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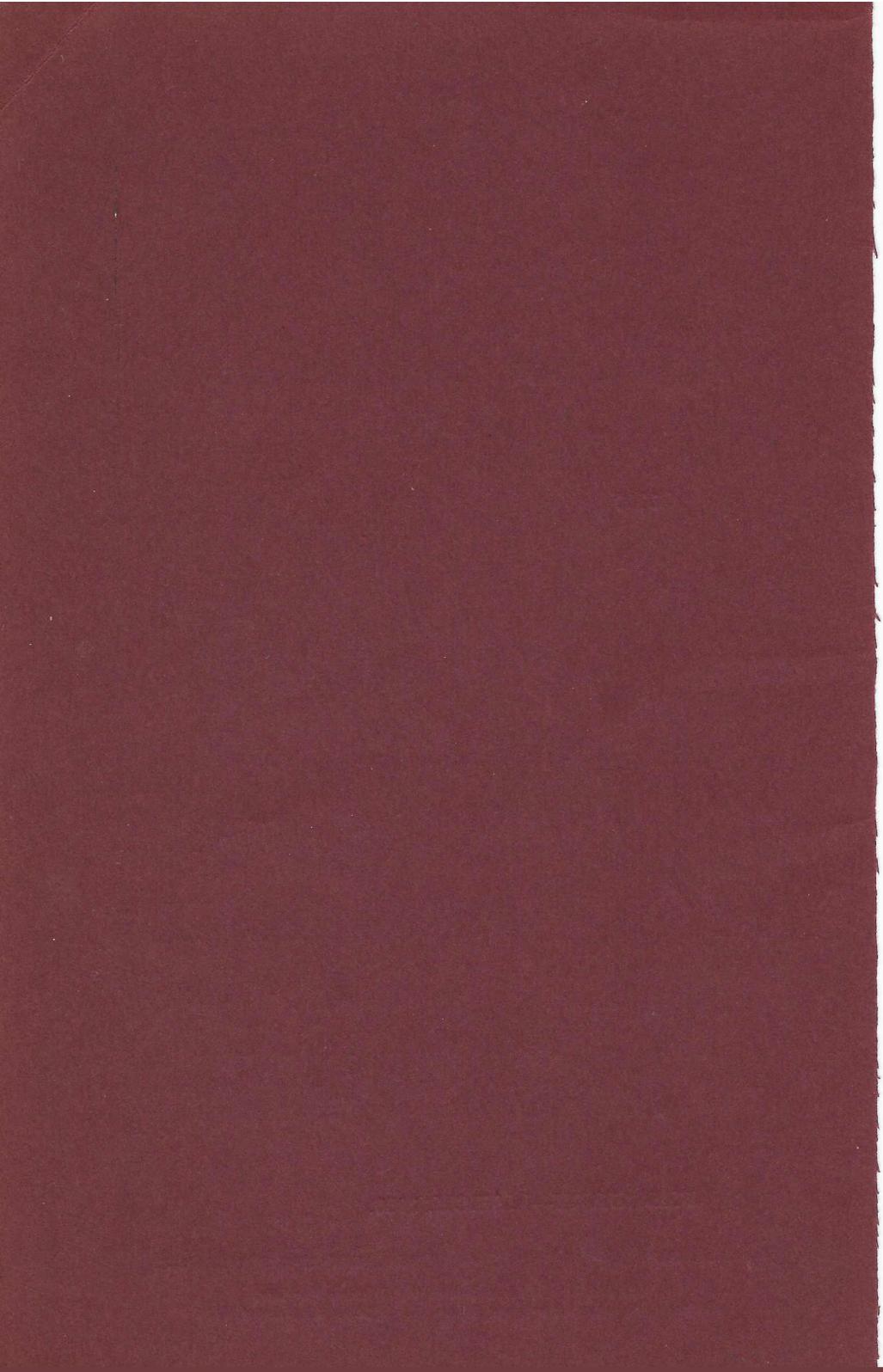
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“OUR



BERT.”

H. E. FOOTER.

South of the Thames Champion, 1930.  
Surrey Cross-Country Champion, 1930.  
Club Ten Miles Champion, 1925, 1926, 1930.  
Club Seven Miles Champion, 1929.

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We hasten to extend our very heartiest congratulations to “Bert” Footer upon his very fine running in the South of the Thames Championship, which gained first place for him in a large field of runners. He is the first Belgrave runner to win this championship and so gains for himself a unique position in our Club history. He has rendered such magnificent service to the Club in the past seven seasons that it is only right that he should be the first to so distinguish himself in this way. Bravo, Bert!

It would have been a wonderful performance if our team had been able to win the South of the Thames Championship for the second time, seeing that our last year's winning team was barred and an entirely new six scoring men had to be found. As it was, they finished second and accomplished a very creditable feat. To finish three men in the first five in something to be very proud of, and the spectators at the race were quick to appreciate it.

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Our new members this month are: E. Jones, H. W. Woodcock, G. W. Lander (brother of "A.A."), A. V. Chetland, J. A. Hills, H. J. Jones ("J.A.'s" brother), and F. A. Haydon. We wish them every success in our colours.

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The Hon. Treasurer wishes to remind all members that their subscriptions became due on the date of the Annual General Meeting in September last. Any members who have not already paid are requested to do so at the earliest possible opportunity. All remittances should be sent to Mr. H. Parker, 4 Albert Bridge Road, S.W.11.

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Some of our members have been active recently in events outside the Club fixture list. W. S. Mitchell won a ten miles road race at Colchester in good time, whilst H. S. Cook and C. W. Tame both won the ten miles Championships of their first-claim Clubs, Polytechnic H. and St. George's S.S.C. respectively. J. F. King finished third in the Sussex County Road-Walking Championship on February 15th.

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### MAKE A NOTE OF APRIL 26th !!

Afternoon.—Match *v.* L.A.C. and Handicaps.

Evening.—Club Dinner at the Crighton Restaurant, Clapham Junction.

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### THE SURREY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Saturday, January 11th. What a day of contrasts! an early promise of a fine day right up to the time we arrived at Epsom, and then the weather did its worst. Our boys, on the contrary; rising to the occasion, did their best, and so good was this best that our old pal "Joe" tipped them for the Southern.

With regard to the race one could only see the start, and then, by a route march to the Grand Stand, see the runners in the dis-

tance, a series of straggling dots on the sky line. We know that L. H. Weatherill (S.L.H.) and H. S. H. Cook (Bel.) took the lead and then over-ran the trail, having to double back and so lose a lot of ground. Then we struggled down to the winning post. By this time the conditions were appalling, snow blowing straight into the faces of the runners; and visibility was so bad that one could only see about twenty yards. Snow-covered judges and spectators stared into the mist, waiting. At last a runner, and (cheers!) it is Footer, spreading badly, rolling a bit. but with chin thrust out and that do-or-die look on his face that we know so well. Bravo, Bert! Following him came J. A. H. Sutherland (Surrey A.C.), G. H. P. Thompson (S.L.H.) and L. H. Weatherill (S.L.H.). Then we danced with joy as W. S. Mitchell, A. Penny and H. S. H. Cook all raced in together. *Four in seven!* Our feet were quite warm now. Two more, L. J. Cohen (Ashcombe A.C.) and G. W. Tolley (Epsom), and then E. A. Duffett, finishing like a train. *Five in ten!* Before we had time to chill again, H. E. Wills raced in and completed our scoring six. Congratulations to all the team. We are proud of the splendid way you upheld the prestige of the Belgrave Harriers.

RESULT.

1. H. E. Footer ... .. 37 55 2-5	7. H. S. Cook ... .. 38 11
5. W. S. Mitchell ... .. 38 10	10. E. A. Duffett ... .. 38 32
6. A. W. Penny ... .. 38 11	21. H. E. Wills ... .. 40 49
1. Belgrave H.—1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 18 ... .. 47 pts.	
2. Surrey A.C.—2, 23, 14, 15, 16, 21 ... .. 80 pts.	
3. South London H.—3, 4, 19, 27, 29, 35 ... .. 117 pts.	

And now may we be permitted to pay tribute to a splendid sportsman. It was H. S. H. Cook's misfortune to be working right up till 2 p.m. on the day of the race. On Tuesday night we discussed ways and means of getting him to Epsom by 3 p.m. Trains were out of the question as he was fixed at Goldhawk Road Shepherd's Bush. Capt. W. H. Ellison was appealed to by phone on Wednesday and replied with a cheery "I'll be there, boy." He was; and thanks to the skilful driving of Reg. Freestone, Cook was in the dressing room, warm and dry, at 2-30 p.m. This is not the first time that the Captain has placed his car and time at our disposal, and he has never let us down. Captain Ellison, the Belgrave Harriers salute you!

E.G.

THE KENLEY AFFAIR.

On January 18th eight burly Belgravians (not to mention officials) went Kenley-wards in search of sausage-and-mash and similar epicurean delicacies, and I understand the fixture was a great success. I am assured that our team (again not forgetting the officials) acquitted themselves well and showed our R.A.F. friends that they might be relied upon to maintain Belgrave

prestige, no matter what the cost (physical, not monetary, of course).

This fixture is certainly becoming very popular, and even keener competition for a place in the team seems probable next year. Trials may even have to take place in order to choose our men to oppose the R.A.F.

But, I forget, there was to have been a race! It appears that the runners left the right trail and followed that in use in the S.L.H. *v.* Cwmbran H. match. Thus, the run, from a racing point of view, proved a fiasco, but from the appetite-producing viewpoint was a decided success, and our boys are confident that they can give an equally good account of themselves over a five-course meal as they can over a five-miles course. And so we will leave them with their exultant shouts of "We had eggs on toast this time" still ringing in our ears, and learn from the pen of Arthur Penny how the runners fared at Bishopsford.

Our team was rather a weak one, owing to the fact that several of the stars were representing the Club at Kenley *v.* the R.A.F. However, we had quite an enjoyable run over a rather short course, perhaps; but nevertheless our team managed to score a handsome win, scoring 55 pts. to St. Georges' 127. One of our team, Coleman, had the misfortune to sprain an ankle early in the race and was forced to retire. The rest of the team ran very well and more or less up to form over a strange course.

The social side proved a success, our good friend "Dug" Sloper doing more than his share towards it, as is his usual custom, being "a sociable sort of fellow." A brisk wash and rub-down, then a very welcome cup of tea and a chat about race ended the day very satisfactorily.

1. A. W. Penny...	B.H.	25	1	13. T. Cotton ...	B.H.	28	30
2. W. G. Webb ...	B.H.	26	0	14. D. A. Sloper ...	B.H.	28	35
3. F. R. Webb ...	B.H.	26	20	15. W. R. Adey ...	S.G.	29	0
4. N. Dewberry ...	B.H.	26	50	16. A. Warren ...	S.G.	29	25
5. H. T. Davis ...	S.G.	26	51	17. S. Sheppard ...	B.H.	29	27
6. L. C. Price ...	B.H.	26	51 1-5	18. A. T. Webb ...	B.H.	30	5
7. W. A. Rice ...	B.H.	27	25	19. H. Tame ...	S.G.	31	45
8. E. Warren ...	S.G.	27	26	20. T. H. Bull ...	S.G.	32	35
9. S. Drake ...	B.H.	27	35	21. A. Allen... ...	S.G.	32	40
10. H. L. Rollins	B.H.	28	10	22. L. E. Fletcher	B.H.	33	15
11. E. H. Neville...	S.G.	28	15	23. B. McClure ...	S.G.	33	55
12. R. L. Tizzard	S.G.	28	25	24. C. Meirhans	S.G.	34	30
Belgrave H.—1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13	...	...	...	...	...	55	pts.
St. George's S.S.C.—5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21	...	...	...	...	...	127	pts.

### THE CAMBRIDGE H. OPEN WALK.

We had 18 starters out of 132 in this event, held at Eltham, and had the extreme satisfaction of taking away eleven of the twenty-two prizes awarded. We usually fare well in this race,

but on this occasion our walkers surpassed themselves. Len Fletcher and Tommy Green were chasing Hyde from the commencement of the race, but were not able to catch him. These two, with the help of Paul Khlopin (17th) and Frank Elson (20th) gave us the scratch team awards, whilst C. H. Speechley (second in the individual handicap), S. L. King, P. N. Khlopin and A. L. Fletcher formed the quartet gaining second prizes in the handicap team race—beaten by eight seconds. If R. G. Hillier, who is rapidly improving, had been included in the "A" team we should have taken premier awards, but it is, of course, impossible to foresee an incident of this nature.

It is necessary to state that the course was short of the stipulated seven miles as is evident from the times returned. Fletcher had a good day, taking away no less than three prizes, whilst Sid King took his first prize since staging a "come-back." Speechley maintains his improved form and this season looks like being the best of many for him.

Khlopin in the last quarter of a mile seemed to have shot his bolt but by sheer pluck managed to finish the course and help the team win.

And now a word to some of the younger walkers. Remember that the judges are just as strict in the last hundred yards as they are at the start.. My advice is: "Use your speed during the race, and not wait until the last bit is reached."

H. E.

Pos.	RESULT.			Actual		H'cap	
			All'ce	Time	Time	Time	
1.	C. W. Hyde (Enfield A.C.)	...	Scr.	...	50 24	...	50 24
2.	A. L. Fletcher	...	0 35	...	50 56	...	50 21
3.	T. W. Green	...	0 30	...	51 36	...	51 6
17.	P. N. Khlopin	...	4 30	...	54 44	...	50 14
20.	F. H. Elson	...	2 40	...	55 3	...	52 23
21.	C. H. Speechley	...	5 50	...	55 7	...	49 17
24.	S. L. King	...	5 20	...	55 21	...	50 1
30.	W. G. Dodkin	...	5 20	...	56 5	...	50 45
40.	R. G. Hillier	...	7 30	...	57 9	...	49 39
46.	R. F. Elson	...	7 10	...	57 54	...	50 44
51.	A. A. Harley	...	7 30	...	58 20	...	50 50
66.	W. Clark	...	7 0	...	59 21	...	52 21
68.	S. T. Ring	...	7 20	...	59 58	...	52 38
76.	A. H. Field	...	7 50	...	61 2	...	53 12
87.	H. E. Larman	...	8 0	...	61 55	...	53 55
116.	W. Fuller	...	16 0	...	72 0	...	56 0

TEAM RESULT.

Scratch.	1—Belgrave H.—2, 3, 15, 18	...	...	...	38 pts.
	2—Enfield A.C.—1, 11, 14, 17	...	...	...	43 pts.
Handicap.	1—Cambridge H.	...	...	...	199m. 45s.
	2—Belgrave H. (A)	...	...	...	199m. 53s.
	3—Enfield A.C.	...	...	...	200m. 15s.

## THE TEN MILES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

January 25th; cold, windy, and wet underfoot—such was the condition of the weather for the Club Championship. Footer was naturally a firm favourite owing to his greatly improved form, but nobody was certain.

The race started at quite a moderate speed with E. Duffett in the lead after the first mile. The course was over two laps, and at the end of the first Jack Flower, Allum, Mitchell, Penny and Footer were grouped well together some fifty yards ahead of Warboys, who was running well and seemed quite fresh.

After completing the mile lap they started on the second lap. The leaders were still grouped together with Allum, who seemed to be running a little too fast for himself, now in the lead. Warboys was still picking up. Ernie Duffett had found the going a little hard and had retired. Dewberry was running very well and although some distance was picking up very quickly. F. R. Webb was dropping back and later dropped out on the far side of the Golf Course.

From the appearance of the competitors, the going was very hard and muddy, and one or two of the Juniors were evidently feeling it. Apart from the group in the lead the others were strung out, in some cases very widely.

At the finish Bert Footer came in an easy winner by about 50 yds., with J. Flower and Allum filling 2nd and 3rd places.

The results and handicap positions are shown below :—

Pos.	Name	Actual		Start	H'cap		Pos. in H'cap	
		Time	Time		Time	H'cap		
1.	H. E. Footer	59 49	...	Scr.	...	59 49	...	1
2.	J. E. Flower	60 3	...	0 10	...	59 53	...	2
3.	A. Allum	60 23	...	0 10	...	60 13	...	4
4.	A. Penny	61 30	...	0 10	...	61 20	...	4
5.	S. H. Warboys	61 47	...	0 25	...	61 22	...	7
6.	W. G. Webb	63 24	...	0 25	...	62 59	...	11
7.	A. Canard	64 45	...	2 30	...	62 15	...	9
8.	S. R. Chorley	64 55	...	2 45	...	61 48	...	8
9.	N. Dewberry	65 18	...	3 30	...	61 48	...	8
10.	W. A. Rice	66 6	...	1 30	...	64 36	...	16
11.	W. L. Bayliss	66 14	...	2 15	...	63 59	...	14
12.	W. H. Eastman	66 17	...	6 0	...	60 17	...	5
13.	T. J. Flower	66 18	...	1 15	...	65 3	...	17
14.	A. E. Miller	66 28	...	6 30	...	59 58	...	3
15.	F. W. Tame	67 5	...	3 30	...	63 35	...	13
16.	C. W. Tame	67 11	...	1 45	...	65 36	...	19
17.	A. G. Jones	68 20	...	3 15	...	65 5	...	18
18.	S. Drake	68 54	...	5 30	...	68 24	...	12
19.	W. Mitchell	72 1	...	Scr.	...	72 1	...	22
20.	A. E. Smith	75 9	...	2 45	...	72 24	...	23
21.	L. E. Fletcher	75 56	...	7 30	...	68 26	...	21
22.	G. Still	75 59	...	9 0	...	66 59	...	20
23.	H. Goodfellow	76 53	...	12 30	...	64 23	...	15

Below we show the first three positions in the Club ten miles cross-country championships since 1923:—

	First	Second	Third
1923 ...	A. D. Pyer	R. J. Savage	J. G. Flatt
1924 ...	A. D. Pyer	W. L. Bayliss	G. Still
1925 ...	H. E. Footer	{ A. E. Smith { K. B. O'Kell	
1926 ...	H. E. Footer	A. D. Pyer	G. Still
1927 ...	A. Clark	H. E. Footer	A. D. Pyer
1928 ...	A. Clark	E. A. Duffett	A. D. Pyer
1929 ...	W. W. S. Mitchell	E. A. Duffett	A. W. Penny
	*	*	*

Correction.—In our last issue we gave the places in the 1921 seven miles cross-country championship incorrectly. They should read:—

1. J. F. Gray.
2. H. Parker.
3. R. J. Savage.

### THE "R. MURPHY" SHIELD RACE.

"History repeats itself!" we say—too often grumblingly—but at the fight for the Club 10 Miles Walking Championship and the Murphy Shield, History was in its most gracious mood, and in giving us a repetition of the 1925 and 1926 races, we were treated to all that the hearts of sportsmen could desire.. In those years the obstinate fellows were R. D. McMullen and E. L. Reeve, and "Mac" was the victor on each occasion, winning by two seconds on the first, and being compelled to walk 38 seconds faster in order to win by one second the following year. In both cases they had a dour, side-by-side struggle throughout; and all of this was provided for us again by Len Fletcher and Tommy Green in this year's race. Even more stoutly did these two dispute for the leadership for every inch of the journey, and Len eventually won by inches only. Entering the road for home he led by a yard, and Tommy almost caught him at the tape. In congratulating Fletcher we must hasten to add "Bravo both!"

F. Rickards, J. G. Scamell, J. Rathbone, J. E. Field and B. J. T. Knifton, all of whom have walked well in former Club championships, were not present, but otherwise the field of 26 starters was representative of the present strength of the Club. Containing, as it did, former winners in H. F. King (four times), Tommy Green (twice) and R. D. McMullen (twice) in addition to A. L. Fletcher, the London Business Houses Champion, it was indeed the most classic field that has ever contested this race. Fletcher, Green and H. F. King set a fast pace at the start, F. H. Elson being only a few yards behind at a mile. At two miles Elson had dropped back a little more and H. F. King was finding the pace too warm. He fought tenaciously, however, and prevented the leaders from opening a gap of more than 20 yds. in the next mile. From about the 6th mile, however, the two

leaders drew well away, and Harold was eventually beaten by about 400yds. Elson developed a strain when lying 4th, a mile from home, and retired.

Charlie Speechley walked very prominently for about 8 miles, but then fell away considerably. S. L. King walked very evenly throughout to finish 7th and win the handicap. In this our Editor, by setting his teeth and walking up to the colour of his hair, gained second place, with Len Fletcher third, in addition to winning the Championship, R. D. McMullen and E. G. Cooper both walked pleasingly, and they should be fit for the National Championship in May. H. F. King has also set his mind on helping the Club in this event and he should strengthen our team immensely. His walking in the race under review was one of the outstanding features of the season. Previously he had raced but once this winter, yet the form shown over the first 8 miles was so good that it is questionable whether he walked better or faster during the years 1923, 1924, 1927 and 1928, when he was rarely beaten at 7—10 miles on the road. J. F. King, who won the Godstone race in 1925, was making his first appearance as a Belgrave, but he was obviously short of training and could finish no nearer than 11th. No doubt "Mac," the Club captain, deems himself an Emperor, now that he has such a team, and three Kings, under his care.

#### RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Actual	Start	H'cap	Pos. in
		Time	Time	Time	H'cap
1.	A. L. Fletcher	76 19	0 15	76 4	3
2.	T. W. Green	76 19 1-5	Scr.	76 19 1-5	5
3.	H. F. King	78 8	1 45	76 23	6
4.	E. Saunders	81 13	3 30	77 43	12
5.	P. N. Khlopin	81 17	4 40	76 37	7
6.	R. D. McMullen	82 11	3 50	78 21	14
7.	S. L. King	82 44	7 50	74 54	1
8.	C. H. Speechley	82 56	5 40	77 16	9
9.	E. G. Cooper	83 50	4 45	79 5	17
10.	W. G. Dodkin	84 6	7 15	76 51	8
11.	J. F. King	84 31	3 10	81 21	20
12.	R. G. Hillier	85 55	9 40	76 15	4
13.	A. H. East	86 41	9 20	77 21	10
14.	J. C. Bidgood	87 11	8 10	79 1	16
15.	A. A. Harley	87 32	11 40	75 52	2
16.	S. T. King	90 35	12 30	78 5	13
17.	H. E. Larman	90 44	11 45	78 59	15
18.	R. E. Wills	93 39	14 20	79 19	18
19.	D. McDonald	94 0	14 0	80 9	19
20.	J. N. Thomas	95 31	18 0	77 31	11
21.	S. B. Ashby	96 21	12 15	84 6	22
22.	W. Fuller	103 29	22 0	81 29	21
23.	J. W. Hagger	103 29 1-5	10 30	92 59 1-5	23

A new course was used this year. From the times returned it would appear that the distance covered was from 500 to 700 yards short of the stipulated ten miles.

J.B.B.

## THE "SOUTH OF THE THAMES."

Congratulations to the South London Harriers on again winning the "South of the Thames" Championship. Also on again becoming holders of the "Colman" Cup for the team to finish twelve men first.

Congratulations are also due to our team for their splendid performance in obtaining second place, for it must not be forgotten that as we won the last year, the scoring six were barred from competing again this year. And to be beaten by the S.L.H. combination is no disgrace.

To "Our Bert," on his magnificent win, congratulations are again due. He must be a *Multum in Parvo*, for where he finds it, I don't know.

The day very cold, but otherwise fine, and the draw for position favoured our team, for we were on the extreme right and the first turn was right-handed. Our men were prominent at the end of the first small lap of a mile, Footer laying fourth, quite comfortable with the others not far behind. The next lap took the runners right out into the country, and from the top of the hill where our supporters had gathered, a splendid view of the race could be had down the hill. The runners traversed several S bends, then striking across to the river to return up the hill again. The position of the leaders changed considerably hereabouts, and it could be seen that several took the lead in turn, but Footer and J. E. Flower, running as much with heads as their legs, were within striking distance. On the return journey Footer was laying second and was given a great ovation by his friends with bells and rattles. At this point Jack Flower was 4th, Warboys 8th, Duffett 16th, Joe Flower 31st, and our next two, Bayliss and Rice, were well back. The last lap saw the leaders racing in real earnest, Tebbutt (S.L.H.) going away with Bert in close attendance until Bert made his big effort and went away to win a glorious race in 46 mins. 9 secs., about 80—100 yds. ahead of the second man.

Bert received a tremendous ovation from the crowd and Club supporters and I am quite safe in saying he has made Club history, being the first Belgravian to ever win this race, although we have regularly competed from the foundation of the Championship.

"J.E." came along next, 4th and Sid Warboys, who had picked up several places, next, 5th, still smiling. Three in five! Duffett 16th, T. J. Flower 36th, and W. L. Bayliss, who had picked up perhaps twenty places, 60th, completed our six. But the team race was already won by S.L.H. with six men in twenty-

five (Great running! Last year we had six in twenty-six), and their twelfth man was home before our eighth.

And so we returned, feeling that, all things considered, we had done very well and that something more had been done to add to Belgrave history.

RESULT.

1. H. E. Footer ...	46 9	66. A. C. Canard ...	49 35
4. J. E. Flower ...	46 41	86. S. R. Chorley ...	49 58
5. S. H. Warboys...	46 57	89. W. A. Rice ...	50 1
16. E. A. Duffett ...	47 31	101. A. E. Smith ...	50 22
36. T. J. Flower ...	48 40	115. W. H. Eastman ...	50 49
60. W. L. Bayliss ...	49 28	117. N. R. Dewberry ...	50 55
1. South London H.—2, 6, 9, 15, 18, 25 ...			75 pts.
2. Belgrave H.—1, 4, 5, 16, 36, 60 ...			122 pts.
3. Herne Hill H.—10, 21, 28, 29, 31, 40 ...			159 pts.

THE R.A.F. (KENLEY) AT WIMBLEDON.

On February 15th we entertained the R.A.F. (Kenley) to a return fixture at Wimbledon. Our team consisted in the main of those who would not be called upon to run in the "Southern" on the following Saturday, and they won easily. A. C. Stone, the well-known Highgate Harrier, running for the R.A.F., beat Mitchell by about 40 yds., but our men filled the next six positions. F. R. Webb ran well to finish third, and A. E. Smith showed a welcome return to form. Our visitors were afterwards entertained to tea, and so concluded a good afternoon's sport.

RESULT.

1. A.C. Stone ... R.A.F.	30 21	9. L.A.C. Reubins R.A.F.	32 12
2. W. Mitchell ... B.H.	30 32	10. " Tice ...	32 20
3. F. R. Webb ...	31 0	11. " Atkins ...	32 20
4. A. E. Smith ...	31 4	12. C.R.L. Darrell ...	32 54
5. T. J. Flower ...	31 19	13. A.C. Payne ...	33 2
6. A. Canard ...	31 50	14. A.C. Harms ...	33 20
7. S. R. Chorley...	31 56	15. R. Evans ... B.H.	34 20
8. A. E. Miller ...	32 10	16. T. Cotton ...	35 10
		17. L.A.C. Garner R.A.F.	
1. Belgrave H.—2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 ...			27 pts.
2. R.A.F. Kenley—1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 ...			56 pts.

THE ASHCOMBE A.C. WALK.

We had twenty-two entries out of 93 in the Ashcombe Open Walk, held over a 10½ miles course in Richmond Park, and did our best to confiscate all the awards. We were the first team to finish four men (in fact, we had six in thirteen); won the team handicap; supplied the individual winner and the winner and second man in the handicap.

The wonderful feature of the race, from our point of view, was the defeat of C. W. Hyde, the A.A.A. seven miles champion, by our champion, Len Fletcher. Len led at two miles, was over fifty yards behind at seven miles, and yet won by over two minutes,

recording 83 mins. 46 secs. for the 10½ miles—surely his best performance yet.

Khlopin finished seventh in the scratch race—his best yet—and so won the handicap, whilst Fletcher gained second prize on the toss of a coin from P. W. Collier, of the London Vidarians.

#### RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Actual Time	Start	H'cap Time	Pos. in H'cap
1.	A. L. Fletcher	83 46	0 50	82 56	2
6.	H. F. King	87 59	2 30	85 29	
7.	P. Khlopin	88 10	5 30	82 40	1
9.	F. H. Elson	88 46	3 50	84 56	
12.	J. E. Field	89 17	4 40	84 37	7
13.	E. Saunders	89 42	5 40	84 2	4
19.	S. L. King	91 58	6 50	85 8	
20.	R. D. McMullen	92 5	2 50	89 15	
24.	J. Rathbone	92 53	4 50	88 3	
29.	R. G. Hillier	94 15	9 20	84 55	9
30.	F. Rickards	94 35	3 0	91 34	
31.	J. C. Bidgood	94 36	8 30	86 6	
35.	A. H. East	95 46	6 30	89 16	
43.	A. A. Harley	98 15	9 50	88 25	
50.	W. G. Dodkin	100 21	7 10	93 11	
56.	A. H. Field	102 26	10 40	91 46	

#### HANDICAP TEAM RESULT.

1. Belgrave H.	334m. 15s.	3. Enfield A.C.	341m. 48s.
2. Herne Hill H.	339m. 9s.	4. Belgrave H. (B)	344m. 34s.

### FIELD EVENTS.

It is now time for all members of the Field Events Section to commence training. At our first meeting, on Saturday, April 26th, there will be two field events included in the programme. These are a long jump and javelin throw *versus* the London Athletic Club, and also a long jump handicap open to all members.

Consistent and persistent training is the only secret of success in field events. To become a champion it is necessary to devote much time and thought to training; if this is done eventual reward is certain. If any member is not successful at running or walking, I would strongly advise him to take up a field event.

Messrs. Thompson, Hegarty, Noble and Mackie should all show improvement with the javelin this season. Javelins, a discus, a shot, and a pole for jumping are all available at the Park, so get down to it and let's have some really good performances.

G. H. POWELL, *Field Events Captain.*

### THE R.W.A. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The R.W.A. Championship has attracted the attention and efforts of the Belgrave from the very beginning of its history, for when the first race of the series was promoted in 1909, the team was placed second, and we supplied the winner in the person of

Harry Evans, who is now known better as a judge than as an active walker.

Nothing further is known of the Club's performances until after the War, since when we have a very fine record, although our number of actual wins is not so great as might have been. The first post-war Championship was held at Blackheath in 1920, and that year we drew our first blood as winners of the team event.

In 1922 we secured a "double," for H. F. King headed the field and with the assistance of A. F. P. Spendlove (who finished 3rd), J. Miles and our ex-President, Harry Hare (16th and 18th respectively) won the Team Championship for the Club for the second time. Their score of 38 points is still the lowest aggregate of any Belgrave team in the "Junior."

On two occasions our Club has been placed second; in 1925, when we were beaten by only 5 points, and again in 1929, when our scoring four were in the first twenty-one.

Third place has been our lot no less than four times, these being in 1921, when George Cooper, who was at the time representing another club, won the individual title; 1924; 1926 and 1928.

In 1927 Tommy Green, who had not been with us long enough to qualify as a team man, beat Len Fletcher by two seconds for the championship after a thrilling struggle all the way. On this occasion the team was fourth, although their score of 69 pts. would have gained them a place in any previous year.

The only Belgrave, other than those already mentioned, who has been in the first three is F. W. Thorn who walked into third place in 1924 when competing as an individual.

The number of entries for this race has greatly increased since 1920, the record being in 1928, when no less than 328 competitors faced the starter. These larger fields lead to fiercer competition, and the winner of a present day Junior Championship can claim to be a walker of great merit.

### WITH THE WALKERS.

Nothing much has happened in the Walking Section other than the Cambridge Harriers Open, the Club 10 Mile Championship, and the Ashcombe A.C. Open.

On January 25th a match between the Police and the Railways brought out more of our club-mates than did a similar race between Police and Belgrave. Tommy Green went off the course when holding a good lead and eventually finished 11th. Other Bels. were Rathbone, 4th; Rickards, 12th and Bidgood, 13th, for the Police, and J. F. King for the Railways.

"Joe" King, one of our recent recruits, won the 10 miles Cham-

pionship of the Southern Railway on February 8th. Tommy Green, the holder, did not start.

The big event of the near future is the R.W.A. Junior Championship, which is to be decided on March 1st at Enfield, and we shall as usual be strongly represented in an endeavour to add another win to our credit. Supporters are especially welcome on this occasion.

The Surrey County Road Walking Championship is to be held on March 22nd, and it is hoped that on this occasion we shall record our first team win.

## SPORTS JOTTINGS

By "Observer."

At a recent meeting of the Southern Amateur Athletic League it was decided, in view of the numerous applications for membership, to form additional divisions with promotion and relegation. It has now been decided to form three divisions to accommodate the eighteen clubs, as follows:—

Polytechnic Harriers, who won last season's competition by two points, South London H., Belgrave H., Herne Hill H., Surrey A.C., and Highgate H. will form the first division.

Second Division: Woodford Green A.C., Queen's Park H., Finchley H., Fitzroy Lodge A.C., Cambridge H. and Ilford A.C.

Third division: Mitcham A.C., Ashcombe A.C., Enfield A.C., Mary Ward A.C., Southgate and Wood Green A.C. and Essex Beagles.

The winners of the second division will gain promotion, displacing the last club in Division I., but two clubs will be relegated from Division II. and promoted from Division III.

The clubs in the second and third divisions will arrange the events in which they compete, but in the case of the first division each of the six contests will be allocated to an important sports meeting.

Polytechnic Harriers will include the 4 x 220 yds. Relay in the programme for their Marathon and Kinnaird Meeting at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, May 31st, and the Civil Service A.A.A. will stage the 1 mile team race at their meeting on Saturday, June 14th, at Stamford Bridge.

The first division have also instituted a series of inter-club competitions in field events, and it has now been arranged to hold the following events:—

High Jump, May 8th, at Herne Hill H. Meeting at Herne Hill Track. Putting the Shot, June 26th, at Poly H. Meeting, Paddington Track. Javelin, July 2nd, at Belgrave H. Meeting, Battersea Park Track. Long Jump, July 23rd, at Highgate H. Meeting, Finsbury Park Track. Discus, July 28th, at Surrey A.C.

Meeting, Battersea Park Track. 120 yds. Hurdles, August 20th, at South London H. Meeting, Battersea Park Track.

It has been decided that 3 men should compete for each Club in each event, 2 to score. In the Hurdles events the scoring will be 4, 3, 2, 1 points, the club with the highest score winning the event.

Another interesting item of news is that Birchfield Harriers propose to come to town for the L.A.C.'s Spring meeting with ten mile runners to compete against the next best ten in the country.

The race would presumably be run in relay fashion, and whether this would very entertaining to watch is open to doubt, especially if one team set up a good lead over the other.

While on the question of mile runners I should like to say that I consider our own Club could give any team in the country a run, counting ten aside. Our narrow defeat last year in the Victory Cup showed the strength of our boys and the more to count the better we like it.

Take the following ten names—there are, no doubt, others, but these will do for an example: T. J. Flower, W. A. Rice, W. G. Webb, J. E. Flower, H. E. Footer, E. A. Duffett, A. Allum, A. W. Penny, W. S. Mitchell and A. D. Pyer. Here are ten men of proved ability over the distance, namely 1 mile, and I should say that fit and well this team would average well inside 4 mins. 40 secs. I say would average, mark you, and if you reflect that the Victory Cup was won by a team, of four men, averaging about 4 mins. 38 secs., you will readily agree that our team would take some beating with ten aside running.

My next three Club members are as follows:—

W. H. Eastman, a promising recruit to our cross-country section and one who should show a big improvement on the track this Summer. Has done a little running in Scout events before he joined us, but it has been during the Winter season that he has shown signs of developing into a very useful distance runner. Is on the young side, so would be wise not to force matters just yet but to let his improvement come gradually.

F. R. Webb, a brother of our respected cross-country captain and has a big advantage over "Bill" by the fact that he has youth on his side. Was formerly a member of the Ashcombe A.C., and did well in Opens on the track when competing in their colours. Has now become eligible to run for us in team events and we hope he will do better in the "Claret and Gold" than he did in the "Chevron."

R. G. Hillier, another of our youthful members of the walking section. Has gained some successes in Club handicaps and has been walking well during the present season on the road. Is of good build for walking and if he gives his mind to it should do much better in the future.

## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CLUB.

The last social of the season, held at Wimbledon on January 25th, was, from an entertainment point of view, the best of the series. In fact, with so many performers at hand it was a job to work them all in without giving the dancing fraternity a long wait. The programme was well varied, as we had dancing, vocal and instrumental artistes. Billy Williams, with new songs, scored his usual success. His inebriated actions are very realistic (no offence, Billy!).

Then came the surprise item. This was a troupe dance. Miss Parsons of the "L.O.'s" had very sportingly asked some of her friends—members of a gymnastic class—to come along and give us a demonstration of a "Tarantella" dance. This is a very intricate troupe dance, and the state of our floor did not help. Anyway, judging by the reception, it was very much appreciated and only the strenuous efforts of the dance prevented an encore. Tom Cotton has firmly established himself as a favourite. His songs were well chosen and sung. Another surprise item was the ability as a trumpeter of A. T. Webb, who with his accompanist, helped us over that period between tea and the arrival of the dance band.

Then came Miss Grace Kirkpatrick. I think everybody knows how well she can sing, and it was with general regret that time prevented her from singing more than two numbers. R. F. Elson, as a parson, surprised and amused us all, and then when Perce Cook came on to the dance floor with efforts to emulate Ben Blue, I was forced to alter my opinion regarding the talent we have in the Club, and with encouragement we ought to unearth some more. We had quite a good number present, and with the entertainment that was provided, it was really a good wind-up to our socials for 1929-30.

Our third dance of the season saw us back at Wandsworth Town and again we had a great crowd. On such a night it would have been quite pardonable to have had a few dozen there only, but we had round about three hundred present.

Now about our Annual Dinner. This has been definitely fixed for Saturday, April 26th, in the evening, after our opening track meeting. This should provide a great filip and I do hope the dinner will be representative of all sections this year. The venue is very accessible, being at the Crighton Restaurant, Clapham Junction, and the price of the tickets will be reasonable. Further details shortly.

W. A. RICE.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

The cross-country season is now drawing to a close and Saturday, March 8th, sees the grand finale so far as the team championships are concerned.

On this day the National Cross-Country Championship will be held at Graves Park, Sheffield. A special train will leave London (St. Pancras) at 9-55 a.m., arriving at Sheffield at 1-23 p.m. Third class return fare, 14/-. Our team and supporters will travel by this train.

On March 15th we have a social run with Herne Hill Harriers from their headquarters at Mottingham. This will take the form of a road run, in view of the close proximity of the Brighton Relay, and it is hoped that all members keen on securing a place in the team will turn up and support this fixture.

The 5 miles Road Run with Sealed Handicap in conjunction, will be held on March 22nd.

This has been brought forward from the 29th as this is the date fixed for the Inter-Counties race at Wolverhampton.

Our 5 miles Road Race will be in the nature of a trial for the 10 places in the Club's Brighton Relay team. The Handicap was put on for the benefit of those members who wish to have a run and I hope that we will have a bumper entry. Entries close 18th inst.

An additional attraction on the 22nd is the International race at Leamington Spa. Special train from Paddington at 11-18 a.m. Return fare 5/-.

We have one International in the Club and it is not without the bounds of reason that we might have another; it all depends on how "bad" Bert feels on the day of the race.

The 29th is the day of the Inter-Counties Championship at Wolverhampton. We hope to have at least four Club members competing for their respective counties and the Belgrave element should be well to the fore.

Don't forget April 12th. This is Brighton Relay day. Book your seats early for the trip to Brighton.

All enquiries to E. A. DUFFETT, *Hon. Running Sec.*,  
138 Frant Road, Thornton Heath.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Newcastle-under-Lyme.

My Dear Belgravians,

In various papers (almost as well edited as our own Gazette) one invariably sees a controversy as to which is the most exciting sport or pastime. Well, from my own experience, I would say that there is no sport to equal running as far as excitement is concerned, although I consider tennis the most congenial pastime, if played as such.

Perhaps it would interest some, especially the novices, to know of my experience in the running world, and give them some encouragement.

In the year 1914, at the age of thirteen, I was in Camp with Boy Scouts, and if we left our towels outside the tents after 11 a.m. we were fined a halfpenny. Eventually this sum grew and it was decided to hold a sports meeting "to share the spoils." I entered several events and was placed second in the mile to a fellow named T. C. Crossland. About four or five years later I saw reports, "Sensational sprinting by T. C. Crossland." Writing from memory, I believe he won an "Open 100" in 9 4/5 secs. and I thought "If he can run, so can I."

Before going any further I should mention that Crossland became a member of Surrey A.C. and ran for England *v.* France in an unofficial match. I, with many others, was deeply grieved to hear of his untimely death through poisoning, attributed to a scratch on the arm. This was about 1921, I believe.

Anyhow, after reading the paragraph mentioned, I promptly invested in a cheap pair of spikes, got up at 6 a.m. in the morning and proceeded to run round Wandsworth Park as fast as my ignorant legs would allow me. I had the assistance of two very decent brothers, who would turn out and time my efforts.

Needless to say, my idea of speed was very meagre, but full of hope I entered an "Open" at Kingston. After a mild disappointment at not being on limit, the race began and at the end of a lap I was last. I wondered at what speed a mile was run, but as I was really "groggy" I was persuaded to give up running. This was in 1919. Later, at business, I became associated with A. A. Gordon, son of our present President. We decided to "wipe the board" with the other departments at the firm's sports meeting, so I again set my heart on the mile, and A. Gordon concentrated on the short distances. Under the coaching of our President I got quite fit and won the race very easily, although I had "wind-up"—100 per cent.

At this point I would like to mention to all Belgrave novices—be advised by the older members. As you see, when I thought

I was a potential "Sensational runner" I was doing myself more harm than good, but when I came under the guidance of the Gordon family, I reaped the maximum reward—prizes, and then "scratch" mark.

Here, also, I should like to mention that at the time of my first venture at Kingston, I had joined a famous club which was then "all the rage"—a Surrey club, by the way—but all the advice I ever received was a note asking me to turn up for a club photograph. I can assure you that it was a different reception at Belgrave. I, like most novices, was quite unknown, but reported as "promising." I was cordially welcomed and given advice and information on all hands.

In 1923 I had a very successful summer and later on in the following winter began cross-country running. Up to this time Belgrave had never won a team championship and we hoped to break the spell with the "South of the Thames" Junior—but we were beaten into second place. At this time A. D. Pyer was the "star," with a dogged little chap named Footer always after his body. Well, one day Footer beat Pyer, and I cannot recall him playing second fiddle since!

Gradually our strength grew and we scored our first win at Epsom in the Surrey County Championship on January 2nd, 1926. Since that day Belgrave have advanced beyond all anticipation and it is with a great deal of regret that I cannot now share all the thrills that the various events offer.

Running offers more thrills than most other sports. The thrill of passing your antagonist "up the straight" (although from my experience it is invariably the action of others), even if it only happens once or twice a year, is a grand sensation.

Last night, I was having tea after a rotten game of football, and "London was calling" on the wireless. The announcer came to "Cross-country running," gave the North of the Thames result and then said "South of the Thames was won by H. E. Footer, Belgrave Harriers." Since my last race with the "Bels." this was my first thrill.

Needless to say, your champion Footer is practically a club by himself and an inspiration to any athlete. What he lacks in lineal measure he overcomes with (put as D. G. A. Lowe once did) the "guts" of a lion, not to mention the whole-hearted club spirit he shows.

On Boxing Day morning I visited Battersea Park—the scene of many of my most enjoyable days. During a conversation with our President I remarked how wonderful it was that all the

"Old Brigade" still cling to the Club. He said, "Well, Ken, it's a treat to come down here; they are like a big, happy family." Personally I have always found that so—in our disappointments and in our victories—and I'll bet any money that there is not another club that can say the same for a long way round.

Running has many disappointments, as well as thrills. Take Footer's case; times when he could not "raise a gallop," but there is always hope, and I am convinced that it takes at least three or four seasons to find the best methods of training. So, you young runners, don't get down-hearted if you run badly. Try another method of training, with the advice of the members.

Your history in athletics since 1919 is really remarkable and something for everyone concerned to be proud of.

This winter I have been playing football, but I've had enough and next year I'll be back to the greatest winter pastime (for "old 'uns")—cross-country running. I would classify it as "greatest sport."

I have had quite a lot to say about running; of course, like all of you, I get equal thrills out of our walking section. I pick up a paper quite casually and see a smiling portrait of Tommy Green, Belgrave Harriers, etc. And, then, when it's one's misfortune to be away from the centre of activities, we have the Club Gazette, also the work of whole-hearted club fellows.

No doubt to many of you the Gazette is old news, but I get many pleasant hours looking through old editions and wishing I were in the swim again. The average club does not have such an appeal, no "happy family" spirit, and I can assure you that it is with great pleasure that I receive the familiar Claret and Gold edition. As I am out of reach of most of you, I suggest that it's worth 8d., and I am sure the present edition is at least worth a Bob!!! (No "cat-calls" from St. John's Hall, please).

All you younger members have a lot to be thankful for: splendid organisation, unselfish devotion in club interests by men whose only enjoyment is to see the club's activities increase, and attain fame in the athletic world.

I was interested to see more of our benedicts "hauled into the net." How many little black books has H. Parker filled? Are Belgrave—"unofficial matrimonial agents"—inviting London Olympiades to their socials? Evidently our far-seeing Committee mean England to shine in the 1952 Olympic Games!

It has often been suggested that our club history should be compiled. Would it not make a very interesting "serial" for

our Gazette? Now Messrs. Evans, Horwood, Gordon, Macher, H. Parker and Co.—what about it? We all know a good deal, but there is nothing like history.

In concluding, I can do no more than wish you all a continuation of the very interesting headlines you have a habit of having inserted in our leading sports papers.

Naturally, we all look forward to the result of the Southern, Brighton Relay and the R.W.A. "20."

Although a long way off, the eternal cry "Up the Bels." is a constant thought, and I can well picture the enthusiasm at such victories as Bert Footer's and Tommy Green's.

Keep it up, Belgrave; you make the older members very proud to show the deeds to their friends.

Sound foundations have been laid; you have some jolly fine fellows among you; no class distinction, no jealousy, no enmity. I, like many more, hope that you will smash any attempt to place such an ideal combination in danger, and with speedy promptitude, and so maintain that great club cry, and the position it now holds in the athletic world.

Up! up! up! Belgrave!!!

All the best,

K. B. O'KELL.

### LATE NEWS.

Southern Counties Cross-country Championship :

1. South London H.—3, 5, 15, 24, 34, 40 ... 121 pts.
2. Wycombe Phoenix H.—4, 6, 14, 33, 43, 46... 146 pts.
3. Belgrave H.—13, 21, 31, 37, 38, 48 ... 189 pts.

For the first time in the Club's history we have been placed in the "Southern"—third of twenty-nine competing teams—and so advanced another step upwards. Congratulations to all our runners upon their fine achievement. A full description will appear in our next issue.

On the same day the walkers easily beat the Metropolitan Police team, placing the first six men home and winning by 84 pts. to 130.

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Have you made a note of the Club Dinner date yet? Book it now, Saturday, April 26th.

