



Frog Squad Diving Club

NEWSLETTER

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Hi and welcome to the first Frog Squad newsletter. Although Frog Squad has been around for several years this was the first year we have had membership. So first I would like to thank all those who joined the club last year and those who regularly attend the club on Tuesdays for their support in making this first year a success.

From the 1st September subscriptions are due again with the price being held the same as the previous year, but as we have decided to have all yearly membership run from the 1st of September, some lucky members will not have to pay for this year subscriptions and some will only have 50% to pay see Paul Weldon to find out if you're one of the lucky ones, the remainder's will have to pay the full price (sorry!).

The first year's membership went well with some 90 men, women and children becoming members of Retford's Premiere Dive Club "Frog Squad".

The purpose of this newsletter is to try and let members know what we have done with money collected and what we aim to do. Although the list is not set in stone or exhaustive we would welcome any input or request for ideas to make the club better for all its members.

Firstly lets take a look at what we did last year:

The **monthly raffle** has gone well with prizes and winners being as follows:

August 08 Prize: Frog Squad Membership + 2 bottles of Froghop

Winner: Dan Bowns

September 08 Prize: SMB

Winner: Jackie Court

October 08 Prize: Underwater Compass

Winner: Russ Morris

November 08 Prize: eRDP + Dive bag

Winner: Shaun Hooton

December 08 Prize: Luxury Christmas Hamper

Winner: Frank Cannings

January/February 09 Prize: Cylinder

Winner: Bob Scott

March 09 Prize: Speciality Course + Lift bag

Winner: Mick Vickers

April 09 Prize: Weight Harness + 5mm Gloves

Winner: Simon Condry

May 09 Prize: SMB + 5mm Gloves

Winner: Mick Jones

Runner up Prize: Frog Squad Benny Hat

Winner: Little Rob

June 09 Prize: Dry bag + Reel + eRDP

Winner: Mick Jones

Runner up Prize: Frog Squad Benny Hat

Winner: Andy Hayton

July 09 Prize: Dry Gloves

Winner: Jackie Weldon

August 09 Prize: Poseidon Regulator Bag + Dive Slate & Pencil + 5mm Gloves

Winner: this could be you

Runner up Prize: Frog Squad Benny Hat

Winner: this could be you

The **Football card** winners over the year receiving **£20 cash** were;

Paul Weldon

Peter Franklin

Andrew Gee

Annette Morris

Mad Mave

Paul Buttery

Vicky Melling

Steve Hall (twice)

Mick Jones

Jackie Weldon

Joy Simpson

Graham Simpson

Terry Whiteman

JAS

Spanish Bob and

Carl & Ange Manners



With some of the money made from the membership, raffle and football cards we had 2 free members draws for **£50 cash** and the lucky winners were;

John Hancock and Debbie Stanton

It also allowed us to purchase sweets, selection boxes and Easter eggs for those children attending the kid's parties with the quiz winners:

K Burkinshaw and L Melling receiving an additional prize

In June we had a dive at the Blue Lagoon where we paid the **£5 dive fee** this was open to all members and publicised on the web site as well as on the dive club notice board. But only 8 members turned out, but those who did, enjoyed a good days diving.

We where also able to provide the wine for the Frog Squad Christmas dinner and help with the cost of diving (donation towards air fills) on 2 dive trips organised by frog squad and open to all members the first to Scapa Flow in July and the second to the Farne Islands in August.

We still have a healthy bank balance and with the subscriptions for 09-10 due, the monthly raffle and football cards we hope to increase this to allow for more activities to be provided or helped with throughout the coming year.

At present we have planned **for the kids**:

A Halloween kids party/quiz

A Christmas kids party/quiz and

An Easter kids party/quiz

For the adults;

We are looking to hold **3 free £50** cash draws on the kid's party days

And to provide the **wine** for the Christmas dinner

For all members;

We are planning to pay the **dive fee** for a day diving (site and date to be arranged but probably in June at the Delph)

We will also provide a donation towards any dive trips organized by frog squad and open to all members.

We will also be providing the monthly raffle prize (any requests for prizes will be looked at)

We will aim to provide a news letter at least every 3 months or more frequent if the need arises, if anyone has any ideas to what they would like to see in future newsletters or just want to make a comment in it then please e-mail your ideas/comments to the editor, thanks.

PS

Keep on Diving!