

Helensburgh Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club.

Report for season 1p48-9

For the above seasons activities I wish to report as follows-

RESCUES

The following rescues were effected during the season

Rescues with line	5
Rescues without line	8
Rescues with board	1
Total	<u>14</u>

and I am pleased to record that no lives were lost, and none of those rescued needed resuscitation.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership increased slightly, but the increase was mainly in the non-active sphere. Unfortunately two members had to be suspended during the year for failure to pay arrears even though warned.

PATROLS.

As usual patrols were maintained during the whole surfing season, and as usual many members failed to fully observe their obligations regards patrols, consequently most patrols were short staffed, even though each patrol member was provided with a patrol card showing patrols for the whole season. Many instances of members arriving late for patrols were noticed.

NEW CLUBHOUSE.

Considerable headway was made during the season towards getting a new clubhouse erected ~~were made~~, and now we have support from the Coal Board for 60% of the total cost, and it only needs the council to agree to pay the remaining amount and to get the project started. Club has volunteered to pay 15% of total cost to council at the rate of at least £52 per annum, as well as guaranteeing to install pump for water, septic tank and assist with labour.

During the year the Gen Committee elected Messrs Davey and Brindley as Hon Architects, and they prepared plans which were approved by committee then sent to Council, Coal Board and Illawarra Branch. The club is greatly indebted to the Helensburgh Council of Combined organisations, Stanwell Park Progress Assoc and to Messrs Davey & Brindley for assistance given, and I consider that consideration should be given to the possibility of affiliating with the Helensburgh Council of Combined Organisations.

GEAR.

During the season all reels were overhauled and painted, three at the club's expense and three by the Wollongong council, who also provided two lines and belts during the season. New surf boat was acquired at a cost of £217, and is to be launched on Sunday Oct 9th. Old surf boat was again repainted and is still in good order. Attempts were made to have the electrical wiring of the clubhouse put in order, but so far it has not been possible to get an electrician to do the job. March past costumes were promised by Black Lance for early September, and a deposit was paid when the designs were submitted, however so far the order has not arrived.

FIRST AID.

As usual the first aid men were called upon to do a colossal task, treating no fewer than 227 recorded cases. Several were so serious as to need removal to hospital, and it was pleasing to

receive a couple of letters of thanks. First aid gear was received from the Wollongong Council and supplemented by club purchases paid for from first aid collection boxes.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE. As a separate report is being submitted by the Social Committee I shall not dwell on this section of the report, except to say that a record was established by this energetic committee, who furnished the club with over £200. Unfortunately they did not receive all the co-operation possible from all club members.

CARNIVALS? COMPETITIONS AND EXAMS.

During the season the club had moderate success in club carnivals, the main wins being obtained by the boat crew, who also annexed the Branch Championship for which they are to be sincerely complimented, and by Geo Jardine in the Senior Belt events, and by W. Hunt who won a beach sprint, and partnered

Also A. Hill
a novice
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by D. Robertson won a novelty event. The club competitions were keenly contested and winners were

Senior Surf and Senior Belt -- Geo Jardine
Junior " " Junior " --- A. Hill
Junior Point Score A. Hill
Senior " " ----- Dead heat between P. Shaw and E. Bainbridge

Senior Beach Point Score ----- W. Hunt
Junior " ----- N. Stanford.

It was decided to join Coalcliffe in annual competition on alternate beaches, and we were fortunate enough to win the cup for the first year by one point. Thus we are obliged to defend the cup during the coming season, and the committee have also arranged for visits by Bronte Club, and by the A.G.E. Sports club sometime during the coming season. Over the Easter period the club took part in a March Past event at the R.A.S., and although were not among the winners, qualified for a new reel. Thanks in connection with this display are due to W. Mansfield who paid fares of the competitors, and to Coalcliffe club who loaned their costumes.

In examinations we were not particularly fortunate as almost each time an exam was scheduled to be held big seas were in evidence and more than once had to be postponed, however during the season we gained six new life savers and two new instructors. In connection with exams committee decided that chief instructor must always be consulted before setting a date for exams, or allowing an exam to be deferred.

Finance

~~xxxxxx~~ Income for the year was much greater than ~~xxx~~ previous seasons, however since the end of the financial year the balance as shown in auditors report (£577-10-8) has been greatly reduced by £247, main item being new surf boat, however there is still a tidy balance to our credit.

PROSPECTS.

I consider that a heavy period lies ahead, especially as I imagine that the acquiring of a new clubhouse will be paramount concern, however should all members pay more attention to their obligations the club should continue to prosper as at present.

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Hon Sec & Treas