



The official News Sheet of the Leander Sea Scout Troop incorporating
likes from the laughs and learnings of lots of lazy loafing Leander layouts

SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE.

Congratulations and Welcome department first this month. Congratulations the swimmers on assisting to win the County Gala, and winning the National Sea Scout Regatta Gala; to Hugh Rickard on the single sculling and to both our gig crews, one for winning and the other for reaching the final, in the same event; to the Sculls for winning the competition at the District Scout Camp; and to the whole troop for the work put in for all events last month.

Welcome to Stephen Allum and Robert Coates from our own Cub Pack, Jeremy Brerard from 1st Norbiton, and to Paul Lonas-Clarke, Michael Lush & G. Westlake

With those laudatory efforts over, now down to the grindstone, and away for another year. The first event is the Group Bazaar on Nov. 3rd at St. Pater's Ho so do get everyone you know to come along and give their support. Don't forg also that shortly following this is the Admiralty Inspection for which, with a inspecting officer, we need to be well on our toes.

At the time of writing, we have two First Class Journeys under way. This the crowning achievement of the Boy Scout (i.e. under 15) career. I hope ther will be many more before next Summer Camp.

It has been said that real Sea Scouting starts after you get your Oarsman Badge, so let's have some efforts in that direction too.

I am sure you would all like me to express your thanks to all the mums and who fed us all so well last week-end. The impossible they did at once, miracle took only a little longer: which, of course, could be a good motto for all of

PATROL LEADERS' NEWS.

B.

HERONS. The Patrol went to District camp. We did not come first but we had a lovely time. TESTS. The winter months have now come and tests should be past so let's to some action. Subs. There are a lot of subs behind so get them paid u The Patrol seems very small on troop meetings, so let's have a few more members turning up. We had 3 members of the patrol in the Sea Scout Regatta, and I thi it went off very well.

DAVID.

STORKS. As this is the first pearl of wisdom that I am dropping I would like to say that at the moment the test passing situation is pretty grin. Chris last past a test in May. The patrol should pay more attention to passing tests and less attention to moaning. Boat handling is pretty fair but not attention is pa to orders when in a gig. The camp was good except that there was a certain lassitude in obeying orders. I would like to comment on J. L. C.'s efficiency. So the whole success of the Patrol depends on obeying orders quickly and efficiently.

NUTTY

SEAGULLS I have now found time to write this months Blerb. In the beginning of this month we had the District Camp at Walton Firs. It was not a camping competition but they did hold competitions which our Patrol won. As well as the District Camp we had the National Sea Scout Regatta which only a few of our patro were able to take part they were John and Stephen who did quite well. That is all for now: (What happened to the P/L who was in three finals? Ed.)

BLOGG

BEAVERS To start with congratulations to the patrol on their efforts at the camp Walton Firs, where we gained second place in the competitions, congratulations to Blogg who came first by a narrow margin. My congratulations also to Peter Crump who was invested during the last month. I hope that it will not be long before we all get the necessary badges that is the 2nd Class and Oarsman Badges before the Admiralty Inspection. With enough effort I think that Stephen Allum could obtain his tenderfoot badge by then. You can always ask me if any of you want a ny help. I will be pleased to assist, or I am sure one of the Scouters, Muff or Irano. Mac and Pluto are skiving for a period of ten weeks, both at university. Best of luck to both of them.

ARCHIE

THE DISTRICT CAMP - (WALTON FIRS) - 1962.

The four patrols from Leander entered the District Camp, it was not exactly a competition in it's self but it involved various types of competitions.

Most of us arrived at Walton Firs either by car, bicycle or lorry, the lorry of course carrying personal kit and the tents, etc. After unloading the lorry we collected all Leander's gear together and loaded it onto trek-carts and carried it to our sites and made camp.

We had a packed lunch about 1 p.m. - 1.30 p.m., cooked meal for tea at 5 p.m. or 6.30 p.m., then supper in the evening after which we had a most enjoyable camp fire. "Thanks Fred". Lights out at 10 p.m. Reveille at 7 o'clock, breakfast at 8 a.m. or 8.30 a.m., inspection at 10 a.m. or 10.30 a.m. Sunday was the visit day, to my surprise at least, not many parents turned up, not as many as I expected. Tea was at 4.30 p.m. and we had to be already for final inspection of the camp site with tents, dining shelter and altar fire down ready to leave at 5.30 p.m. (I think) During the course of the week-end various competitions took place for instance in one competition each patrol had to collect a number of things which included a stone with a hole in it, a live beetle, a toadstool, signature of a Feltham Scouter, a cigarette packet, three different types of wood, flowers and leaves, a cob-webb and many others, also other small competitions. Finally every Patrol taking part assembled in a circle awaiting for the results. The moment came and Seagulls of Leander first with Beavers of Leander second.

On the whole it was a very enjoyable camp.

ARCHIE

NATIONAL SEA SCOUT REGATTA

This was very efficiently organised. I would like to put a LARGE WORD OF THANKS to Mr and Mrs DOW and their staff who had to feed the 250 Scouts (Sea) over the week-end while running a snack bar at the same time. Briefly the programme consisted of heats on Saturday and semi-finals and finals on the Sunday. The events were:- Gig Pulling - Under 15 and Senior; Dinghy Pulling, - Under 15 and Senior; Dinghy Sailing - Under 15 and Senior; Canoe Paddling - Under 15 and Senior; and Home Counties Sailing Gigs. Leander obtained the Chief's Prize for the under 15 Gig Pulling. I ought to mention that 'A' Crew, D. Grigg, A. Martin, H. Rickard, D. Owen and R. Andrews and the 'B' Crew, A. Smith, S. Frith, A. Sanders, J. Evans and M. Webb got into the finals, but owing to 'B' Crew dipping out on their gig and getting a 'winkle barge' they came fourth. So once more we obtained trophies, H. Rickard won the Cannonball Trophy for under 15 Dinghy Pulling. Things were a bit of a shambles on the Sunday morning owing to a force 5 gusting to 6 gale. (This was decided by a committee consisting of H. Rickard, M. Webb, S. Day and K. Maund) But everything was running smoothly by 12.00 hours and the thing generally was a complete success. As I write this the hard working robust Leander Group are still battling through the clearing up.

Yours achingly - wretchedly, H. Rickard. (Better known as Nutty.)

SENIOR SUPPLEMENT

Contrary to my expectations I find that the readers of the 'Lash-up' are still having my literary masterpieces inflected upon them, even after my ascent to higher circles of L. L. L. L.

Assuming that everyone who reads past that rubbish I have just written is quite interested in what I ought to be writing, I will now write something at least moderately interesting. As about six of the articles before this one probably mention last week's regatta, I will not say much about it, except to congratulate 'Nye' on 'doing a Gretel' and to ignore the result of the Senior Gig Pulling Races.

A fortnight before the regatta, there was a hike and barbecue known officially as Kingston District Senior Scout Week-end, but Leander was the only troop there. On the Saturday we hiked on a compass course through everything from gorse to marsh and when we arrived at the camp-site we were presented with four rabbits which were cooked on spits. With the rabbits we had hundreds of sausages and also onions and charred potatoes (or were they baked)

After supper, we built a bridge over the Wey, and a raft on which Keith and John went about 200 yards without getting desperately wet. The next day we went to Haslemere, via the Devil's Punchbowl, and from there we were transported back to Kingston. (For several miles we were driving behind a lorry full of gear from the District Camp, with Mr. Maund sitting on a whisky crate, on top of the gear)

/Noggin

Noggin and Colin Venus (11th Kingston) made a very good job of organising the hike, even though all the other Senior Scout Troops in Kingston did not appear at all.

PRIMER

NATIONAL SEA SCOUT REGATTA

CATERING

How often has it been said "You'll never do it" and yet the job has been done amazingly well, and so it was with the catering arrangements for 29th/30th September. Everyone worked hard and we would like to say a special 'Thank-You' to all the Mums who donated Cakes, Trifles and Mince Tarts - they were greatly appreciated by the boys. I may be of interest to note the numbers served:-

<u>Saturday</u>	Three course Lunch and cup of Tea	140 persons
	Snacks	125 persons
	High Tea	140 persons
	Snacks	175 persons
<u>Sunday</u>	Breakfast - Bacon and Egg	104 persons
	3 Course Lunch and cup of Tea	140 persons
	4 Course Lunch and cup of Tea	28 persons
	Snacks	100 persons
	Tea sandwiches, Cakes	150 persons
	Snacks	100 persons

The following is an extract from a letter from the Senior Scout Master of the 25th Southampton (Northan) Sea Scouts, received by Mac on his return to Southampton University, last week:

"Next time you write home, could you mention how appreciative all the lads were of the catering arrangements last week-end, and coming from our lads, that's praise indeed"

D. C. Dow.

Will Parents please note that 1/2d per pound if being paid for old Knitted Woollens (hand or machine knitted woollens, babies woolies, woollen underwear and old white woollen blankets).

It is thought that we can increase our funds, from this source, and two collecting centres are being set up at:-

43 Birkenhead Avenue, and
124 Lower Ham Road.

if you have anything suitable bring it along to the Meeting and a Scouter will arrange disposal.

D. C. D.

TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH

I see that the gig's crew were so slow that D.v.d had to jump overboard to tow them.

Some people think that H..h should have been given the cannonball out of a gun. It's a pity you couldn't be woken up like that at camp, isn't it Bl..g? Are you sure you took her home?

We must remind Ke..h that the rules don't allow getting tows from steamers. Who did tie a bucket to 'B' crew's gig in the final?

Next time we camp at Walton Firs a fleet of furniture vans have been hired and the gear must be delivered and collected from Brighton. The cost will be £ 2 per head.

I hear that Bruno enjoyed the Regatta so much he has got a job as Boat Master at the Kiddies Boating Lake at Southend.

Big Bars

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

October

14th Church Parade
27th Andy Smith's Birthday

November

3rd Group Bazaar
4th Stephen Frith's Birthday.