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Join in with synchronised swimming team

Edinburgh Synchronised Swimming Club launch what is likely to be a busy year with spin-off expected from the Tokyo Olympics by holding a trial session at the Royal Commonwealth Pool on Sunday, February 9 (3pm). The reigning Scottish champion club (see celebration photograph), who also use facilities at Portobello and Warrender Swim Centres, have around 50 members but some vacancies exist – subject to criteria.

For example, due to the physically demanding nature of synchro recruits must be able to swim continuously a distance of 100 metres in freestyle, breast stroke and backstroke without being breathless. Also, ages range from eight to 18 only and some of those are photographed in an award-winning “Back to the Future” combination team display. Coach Vicki Peakman



says: “Every time there is a big event like the Olympics or European Championships we can expect some interest while other recruits join having seen our training sessions.” Interested? The following link contains an application form to take part in the trials: edinburghsynchro.co.uk/join-the-club/

Record-breaking golds for Katie Johnson

Edinburgh Athletic Club's Katie Johnson won two golds and broke two long standing records at the Scottish under-17 athletics championships. Firstly, Katie won gold in the women's 1500m and upgraded a 15-year-old record to 4.36.84. Following up she topped the podium for a second time in the 800m with an unprecedented 2.12.64 in overhauling a record that had stood for 17 years. Watson's College



colleague Mhairi Arnott (Corstorphine AC), who had been fastest qualifier earlier in the day, took bronze in the 800m – her first national indoor medal adding to an under-17 1500m steeplechase medal gained outdoors last summer. Pictured, left to right, are: Mhairi Arnott, Katie Johnson and Victoria Lightbody (City of Lisburn). Picture: Bobby Gavin (Scottish Athletics).



Looking back at boxing heritage

Douglas Fraser, long-serving secretary of Leith Victoria amateur boxing club as well as ex-Scottish youth champion and Commonwealth Games referee, is pictured at an exhibition showcasing Scotland's boxing heritage entitled Tales From the Ring and running until March 26 at Stirling University. In the background is a poster advertising a match between Leith Victoria and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Picture: Michael Schofield.



Memorial for loved Douglas

A memorial will be held at the Grange Club on Sunday, March 15, for Douglas Kemp, striker in the Civil Service Strollers football team who won the East of Scotland League in 1973. Douglas has died aged 67 in Alicante where he had lived for five years, playing for and managing the local men's walking football team. A former pupil of the Royal High School, Douglas also excelled at cricket including with Leith Franklin as a wicket keeper/batsman. He was especially proud of scoring his first century, aged 50. In business Douglas worked for Bank of Scotland, becoming a branch accountant then manager in several branches, including Corstorphine, Goldenacre and Loanhead. He left Bank of Scotland in the late 1990s to set up his own independent financial business, Duddingston Financial Services, and later was the owner and chief postmaster at the Post Office in Norton Park, at the top of Easter Road. Douglas, whose late father, Willie, was a former sports editor of The Scotsman and the paper's respected curling correspondent, is survived by his partner, Mirna Ravelo, as well as Linda Bain, the mother of their four children, Andrew, Gordon, Russell and Mairi.

KENNY KEMP

David Lloyd team take second place with win over Stirling students

David Lloyd (Corstorphine) men's tennis team notched a notable victory over Stirling University to claim second place in the National Premier League doubles competition. They have two matches remaining in which to try to leapfrog into top spot. Pictured, left to right, are Lloyd Greatorex-Watson, Bruce Strachan, Jamie Connell and Joe Edmunds after a win settled on sets when the teams had finished locked at 2-2. Jamie Connell is second in league stats for matches and sets won.



Ben Brown retains Urban League title

Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club's Ben Brown is pictured receiving his trophy from GB rep Kirsten Maxwell after he retained his 2019 BTO Solicitors Scottish Urban League title. The presentation took place during Edinburgh University's "Big Weekend" event which concluded with 76 of Ben's club-mates contesting a gruelling race around Arthur's Seat. The Big Weekend had launched with night orienteering based around Calton Hill and Holyrood Park while Saturday comprised a "City Race" around Pollock Halls and surrounding areas.

Club are looking for new recruits



These members of Newcraighall Leith Vics 2004 football team are looking to recruit new colleagues. The club train at Portobello High School on Tuesdays (7-9pm) and at Newcraighall on a Thursday. Interested? Give Norrie Philp a call on 07508 043420.

Fancy having a go at tennis?



Corstorphine Tennis Club, Belgrave Road, is expanding its junior tennis programme and recruiting new members with a newly reduced annual membership fee of £20. A special £5 winter membership offer is available until the end of March also. Taking advantage are this group of youngsters. For further details e-mail: corstorphinetennis@gmail.com



Flying the flag for Scotland at Squash Open

Oriam-trained Greg Lobban flew the flag for Scotland in the £40,000 Edinburgh Sports Club squash open but found final opponent Karim Abdel Gawad a step too far, going down in straight games. Lobban had produced two stunning upsets over world no. 5 and defending champion, Paul Coll and former five-time winner and world no. 20, Daryl Selby. In the women's event Australian Donna Lobban defeated England's Julianne Courtice in five games lasting 56 minutes. Pictured are the various finalists. Back row (left to right) – Simon Boughton (Tournament Director), Chris Ferguson (A Runner-Up), Andrew Black (E Runner-Up), Chris Leiper (A Winner), Cai Younger (B Winner), Simon Broatch (C Winner), Michael Buchholz (D Winner), Mark Lockhart (F Winner), Grant Addison (E Winner), Andrew Forrest (Club Chairman), JJ Tait (Club Manager). Front row – Julianne Courtice (Ladies' Open Runner Up), Donna Lobban (Ladies' Open Champion), Karim Abdul Gawad (Men's Open Champion), Greg Lobban (Men's Open Runner-Up).