



Goring Gap Boat Club

1st October 2006

Dear All,

Whilst rowing activities are still in full swing, this is an important announcement to all Boat Club members, to inform you of two vital non-rowing activities! Firstly, the annual Boat Club Dinner Dance is nearly upon us. The enclosed page provides further details - please make every effort to attend. The evening is not restricted to Boat Club members, and if you wish to make up a table with friends from outside the Boat Club you are more than welcome to do so. It is a highly enjoyable, popular event with food, music and dance, and this year being on a Friday, the bar can stay open that little bit later!

**Goring Gap Boat Club Annual Dinner Dance
Friday 20th October, Goring & Streatley Golf Club
7.30 for 8.00pm until 1.00am**

Secondly, perhaps less fun, but from the point of view of the Boat Club's continuing well being, as important, is the annual general meeting. This is to be held on

Wednesday 22nd November, in the Social Club on Goring High Street, at 7.30pm.

Given that you all have now had plenty of notice, I would please urge you to attend to help us deal with the issues in hand.

For those of you who are new to the club, the AGM serves several functions. The years accounts have to be ratified, and any rule changes agreed. There are usually also reports from the chairman, and the captains of rowing and boats. A further extremely important function of the AGM however, is the election of next year's committee. The present committee, technically all have to resign, but may put themselves forward for re-election. This year however, we will also have some vacancies on the committee.

As you will be aware, the club is a relatively small, we hope friendly and sociable enterprise, but it does rely on a number of volunteers to help run it. Most of the tasks on the committee are not particularly onerous, and committee meetings are only held approximately six to eight times per year. If you are new to the club, it is a chance to give something back, meet more new members, and dare I say make new friends! Speaking from personal experience, it can be particularly useful if you are perhaps new to the area and want to get involved in local activities.

I would thus urge you to consider a position on the committee. Any member can seek nomination (self nominations will be accepted!) to any of the positions. Next year, however there will be a need for a member to take a particular interest in our non-rowing section (the punts and skiff, kept at the Swan Hotel), and in the health and safety aspects of the club. Any member can however apply for any position. A full list of the committee posts will be found in your membership booklet in the rules section, but in summary they include; a captain of rowing, a captain of boats, a treasurer, secretary, membership and social secretaries, and the chair of the regatta committee, which will also be vacant this year. Up to five members can be elected without portfolio. Finally, there is the position of chairman. At last year's AGM, I agreed to again take up this position, but for one year only, and therefore a new Boat Club chairman will be required.

Please, please, do not be hesitant in coming forward to volunteer for any of these positions. The club at present is extremely buoyant, but does rely on the regular influx of new blood, both onto the committee and into the club in general. If you would like to be considered, please let myself or the club secretary know (links can be found on the web page). If you would like to discuss any of these positions further, again either give myself or the secretary a call.

See you all at the Dinner Dance!

Best wishes

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