



Doing A Good Turn



EVERY YEAR in July, Musselburgh has its festival week. This involves the riding of the marches where around 100 horses and riders ford the River Esk. It is quite a spectacle and every year I take my family down to see the action.

This year I noted divers in their drysuits standing downstream from the ford. I had to ask and I found out that the divers were members of Musselburgh SAC. They were helping ensure the ford was clear of obstructions and being on hand should a rider go for a splash. Thankfully nobody decided on an early bath but I'm sure the divers presence was appreciated by all the riders.

Well done to Musselburgh SAC for helping out

Mike Clark

SCOTTISH DIVER wonders if any readers have seen divers out in their drysuits partaking in other events apart from diving? Let us know if you have and we will include details in Branchlines!

Dive Conference Set For Eyemouth

THIS YEAR we have a change of venue for what is now the Scottish Dive Conference. In partnership with the Berwickshire Dive Tourism Association and with support from Scottish Enterprise the 2009 conference will be held in Eyemouth. The conference itself will be in Eyemouth Secondary School on Saturday, November 14. Sandy McPherson is currently working hard on the details and when they are finalised they will appear on the ScotSAC website.

To date Rod Macdonald has agreed to be one of the main speakers, Rod is the author

of several books including; Scotland's Greatest Wrecks, England's Greatest Wrecks and my favourite The Abyss which tells how Rod became involved in diving and some of his adventures throughout his career.

Paul Duxfield from Cameras Underwater will be running workshops on how to get the best from your digital camera. Dr David Wilmot proved to be a popular workshop last year so he is making a welcome return. Others will include Liza Cole, reserve ranger, Dr Christopher Sweeting a marine biologist

from Newcastle University. Mary Beatty Edwards will cover archaeology, Calum Duncan MCS/Seasearch, RNLI and more.

A new innovation for this year there will be a ceilidh on Saturday night at Coldingham. All in all it looks like a good weekend and if the weather is kind we may get diving on the Sunday. There is plenty of accommodation in Eyemouth and the BDTA will help organise that for you. So keep visiting the website at www.scotsac.com for further announcements.

CONGRATS

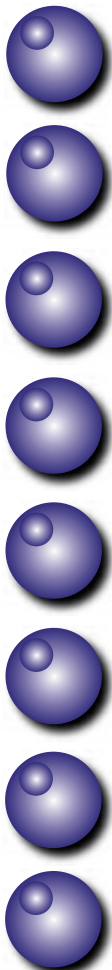
CONGRATULATIONS GO to both Lee Simpson and Andy Welch on attaining their Master Diver qualification. Well done from everyone at Glasgow South SSAC.

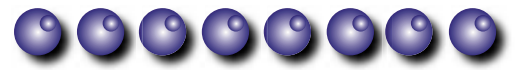
BO'NESS SUB Aqua Club would like to congratulate Roy Varga on achieving his Sport Diver qualification in June 2009.

BO'NESS SUB Aqua Club would also like to say well done to Hazel Mc Farlane on attaining

her Master Diver award earlier this year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Niall Brittain and Scott Patrick from Greenfaulds Branch on completing their Sport Diver Award. Well done guys!





Happy Diving At Summer Solstice



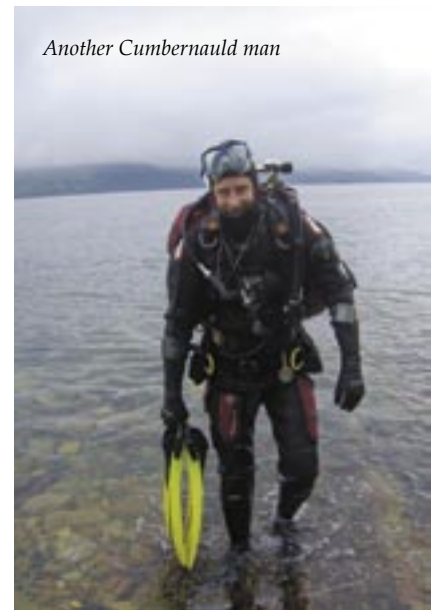
Furthest travelled must be this happy group from Solway branch



Cumbernauld diver testing new gear

TYPICALLY FOR a Scottish summer the longest day was driech, misty, damp but warm, perfect for midges. However nearly 50 divers turned up for this year's ScotSAC Summer Solstice get-together. Organised brilliantly by Marion Brown everyone enjoyed their diving. Groups travelled from as far afield as Campbeltown (only two) and the Borders - if there was a prize for distance travelled it would surely go to Solway branch who were there in numbers.

Thanks to Marion and to Frank and Eileen for the warm welcome and their excellent soup. Oh! I should mention Larkhall branch had quite a few members present, including one brave and enthusiastic diver who had a hip replacement not that long ago. Well done and thanks to all who attended and helped with marshalling duties etc. Look forward to seeing you all again next year.



Another Cumbernauld man



organiser Marion Brown and Anne Eccles with chairperson Andy Murray



Campbeltown branch enjoying their dive in Loch Fyne