

## Shropshire Sailing Club Newsletter

### September 2010

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Rob and Becca Morris and George and Ed Shelley, who finished 19<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> out of 140 entrants at the RS Feva World Championships in Carnac at the end of July. That followed their 10<sup>th</sup> (Morrises) and 24<sup>th</sup> (Shelleys) at the Feva Nationals over the May Bank Holiday. The results cap two years' hard work in Feva zone and national squads up and down the country.

**DIRTY WORK:** Thanks to Simon Forster for plumbing fixes, Dave Wright for electrical installations and Jonathan Edmondson for new lavatory doors.

**NEW CLUBHOUSE:** Club House Development is currently held up awaiting the estate to complete a review of all its properties before it is prepared to discuss a lease. Without one we cannot progress with planning or apply for funding.

**POWERBOATS:** The club is developing a five year powerboat plan. If anyone would like to make any comments about their experiences of the Dory, rib, Rigiflex, flubber, or Charity, (their preferences for safety usage; whether should be hand throttle or steering wheel; how they could be improved, or preferences for their replacements etc) please forward them to Bryn Morton, or Brian Johnson.

**24 HOUR RACE:** We have withdrawn from the Southport 24 hour race due to lack of time to train. We will hopefully be able to enter a team next year.

**ANNUAL DINNER:** It is on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at Shrewsbury Town FC.

**CLICK:** There's a photo gallery on the new website – have a look. Send your pictures to: [gallery@shropshiresailingclub.co.uk](mailto:gallery@shropshiresailingclub.co.uk). It's a special mailbox, 7Gb capacity, 20Mb maximum file attachment, so submit anything about life at Whitemere, or sailing exploits elsewhere.

**FRIDAY NIGHTS:** Thanks to Rob Shelley and Tiffer Morris for running the very successful Friday night advanced boat handling course during the early summer.

**BUOYED UP:** Chris Endacott has organised the placement of two new buoys, marked 7 and 8, shuffled the others round to accommodate them, and amended the racing course board. The "Pink" buoys all have new ropes/chains/weights and have been labelled A, B & S. Well done.

**JUNIOR OPEN:** This year is on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be organised by Paul Dutton and the Race Officer will be Rob Shelley. Depending on entries, there will be two starts for each race, with the second one dedicated to novice racers who will receive coaching, if necessary, as they go. More details soon.

**FULL HOUSE:** (Social Secretary Sue Walters writes) Though it seems a long time ago now, if you didn't get to the Chilli and Bingo night what a great evening you missed. We had a very enjoyable time laughing at our Commodore's old jokes as he called the Bingo. Can someone give John a new script?

All joking aside though John is a very good Bingo caller and he does make this a very fun event even if he did get confused with his Baker's Dozen. We had 34 players and during the break we were served a wonderful chilli cooked by Pam Wright with rice cooked by Caryl Murphy. What a fantastic job these two members of the Social Committee did to feed us so superbly with generous helpings and seconds for those who could manage it. Mary Clifford cooked the veggie version. Very many thanks to our galley chefs who helped make this evening the success it was.

In the advertising flyer sent out before the event it stated that previous winners had bought a villa in Spain and a yacht on the Med and our prize winners are well on the way to achieving similar status symbols. Pauline Johnson won a full house two games running (why were the rest of us playing when she had clearly got the winning streak) and, likewise, Terry Adlington winning 2 lines. Then there was the Ashton family, yes Karen and Brian both won a full house each, all of which were adjudicated as correct by Sue Walters. This was even after Karen fell into some sort of spaced out moment when she had to keep going over to the board to cross out those she had missed. So scintillating was the calling that she thinks she fell asleep! And she still had a full house to take the money.

Then there was the 'tried hard but must do better' element of the evening. No wonder offspring don't like to socialise with their parents because of embarrassing moments. There was our very respected Membership Secretary playing to the bitter end in the 'Sit Down, Irish Bingo' when the last man standing takes the winnings. Well, he stood to the very end but when Sue checked his card one of his numbers had been called when he should have sat down and then found, much to his and his family's embarrassment! The true winner was a guest of the Adlington family.

These were the main highlights of the winners and a few other members departed with some winnings tucked in their pockets. Our major winners went home with fear of being mugged after the success of their night's play.

We also held a raffle which made £45 and the proceeds of the evening boosted the club coffers with a profit. So what an evening you missed if you didn't come.

Thanks to everyone who came and to all those who helped make the evening so enjoyable and successful.

**COMMODORE'S EVENING – 20 JULY:** The proposed Skittles with Fish 'n' Chips Evening on 28 May was cancelled because of it coinciding with half term holidays when many families would have been away. However, an alternative Commodore's Evening was eventually held on 20 July by having a BBQ at the clubhouse followed by a Fun Quiz. The event was well attended by 50-60 members and guests and the weather was kind enough to allow the BBQ to be held. It finally rained just as people were finishing their food resulting in a mad dash to clear up and to take part in the quiz.

Many thanks go to Commodore Chef John ably assisted by club guest, Ted Williams, who between them did a marvellous job of burger flipping and sausage turning. Wonderful salads, coleslaw and potato salad were prepared by Sarah Dutton and Pam Wright and very many thanks, once again, to them both. There was a small charge for the BBQ food which covered the cost and made a small profit for club funds.

There then followed the Fun Quiz organised by Sue Walters which seemed to be enjoyed by everyone, with all the answers being either sweets or chocolates. Many mutterings and self talking was heard and exclamations of amazement when an answer was found. (the 'Eureka' moment?) Also many groans went round the tables when the answers were given at the end of the quiz. Well done to the joint winning teams of Ellie James with her 2 friends and guest, and team Karen Ashton, Brian Ashton and Trina Maitland-Brown both teams scoring 30 out of 36. They were well rewarded for winning such an 'intellectual' quiz by dipping into the club's store sweetie jar for their prize. **It did go to show who were the chocoholics amongst our members!**

Thanks to everyone who participated and be assured that there could be more quizzes of this calibre held in the future!

We look forward to seeing you at future social events – just watch out for further information via the Commodore's emails. Please do make the effort to come to the social events organised by the Social Committee as it is a way to mix and socialise with other members of our club and are held for all our benefits. Thanks Sue.

This newsletter was brought to you by Paul Dutton and is based entirely on SSC members' contributions. If you would like something including in the next newsletter, due in less time than to took to produce this one, contact me on [duttons.family@gmail.com](mailto:duttons.family@gmail.com)