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CLUB NOTES.

At our Dinner last year a very enthusiastic but non-actual member presented the Club with a Mascot. Those who journeyed to Reading in February will remember the desperate efforts made by a rival Club to capture it, particularly on the return journey. Can any member give us news of this mascot, or will the present holder bring it forth?

We have to welcome back from Canada an old friend—

A. E. Jones. Jones gave every promise of developing into a good class runner. We hope to have his services again very shortly.

Friend Duffett was the recipient of an invitation to run in a team arranged by Mr Holt, the well known A.A.A. and S L.H. Official, against Cambridge University at Cambridge, on December 3rd. He put up quite a good show over the heavy University course, and finished 8th, being 3rd for his team. Muggridge and Johnstone were 1st and 2nd respectively for Mr. Holt's team. After the race both teams sat down to dinner, and Duffett tells us that he had a very jolly time.

Several members have been shewing up in various championships. On the 10th "Business house day," we found

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B. C. Button running in the London Shipping C.C.C., and finishing 2nd. We are glad this youngster did something before he shook the dust of Old England from his feet.

Our new member, G. Webb, was in the Civil Service event. When we look at this result and see the names of many prominent runners after his, we say he must have run well.

Coming to the Brewers—we have to congratulate Arthur Clark on his win for the second year in succession, and the gratifying result of his efforts to lead in a winning team. W. D. Pritchard and W. Gage were respectively 3rd and 6th in this race.

May the New Year be a happy and prosperous one for all club members and the club.

We thank Messrs. J. Belchamber and H. Evans for their generous assistance to the gazette funds.

Will members please notify the Hon. Secretary of changes of address, so that letters may not be mis-directed.

A. STONE one of our walkers and an all-round athlete, has been honoured in the New Year's List by the conferment on him of the Kings Police Medal. Early one morning, a few months back, he dived from Westminster Bridge in the darkness to rescue an unfortunate person from drowning. The circumstances evolved great personal risk to the rescuer.

## 7 MILES' CLUB JUNIOR ROAD WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

"Gee, it's cold!" was the general opinion before the start of the race, and several remarked that they did not fancy stripping on such a day (the truth is that on these occasions they wish they were not so old), but long before the race was over my sympathy was with the judges, timekeeper and other officials, for it was indeed cold. This no doubt led to a very fast start, set up by Scammell, followed by that promising youngster, Elson, who hung on gamely, but once Scammell settled down, he made sure of the result, and added his name to the plinth for the second time. There was a very decided

improvement on the times which argues well for the Junior championship to come. The walking generally was good, with one exception, and I am sure the excepted member, if he takes the advice given, will with patience obliterate his fault, and overtake his field at a more even pace—not in the quickest possible time. The handicap was always a forgone conclusion for Saunders, who well deserved his win and improves in every race. The same refers to Elson, whose future will be watched with great interest by the club. Tilly was again amongst the prizes, but he should make more use of his pace earlier in the race and not hang on to walkers who are too slow for him. There were several non-starters, who would have made the race more interesting, and would have helped to close up the Handicap results. The writer, making a few remarks after the prize-giving, omitted to mention the holder of the Cup, A. L. Fletcher, who forfeited his Junior qualification by his sterling walking on the track. We all wish him the best of luck for the future, and feel sure he will add more laurels to his own and the club's. He will be a great acquisition to the Senior Section.

In the result the figures in brackets represent the time accomplished over the same course in our "open" on November 26th.

#### O. HORWOOD.

| Psn |                   | Actual        | Start | Hcp   | Hcp Psn |
|-----|-------------------|---------------|-------|-------|---------|
| 1   | J G Scammell      | 57 12 (56 28) | Scr   | 57 12 | 8       |
| 2   | F Elson ...       | 58 55 (59 47) | 3 45  | 55 10 | 2       |
| 3   | S L King .        | 59 14 (60 26) | 3 20  | 55 54 | 4       |
| 4   | E Saunders        | 59 37 (60 42) | 4 45  | 54 52 | 1       |
| 5   | E Stringer .      | 60 52 (61 8)  | 3 45  | 57 7  | 7       |
| 6   | J Tilly           | 61 5 (62 17)  | 5 30  | 55 35 | 3       |
| 7.  | O. Horwood ...    | 61 29 —       | 4 40  | 56 49 | 6       |
| 8   | A W Godfrey ..    | 61 47 —       | 3 30  | 58 17 | 10      |
| 9.  | J T Fletcher .    | 61 47 —       | 5 15  | 56 32 | 5       |
| 10  | A H East .        | 62 43 —       | 3 20  | 59 23 | 13      |
| 11  | J E Field         | 63 1 (62 21)  | 3 30  | 59 31 | 14      |
| 12  | A Martin ..       | 64 0 (65 20)  | 6 25  | 57 35 | 9       |
| 13  | D McDonald .      | 65 24 —       | 6 50  | 58 34 | 12      |
| 14  | R S Barnard       | 65 26 —       | 7 0   | 58 26 | 11      |
| 15. | R. C. Hillier ... | 67 37 —       | 7 0   | 60 37 | 15      |
| 16. | J A. Hill ...     | 68 34 —       | 7 30  | 61 4  | 16      |
| 17. | R. Savage ...     | 72 38 —       | 6 40  | 65 58 | 17      |

## CLUB 7 MILES' C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP.

This race postponed from December 31st, was decided on the occasion of an inter-club run with St. George's Services A.C, at Wimbledon, on January 7th. The course, on account of the new bye-pass road, consisted of a short lap of that grassy plot at the top of Lauriston Road, and thence to Beverley Brook, returning over the same ground, and repeating the outward journey.

Bayliss headed the field on the short lap, but was quickly displaced by Clark and Tibbutt with Duffett, Rice, Footer and Pye just behind. The leaders kept their order to the end. Rice ran exceptionally well to get 3rd in the championship.

The handicap went to a new performer in F. G. Ford. Traquair was 2nd—not out of his turn, and Harley 3rd.

The team-race with St. George's counting six a side (Varsity scoring), was won by us.

### Result:—

| Posn |                               | Actual | Start | Hcp   | Hcp Pos |
|------|-------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| 1    | Tibbett, A. W. V., S.G.       | 40 41  |       |       |         |
| 2    | Clark, A. B. ... ..           | 40.50  | Scr   | 40 50 | 21      |
| 3    | Duffett, E. A., B. . . . .    | 40 53  | 1 30  | 39 23 | 12      |
| 4    | Rice, W., B.                  | 40 59  | 2 45  | 38 14 | 5       |
| 5    | Footer, H. E., B. . . . .     | 41. 6  | 1 35  | 39 31 | 15      |
| 6    | Tame, C., S.G. . . . .        | 41.43  | 3 20  | 38 23 | 7       |
| 7    | Pye, A. D., B. . . . .        | 41.45  | 2 35  | 39.30 | 14      |
| 8    | Warren, W. E., S.G.           | 42 4   |       |       |         |
| 9    | Robertshaw, A. G., B. . . . . | 42 13  | 3 30  | 38 43 | 9       |
| 10   | Webb, W. G., B. . . . .       | 42 30  | 4 15  | 38 15 | 6       |
| 11   | Marston, F., S.G. . . . .     | 42 37  |       |       |         |
| 12   | Smith, A. E., B. . . . .      | 42 47  | 3 15  | 39 32 | 16      |
| 13   | Klophin, P. B. . . . .        | 42 48  | 3.15  | 39 33 | 17      |
| 14   | Andrews, J. W., B.            | 43 2   | 3 40  | 39 22 | 11      |
| 15   | Bayliss, W. L., B.            | 43 34  | 3 30  | 40 4  | 19      |
| 16   | Field, A. H., B. . . . .      | 44 40  | 6 0   | 38 40 | 8       |
| 17   | Traquair, A., B. . . . .      | 45 1   | 7 30  | 37 31 | 2       |
| 18   | Jones, A. E., B. . . . .      | 45 12  | 4 30  | 40 42 | 20      |
| 19   | Ford, F. G., B. . . . .       | 45.13  | 8. 0  | 37.13 | 1       |

|     |                     |     |     |       |      |       |     |    |
|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|-----|----|
| 20. | Hickey, R, B        | ..  | ... | 45.24 | 5.40 | 39.44 | ... | 18 |
| 21. | Warren, A., S.G     | .   | ... | 46.35 |      |       |     |    |
| 22. | Rollins, H. L, B    | ... | ... | 46.36 | 7.20 | 39.16 | ... | 10 |
| 23. | Fuller, B, S.G.     | ..  | ... | 46.41 |      |       |     |    |
| 24. | Harley, A, B        | ... | ... | 46.42 | 9. 0 | 37.42 | ... | 3  |
| 25. | Neville, J. W, S.G. | ... | ... | 46.35 |      |       |     |    |
| 26. | Callow, W, B        | ... | ... | 46.49 | 9. 0 | 37.49 | ..  | 4  |
| 27. | Savage, R., B       | ... | ... | 48.10 |      |       |     |    |
| 28. | Still, G, B         | ..  | ... | 48.27 | 5.20 | 43. 7 | ... | 24 |
| 29. | Drake, S, B         | .   | ... | 48.40 | 7. 0 | 41.40 | ..  | 23 |
| 30. | George, F. L., B    | ... | ..  | 48.54 | 5.40 | 43.14 | ... | 25 |
| 31. | Soumshaw, T., B     | ..  | ... | 48.56 | 9.30 | 39.26 | ... | 13 |
| 32. | Tozzard, R., S.G.   | ..  | ... | 49.20 |      |       |     |    |
| 33. | Jannaway, A W, B    | ..  | ... | 50.50 | 9.30 | 41.20 | ... | 22 |
| 34. | Pritchard, J., S G  | ... | ... | 51.89 |      |       |     |    |

#### TEAM RACE.

|   |     |     |     |    |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Belgrave H : 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9                   | ..  | ... | ... | 30 |
| St George's Services A.C. : 1, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 | ... | ... | ... | 48 |

### "STROLL, SUNDAY MORNING NEXT. MEET PUTNEY BRIDGE, SOUTH SIDE, AT 10 A.M."

Often enough the notice has met your eye, but have you ever acted upon it and gone to the meet?

Perhaps there is a doubt as to what transpires. Then let us assist you

Originally intended as supplementary training for walkers, the Stroll did at times degenerate into hurried scrambles, but of recent years they have been conducted at a much more sedate pace, and of a distance that is not beyond any of our active members. Strangely enough, the majority of "the regulars" are running members and have included those who are purely short distance track men. Since their subsequent running has been improved it proves very definitely the benefit of "Strolling" for "Training"

The distance covered is now in the region of 14 to 16 miles, which at first sight appears alarming, but really is not. Try, if you doubt.

Let us endeavour to conduct you on a sample stroll.

We leave Putney, taking the road by the river, and in 10 minutes are on Barnes Common. Already the town is left behind. Then soon into Richmond Park. Here is a vision, entering Roehampton Gate, on a fair morning, not to be obtained from your bedroom ceiling. Let your eye roam over the scenery and endeavour to store all its beauties. It is all yours.

We tread the paths towards Richmond admiring, possibly, en route the horsemen and women and their steeds. Perhaps these do not attract, then there are deer who gaze gently at you possibly wondering to themselves "Who are these queer people?" If we are fortunate they will stage a contest for us, and the sight of two young stags engaged in a head to head fight with an old member standing by, referee fashion, to see fair play, and the herd in audience, is not lightly to be passed by.

We press on, and soon Richmond hoves in sight. The view from the Hill is famous. Down into the town, across the river, and on to Twickenham; then shortly into Bushey Park by the famous long walk and its avenue of chestnuts. Minds go back to their planter, William of Orange, and we agree that the aspect is "not too bad."

Out of the Park at the end of the avenue, and we face Hampton Court Palace. More history, in which Henry VIII is the "star turn." We decide to enter the grounds and admire, in season, the crocus, the Dutch trees, the famous clock and possibly the fair visitors. The maze is barred. Eventually we pass through the Home Park and emerge by Kingston Bridge. Here if you wish you may cut your stroll short and ride, but far better carry on and by the main road back to Putney Bridge.

The time will now be 2 o'clock. Away for home. You will probably be able to eat well and possibly sleep. Satisfying enough and infinitely better than pottering around at home or wandering about to kill time. And, mark you well,

your "finish" on the track next season will be stronger as a result of your Strolls (not Stroll). So shall we repeat the continuous performance? Stroll, Sunday morning next, meet Putney Bridge, South Side, at 10 a.m

W.H.H.

### ABANDONED.

Our well-filled fixture list does not permit the postponement of the third of the triangular contests with T.V. H. and Ashcombe A C, and so owing to a frozen course we had to content ourselves with a training spin over Feltham roads.

There were nine more entries than last year for our Boxing Day events, making 75. What a pity the sprinters cannot raise a gallop the day after Christmas! They were the only department to go back on last year's numbers.

It was hoped that by now we should be singing the praises of our distance men, but owing to the "seasonable weather," the Boxing Day Godstone walk was postponed until April 14th.

### RUNNING.

Our best position in the South of the Thames Championship since the war, was fifth in 1926. Although we had good reason to expect something better last year, we were eighth and disappointed. In this race, there is the "Coleman Cup" for the first club to finish every man of its team of twelve. It is within our powers to win this trophy.

A fortnight later comes the Southern Championship. A different proposition this, as the distance jumps from 7 to 10 miles. Among the "possibles" for our team we have a likely winner, and now, team men, is your chance to earn laurels. RUN! RUN!! RUN!!! Run as if the Devil himself were chasing you! You can do it if you try. Think of the kudos

you are likely to gain—not for yourself—but for your CLUB. And DON'T pack up—not even if you are twelfth man, not even if you do cast a shoe, get leg-weary, sick or contract any other horrible or impossible complaint, for now is YOUR chance to make history. Remember that in getting your place in the team you are ousting another member who is perhaps even more keen than you to run. We can win the Cup given for the club with headquarters in Surrey to finish its twelve men first. Do you remember what happened last year? The twelfth man gave up—with what result? Why, if he had walked the last lap to finish last we should have won this cup with shoals of points in hand! So don't forget, Mr. Twelfth-man, you are as important in this competition as the winner.

Forthcoming attractions.—January 21st. Social run at Rosehill, Sutton with Mitcham A.C. Tea and social evening, during which the Inter-Club Relay Shield will be presented to us, at the White Hart, Mitcham. The "Summer" runners, so interested in the relay competitions, will find it worth while to come along with their lady friends.

January 28th. Macher Shield race and sealed handicap. Grand Social to follow (see invitation elsewhere)

## WALKING.

On January 21st we shall compete in the annual Inter-club race with the Surrey W.C. over their Banstead Course (11½ miles). We have supplied the first man home on at least two occasions, in 1926 when R. D. McMullen headed the field in 1 hour 39 mins. 11 secs., and in 1927 when Harold King finished first in 1 hour 38 mins., 11 secs. Two splendid performances, the latter under very bad conditions of snow and ice. We should be able to win this match for the first time if all our best walkers are able to turn out. One or two of them are capable of beating G. R. Goodwin's record of 1 hour 36 mins., 5 secs., made in 1922.

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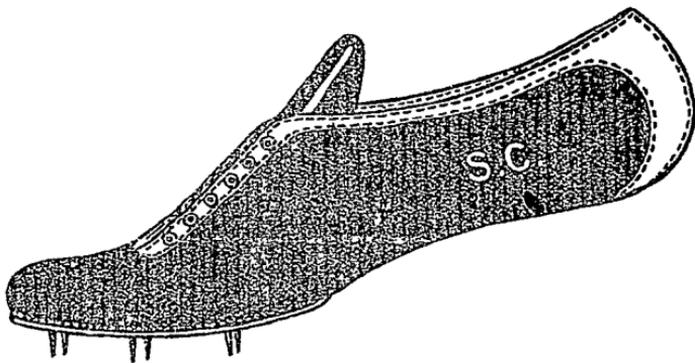
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The 10 mile club championship for the R. Murphy. is to be held on February 4th H. F. King is the holder for the 4th time, R. D. McMullen, second last year, has held the shield twice, and T. W. Green on his only appearance in this race was 3rd last year. These records suggest a very keen race, and there are others who will dispute the placings. A handicap in conjunction will keep the rest of the field very busy.

PAST winners of R. Murphy shield.

|      |                |     |    |    |     |          |
|------|----------------|-----|----|----|-----|----------|
| 1916 | C McLellan     | ... | .  | 48 | 29  | 6 miles. |
| 1920 | R W. Ricketts  | ... | .. | 73 | 46  | } 9 "    |
| 1921 | R W. Ricketts  | ... | .  | 73 | 28  |          |
| 1922 | H F King       | ..  | .  | 71 | 36  |          |
| 1923 | H F. King      | ..  | .  | 70 | 59  |          |
| 1924 | H. F King      | ... | .. | 80 | 53* | } 10 "   |
| 1925 | R. D McMullen  |     |    | 82 | 24  |          |
| 1926 | R. D. McMullen |     |    | 81 | 46  |          |
| 1927 | H F. King      | .   | .  | 80 | 53  |          |

\*Course record.

The closest finishes were in 1925 and 1926, when on each occasion, E. L. Reeve was two seconds behind the winner after walking neck-and-neck all the way.

Now that the New Year is here we must start thinking seriously of the R.W.A. Championships, both Junior and National. The "juniors" have only seven or eight weeks in which to get fit for their race, which is to be held on 3rd March, probably at Wembley.

The form shewn in the next two or three races will be considered when selecting teams for the "Junior" as consistent good form is more reliable than a "flash in the pan" just previous to a big race.

## TOPICAL BUDGET.

As your Chancellor of the Exchequer, I wish to express thanks to those members who have so materially helped me by paying their subscriptions during the first quarter and I greatly regret in offering them I can only include about one-third of our total of members.

To those who are still waiting to pay me, I would exhort them to speedy settlement and thus a clear outlook (and conscience) during the New Year. I will always appreciate a word or letter from those of you who have distressful circumstances, and wish to impress on all that a negative REPLY is preferable to stony silence. Therefore, as during the first month of 1928 some of you will receive clearance notices, I trust that you will all make a second application unnecessary, and thereby help to conserve the financial resources of the Club for use in more progressive spheres of social and athletic activity.

The heartiest thanks and good wishes of the Club are extended to all our Patrons and helpers during the past year, and we feel confident that we may rely on such sure support in our earnest endeavours to rise to greater heights in the making of English athletic history, especially during this New Year, as we entertain great hopes of Olympic honours among our own members.

Best wishes of success to all our members, and a most prosperous New Year to the Treasurer, as "MY friends are YOUR friends, etc."

A E.M.

## SOCIAL.

On December 10th, we were visited by members of Surrey A.C, Southern Railway A.C. and Kensington A.C. After enjoyable runs and walks the majority sat down to a fine tea.

Some cake was left. Need I say more?

Then followed an impromptu concert, in which Mrs. Savage and Messrs. Boud, Bennison, Williams, Peacock, Callow, Jannaway and Bayless distinguished themselves.

The way in which Mr. Peacock completely mystified the audience (even under the eagle eye of the Law, represented by Mr. Winner) is worthy of special notice. Eyes opened wider and wider as one trick succeeded another, and as a natural consequence a motion excluding Mr. Peacock from the Whist Drive was passed with acclamation.

The Whist Drive followed immediately afterwards, and two of our Kensington A.C. guests, Messrs. J. E. Flower and Harvey (the latter playing as a lady) gained the first prizes. Mr. S. Drake had the satisfaction of receiving his first prize from the Club—a cocoanut for the lowest score recorded.

Dancing was then indulged in until Time, inexorable as ever, compelled us to leave reluctantly, but well satisfied.

The thanks of the Club are due to all those who contributed to the success of the evening. This applies particularly to those who waited at the tables and to the musicians and singer, whose entertainment gave the onlookers so much pleasure.

A further Social gathering is to be held on January 28th. Ladies, young or old will be welcomed to tea with us. Now boys, there will be no excuse for rushing off to meet "Jane." It will be "Jane's" turn to meet you. Let her come along and bring her pal. And if she can sing, what about a duet? Any member who can play the piano or ukelele or entertain in some way is asked to help. Summer members are invited to give us a look in on this occasion.

L. C. SMITH (Hon. Social Sec.)



