

Royal School of Mines report to
Clubs and Societies Board
A note by Adam Baldwin RSM President

Finance

Currently the DLB, Football and the exec are in debt to the union. However this is mostly due to sponsors not being chased up from last year. My self and the junior treasurer will be having a meeting to discuss these issues with the DPFS this week to come up with a strategy to solve this issue. All other clubs are doing well financially but need to chase up memberships as current attendance is far greater than the number of paid members.

Constitution Changes

The only change made this term has been to move MatSoc out of C&G and back into RSM. This was done as it was felt by both the MatSoc and RSM committee that MatSoc would be better they could be looked after more adequately.

DLB

The De La Beche Society has hosted two talks this term; Dr Liam Piggott gave a talk about the Solomon Isle tsunami he experienced whilst doing a work placement accompanied by Dr Richard Ghail giving geological background. This was followed by drinks and nibbles. Dr Phillip Allen gave a talk about the Tectonic Basins and Structures of the Pyrenees which again was followed by drinks. Both of these events were attended by about 30 staff and students.

The DLB also went to the Spanish Pyrenees for 5 days with 22 students and 2 members of staff. This was one of the most ambitious trip organised by the society and was very successful. The purpose of the trip was to see thrust-fold structures and basins. A special thank you must be extended to Shell and the tours committee who helped to sponsor this event.

The DLB also ran a raffle at the RSM Christmas ball and raised £212. This money will go towards the fieldtrip that is currently being planned to run in the spring term.

Real Ale

The Real Ale society has held numerous events so far this term which have been attended by around 15 people. They held a pub crawl around South Kensington for the Fresher's, visited Twickenham and White Horse Beer Festivals and they have recently began a series of pub walks around London. The first leg was around King's Cross and they plan to do a different leg each month.

Hockey

The hockey club has been flourishing this term. Turnout to training has been very good, usually taking two minibuses each week. The weekly mixed matches have attracted players from not just RSM, but numerous other departments and the women's team has played several ULU matches to date. Unfortunately, due to clashes and pitch bookings the men's team has not had a match as of yet, but has two confirmed before the end of term. Sang Kim (women's captain) organised an extremely successfully hockey Christmas dinner, to which over 30 people attended. We are now looking forward to St Georges mixed hockey tournament in a couple of weeks.

Football

The football team has been having just as a successful first term. Turnout to training has been great (16 people on average) and have played 12 of their scheduled 19 games for the season (not including the bottle match). As well as playing football they have also

held a number of team socials at the union and are planning a Christmas social for next week.

GeophySoc

This is a newly formed society and so far this term they have held two talks that were presented by experts in their fields on subduction and the use of seismics in geology and are currently in the process of organizing a fieldtrip for next term. They currently have 28 members and a similar number of people have been attending the events.

Matsoc

Matsoc has held a number events this term. In freshers week they held a buddies lunch to socialize freshers with the older years which was attended by 120 students. They also ran an event in conjunction with DLB taking 22 materials and geology students paintballing. More recently matsoc and mathsoc have joined forces to organise a bar night which was a great success.

Golf

The RSM Golf club has held two trips to the driving range at Chiswick, and one round of the 9 hole at Chiswick. They are hoping to increase trips next term in the build up to the bottle match.

Rugby

Rugby has been having training sessions every Thursday 12-2 getting 16 people every week. They had their first match at Harlington last weekend against C&G and won the match. They have a few more games lined up before the end of term against the Honorary Artillery Corp and a pitch and play tournament.

Fresher dinner

The Freshers Dinner 2008 was a successful event attended by over 120 students. The dinner was held in the Main Dining Hall in the Sherfield building and involved a champagne reception, three course meal, a guest speech and replys from the committee. The evening went well and was much enjoyed by all with most of the attendees converging in the Union after the dinner for dancing etc. A big thank you must be extended to the sponsors Rio Tinto and the RSMA.

Christmas Ball

The Christmas Ball this year was held at the Regency Hotel and was attended by over 100 staff and students. It was a great success. We obtained sponsorship from Rio Tinto again this year but are still in the process of invoicing them.

Bottle match

Preparations for the 2008 Bottle Match are well underway. All the sports facilities have been booked, these include sports pitches at Harlington and squash courts in Ethos. The Senior Common Room has been booked for the Players Dinner as has DBs in the Union for after dinner speeches and awards. Referees and umpires are in the process of being booked for all the different sports as are coaches to and from the event (at different times). Sponsorship for the event is in the process of being obtained.