



Survive and Save Club Newsletter June 2007

“As the governing body for swimming the ASA is committed to achieving equality and Survive and Save Club is a fantastic example of a club integrating into its local community and attracting people from different faiths and ethnic communities.”

Anna Adams-King, ASA Director of English Programmes



Some of the new photos on our club website - check the website!

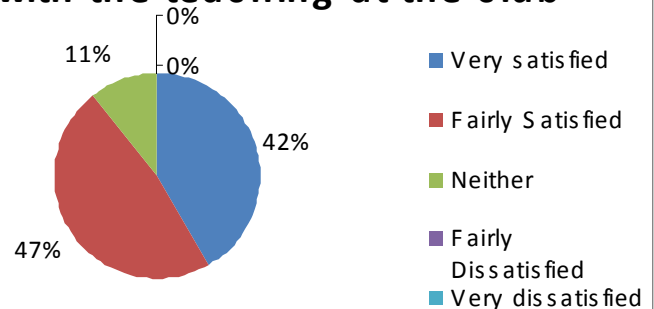
Thank you for your responses!

The committee took the decision some time ago to begin reviewing your opinions and decided that a simple but quick questionnaire was needed. So, we decided that to focus on three main areas; the front desk (communications), payment (finance) and the teaching. A five-point scale rating from very or fairly satisfied, neither, fairly or very dissatisfied was used for two of the questions.

Results:

- We had 80 responses from our members and 97% were fairly satisfied or better from the service that you received from the front desk. (76% had rated this very satisfied)
- Just under 70% pay by cheque and 17% pay by cash
- That over 50% preferred to pay by cheque, 17% by cash and 28% would welcome a debit/credit payment facilities
- At least 89% were happy with the overall teaching at the club and no one was dissatisfied. A few comments have been raised which have been useful and we are addressing where this is possible.

How satisfied are you overall with the teaching at the club



What next?

- We are looking at alternative methods of payments for the collection of fees;
- We are improving the quality of our teaching. See the education section over the page.

Term dates for 2007

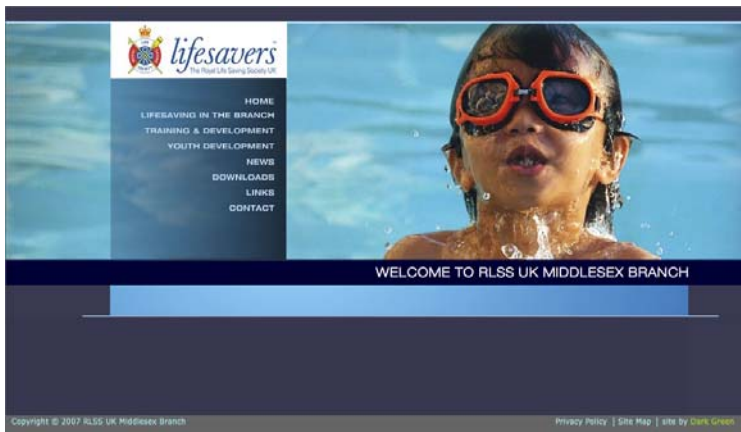
Summer Term **ends** on 13 July

All fees to be paid by 13 July 07

Autumn Term:

07 September – 14 December

From the Education & Development Corner from Ray Lau



The RLSS Middlesex branch has launched their website. Our web designers, Dark Green Studios, commissioned it. It is very professional. Check it out at:

www.rlssmiddlesex.org.uk

At the branch annual general meeting (AGM), there are now 4 members of our club serving. In addition to Sally Baldwin, Honorary secretary and Ray Lau, Youth Development Officer, congratulations to Manhar Shah as the Treasurer and Rita Shah appointed as the Sales officer.

WANTED! Swimmers for Crash Summer Swimming Lessons

ONLY - £10 per course (5 days for 1 hour each day!) A BARGAIN!

As you will know, we are an ASA approved Education centre to deliver teacher-training courses and have done so for the last two years. We are running level 1 and level 2 courses in the Summer Holiday and require swimmers to be taught by the teachers. **This is open to both club members and non-club members.** The advantages include:

- Boosting your child's swimming ability
- Maintaining their swimming over the holiday so that skills don't slip
- £10! This is for 5 days of 1 hour per session. BARGAIN!
- Manageable class sizes

Reminders

Please remember that hats **MUST** be worn for all learn to swim sessions. Also, please try to arrive ready on poolside 5 minutes before the session starts!

The dates are as Mon 23 to Fri 27 July 07 and Mon 27 to Fri 31 August 07. Further details to book will follow in mid June 07.

We are always looking out for new members and recruitment leaflets will be distributed through many local schools so sing our praises! Give them one of our crash course leaflets! **Don't forget our incentives to introduce them when they sign up on your recommendations in September!**

Going for Aquamark status!

We have just put in our application for the ASA Aquamark approved status. This accredits the high quality learn to swim programmes. There are two units with lots of criteria that we need to prove evidence. There will be a mystery visitor, who will pose as a guest asking about the lessons, and the club, so be warned. What is impressive is that over 92% of our teachers this year have attended at least 2 professional development seminars and/or courses to aid the quality of teaching that occurs. We will be running more seminars to raise the standards further.

Major changes to the learn to swim & Rookie programmes!

The ASA National Plan for Teaching Swimming is being revised reducing the number of levels from the current 12 to 10. This will mean that we will be readjusting the groups to implement the core stages 1 to 7 from **January 2008**. Our teachers will be led by myself following my training as a presenter of the plan. The RLSS Rookie Lifesaver is undergoing a revision and will be ready to use by the end of this term. The new programme will be called the RLSS Rookie Lifeguard programme and fit in to the National Plan at specialist levels 8 to 10. This will likely to be implemented from September 2007. **Watch this space!**

SURVIVE AND SAVE IN THE NATIONAL HEADLINES AGAIN!

I have just submitted two "good practice" articles for the Sport England's Clubmark approved scheme. This scheme ensures that all clubs meets certain quality standards. Check their website, it should be there soon! <http://www.clubmark.org.uk/news>

From the Finance Corner from Manhar Shah

The finance policy has now been approved and set for the forthcoming year. The budget also been approved for the forthcoming year 1st September 2007 to 31st August 2008. If you would like copies, this is available at the front desk or on request in writing to the Treasurer.

These are the fees approved for the new academic year:

Annual Subscription

Adult	£22.00
Associate	£8.00
Junior	£16.00

Term Fees

Junior Learn to Swim	£55.00
Adult Swimmers	£60.00
Rookie Lifeguard	£57.00
Bronze Medallion	£70.00
Award of Merit/Distinction	£70.00

Important notice to all members. Our incentive to introduce new members **will be finishing** on last day of this term (13th July 2007). To qualify application forms must be received by end of last session.