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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
HASLEMERE SUB AQUA CLUB**

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# FISH TALES

## **EDITORS NOTE**

At the recent AGM which you will hear more about in the Chairman's report below, I (was) volunteered for the post of Fish Tales editor. Many thanks for the vote of confidence, particularly as I am new to the club.

This is your newsletter! So please send me anything you wish to see in the next edition. In particular you may have dive equipment you wish to sell or buy; stories about a dive trip or holiday you went on last year; or just about anything dive related (or not).

There is a lot is going on this time of year, with planning in full swing for the dive season ahead. Therefore, I am proposing to publish the next newsletter sometime in February. Copy deadline is 1st of February please.

**Bill Khurshid**

## **THE CHAIRMAN'S VIEW**

Thank you all for the support you showed at the AGM and the commitment you gave to keep HSAC going as a training club.

We have already had our first committee meet and each member is already planning for the year ahead.

We already have many members paid up for the year and would ask those

that have not paid yet to see Michael asap (see next page for details).

In an attempt to increase the membership numbers we are planning an open night for 26th Feb. Posters and flyers will be available for you to distribute around the local area and I would ask you to encourage any one you can to come down for a try dive.

We really need to make this a successful evening, if we are going to be able to continue the pool sessions each Thursday night at the Herons.

On that subject I can confirm that the Thursday night pool sessions will continue for the next three months at least. Then, depending on numbers we will make a decision on how we move forward with the funds available.

Events are being planned for the full year and I understand that the first event will be a night at the comedy club in Haslemere, approx £10-£15 for a fun evening including food. More details to follow. If you have any suggestions for social events or want to offer your assistance please contact Tony or Yvette.

As you may remember we decided as a club to keep the membership costs down and raise additional funds from the Social event through the year. I'm sure you will agree that it is a lot more fun and would ask for your support for these events during the year.

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A couple of years ago we hired a fitness instructor at the Edge in Haslemere to run a session, once a week, just for the club with the emphasis on fun and working those areas used in Diving. I know a few of you have suggested starting this again so if you are interested please let me know and I will see what we can do.

As is the tradition we will be holding a Boat Maintenance day followed by a Boat handling day before the first dives of the season. Even if you are not mechanically minded there are always jobs that you can help with when it comes to getting the boats ready for the first trip of the season.

And then there is the boat handling day, this is an opportunity for all members, qualified or not, to drive the boats and learn some of the basic skills - man overboard drills, high speed turns, figure of 8 manoeuvres, holding position against the tide etc.

This is a good fun day out and if there is the demand we may take along a few toys to drag behind the boat.

If there is enough support I am planning to organise a club dive trip to the Red Sea, this is open to all levels, as the holiday company can offer training (PADI) for those not qualified. Also I believe that some of the dives you do in the Red Sea can be taken into account towards your Club Diver qualification. Check with Kim for more details.

For examples of holidays and costs involved see [www.explorers.co.uk](http://www.explorers.co.uk)

As we go through the year please check the calendar on the website and notice board at the club for dates and more information regarding these events and many more.

So sitting here on Christmas Eve typing this, I think we are set for a fun year and with everyone's support I'm sure 2009 will be a successful one for the club.

**Nick Shemmans**

## TRAINING

### 2009 Lecture Program

The lecture program has already started and are held 19:45-20:45 at The Herons Crèche or Function Room.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Topic</b>
08/01/2009	CD1	Club Diver	Diver Rescue
15/01/2009	CD2	Club Diver	An Introduction to Nitrox Diving
22/01/2009	CD3	Club Diver	Dive Planning
29/01/2009	CD4	Club Diver	Underwater Navigation
05/02/2009	CD5	Club Diver	An Introduction to Boat Diving

Please be prompt.

### Chart-work And Navigation Course

There is an SAA chart-work and navigation course being run in Bordon on the 7th and 8th of February. Is anyone interested? Places are limited, but Pete Turner who is running it does already have people booked on this so it will definitely be running. If there is enough interest, or if people are unable to make this date he has offered to run another one at a later date for us.

He has also offered to run O2, Nitrox, Basic Boat handling and ACI courses as well if anyone is interested in any of these.

**Paul Williams**

## MEMBERSHIP

### Fees 2009

Club fees are now due. Please send cheques (made payable to H.S.A.C.) to: Michael Hutton, Beechlands, Hasle Drive, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2PL. Tel: 01428 651 685.

Renewal fees for existing members are: Full £185; Senior £175; Student £ 180; Junior £120; Social £75.

New Members Fees are as above but add £55 (except social). This includes manuals and first registration with SAA.