnic Boat Club.

The race, rowed against the clock, on the $3\frac{1}{2}$ mile course on the River Tyne from Newburn to Scotswood, attracted 41 entries from as far away as London, Leeds, York, Hull and Bradford as well as from most local clubs.

In the Shell Boat Division, Hatfield College 'A' won in a time of 15m.24.2 secs. breaking the record they set up when winning last year and in second place were Grey College I in 15m. 28.0 secs.

In the Restricted Boats class, Grey College II were first in 16m.21.8 secs. ahead of Durham ARC III who finished in 16m. 38.6 secs.

The Novice Section saw a particularly pleasing win for the Durham ARC Novice Crew. After a regatta season of lost finals and "beaten in the first round by the eventual winners" all seemed worthwhile when they had covered the course in 17m. 31.6 secs. - 20 seconds ahead of St. Leonard's School (Durham) B.C.

Winning crews:-

Fine Division	<u>Hatfield College B.C.</u> Paul Brough, Ian Simpson, Arthur Raine, Rolf Munding, Simon Brooks (cox)
Restricted Division	<u>Grey College II</u> A. Wight, T. Slessor, B. Wisdom, T. Partrick, J. Chris (cox).
Novice Division	<u>Durham ARC</u> Clive Heron, Dorre Sjoblom, Laurie Chatterton, David Turnbull, David Telfer (cox)

It was interesting to note that the two coxes featured in the recent BBC 2 Man Alive programme on Henley were both in action in this event. The First and Third Trinity cox (seen in the film losing weight in the brewery!) was coxing for Tees R.C. while Paddy Martin filmed in the Thames Tradesmen's Henley VIII was coxing Grey College I.

Full Results:

Fine Division

1.	Hatfield College A	15.24.2
2.	Grey College I	15.28.0
3.	Thames Tradesmen	15.45.0
4.	Durham ARC II	15.51.1
5.	Newcastle UBC I	16.00.6
6.	Tyne ARC I	16.06.4
7.	St. Leonard's School BC. I	16.06.8
8.	Durham ARC I	16.10.2
9.	York City RC	16.23.6
10.	Newcastle UBC II	16.27.4
11.	Tyne ARC II	16.57.2
12.	Leeds UBC I	17.31.6

Restricted Division

1.	Grey College II	16.21.8
2.	Durham ARC III	16.38.6
3.	Bradford ARC I	16.41.8
4.	Hull University	16.58.2
5.	Bradford ARC II	17.01.6
6.	Newcastle University Medics I	17.11.4
7.	Van Mildert BC	17.19.6
8.	Tyne ARC III	17.23.4
9.	Tees RC II	17.24.6
10.	York University BC	17.30.8
11.	Selset Oarsmen I	17.33.8
12.	Bradford University BC I	17.36.6
13.	Tynemouth RC	17.38.2
14.	Bradford University II	18.02.2
15.	Tees RC I	18.24.4

Novice Division

1.	Durham ARC IV	17.31.6
2.	St. Leonard's School BC II	17.52.0
3.	Newcastle Polytechnic	18.06.0
4.	Tyne ARC IV	18.09.4
5.	Queen Elizabeth GS BC (Hexham)	18.38.8
6.	Tynemouth RC II	18.50.2
7.	Leeds University BC III	20.26.0
8.	Newcastle University Medics BC	20.50.6
9.	Leeds University II	22.44.4

SPORT FOR ALL - THE VETERAN SCENE

From Milne Hunt (Blyth RC)

What percentage of oarsmen and scullers competing in our 1974 Regattas will still be actively connected with our sport in 1984, or indeed, 1994? If past patterns are repeated, the figure will undoubtedly be small.

It has always concerned me that I should meet more of my "old" rowing friends in Northumberland Street than I do at regattas and more in city stores than in Club Boathouses - especially when it is so obvious from their conversations that their interest in rowing is still great. Why do we lose them? I don't pretend to be able to answer that one, but I'm sure we would "save" many if our local clubs and regattas would give serious consideration to the contents of a letter that was addressed to Douglas Pearson of Blyth RC from the ARA and dated 26th June, 1973. The letter invited Doug to be a veteran "Area Representative" - a responsibility he has accepted - and contained an article entitled "Sport for all - the Veteran Scene".

I realise that some of this article was publicised recently in "Rowing" but in quoting parts of it here I hope that our "powers that be" in ARA 1 may be convinced that veteran rowing in more than the "A" Category is a desirable activity.

"... there should never be any age limit for participation in sport. More and more attention is being paid, and MUST be paid ... to the over forties ..."

The words of some Veteran Rowing Crank? No, the words of the Sports Council under its Chairman Roger Dannister. Part of its 10-year Plan for British Sport is "to bring back into Sport the thousands of middle-aged and older people who have left it; to bring them back as organisers and officials if not as players".

Many British Clubs are trying (and not without success) to recruit new young members, but are they doing enough to try to recruit or even to keep older members? In Holland men are being encouraged to join rowing clubs at any age. They are learning to row at 50 and older, and the clubs are teaching them. Not satisfied with learning to row, they soon what to race, and with the now universally accepted Age Categories for Veterans enable them to race against men of their own age.

Even the old belief that it was medically unwise for a man to take part in strenuous exercise in middle-age unless he had done so in his youth is proving to be a myth, provided the normal safeguards of an annual medical inspection and adequate training are observed, together with the Age Categories and the "12-year" rule which means that the difference between the oldest and youngest in a crew should not exceed 12 years.

In France one club retains a professional coach, and offers new members a package deal including one year's membership and twelve one hour lessons. Half the lesson fee goes to the coach and half to the Club. After all, no middle-aged man joins a Golf Club and expects free lessons.

All over Europe the Veteran movement is thriving, in Holland and Denmark, France and Italy, Switzerland and Austria, in Czechoslovakia and Poland and the Soviet Union. And, of course, in Germany, where even men in the Championship Crews already have one eye to the day when they will opt out of the Elite scene and compete as Veterans.

It can hardly be said that the Veteran movement is thriving in the North-East with, to my knowledge, only two Veteran Fours event at York and Durham and both offered in Category "A". Small wonder the Blyth Veteran "D" Four had to travel to the International Veteran Regatta at Putney to get a race against oarsmen of their own age. Would it be too much to ask Durham Regatta Committee to pioneer an event on the Sunday for, say, Veteran "C" Fours? And how about some encouragement for Veterans on the Tyne?

ARA DIVISION ONE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27 SEPTEMBER 1973

This year's A.G.M., held in the Senate Chamber of the Old Shire Hall, Durham, was in effect a combined A.G.M. and Regatta Date Fixing Meeting.

Regatta Dates as applicable to North-East regattas were discussed and provisionally fixed, subject to approval by the ARA. (A list of dates appears elsewhere in this issue.)

The Page Pennant was formally presented to Durham ARC, who have retained it for another year. The trophy was accepted by Mr. Bill Dwyer, City's Chairman.

Officers were elected for the 1973/74 season. Commander D. A. Dickmore stepped down as Chairman and has been succeeded by the Vice Chairman J. Ross Graham (Tynemouth RC). The new Vice-Chairman is Eric Halladay (Grey College and DUBC). Retaining their offices are Jim Nisbet (Tyne ARC) as Hon. Sec/Treas. and Chris Kenyon (Durham ARC) as Press Officer.

Taking the chair in the absence of the new Chairman, Mr. Halladay paid tribute to the devotion to the sport of his predecessor Commr. D. A. Dickmore, a sentiment acknowledged with acclamation by the meeting.

A discussion on the future of North East Rowing News invoked some useful criticism, (for which the Editor is grateful) and resulted in a decision that the publication was a worthwhile venture which should, if possible, continue. Chris Kenyon stated that it could continue as long as the cash was forthcoming from the clubs. It was decided that each club should contribute a minimum of £1.50 p.a. towards the cost of the publication. (Cheques etc. to be sent to Chris Kenyon, 7 Grassdale, Belmont, Durham).

Alan Colbeck of the Sports Council gave a very informative talk on the financing of amateur sport - with particular reference to the obtaining of grants from Local Authorities. If any club would like details of, or is having difficulty in obtaining finance, he can be contacted at C/o Sports Council, Elvet House, Hallgarth Street, Durham.

Ronald Bradbeer, our representative on the ARA Council reported that it was hoped that an ARA Coaching Award, Basic Level, Course would be held in the North-East late in 1974 or early 1975. He also commented that activities of the ARA Council were reported in North East Rowing News and were, therefore, available for all to see on a far more regular basis than he could otherwise achieve at General meetings of Division one. He reported that the ARA headquarters are "moving house" to Hammersmith. (Now moved - see new address in ARA reps Council Report).

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A.R.A. REGATTAS CONFERENCE
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Division One was represented at this Conference by Jim Nisbet, Commander D. A. Dickmore, Russell Kernahan and Chris Kenyon. The latter contributing as one of the platform speakers in the session on Publicity.

So much ground was covered it is almost impossible to know where to stop let alone begin, but the following will, I hope, be of interest.

Rules of Racing - long and detailed discussion, both in study groups and then in full session; we went through the entire A.R.A. rules of racing. Expect a tougher line on payment of A.R.A. regatta levies, and recognition of regattas by the ARA; easing of rules relating to nomination of substitutes; that ladies may soon be allowed to cox men's crews in open regattas.

Regatta Administration - It was apparent that a "standard" regatta entry form would be a good idea - preferably with a space for crew details (for use by commentators). Early despatch of draw to competitors; send route finding directions, particularly to new entries; proper briefing of all regatta officials; entry fees - few regattas apparently charge fees on the basis of a flat rate per competitor irrespective of status, but it was thought this may well become a trend. Complaints were voiced about exploitation of scullers via entry fees which were often - on a per head basis - much higher than the comparable crew fees.

Publicity - Plaster the town with regatta posters - keep them simple viz event, place, date and time. Before the event, feed the press with a series of stories about the regatta; get onto local radio and talk about it; get some other attraction at the regatta to attract crowds such as a vintage/veteran car display - free fall parachute display; fairground sideshows, etc. - Get the public in and, if possible, charge them for the privilege.

Communications - Adequate and efficient communication between all officials and officials/competitors may seem obvious but how often does it happen? How does your regatta measure up? Can the commentary be heard where it matters? - i.e. where the spectators are - and does your commentator commentate or spew out at boring information? (see Nov./Dec. Rowing, P.26)

Programme Planning - Are you offering events which are wanted or those you've always offered without a thought for possible demand? Consult your fellow regatta secretaries in the Division to co-ordinate your plans.

Multi-Lane Racing and Repechage - should be offered whenever possible in as many events as possible. Believe it or not a form of repechage is possible in two lane racing!

Safety Measures - (Rule C.9) Regatta Secretaries please note - "A Regatta Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that medical and life-saving services are provided throughout the regatta"

In General - Regatta Registration - ideas were voiced about giving regattas "grades" with possibly only top grade to carry "qualifying status". Registration of Oarsmen - it was agreed that club-hopping was undesirable (in Division One the problem does not really exist) but registration may be a very expensive solution. Licensed Officials - too many non-active umpires - too many willing umpires never actually approached. It may help if the Division sent a circular listing regatta dates to all umpires in the area and asking when they are available. This has been tried in the North West - and it works. Calendar Re-Arrangements - Many thought there were too many regattas - (a view I have heard expressed in Division 1). Sunday Regattas - The feeling was that these were generally acceptable particularly if combined with a Saturday regatta nearby - e.g. Tyne and Tyne at Home. Sponsorship is becoming essential even for large provincial regattas as well as national. Entry fees are high - sponsorship of your regatta can keep them down! Open a regatta Patrons account - Berwick ARC will tell you how!

Regatta Programmes - to have advertisements in them or not? Advertising charges, if correctly computed (and collected!) can pay for a printed programme - and each copy sold is clear profit. Wilf Mellor of York Regattas has some interesting methods when it comes to regatta programmes and will, I am sure, be pleased to answer queries.

Women's, Junior and Veteran Rowing - These three subjects were each covered by specialists who made it clear that more events were being demanded in these categories and charged regattas with the responsibility of recognising that the demand existed. I was particularly interested in a point Harry Prior (Vesta RC) made in relation to veteran events - he suggested that rather than offer a veteran event in a specific category, e.g. A or C, regattas should invite entries from veteran crews in all categories and then arrange the races in accordance with entries received. Suggestions relating to veteran events will be found in the Almanack under Notes for Officials. Women's events in Division One are few and far between - there is no doubt that women's rowing is becoming more popular - if your regatta does not have a women's event - can you, and will you consider putting one on? The same can be said for Junior Rowing. I know the rules concerning Junior Age Groups appear complicated - but Ron Bradbeer will answer any queries on Junior Events and give advice if requested by regatta secretaries.

In conclusion - an enjoyable and enlightening weekend - what a pity more Division One regatta secretaries were not there.

FOR SALE:

Shell coxed four - sectional - cedar skin. Built by Sims of Putney. Price £200 o.n.o. Full details from Mike Wrottersley, Hon. Sec. Newcastle University B.C., The Union Society, The University, King's Walk, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

WANTED:

Shell Coxed Four(s) and Restricted Four(s). Details to Alan Watson, Master i/c Rowing, Latymer Upper School, London W6 9LR. Tel: 01-748-2974.

REGATTA DATES 1974

March	9	Yorkshire Head
	16.	Tyne Head. Reading Head
	17	Guinness Sprint Eights
	23	North of England Head (Chester)
	30	The Head of the River Race - 10.30
April	6	The Boat Race - 1330
	20	The Scullers Head
	27	Runcorn
May	4	Tynemouth. York Spring
	11	Wear
	18	Berwick. Nottingham City
	25	Hexham. Chester. Worcester.
	26	Monmouth
	27	Chester-le-Street. Northwich. Hereford.
June	1	Tees. Lancaster.
	8	Tyne At Home.
	9	Tyne
	15	Durham. National Schools - Holme Pierrepont
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	22	York Summer
	29	Leeds. Nottingham International.
	30	Nottingham International
July	6	Talkin Tarn
	4 - 7	Henley
	20	Blyth
	19-21	National Championships
August	3	Canbois
	24	South Hylton
September	14	Tyne Sprint
	15	Boston Marathon
	21	Bewdley Veteran
	28	York Sprint
October	5	Elcheater
	6	County Eights
	12	International Veterans Regatta (Putney)
November	2	Tyne Long Distance Sculls
	16	Tees Long Distance Sculls
	23	South Hylton Long Distance Sculls
	30	Rutherford Head

Durham School Boat Club are to hold a Cocktail Party in Big School on the evening of Saturday, April 20th.

Entry will be by ticket and these will be on sale from the middle of February.

The aim is to raise £300 which will be spent on oars, any excess being put towards a fibreglass sculling boat.

Tickets will be available from the Secretary, D.S.B.C., Durham School. But it is also intended to bring them round for sale.

The Captain and members of D.S.B.C. look forward to meeting many of their rowing friends at this 'do'.

ARA AUTUMN COUNCIL MEETING, 16 OCTOBER, 1973

This meeting was held shortly after publication of Edition No. ~~4~~ of North East Rowing News and the main points were, briefly:-

1. The ARA have moved. The new address is Amateur Rowing Association, 6 Lower Mall, Hammersmith, London W6 9DJ. Tel: 01-748 3632 or 01-~~748~~ 3633.
2. The appeal made to clubs and individuals to cover "Moscow" costs of the National Squad raised £2,833.
3. Leisure Sport, a division of Ready Mixed Concrete, are to sponsor the National Squad over the next 3 years to the tune of £18,000 total. Assistance will also be given with transport, provision of boats and facilities will be available at Thorpe Countryside Waterpark in Surrey.
4. Roger Vincett has been given the responsibility of looking after the North-East of England coaching in addition to his duties as National Coach for Junior Rowing.
5. The financial position of the ARA is much brighter than last year - but only due to sponsorship obtained to a great extent by the Director Secretary himself.
6. The Amateur Rowing Association has provisionally been allocated the World Championships at Holme Pierrepont in 1975.

ARA COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY 1974

The meeting opened with a vote of thanks to the National Westminster Bank Ltd. for its generosity in granting a lease of the premises at Hammersmith at a very low rent for the premises involved. The improvements have been carried out by the Bank at its own expense and the premises are virtually purpose-built.

The liveliest part of the meeting came when the Finance Committee's Report was considered. As clubs will know, there was discussion previously on how the Association's budget for 1974/75 could be made to balance in the light of actual anticipated expenditure. The deficit was £8,000 on the budget and the only way in which this money could be raised on the proposals put by the Finance Committee was as follows:-

Regatta levy - increase from 10p to 20p producing a further £5,600.

Affiliation fee - increase of £1 per club (plus VAT) bringing in a further £475.

Registration fees - increase, Men/Women from 40p to 55p, Schools from 20p to 27p (plus VAT) producing a further £1,870.

None of the members of the Council was happy with the proposals but from the budget figures, it was quite apparent that it was almost impossible to make any worthwhile savings. A number of counter proposals were put to the vote but in the end, the Finance Committee proposals had to be accepted because there is no other workable alternative. Anyone wanting to get some more explanation as to how these figures work out should contact me. I have written now to the Chairman of the Finance Committee

with certain proposals for curbing expenditure in future years and I will report later as to what happens.

It is now confirmed that there will be a basic course on coaching at Durham in the year 1974/75 and it is likely to be at the end of this year rather than the beginning of next year. About 20 or 25 people will be required and I would like anyone interested in attending the course to let me know now. The date for the course will be announced later.

A further hotly debated matter was the alteration to Rules of racing. Full details of changes will be circulated in the near future. Particular points should be noted in the case of the sex of coxes, (women are to be allowed to cox men's crews), the change of classification in respect of Junior rowing and the assistance for Umpires and in particular bank Umpires.

The Youth Rowing Committee has two coaching conferences proposed for 1974, one to be held on Monday 8th April at Nottingham and the other on 21st/22nd September at Eisham Abbey.

The only Club in arrears with it's Registration fees and Affiliation fees is now Ebchester A.R.C. for the year 1973.

The question of the Registration of oarsmen has been canvassed in the past but it has been decided that the cost of the scheme is far too great to justify the benefit that might result and the idea is not being pursued.

Consideration has been given to revising Associate Membership and also to the format of ARA news.

If anyone ever wants any assistance, advice, or questions answered about matters relating to the ARA or Youth Rowing Committee, I shall be glad if they will let me know. My office telephone number is Newcastle 611841 and my home number is Corbridge 2095.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Roger Vincett and Penny Chuter will be in the North East on Friday the 22nd February. At 7.30 p.m. at the Durham ARC Boathouse they will hold a Lecture Evening with discussions and films for coaches in Division 1 and 2.

Lecture topics will be on rigging and training methods. Amongst the film material there will be sections from the FISA Junior Championships held at Nottingham in August 1973.

All Clubs and Schools have been notified already in a circular sent out in December but individual Clubs are asked to send in the tear off slip at the bottom of that notice saying how many people from each Club will attend.

As we now have three National Coaches (and this will be the first chance to meet Penny Chuter who is the Third National Coach) I am anxious that as many coaches as are free on that evening do come to the City Boathouse for the Lecture. If we have complained that the ARA have taken no interest in the past, then we should take an interest when they come to see us!

The evening is intended primarily for coaches but if there are others who would like to attend, I am sure that they would be welcome provided that there is adequate seating once the coaches have been accommodated.

Junior coaches are also reminded that they should let me have the names of their oarsmen who are to take part in the training weekend following the coaching evening no later than two weeks in advance. If you have any queries, please contact me either at home - Corbridge 2095, or at the office, Newcastle 611841.

Ronald Bradbeer
ARA Rep. Division One

CLUB NEWS

Durham University Women's Boat Club have had two of their members, Bridget Jorna and cox AnthCa Jaggard selected to take part in the women's national squad trials at Henley. They have already attended one session of trials and have been invited to attend a further session.

Durham ARC ladies section have recently done a 15 miles sponsored row. A Four and an Eight took part. The girls were raising money to buy themselves a set of blades.

City have a new Captain - Aubrey Dunn; Barry Hudson has had to resign as he has been "posted" (as the Civil Service euphemism terms it) to Mansfield.

South Hylton ARC held an invitation Scullers Head last November. Scullers from Tyne ARC, Tees RC., Durham ARC and South Hylton ARC took part. Winner of the Shell Division was Ian Doyd of Tyne; Geoff Appleby of Tyne won the Restricted Division and fastest Novice was Caval Portman of Tees.

St. Leonards School BC have named their new Shell Four "Obelisk" after the well known landmark near the school grounds. The boat was "Christened" by Canon H. Olsen, Chairman of the school Governors.

FOR SALE by St. Cuthbert's Society BC - a shell coxed four. Full details from Hon. Sec., St. Cuthbert's Society Boat Club, 12 North Bailey, Durham.

Ebchester ARC are to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting on Wednesday 6th February 1974 at 8.00 p.m. at the Chelmsford Arms, Ebchester. Sad to report, running expenses are ahead of income - mainly due to the fact that the club only has a handful of members. Regatta profits have helped but in the event of no-one being able to run the regatta even this source of income may disappear. It is a distinct possibility that the club may have to be wound up and the assets disposed of. The alternative is to find new members willing to carry on the club in a proper manner. With the Club's Centenary only 2 years away - can we in Division One allow a club to dissolve like this? Any ideas - see John Adams at the meeting.

Tees Rowing Club have had a fairly quiet season. Although they collected 5 pots these were all in sculling events and were won by Dave Carter - who further demonstrated his aquatic prowess by going for "an early bath" in the first round at Durham Regatta! Dave, who has now returned to University to read for a PH.D in Civil Engineering was coached by Bill Dickinson. A senior A IV was formed in conjunction with Selset Oarsmen but lost to the eventual winners in the first round at Berwick, Tynemouth and Cambois. The club has benefitted from the "Operation Eyesore" scheme for the River Tees - the car park has been re-surfaced, parts of the river bank repaired, steps repaired, trees planted and new fencing erected. I am told that there is no truth in the rumour that the club will be hiring out deck chairs next year! They have taken delivery of a new shell coxed four from Roland Sims of Nottingham and are considering the purchase of a restricted sculling boat and blades. Their A.G.M. was held on October 16th and Bob Robinson, one of the Tees stalwarts was elected Captain with Bryan Cooper, also a long serving member, as Vice Captain. Hon. Sec. is David Fernie of 27 Green Road, Skelton-in-Cleveland, Saltburn, Yorkshire.

Selset Oarsmen in their first season have certainly made their mark. They are based on Selset Reservoir, in Teesdale (nearest town Barnard Castle) and have been represented in Novice Fours, Novice and Senior C, Sculls and Elite Coxless Pairs; their Captain John Lund won Novice and 4 Senior C sculling events as well as reaching, but losing 3 finals, in Coxless Pairs with Jim Mooney. Regular winter weight training sessions are being held at a club in Barnard Castle. A Ladies crew may well be in action this summer. As a result of skilful "bargaining" Selset now own two clinker fours, two clinker sculling boats, a tub four, a coxless pair and "almost enough oars". Much of this equipment is old but has been refurbished by club members. Main problem is still lack of boathouse facilities - the Water Board's development of the facilities at Selset are not yet complete so boats are only roughly protected in the open. An example of the keenness of the Selset members was the recent Barbecue that they ran - they raised over £300 for club funds. Their end of season newsletter ends by saying - "there is little doubt that the many hours spent in rowing, training, repairing boats and other club activities have bonded Selset Oarsmen together and helped to give the club plenty of spirit." Anyone who partook of the post Talkin Tarn Regatta "celebrations" could hardly disagree!

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer is Stuart Hunter, Thorlands, Abbey Lane, Startforth, Barnard Castle.

Newcastle University Boat Club are in the doldrums as far as number of members goes this year. Obviously, we have not yet acquired the necessary recruiting techniques to attract new members, although a winking out of "secret oarsmen" may be paying off. However, the band of oarsmen in the club are keen and fit, and could produce some fast crews this year. A couple of fours and scullers entered the Northern Universities Regatta at Durham where they gained experience but little else. The oarsmen of Newcastle suffer from not having regular coaching and always have their eyes (and hearts!) open for anyone who might be willing to help out

The facilities of N.U.D.C. are good and are enhanced this year by the addition of a Sims of Putney coxed shell four which was delivered in the summer.

A four went to Henley last summer and the cox, much to his surprise, was awarded a copy of North East Rowing News from an anonymous donor in a car park somewhere on the M1 on his return journey - which shows that "Join a Rowing Club" stickers have some effect! He passes on his thanks for the News which he had not read that month.

We have a boat for sale - see ad. elsewhere.

Mike Wrottersley, Hon. Sec
NUDC

DERWICK ARC - Ralph Holmes, Hon. Sec. of D.A.R.C. reports that the club had 14 wins in open events last season, equalling the record won by the club in any one year. In 1973 the club had 25 active members, an increase of 9 over the previous year and no doubt due to the recruiting abilities of Ian Smith - who also happens to be Captain of Derwick R.F.C. this year! The club have two restricted fours on order. After prolonged efforts they at last obtained grants towards these boats. They hope to order a new shell four in the near future. Like a number of clubs, D.A.R.C. are raising money by collecting and selling waste paper.

TYNEMOUTH R.C. - The following information is gleaned from their excellent and comprehensive News Letter prepared by retiring Hon. Sec. Richard Dixon. Although the club only won one trophy at open regattas (Neil Wilson, Novice Sculls, Blyth) they have been busy recruiting new members and last year they enrolled 10 ordinary members over 18, and 9 under 18. At Blyth Scratch Regatta "novice sculler John Lambert battled his way through to the final with restricted vision for he fell out of his boat on the way to the start and lost his specs (to roars of laughter from all Tynemouth oarsmen). However, his zig-zag steering seemed to suit him as he won the final." Considerable improvements are to be carried out at "The Haven" including provision of additional toilet and shower facilities - the work will be grant aided with money from the Sports Council and Tynemouth Corporation. T.R.C.'s share of the cost will be £440. The club held an open day on May 13th - a Treasure Hunt turned out to be rather unsuccessful - the treasure has yet to be found! NEW HON. SECRETARY OF TYNEMOUTH R.C. is John Lambert, 6 Tilbury Avenue, Marden Farm, Cullercoats, North Shields, Northumberland.

TAILPIECE

Crews, scullers and coxes on the River Wear please note - the "rule of the road" is "keep to the right". This rule exists for the purpose of preserving life, limb and racing craft. Please try to avoid stopping and/or turning on corners and near bridges. The river is narrow and getting more crowded each year - discipline is necessary. If you are rowing a course or racing trial boats, make sure that your coach informs others on the river of your intentions. The advent of younger participants in rowing on the Wear make this rule even more important - Please help, - "KEEP RIGHT".

First Impressions of North East Rowing

by Clive Hole,
Master I/C Rowing,
Durham School

"..... ability to take charge of rowing an asset". I read as I walked back from the Bургhead newsagent.

Having finally found Durham and with the sweat on my palms fresh from the interview, I found myself astride a bicycle keeping up with David Bland and a crew which was just discernible through the bushes. Two was early on stroke, and the legs came down too quickly - how one's ideas change in twelve months!

The river was deserted and all the closed doors testified to the fact that it was a late February afternoon and there was a slight chill in the air.

David pointed out helpfully that in the summer, Himalayan Balsam and the giant Hogweed conspired with the leaves on the bushes and the pleasure boats to make coaching almost a waste of time, and I believed him, little anticipating the proportions of these factors.

Having been treated by the boys to the sight of the final of the elite fours at York Spring, I was given the rest of the regatta circuit to settle in. If anyone is interested to know when that process is complete it is when the entries arrive by post with school cheques sent by the Secretary of the Boat Club - Not yet.

On the local circuit it seemed that although the competition was healthy and fierce, the clubs seemed all to belong to one larger club - not a feature of Southern rowing; obviously due to geographical isolation. In these circumstances when a raid is made down South, a great corporate spirit develops and tremendous goodwill follows them. But it seems to me that two faults can be found with this. Firstly, it is usually too late and after such an event rather than before it, there is a current of opinion which says, "if only ..." and secondly, that this larger club seems to motor off after a regatta and does little to swell the bar profits of its individual parts.

Having scrapped a whole draft of the re-organisation of the Boat Club saying that it worked perfectly well as it was so why change it, I was launched into action in January. Working on the principle that if all the gear and all the coaches were in use all the available time, one just coached and repaired boats and waited to see what pattern emerged. The pattern was a gratifying one.

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