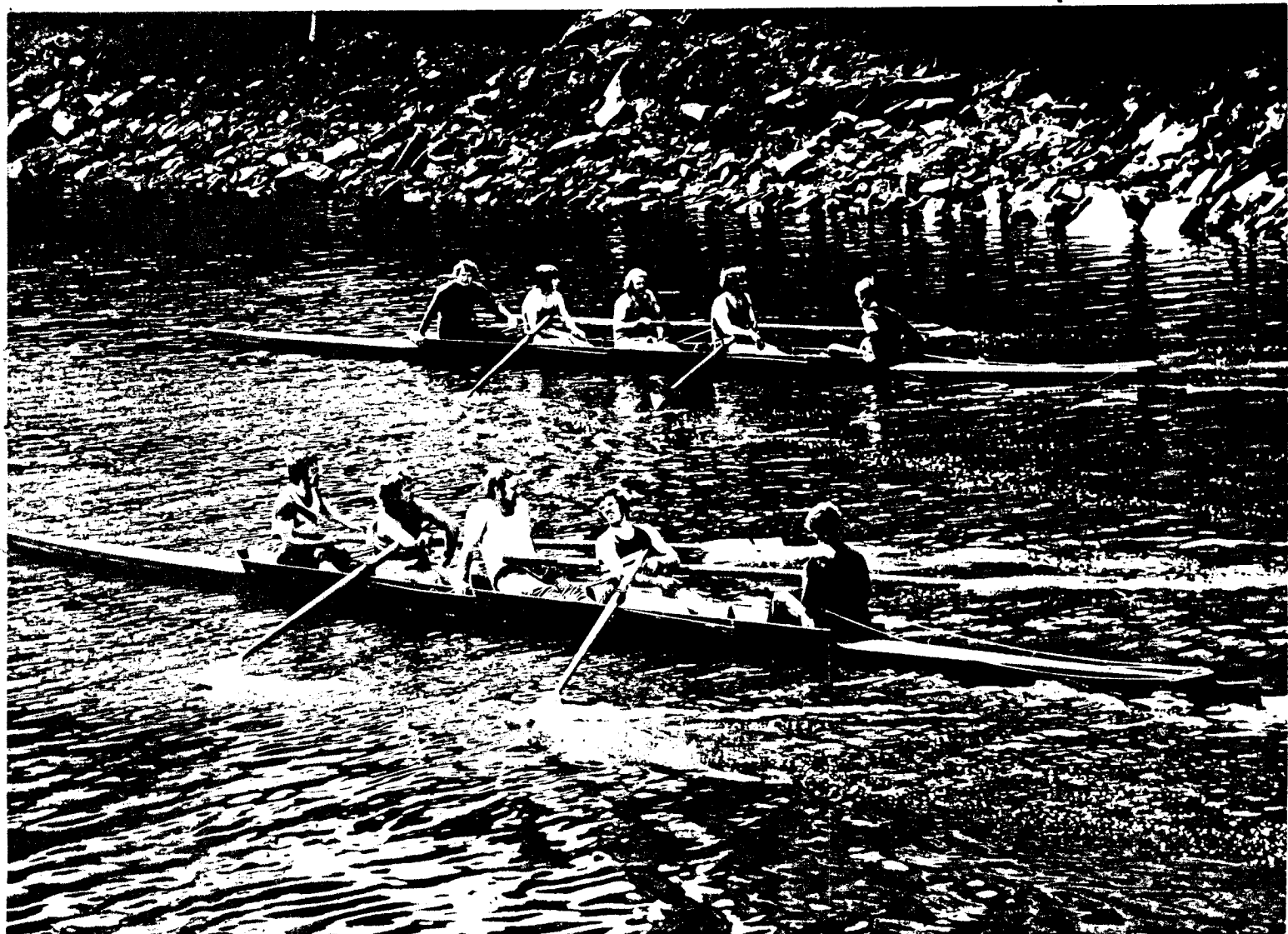


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COVER : "DEAD HEAT" - the result of
the first race - senior C fours -
at South Hylton Regatta.

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Editorial

Little did I think when the first Edition of North East Rowing News rolled off the presses that it would prove such a rewarding task to edit and produce. Rewarding, in that not only has it been admired and appreciated by readers all over the country as well as in this area when it has been produced but also in that it has been missed when the length of time between editions has become somewhat extended.

Having arrived at Edition No.10 it would seem an appropriate moment to reflect on the help and assistance which so many people both inside and outside rowing have given to me in producing the News and without whom it could not have kept going. To you ladies and gentlemen - Thankyou - long may your support and N.E.R.N continue.

A brief "history", if that is the correct description, together with the background and organisation (?) behind the News is published on Page 16 of this edition which I hope will be of interest to both old and new readers.

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Did you go to the World Championships? if you didn't - hard luck. If you did, will you ever forget them? It may well be another 20 years before they return to Home Pierrepont and if only for this reason I am sure many spectators found them worth a visit. By the way, are there any challengers to John Benjamin Kenyon's claim to have been the youngest camper/spectator there at the age of 7 months?

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Before mentioning Rowing Magazine may I disclaim any financial interests therein! However, as it is the only magazine of its type in the country, I have often wondered why, when rowing as a sport commands the dedication which it does, that more participants do not read the only magazine which caters for their sport. The more who buy it the better it can become. A good discount is available if 3 or more copies are ordered and a year's subscription would make an ideal Christmas present. Details may be obtained from the Editor, Rowing Magazine, Aylings Boathouse, Embankment, Putney London SW15 1LB. The current subscription rate post paid is £3.50 per annum for 9 editions for individual orders and less if more than 3 copies are sent. North East Rowing News is not designed in any way to compete with Rowing Magazine although I would like to think that it is complementary, indeed a considerable amount of news which finds its way into Rowing Magazine is "lifted" from North East Rowing News, - and this is one of the reasons why NERN is published.

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I have made this plea before but unhesitatingly make it again - this is your news letter, it contains news and views about clubs and activities in the North East area of The Amateur Rowing Association but it can only be compiled with the assistance of those for whom it is intended - your articles, reports, comments advertisements are therefore invited. If you can't get round to writing to me, ring me up - I will be only too pleased to hear from you.

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TYNEMOUTH REGATTA - 26TH APRIL

For an early season regatta Tynemouth organisers must have been well pleased to receive a total of 59 entries - with almost all "clubs" from the division represented plus a number of colleges and schools. This years event was again held on the three lane 450 metre "sprint" course at Killingworth thanks to the co-operation of Killingworth Water Sports Association with assistance from Blyth R.C. Tyne ARC and Cambois ARC.

Winners:

Elite Fours	-	Berwick ARC
Senior B Fours	-	Durham ARC
Senior C Fours	-	Tees R.C.
Novice Fours	-	Tees R.C.
Junior A Fours	-	Cambois ARC
Elite Coxless Pairs	-	Tyne ARC
Elite Sculls	-	Selset Oarsmen (Lund)
Senior C Sculls	-	Hatfield College B.C. (Pope)
Novice Sculls	-	Tyne ARC (Totman)
Ladies Novice Fours	-	Van Mildert B.C.

YORK SPRING REGATTA - 3RD MAY

York Spring continues to be one of the best supported one day regattas in the North - this year attracting a total entry of 139. Derby RC and Durham UBC Elite Eights had their traditional "battle" - this year seeing Derby winning by a mere 2 feet. Notwithstanding being dumped in the river after a collision with a pleasure (?) launch in their first heat Colaluca and Symons of Notts and Union won Elite Pairs while Talkin Tarn dominated the Junior A Fours to finally win by a distance. Alan Whitwell of York having finished 15th in the "The Scullers Head" collected Senior B and Elite Sculls while fellow clubman Rayner won all his novice sculls races by a distance! Durham ARC Veteran four tasted defeat for the first time in two seasons at the hands of Nottingham Britannia - a crew with which they were to become somewhat familiar ~~with~~ - the margin $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Winners:

Elite Eights	-	Derby R.C.
Senior B Eights	-	Nottingham University BC
Elite Fours	-	Derby R.C.
Senior A Fours	-	Derby R.C.
Senior B Fours	-	York City R.C.
Elite Pairs	-	Nottingham and Union R.C.
Senior C Fours	-	Nottingham and Union R.C.
Junior A Fours	-	Talkin Tarn ARC
Novice Fours (Div.X)	-	Sheffield University R.C.
Novice Fours (Div.Y)	-	Derby R.C.
Veteran Fours	-	Nottingham Britannia R.C.
Elite Sculls	-	York City R.C. (Whitwell)

Winners cont'd..

Senior B Sculls	-	York City R.C. (Whitwell)
Senior C Sculls	-	Derwent R.C. (Lambert)
Novice Sculls	-	York City R.C. (Rayner)
Ladies Unclassified Fours	-	Derby R.C.
Ladies Novice Fours	-	York City R.C.

All events over the 1200 metre course except Ladies Novice Fours and Mens Novice Sculls (800 metres).

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TUBORG LAGER WEAR REGATTA - 10TH MAY

Durham Amateur Rowing Club, organisers of this regatta once again enjoyed the sponsorship of Tuborg Lager and attracted an entry of 95. The usual local entries were received with others from as far afield as Burway, Reading, Edinburgh and Nithsdale. Two major surprises of the day were the defeats of Durham University in Elite Fours by Berwick ARC ($1\frac{3}{4}$ L) and of Geoff Potts by John Lund of Selset in Elite Sculls. Talkin Tarn again demonstrated their Junior strength by winning Under 16 Fours but their Senior B Sculler, Mike Dodd had to withdraw from the final owing to a cartilage injury (since operated on - the patient said to be recovering well!) Whitby Friendship, virtual newcomers to this type of racing had the misfortune to draw the eventual winners of novice fours in the first round - but watch this space!

Winners:

Elite Fours	-	Berwick ARC
Senior B Fours	-	Durham ARC
Ladies Elite Fours	-	Durham University BC
Senior C Fours	-	Tees R.C.
Novice Fours	-	Hatfield College BC
Junior Under 16 Fours	-	Talkin Tarn ARC
Ladies Novice Fours	-	St.Hilds College BC
Elite Coxless Pairs	-	Durham University BC
Elite Sculls	-	Selset Oarsmen (Lund)
Senior B Sculls	-	Tyne ARC (Boyd)
Senior C Sculls	-	Hatfield College BC (Pope)
Novice Sculls	-	Durham University BC (Dale - Harris)

All races over the 1000 metre course.

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TYNE " AT HOME " REGATTA - 24TH MAY

Again forming the first day of Tyne "Rowing Weekend", Tyne ARC "At Home" regatta produced 92 entries - with particularly good support in Elite Fours - (7) and Senior B Fours - (9). As at Wear Regatta the only entry in Veteran Fours was from Durham ARC and once again they were unable to race - Bill Parker made up for this by winning Veteran Sculls - just to keep in form! Joe Carter - formerly coach of Slatyford School once more appeared with a contingent from Strodes School (Surrey) while other long distance travellers came from Aberdeen, Castle Semple, Clydesdale, John O' Gaunt (Lancaster) Lancaster University, and Thames Tradesmen.

Winners:

Elite Fours	-	Hatfield Coll.BC/Bede Coll.B.C.
Senior B Fours	-	York City RC
Senior C Fours	-	Hatfield College BC
Novice Fours	-	Archbishop Holgates G.S.B.C.
Junior Fours	-	Bradford G.S.
Junior A Under 16 Fours	-	Talkin Tarn ARC
Junior A Under 15 Fours	-	Aberdeen Schools
Elite Coxed Pairs	-	Durham School BC
Elite Coxless Pairs	-	Clydesdale RC
Elite Sculls	-	Selset Oarsmen (Lund)
Senior B. Sculls	-	Clydesdale RC (Leatherland)
Senior C Sculls	-	Durham ARC (Wanless)
Novice Sculls	-	Newcastle University BC (Noble)
Junior A Under 16 Sculls	-	Kingston (Gowans)
Veteran Sculls	-	Durham ARC (Parker)

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TYNE REGATTA - 25TH MAY

Conditions were perfect for oarsmen but could have been warmer for the benefit of spectators. The regatta got off to a good start, the first race coming down five minutes ahead of the programme time.

The Palmer Grand for Elite Fours had a dead heat between Durham School and Thames Tradesmen; the repechage saved them from an immediate rerow and both crews survived into the final which was won by Thames Tradesmen who narrowly beat Berwick.

George Parsonage made a very spirited finish in the Black Diamond to win the Championship of the Tyne from John Lund with Ian Boyd third.

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Miss Iris Steedman, had given a trophy for the Under 16 Fours and it was won in confident style by Talkin Tarn. Other crews in this event came from Aberdeen, Egham, Glasgow and Newcastle. A new event for Junior Championship Sculls was won by Strode's School; a large party from the School had spend the weekend at Tyne (the Joe Carter connection) and raced 4 Fours and 3 Scullers.

The afternoon finished with a display of water skiing by the other users of the river, the Ryton Skiing Club. A spectacular splash occurred when one of the skiers ran into a telephone cable accidentally lowered from the bridge.

Winners:

Elite B Eights	-	Durham University BC
Elite Fours	-	Thames Tradesmen BC
Senior A Fours	-	Durham University
Senior B Fours	-	Kingston (Hull) RC
Novice Fours	-	St. Leonards School BC
Junior A Fours	-	Durham School BC
Junior Under 16 Fours	-	Talkin Tarn ARC
Ladies Fours	-	Elmwood School
Elite Sculls	-	Clydesdale RC (Parsonage)
Senior B Sculls	-	Clydesdale RC (Leatherland)
Novice Sculls	-	Strodes School BC (Crawford)
Junior Championship Sculls-	-	Strodes School BC(Swain)

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HEXHAM REGATTA - 31ST MAY

Despite the difficulties at present prevailing at Hexham - ideal conditions but very low membership - Hexham organisers were able to produce yet another of their well run regattas in what must be one of the most picturesque settings for such an event. Berwick regained their winning ways in Elite Fours, John Lund continued his in Elite Sculls and what more can one say about Talkin Tarns Juniors?

Winners:

Elite Fours	-	Berwick ARC
Senior A Fours	-	Durham School BC
Senior C Fours	-	St. Peters School BC
Novice Fours	-	York City RC
Junior Fours	-	Durham School BC
Junior B Fours	-	Talkin Tarn ARC
Elite Coxless Pairs	-	Bede College BC
Elite Sculls	-	Selset Oarsmen (Lund)
Senior A Sculls	-	Tyne ARC (Boyd)
Senior C Sculls	-	Grey College BC (Stanley)
Novice Sculls	-	Bradford ARC (Simpson)
Junior Sculls	-	Bradford GSBC(Heath)

All races over 800 metre course.

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DURHAM REGATTA - 14TH AND 15TH JUNE

The Norths premier regatta saw an excellent entry in all events but perhaps most important, from the long standing supporters point of view, a return to the use of the "long course" following the opening of New Elvet road bridge. Competitors in the 2 Elite Fours events (Wharton/Grand), Senior A Fours (Rushworth and Storey) and Senior B Fours (City Plate) were able to once more indulge their rowing, coxing and tactical skills along the twists and turns of this testing course. To those who claim that River Wear crews have an unfair advantage in these events - go and ask Berwick ARC (winners of the Wharton) how it is done! Your Editor was honoured to be invited to assist with the commentary and discovered the perils of "having to" put his money where his mouth is" by racing as well, but from what he can remember fellow commentator Ted Moulding was relatively kind when the DARC Veteran Four went under Baths Bridge!

An unofficial, but nevertheless interesting, race took place towards the end of the regatta when two double sculls "rowed over" the course almost (?) side by side - bearing in mind the fact that a number of boats in the North East can be rigged for double sculling could this be a hint to the regatta committee that a double sculls event would be a good idea? ... over to you Mr. Regatta secretary.

While Wear Regatta is sponsored by Tuborg, Durham Regatta has had to change its method of sponsorship and the way they have done it could well be copied to advantage by other regattas. Most regatta secretaries know that one of the highest items of expenditure is on trophies - answer - persuade sponsors to donate them in exchange for a credit in the programme. In Durham's case thanks are due to Mullards Ltd. of Durham, Messrs. W & G McIntyre, Rushworth & Storey, Whitbread & Co., Mrs. Peggy Brown, Rt. Hon. the Viscount Lambton, Mr. Norman Richardson, Mr. M.R.T. Coulson, Mr. P. Moss, Mr. A. Winn, Councillor C. Ellison CBE, Hugh MacKay & Co. Ltd., Mr. C.M. Moreland, Mr. T.H. de Winton, the Late Mr. H.C. Ferens, Geo. Greenwell & Sons, and Vaux Breweries.

Finally two "characters" were missing from this years regatta. Many readers will already know of the death of Erik Brown whose help to rowing over past years has been incalculable; fewer will probably know that Cecil Ferens has also died. One of Durham Schools most distinguished former pupils, and one of the leading citizens of the City of Durham his interest in the Sports Clubs and activities of the City was legendary. By tradition he was always one of the finishing judges at the end of long course - for those who have raced this year and wondered what was different it was that Henry Cecil Ferens was not there at the finish to congratulate you on your row - win or lose.

Winners: - First Day

Elite B Eights	-	Durham University BC
Elite Fours	-	Berwick ARC
Senior B Fours	-	Durham School BC
Senior C Fours	-	Talkin Tarn ARC
Novice Fours	-	John O'Gaunt RC
Junior Under 16 Fours	-	Durham School BC
Junior Under 15 Fours	-	Durham School BC
Ladies Novice Fours	-	Van Mildert BC
Elite Coxless Pairs	-	Tyne ARC
Senior B Sculls	-	Grey College BC (Scott)
Novice Sculls	-	Selset Oarsmen (Peters)

Winners:- Second Day

Elite Eights	-	Durham University BC
Senior B Eights	-	Durham University BC
Ladies Unclassified Eights	-	Durham UWBC/Durham ARC
Elite Fours	-	Hatfield College BC
Senior A Fours	-	Durham ARC
Senior C Fours	-	Grey College BC
Novice Fours - Div.A	-	St.Peters School BC
Novice Fours - Div.B	-	St.Chads BC/Van Mildert BC
Veteran Fours	-	Durham ARC
Ladies Elite Fours	-	Edinburgh University WBC
Elite Pairs	-	Bede College BC/Grey College BC
Elite Sculls	-	York City RC (Whitwell)
Senior C Sculls	-	Van Mildert BC (Sture)
Junior B Fours	-	Talkin Tarn ARC

All races over qualifying distance.

YORK "SUMMER" REGATTA - 21ST JUNE

A huge entry of 152 turned up for Yorks Summer Regatta which resulted for North East clubs in a more successful day than they usually experience at this event which often tends to be dominated by the Midlands. Whitby Friendship to the delight of all who have followed this smartly turned out crew won one of the divisions of Novice fours while Durham ARC once more encountered "The Brit" veterans, getting a bit closer to them but still losing. Berwick did us proud by winning Elite Fours while the Elite Eights went even further North to Edinburgh University. Alan Whitwell of York City forsook his own regatta and found the trip to Marlowe worthwhile for he won Elite Sculls there - John Lund of Selset made the most of his absence by winning elite sculls.

Winners:

Elite Eights	-	Edinburgh University BC
Senior B Eights	-	Nottingham & Union
Elite Fours	-	Berwick ARC
Elite Coxless Fours	-	Hollingworth Lake RC
Senior A Fours	-	York City RC
Senior B Fours	-	Hatfield College BC
Senior C Fours	-	John O' Gaunt RC
Novice Fours - Div.Y	-	Whitby Friendship ARC
Junior Fours	-	Newark RC
Junior B Fours	-	St.Peters School York.
Veteran Fours	-	Nottingham Britannia
Ladies Unclassified Fours	-	Durham University WBC
Elite Coxless Pairs	-	Newark RC
Elite Sculls	-	Selset Oarsmen (Lund)
Senior B Sculls	-	Newark RC (Birkett)
Senior C Sculls	-	Durham ARC (Wanless)
Novice Sculls Div.X	-	York City RC (Kent)
" " Div.Y	-	Bradford Univ BC (Tymin)
Veteran Sculls	-	Derby (Lambert - Beeson)
Ladies Novice Sculls	-	Derwent RC (Walker)

All events except Novice Sculls over 1200 metre course.

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SOUTH HYLTON ARC REGATTA 28TH JUNE 1975

South Hylton's Regatta attracted 42 entries this year from as far afield as Sheffield and Berwick. The events began with the first heat of the Senior C Fours, a dead heat between a combined South Hylton/Selset crew and Chester-le-Street. Chester-le-Street finally winning the heat. Sheffield University won the final of the event to take the John Heavisides Memorial Bowl. Tyne ARC took the Ford Challenge Trophy in the Senior A Fours after beating Berwick in the first round and Durham in the final. In the Novice Fours two crews from Berwick were entered both losing their heats against Tyne and Tees. Tees went on to take the Vaux Tankard.

Two crews from Tyne were beaten in the non-status Coxless pairs by Berwick and Cambois with Cambois winning the final and a presentation prize. Ian Boyd of Tyne beat B.Yarrow of Blyth in an elite sculling race in five boats to take the T.S. Hutchinson Memorial Cup. The Roseberry Home Trophy for Senior C Sculls went to J.Smailes of Berwick. The Novice sculls which attracted sixteen entries was won by G.Thompson also of Berwick who took the Robert Bloom Challenge Cup. Prizes were presented by the Vicar of South Hylton the Rev. John Ruscoe.

D.A.Taylor
PRO South Hylton ARC

LEEDS REGATTA - JUNE 28TH

Leeds Regatta this year coincided with South Hylton and although mainly supported by clubs from the South Yorkshire/Lancashire area it did attract a few North East crews whose events were not offered at South Hylton. Durham ARC's Veterans doubled up in Fours and Eights - in the former they suffered yet another defeat at the hands of Nott. Britt. this time by just under a length but in the Eights they beat YorkCity to collect presentation medals.

TALKIN TARN REGATTA - 5TH JULY

As usual over 100 entries were received for this one of the most popular regattas on the calendar. Held during a period of excellent weather there was a large crowd of spectators - no doubt encouraged to come by publicity in the local press, on local BBC Radio Carlisle and on Border Television.

With The Tarn now in the hands of the local authority the future of the Club and Regatta seems to be assured and it was no coincidence I am sure that the organisers invited Mr. C. Rowley, the County Land Agent to present the prizes.

Winners:

Elite Eights	-	Northwich RC
Elite Fours	-	Berwick ARC
Senior A Fours	-	Durham ARC
Senior C Fours	-	Talkin Tarn ARC (A)
Novice Fours	-	Durham ARC
Junior A Under 16 Fours	-	Talkin Tarn ARC
Elite Sculls	-	Selset Oarsmen (Lund)
Senior A Sculls	-	Nithsdale ARC (Snyder)
Senior C Sculls	-	Bradford ARC (Hiles)
Novice Sculls Div.A	-	Berwick ARC (Thompson F)
Novice Sculls Div.B	-	Berwick ARC (Low)
Veteran Sculls	-	Durham ARC (Kenyon)

All races over $\frac{1}{2}$ mile course.

TEES REGATTA - 19TH JULY

With a date very much at the end of the season owing to the usual tidal problems Tees Regatta were pleasantly surprised to receive a total entry of 68 including 5 entries in Elite, 9 in the National Dock Labour Board Event and 16 in Novice Sculls. The sun shone brightly, there was a good attendance of spectators and despite timing problems with competitors doubling up the regatta managed to finish before the tide ran out too far to prevent racing! Dave Carter, a former Tees RC member brought two crews from Liverpool Victoria who in addition to demolishing the Editors gatepost with their trailer also went away with the Ironmasters Trophy for elite fours and lost narrowly in the final of Novice Fours to Whitby Friendship ARC.

Winners:

Elite Fours	-	Liverpool Victoria RC
Senior B Fours	-	Kingston (Hull) RC
Senior C Fours	-	York City RC
Novice Fours	-	Whitby Friendship ARC
National Dock Labour		
Board Fours	-	Goole Dockers RC (A)
Elite Sculls	-	Tyne ARC (Boyd)
Senior B Sculls	-	Durham ARC (Wanless)
Senior C Sculls	-	York City RC (Müller)
Novice Sculls	-	Tyne ARC (Glassborrow)

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CHESTER-LE-STREET REGATTA - MAY 17TH

Rowed over the 1000 metre course at Chester-le-Street the organisers admitted to being disappointed with a low entry of 48. The weather was however kind to all who attended. A new trophy had been presented to the Club in memory of one of their long serving members whose death at the untimely age of 45 had occurred earlier in the year - the cup known as the Walter Kirk Memorial Trophy was competed for in Novice Sculls.

Winners:

Elite Fours	-	Berwick ARC
Senior B Fours	-	Tyne ARC
Senior C Fours	-	Durham School BC
Novice Fours	-	Graduate Society (Durham) BC
Elite Sculls	-	Selset Oarsmen (Lund)
Senior B Sculls	-	York City RC (Smith)
Senior C Sculls	-	Van Mildert BC (Sture)
Novice Sculls	-	Bede College BC

CHESTER-LE-STREET SPRINT REGATTA 27TH JULY

Held on a Sunday over a 250 metre sprint course with events confined to Pairs and Sculls there was no shortage of entries (78) or spectators. This was the first sprint regatta held by the club and as it was such a success it is hoped to establish it as a regular event. Thanks are due to Bradford ARC who lent their coxed pairs - and fittingly won one of the events for them!

Winners:

Coxed Pairs -Div. A	-	Bradford ARC
Div. B	-	Cambois ARC
Coxless Pairs	-	Tyne ARC
Senior A Sculls	-	Tyne ARC (Boyd)
Senior C Sculls	-	Bradford ARC (Hiles)
Novice Sculls - Div.A	-	Chester-le-Street ARC (Reed)
Div.B	-	Tees RC (Portman)
Veteran Sculls	-	Bradford ARC (Wilson)

BLYTH REGATTA - JULY 12TH

On a beautiful July day Blyth saw a lot of exciting hard fought races in both fours and sculling events. The irrepressible Berwick four stroked by E.Hill showed they only come out for Blyth Regatta by winning Senior C Fours for their club for the third year running. With the requisite amount of broken seats and only one re-row it was agreed that the days proceedings had gone off very well.

Winners:

Elite Fours	-	Berwick ARC
Senior C Fours	-	Berwick ARC (Hill)

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BLYTH Winners cont'd....

Novice Fours	-	Tyne ARC/Slatyford School BC
Elite Sculls	-	Selset Oarsmen (Lund)
Senior B Sculls	-	Durham ARC (Wanless)
Senior C Sculls	-	Bradford Grammar School (Heath)
Novice Sculls	-	York City RC (Holmes)

Bob Yarrow

Blyth RC.

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TYNE SPRINT REGATTA - 6TH SEPTEMBER

A small but good quality entry was received for this years sprint Regatta held over a 500 metre course at Newburn, where conditions were ideal. Tees RC used their new shell four for the first time in competition and were quite pleased with their performance in finishing 2nd overall in Elite B Fours with what in effect was a scratch crew.

Winners:

Elite B Eights	-	York City/Berwick/Thames Tradesmen
Elite B Fours	-	Berwick/York
Senior C Fours	-	Tynemouth RC
Senior B Sculls	-	York City RC (Müller)
Veteran Sculls	-	Durham ARC (Kenyon)

REGATTA UMPIRES

One of the most useful ways of helping the sport of rowing is by becoming a regatta umpire. This involves attending a short course of 3 meetings, learning the rules of racing and taking an examination. Jim Nisbet Hon.Sec. of A.R.A. Division One will be holding such a course before next season and invites enquiries from interested parties indicating the most convenient evening for them to attend. Please write or phone Jim Nisbet at "Beechgrove", Ryton-on-Tyne, NE40 3LX, Tel. Ryton 2688 (H) Bedlington 822181 (O)

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1975

Highlight of this years championships as far as the North East was concerned was Alan Whitwells' silver in Mens Single Sculls a mere 5 seconds behind Ken Dwan after at one stage lying well down the field. In Junior Under 16 Fours Talkin Tarn finished in fourth place in a very tight finish - (8 seconds behind the winners with only 10 seconds covering the 6 crews) in a time of 3 mins. 56 secs. Tom Bishop was in the winning Quad Scull (of which more later) while wife "Dink" won the womens single sculls. Durham School were 5th in Junior Under 18 Coxed Pairs, George Parsonage and Grey-Wilson of Clydesdale came 4th in mens double sculls; As usual a fair number of Division One spectators were present although it has always seemed strange to me that more do not make the relatively easy journey to Nottingham at least on finals day - to see the best domestic rowing on the calendar.

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WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTTINGHAM - AUGUST 1975.

Those who attended the world championships will need no reminding of what a feast of top class racing they enjoyed - those who were not there should be kicking themselves for missing out. The bare facts of lightweight silver for the coxless four and lightweight bronze for the eight and in the 'heavies' a fourth for the coxed four, bronze for the double scull, fourth for the coxless four, 6th for the quad scull, and ninth for the eight speak for themselves but the atmosphere of the occasion and the standard of competition defy description. Supporters from the North East were able to feel part of the occasion for Tom Bishop (formerly of DUBC and DARC) was in our quad scull, David Sprague (Durham School and Tyne ARC) stroked the Eight, and David Sturge (one time Tyne ARC) was in the coxless pair. A crowd of 15,000 attended the mens finals and the total attendance over the eight days was about 40,000. Those who would like a souvenir programme can obtain one from 219 Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking, Surrey. (Price 75p including postage - cheques to be payable to "World Rowing Championships").

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CLUB NEWS

Tees Rowing Club recently held the formal naming ceremony for their two new restricted sculling boats and shell four. The Sculls were named "Frank Hall" and "Alf Tomlinson" after two former presidents of the club who were largely responsible for its resurrection after the war. Frank Hall himself was present to carry out the honours. Many North East oarsmen will remember the late John Baker of Tees RC and may also recall that one of the clubs restricted fours was named in his memory. However it has always been felt that if and when a new shell four was purchased that such a boat would be more worthy of his name and hence the latest addition to the Tees fleet, a Roland Sims Coxed Shell Four was named "John Baker II". The ceremony was held on the same day as the Club scratch fours which was also attended by a number of guests from other clubs - Whitby Friendship arriving in force and one of their juniors who had only been rowing for a short time was in the winning crew. At the A.G.M. recently Bryan Cooper took over the Captaincy while the new Hon. Secretary is Cavell Portman of 20 Chandlers Ridge, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, Telephone Middlesbrough 311200.

DURHAM AMATEUR ROWING CLUB also held their AGM recently and Geoff Graham was re-elected Captain. A vote of thanks with acclamation was moved for international sculler Geoff Potts services to the club - he is shortly to take up a post in Holland. City have recently ordered a new coxed shell four from Cambridge Racing Boats and Equipment Ltd. (formerly B & H). The price is approximately £1200 including VAT, the unfairness of this tax at 25% being emphasised by the fact that ~~the~~ City are a largish club and registered for VAT and hence can offset this whereas smaller clubs not so registered cannot. During the past two seasons city have lost many of their established Elite oarsmen but a programme of recruitment and training of Novices is now starting to pay dividends. Joy Clark has been elected Captain of the womens rowing section. Veteran stroke Chris Kenyon who also stroked City's VIII into second place in the Boston Marathon has almost recovered from the mental trauma of losing that race by six seconds but can still be heard in moments of depression to be muttering " 6 bloody seconds" into his pint of Fed!

TYNE ARC - this years winners of the Page Pennant (Championship of Division One) are offering for sale a coxed pair. See advert elsewhere. The club are also on the lookout for a good secondhand Eight.

CHESTER-LE-STREET ARC have entered into strict winter training by forming Chester-le-Street ARC AFC and joining the Sunday morning Durham and District Football League. Joe "delicate midfield" Pearson reports that they have "won about half their matches", but then you could say we've lost half our matches". There is no truth in the rumour that Don Revie is thinking of drafting Eric "deadly in the air" Reed into the England squad as a stopper centre half.

SELSET OARSMEN - based on Selset Reservoir in Teesdale near Barnard Castle were hoping to be able to move to more sheltered water at Hury Reservoir which would also have been closer to "home" but it is understood that negotiations for such a move have failed. The continued existence and success of this club from a rowing and social point of view can only be admired - they still do not have a permanent boathouse and most of their boats are stored under tarpaulins in the open. An example of their enthusiasm - Doug Smith flew back from his new tax haven home in Jersey to row at Talkin Tarn Regatta. The Club recently held a most successful Barbeque - the profits will go towards the boat fund.

BERWICK ARC have enjoyed a successful season - particularly in Elite Fours - all the more remarkable in that almost all their members play Rugby in the winter and do not take to the water until late Spring.

TALKIN TARN ARC have really climbed onto the publicity bandwagon with local newspaper coverage, interviews on BBC Radio Carlisle and a regatta preview on Border TV. Other clubs please copy! A number of new boats are on order.

SOUTH HYLTON ARC are another publicity conscious club and are obtaining regular coverage in the local press, together with sending regular reports to North East Rowing News which makes the Editors job much easier.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY BC are said to have placed an order for a Donoratico VIII and the current "Prince Bishop" will be coming onto the market for sale.

TEES DOCKERS RC have enjoyed one of their best seasons for some years winning Novice fours at South Hylton Regatta and the National Dock Labour Board Eights Event at Putney. They are currently seeking a good secondhand restricted Four (smooth skinned type) and a secondhand shell Eight. Any offers? The Dockers were also instrumental in a new trophy being presented to Tees Regatta this year - donated by Tees Bulk Handling and named the John Appleton Presentation Trophy in memory of one of their colleagues following his untimely death. This trophy is now competed for in Senior B Sculls and at this years regatta its first winner was Shaun Wanless of DARC.

WHITBY FRIENDSHIP ARC have just completed their first season of racing under ARA rules and can be well pleased with their results. They won novice fours at Tees Regatta and York Summer Regatta, the Whitby Invitation Race for the Esk Cup and had a member in the winning crew at Tees RC Scratch Fours. In their own four oared gig racing they amassed no less than 30 trophies including the Whitlock Trophy for the "German Ocean Race" over a 12½ mile course from Staithes to Whitby and also finished 2nd and 3rd in this event. Their ladies section won ten of the trophies including juniors, seniors and veterans.

WHY, WHAT AND HOW IS NORTH EAST ROWING NEWS?

Having been for many years actively involved with rowing, and hopefully will be so involved for many years to come, it has always appeared to me that Rowing Clubs tend to operate very much on an isolated basis, coming together only at weekends, mainly at regattas in the summer. This isolation being increased because rowing, as a minor sport, does not command the constant publicity in the news media in the way that more "popular" sports do. Rowing Magazine fills the national rowing news gap but I felt that a more local publication was needed. Hence in 1972 the idea of a newsletter began to germinate, at the time of my appointment as Press Officer for Division One. The basic idea therefore was twofold. Such a newsletter would keep Clubs in touch with each other, carrying news about regattas, activities etc. and secondly could be sent to the news media such as press, radio and television to notify them of the existence of our activities and to give them information concerning them. This coupled with the regular submission of reports by club press officers should help to increase press coverage of the sport. In the case of the first object I believe the News has succeeded as the majority of clubs make complimentary noises about this publication - in the case of the second, progress has been slower but has I believe been made and I am sure that most of the news media in the region now realise that other rowing exists besides the Boat Race and Henley.

The actual production of the News initially was easier than it now is as I attended virtually all the regattas in the North East and was therefore able to collect results and 'gossip' on the spot. Recently I have mainly confined my visits to regattas at which I am competing and have had to rely on reports from fellow club members who have attended or from regatta organisers themselves. If therefore regattas are held which are not reported it is because I have not received the information - disappointingly often having specifically asked for it.

The printing process of NERN has been somewhat 'nomadic'. Previously stencils have been prepared, typed in the case of the first few editions by my wife Sue, herself an oarswoman and then run off by courtesy of a number of friends with access to duplicating machines including John Short of DARC and Jock Wishart of DUBC. Later editions have been produced with the aid of secretaries of the firm I am now with and our own Gestetner. This edition sees the greatest advancement with photocopied stencils and an offset printing process - which earns its daily keep producing property particulars for our firm (Goom and Wearmouth - Chartered Surveyors). (This process is also capable of reproducing photographs and if any club has any they think worthy of inclusion please let me have them).

The actual costs of production are borne on an annual subscription basis by the clubs, colleges and schools within ARA Division One plus York City RC in Div.2 and a number of private subscribers. Distribution is usually on the basis of 5 copies per club and there is a run of approx 250 copies of each edition. Complimentary copies are sent to the ARA, local press, radio and television and to Rowing Magazine, some being delivered by post, others by hand. The "cost" of each edition, including postage being in the region of £15. Costs covered are paper, envelopes

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and postage the actual printing and preparation generally being on a "gratis" basis. The idea is to produce a minimum of 3 editions a year although at times production does get rather delayed!

I have always emphasised that this is your newsletter - articles, items of news adverts etc are always welcome - and what better media could you have for notification of changes of club officers, their addresses etc? Constructive criticism is also invited not to mention corrections to any errors!

North East Rowing News is, as far as I am aware, unique, and I think it would be fair to say envied by other Divisions. The Welsh Rowing Council produce a printed newsletter (which I exchange for NERN with its editor John Hartland) but that publication is much more brief and condensed.

Finally, may I dispel one illusion - North East Rowing News is not an official publication - it is produced by volunteers who feel it provides a service; it is paid for on a voluntary basis - with your support I hope it will continue for many years to come.

J.C. K.

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REGATTA DATES - 1976

February	28	-	Tyne Head
	29	-	Tyne Eights
March	13	-	Yorkshire Head
	20	-	University Boat Race
	27	-	Tideway Head
April	10	-	Tideway Scullers Head
May	1	-	York Spring
	2	-	Tynemouth
	8	-	Wear
	15	-	South Hylton
	22	-	Nottingham City.
	29	-	Tyne ARC at Home.
	30	-	Tyne
	31	-	Northwich
June	5/6	-	Durham
	12	-	Berwick
	19	-	York Festival Summer
	26	-	Tees
July	1/4	-	Henley
	3	-	Talkin Tarn
	10	-	Blyth
	17	-	Hexham
	16/18	-	National Championships
	25	-	Chester-le-Street
Sept	11	-	Tyne Sprint
	18	-	Vesta Veterans
	19	-	Boston Marathon
	25	-	York Sprint
Oct	23	-	South Hylton L.D. Sculls
Nov	6	-	Tees L.D. Sculls

To be notified - Tyne L.D. Sculls
Rutherford Head

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NEW UMPIRES

The following names should be added to the existing umpires list for Division One.

- ✓ **E.W.** Carruthers, Lyndene, Station Road, Brampton, Cumbria.
- Dr. A.E. Currall, Wardens House, Freeman's Hall, Castle Leazes, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. NE2 4NZ.
- Dr.G.Terry, 10, The Chesters, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 5.
- Gordon Beattie, 22 Gardiner Square, Grindon, Sunderland.
- John. R. BoAlter, 20 Osborne Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. NE2 1JQ.

A.R.A. DIVISION I - REPORT FROM DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

AT 17TH NOVEMBER 1975

There have been two Divisional Meetings since the last edition of North East Rowing News and much of what I might otherwise have put into a Report for this Newsletter has already been covered by other means. However, in case it has escaped some people's attention, the North East Rowing Council has now been formed and you should be hearing more about this soon. I do not anticipate any short term changes so far as Division 1 is concerned but I sincerely hope that our affiliation with an obvious Rowing Centre such as Nottingham will produce some long term advantages, particularly when the economic and political climate justifies an expansion of the List of National Rowing Coaches.

Most of you will also have seen already that Mike Stamford has resigned as Director Secretary of the Amateur Rowing Association. He left the Association at the end of September and when the post was advertised in the National Press, there was an overwhelming list of applicants.

Turning next to the Council Meeting held on Tuesday the 23rd October 1975, the Chairman John Garton gave a short report on the World Championships which were acknowledged at home and abroad to have been a great success.

The latest draft of the Association's Five-Year Plan was finally agreed in respect of the period 1975/1980. I have three copies of this draft for those who would like to see one but, please, return the copy to me when you borrow it.

Inevitably, discussion on the Finance Committee's proposals took up a considerable amount of time.

A proposal was put, which received fairly wide approval that contrary to the Finance Committee's proposals, the affiliation fee should be increased from £8. to £21. (plus VAT). Although I personally favour the Finance Committee's proposals details of which have already been circulated, the fact remains that one way or the other, it is the Oarsmen who eventually pay the lion's share of whatever charges are made and it may not matter so very much whether it comes out of the Oarsman's pocket on a weekly basis or out of the Club's funds on an annual basis. It would be easy to propose that the overheads of the Association should be cut but unless one is prepared to accept the situation of a declining sport, then I think that one has to face up to inflation in yet another form. None of us is exempt and like it or not, we have to live with inflation.

The draft Regatta Calendar for 1976 was approved and an extract of the relevant dates for the North East appears elsewhere in this edition of North East Rowing News.

The Coaching Award Scheme Courses for 1976/77 will be held at Bronze level at Shoreham, Cambridge and Nottingham and for the Silver Award at Hereford and Nottingham.

John Stephenson announced his retirement as Chairman of the National Championships Committee. He has done sterling work during his term of office and I think that Club Rowing has benefited from the excellent organisation of the National Championships. I know there are some who would like to think that the National Championships were indeed solely for the benefit of Clubs in the ordinary meaning of the word but

despite such criticisms, Clubs from Division I go every year to the National Championships and each year some of them prove to themselves that they really can row just as well as anybody else!

The principle recommendation of the Youth Rowing Committee was to appoint Ronnie Howard, Peter Jowett and Phil Phillips as Junior Selectors for 1976.

The Publicity Committee continued its investigations on ways and means of making the sport better known and of recruiting new oarsmen. One interesting theme which is being followed up at present is the idea of capitalising on the 1975 World Championships with a view to new recruitment. The Committee felt that a pilot scheme of presentations entitled "Rowing A Sport for All" using the Guardian Royal Exchange film of Nottingham International Regatta as the centre piece with a short talk given by the National Coach showing the opportunities available in the sport of rowing would promote recruitment within the Clubs. It was intended to have such presentations in large halls at say 10 centres of rowing and to be run by the Publicity Committee in conjunction with a National Coach and advertised in the Local Press. Again, the financing of presentations has to be considered but it was hoped that each presentation should not cost more than about £100.

As you will know, the post of fourth National Coach for the Association was advertised sometime ago and a suitable candidate has been selected but until full grant aid is available, the Association cannot afford to employ a fourth Coach. It is hoped that the Sports Council will view the proposed appointment favourably.

The latest proposals for the regional Youth Scheme have now been published. They are too lengthy to set out in detail here but Clive Hole has now assumed his intended role of Organiser for the North Region which comprises Divisions 1, 2 & 4. Anyone wanting to know more about the proposals for the scheme should contact Clive Hole at Durham School telephone number Durham 64783. The provisional dates for the visit by visiting Coaches for the north region are the 20th, 21st and 22nd February.

At the date of the Council Meeting, there were two Regattas in the division which had not become affiliated to the Association. One is Chester-le-Street Regatta and the other is the Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic Fours Head of the River Race. I strongly recommend that both events are affiliated so that they are publicised.

Because of various changes in rules recently, there are two particular rules which were altered on the 21st. October which may be of interest to certain Clubs. The alterations are:-

- 1.(b) Law IV - Amend second paragraph to read "The Council may accept from an affiliated Club for indirect affiliation the name of a dependant Club composed solely of members of that affiliated Club".
Add as last paragraph "The Racing Colours of every Club shall be recorded by the Executive Secretary at the time of its affiliation; such colours and any subsequent changes in them shall be subject to approval by the Council".

Much of the other information that I have is I think already disseminated

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either to Club Secretaries and/or Regatta Secretaries. However if there is any one who wants further information on a particular point or wants to discuss A.R.A. problems with me anytime, please do not hesitate to contact me. My temporary number remains Corbridge 2095 and my office telephone number is Newcastle upon Tyne 611841. My temporary address is now Gun Room Cottage, Howden Dene, Corbridge.

RONALD BRADBEEER

A.R.A. Representative, Division One.

NORTH EAST ROWING LEAGUE - 1975

Winners of the Page Pennant for the most successful club in the Division in 1975 are Tyne ARC. Eric Halladay, Chairman of the Division duly presented the trophy to Tyne ARC at a recent Divisional meeting in Durham. Placings and points as below.

1st Tyne ARC	160 points
2nd Durham University BC	137 "
3rd Berwick ARC	136 "
4th Durham ARC	131 "
5th Durham School BC	79 "
6th Hatfield College BC	73 "
7th Newcastle University BC	58 "
8th Bede College BC	57 "
9th Tees RC	41 "
10th Talkin Tarn ARC	39 "

11th = Tynemouth RC; Grey College - 37; 13th Selset Oarsmen - 31;

14th - Cambois ARC - 26; 15th - Blyth RC - 19; 16th - University College BC - 17;

17th = Newcastle Royal Grammar School BC, St. Leonards School BC - 15;

19th - Chester-le-Street ARC - 13; 20th = Van Mildert BC, St. Chads College BC - 10;

22nd - South Hylton ARC, Graduates Society BC - 9; 24th Tees Dockers RC - 8.

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