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RCC Executive Report

Introduction

From reading through the RCC club reports it is apparent that for most clubs 2011-12 is shaping up to be an extremely good year. A huge variety of activities are actively being undertaken across all areas of recreational sports and skill focused clubs and societies.

RCC Management Group Meetings

Two RCC General Meetings have occurred; both have been well attended with clubs getting involved in discussion about important RCC decisions. The final meeting of term will be on Thursday 8th December, where a dormancy review will occur and information about the new Sport Imperial Funding will be given.

I'm also pleased to report that the two vacant positions on the RCC Exec have now been filled by Michael Parkes (RCC Equipment Officer) and Tagore Nakornchai (RCC Communications Officer).

Membership

The RCC currently has 48 clubs. 57% of clubs have reached their membership target. We will be encouraging remaining clubs to meet targets. RCC Club Memberships follow the general Union trend with currently 2,010 members of RCC clubs, higher than the 1,929 when reports were prepared in January 2011. When we consider that many clubs reports say that they are actively still recruiting members we would expect this number to significantly increase as the year continues.

Several clubs stated that they suffered from lack of space at suitable times of day restricting their activities and so making it harder than previous years to meet their membership targets.

Finances

Grant

The RCC was allocated £67,662.44 in budgeting last year. At the time of writing the RCC has £33,841.26 grant remaining. This is a total percentage of 50%.

Following on from last year where the RCC successfully reduced it's underspend by reallocating between clubs will be doing a similar system again

SGI

The RCC has £103,650.43 of SGI. While this initially appears large many of the activities undertaken by RCC clubs are expensive and require equipment that need money to be saved up over long periods.

Since last year's reports were prepared the two clubs last year with negative SGI (Skate and Synchronized Swimming) have resolved their problems and are now out of the red. However, Surfing has slipped, having -337.76 which working with the RCC Treasurer we hope to resolve.

Sponsorship

We have recently elected our first RCC Communications Officer who will advise clubs on methods of raising more equity for their clubs and applying for sponsorship.

Sponsorship needs to increase within the RCC to relieve the funding issues. The RCC has tried to push this in the past without much success, we hope that by having a dedicated RCC Exec member assisting will help improve the situation.

Contingency Awards

Mountaineering Club made a contingency claim for equipment damaged after an accident, for which they were awarded £30.

Wakeboarding have submitted a contingency claim that will be reviewed at the next RCC General Meeting.

Tours

For the winter tour period the following clubs have successfully applied:

- Canoe
- Caving
- Dance Company
- Exploration
- Fellwanderers
- Mountaineering
- Outdoor

One issue raised was non club officers running tours, having to use authorised logins to allow the organiser to submit the tour application.

We will continue to encourage all RCC Clubs to run tours throughout the year.

Club Issues

Dormant Clubs

The RCC has one dormant clubs: Radio Controlled Model.

In the December RCC Dormancy Review we will be proposing closing Radio Controlled Model, as it has 2 members and currently lacks a committee. It has been proposed for closure several times over the past year but was given a final chance as a new committee was found. However, this new committee has struggled to get the club back off the ground and the club has now spent a year dormant with very few members (currently 2). We will report further on this issue when we report to CSB on the dormancy and closure review in January.

VegSoc, the only other RCC club that was dormant at the start of the year has recently hit it's membership target and so been automatically removed from dormancy.

Frozen Clubs

The RCC currently has 4 frozen clubs (excluding Radio Contolled Model). These are mostly caused by a mixture of missing deadlines for documentation. We will be continuing to try and get these clubs to resolve the problem, however 2 of them are clubs that do not receive grant and so the threat of less funding does not work!

Cooking is providing a challenge this year. There appears to be a lot of interest in the club, with 10 people buying membership on their own accord and lots of posting request for information on their facebook page. However, the Cooking committee have yet to email their list of names from fresher's fair or organise their first event of the year. In the past few days their President has responded to my emails to inform me most of the committee wish to step down. I am now assisting them in running an election to replace most of the committee. Hopefully with some assistance we should be able to get them up and running again as they certainly have the potential to be a very successful club.

New Clubs

NCC has assigned one new club to RCC so far this year. This is RCC Paintballing, which has previously existed and but closed. We will be working with them to ensure that they establish and become a successful club.

Facilities/Storage

Storage for clubs is a well known problem. There are several issues identified in the reports that I will be contacting clubs individually to assist in resolving. Many clubs

say they require more space and hopefully the Union storage review later in the year should help.

Many of the smaller clubs have to store their club equipment in personal lockers in their departments. Perhaps we could provide a locker area within the Union that clubs and societies could be allocated a locker in.

Canoe have raised the issue again that potentially raw sewage is still leaking over equipment in stores, this was brought up last year but still has not been resolved. Considering the nature of this problem I've already spoken to them once and will be following this up.

Following the submission of the reports many issues were immediately identified in the Union Gym and associated storage room. Henry (ACC Chair) and myself have already contacted and met with all RCC and ACC clubs using the space and with their help reordered the stores. This seemed to work very well, and I would like to suggest with these large storage areas a couple of times through the year it may be worth getting all users to meet.

RCC Events

Most clubs are organising a range of events to attract members and promote their activities. The RCC is currently organising its annual night hike event for 25th February 2011. We hope, nay expect, each of the Management Groups present and the Sabs to put forward a team to participate.

The RCC has not organised any socials centrally this year. Last year several bar nights were organised by the RCC, however these failed to attract large numbers of people. The main reason for this was believed to be RCC club activities being spread throughout the week, and so there is not really one focused day that would be ideal for a bar night.

Individual Club Reports

Every club was asked to submit a report. These reports were compiled into a 140 page 26,000 word document. The reports were used to construct the issue list above and will be consulted when deciding how much grant each club should receive from its submitted budget. This document will be posted online for all clubs to read. It is hoped that some clubs will learn from others and future RCC chairs will be able to refer to this document to aid their understanding of club issues.

RCC Motor Clubs

Following much discussion and several papers at CSB last year it was decided that the three Motor Clubs that maintain vintage vehicles would be moved this year to the RCC for admin purposes. The RCC would provide them with support and advice as necessary but they would individually produce reports for CSB each term, presented on their behalf by the RCC unless they or CSB wanted direct club committee representation. As such, I have included the Motor Clubs reports at the end of the main RCC Report, however they are not considered in this discussion, as their issues will be addressed separately at CSB.

Individual RCC Club & Society Reports

RCC_Software (152)

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

RCC Assassins Guild (155)

Introduction

We organise our members into a closed loop in which each member has a target/s that they must assassinate. Players must stay alive as well as attempt to slay their targets. When a handful of people remain, we announce the beginning of a Final Battle in which the winner is decided. Prizes are awarded for those that submit the best kill report or those that are the last man standing. We aim to hold games every 2/3 weeks.

Membership

We have over 100 full members.

FAR MORE than the previous year, due to committee members that:

Are based in the main Campus

Were present in fresher's fair (nobody tended last year's stall)

Finances

Off the top of my head, our SGI = 113 members x £2 membership. So should be £226
- tax

Other Issues

We are unable to access the Union website, for several months now. The ICT and Union Webservice departments are a shambles that has either:

Ignored us

Changed our password. Twice. Even though this is clearly not the solution to our problem.

Ignored us some more.

Future Events

We hope to hold a bar night in the Union for the celebration of Final Battles.

RCC Astro (637)

Introduction

Brings together astronomy enthusiasts for astronomy related events.

Activities & Achievements

Tour to the Science Museum for Hubble 3D Screening

Membership

12/30 currently. Many members yet to pay for membership, activity so far was not restricted to only paying members.

Equipment

None

Finances

Applying to TeachFirst for sponsorship. Expected £20 pound.

Other Issues

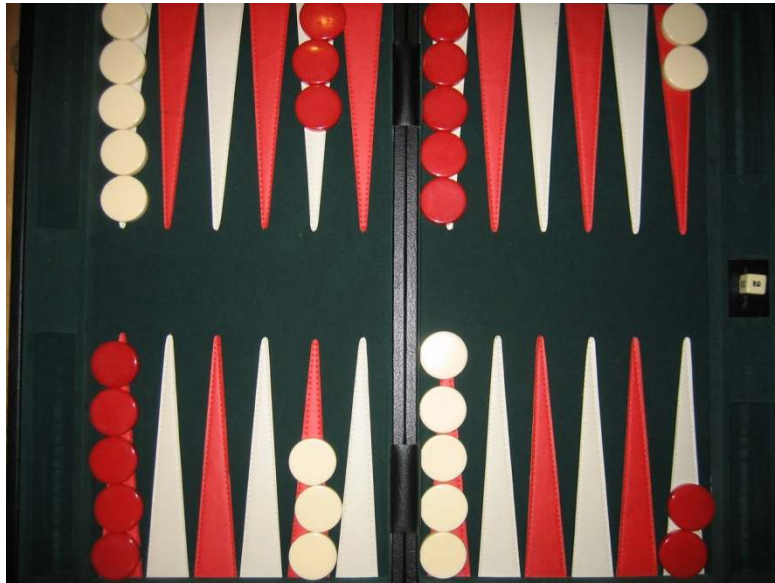
None

Future Events

Tour to Mill Hill Observatory

Stargazing Nights

RCC Backgammon (148)



Introduction

The Backgammon Society organises a weekly meeting for members and others who wish to play backgammon. We have a constant core of members who turns up every week where we play some friendly matches and an opportunity to socialise.

Activities & Achievements

The Society organises a league which runs throughout the year and a knockout tournament in January. We also play Chouette which is a multi-player version of backgammon which is quite popular and a good tool to discuss strategy amongst ourselves. We have a pub social evening every term which is just to play backgammon outside our usual Friday lunchtime meeting. We also visit a backgammon club which operates around London, which is enormous fun and members can see professionals play.

Membership

The Society has 33 full members and 2 associate members and we have met our 20 members' target. This is more than our usual just above 20 members in the previous

years because we have scrapped the membership fee even though our fee before was only £2. The reason we can afford not to charge this year is because we have quite a bit of SGI from previous years and our expense is small as we have acquired all the equipment we need for the foreseeable future.

Equipment

The Backgammon Society has six backgammon boards and a backgammon book which is a useful education tool. There is no need to increase the number of board and these boards can last for at least another 3-4 years.

Finances

The Society has around £200 in SGI and there is no expense from the society at the moment. Our only expenditure is equipment purchase in the previous years but we are happy with the equipment we have. If there is any need, we can start charging membership fee again but that will not be needed for a few years.

Future Events

The society holds a tournament for members in January and we will organise another pub social next term. We may want to get in touch with the backgammon society of King's College if our members feel like socialising with another university.

RCC Belly Dancing (149)

Introduction

ICU Belly Dancing Society has been around for the past five years. We have a large member base, obtaining around 100 members each year. We hold 4 regular classes a week conducted by teachers from the well known Fleur Estelle dance company. The technical classes are pitched at 3 different levels of ability: beginners, improvers and advanced in which there are about 15-30 students in each class. We are also running a course this term focusing on the use of props in bellydancing and different styles of bellydancing.

We also compete at various inter-university dance competitions and perform at Arts events such as Artsfest, I-Night and East meets West. We also perform for events held by other societies at the university.

Our committee is made up of 10 girls of all abilities who share a passion for bellydancing.

Activities and Achievements

This year, our activities will be similar to last year. Our main activity is holding classes. However, we like to encourage socializing within the group, and are planning a Christmas dinner at an Arabic restaurant.

We are planning to attend the inter-university dance competition held at Warwick in January where a small group of dancers will compete for our club in the Eastern category. The training sessions are being held outside of normal class time for those dancers involved. We took part last year and found it to be a very enjoyable experience. We have a small team of dancers this year who will be performing at Fusion in February and are currently undergoing rehearsals accordingly with the coordinators of the event.

We will also be performing in Mega Malaii and East Meets West as well as Artsfest and International Night. At the end of the year we will hold our own dance show as well to give students of all levels the chance to perform.

Membership

Full Members: 55 (out of 80) (69%)

Life/ Associate members: 3

The target for this year has not yet been met, but we are confident that we will reach it by the end of the year. For the first time we are holding classes on a Friday evening, and this seems to be deterring a few people, so next term the classes will move to Monday. The initial free taster classes were very popular, however due to the time and day of the classes the students may have decided it was difficult to commit to classes throughout the term.

Booking rooms for classes has always been a problem for our society. We only get use of the union gym once a week and for the rest of our classes we try to book the Activity Spaces but these don't have mirrors and it is hard to book these as there are so many other groups who also want the space. In this case we end up using classrooms but the floors are carpeted and we need to move a lot of furniture around, making it very inconvenient. Also, there is restricted access to some of the building so classes often start a lot later than scheduled. We have appealed for more use of the union gym and for early bookings of activity spaces but have not been successful and it seems that there isn't much support for societies in our situation, who require rooms in order for the society to continue to run.

Equipment

We have a club stereo which we use for all classes and it works well. Storage is difficult and it is kept in one of the committee member's personal locker. We have applied for space in the union but have been told there is none. This can be very difficult as we also need to store costumes and props but these usually end up going home with people as there is nowhere to store it in uni.

We own coin belts and some saidi canes. Last year, we ran a workshop to teach students how to make their own costumes which was very successful.

Finances

Grant: -£362.50

Sgi: £6188.12

Harlington, IC trust and Faculty: No records

We have found it a major problem sorting out finances this term. The change over to online transfers etc. has proven to be very complicated and the instructors got very angry at the late payment of their term fees. The complexity of the financial system is very off-putting when considering how much to subsidise costumes, dinners etc. as

it isn't clear when the person paying will be reimbursed. Companies are also less reluctant to sell when they are paid upfront.

Future Events

We are planning on having a Christmas Dinner social event open to members and non-members, to be held on 13th December at Souk Bazaar in Leicester Square.

In the spring term we will showcase our dancers and choreography from the previous two terms classes at I-Night, Mega Malaai and in our annual belly dancing showcase. We also plan to attend Warwick Dance competition and have our dancers perform in Fusion and East meets West, both to be held in February.

We also hope to have more targeted workshops run by Fleur Estelle's dancers such as the props class that is currently running. Ideas include tribal fusion and learning a different choreography each week for those members who are unable to commit to a full term of classes.

Some photos from our show last year:





RCC Billiards & Snooker (102)



Introduction

The number one aim of our club is to provide the opportunity for all cue-sport enthusiasts to fully enjoy the various versions of the sport. We try and cater for all present and potential members, from complete beginners to more competent players, as well as both snooker and pool fans.

Activities and achievements

The top floor of the Union Building is home to four full-size excellent quality snooker tables, which are brushed and ironed every week. Members can play at any time between 9am and 11pm every day, including weekends and holidays.

This year, regular club activities include free weekly pool sessions at Rileys Victoria, weekly club nights with committee-led beginners' coaching, and professional coaching lessons from 1977 UK Champion Patsy Fagan which, as new Sport Imperial DES Scholars, we are being funded £500 for. We also organise a number of internal tournaments including our Freshers' Tournament and the Internal League, where all members of the club are eligible to stake their claim for the title of ICU Snooker's no. 1 player!

Finally ICU Snooker regularly sends teams to participate in inter-university competitions throughout the year for both snooker and pool. This year's university cue sports season began in October with a trip to Nottingham for the English Universities Pool Championships, where the Imperial team reached the quarter finals of the Plate competition. Furthermore, our 1st team has won the BUCS Snooker Trophy for the past two years, which makes us the number 9 ranked university team in the UK. We will be returning to Leeds in March to once again to defend our title, although this year we would like to try and qualify for the Championship stage of the competition, which consists of the UK's top 8 teams.

Membership

At the time of writing, we have 79 Full members, with 3 Life/Associate members. This places us 21 short of our target of 100, although we have overtaken last year's membership total.

In previous years, we have been able to attract around 100 members, with numbers peaking at >120 in 2009/10. However, last year saw an alarming drop to just 81 (including Life/Associate members). During a committee discussion over the summer, we tried to pinpoint possible reasons for this, which ranged from Freshers' Fair location to the state of the equipment to lack of regular club activities. We attempted to address these issues by introducing more focused club nights with beginners coaching and even offered to give a free snooker cue to one lucky member who joined the club within three weeks of the start of term.

Whilst we are struggling with numbers though, it should be noted that the snooker rooms seem busier this year, with lots of people using the tables at lunchtimes and with high attendance at our Tuesday and Thursday Club Nights; so perhaps the decrease in membership numbers is just a reflection of the current popularity of the sport.

Equipment

There have been some significant changes and additions to the snooker rooms in terms of equipment. We have replaced 3 of the club cues, 2 table covers and 3 new cross-rest/spider-rest heads due to the previously poor condition of these pieces of equipment. We have also resurfaced two of the tables, which is something the club tries to do at least every two years.

The most important change is the fact that we have managed to replace the lockers that hold the four sets of club balls. Last year, it had become possible to break into the lockers without using a key to unlock the padlocks, which was a major security issue for us and could have cost us lots of money if people were to steal our equipment. However, due to the moving in of the Business School into the old building which housed the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, this summer we were able to claim the unused lockers there for the club's benefit. It is now no longer possible to break into these lockers.

Finances

We started the year with £1283.13 in SGI and £974.00 of Grant money provided by the Union (subject to reaching our membership quota). Currently our SGI stands at £2940.74 and we have used just under half of our total Grant allocation.

A detailed breakdown of our financial transactions thus far can be found in the online transactions pages of the Imperial College Union website, although there are some claims are yet to be processed so the current SGI total is actually lower than the figure stated.

Taking into account everything we will need to pay for this year (this includes accommodation, travel expenses and entry to various tournaments, internal competition prize money, professional coaching, pool table hire etc.), we hope use up all our grant money and leave roughly £500-£600 for next year's committee. The reason for this total being lower than our starting figure for this year is that there should be very little equipment maintenance expenses required for next year as it is all being done this year. Furthermore, we are using this year to try and build the profile of the club in order to secure sponsorship for next year.

Other issues

Recently, we had to hold re-elections for the post of Treasurer due to the previously elected officer having to leave Imperial for a year. The whole procedure ran smoothly and in early November we were able to announce the winner of the election.

Other than that, there are no issues to report.

Future events

The rest of the year includes participation at various snooker and pool tournaments, of which there are four left – UPC 9-Ball Championships (November), Midlands Universities Snooker Championships (January), BUCS English 8-ball Championships (February) and BUCS Snooker Championships (March).

We also hope to conclude our Internal League in the spring and hold a Pot Black tournament (single frame shootouts) for our members.

Finally, we have a social trip lined up where we will take 10 members to see the Masters Snooker tournament at the Alexandra Palace. We have bought tickets to see 2 matches on the Wednesday of the week-long tournament. It should be a great experience and we are very much looking forward to it!



Above: Imperial College Snooker 1st Team - BUCS Trophy winners 2010/11



Above: a snapshot of the facilities we have at the club.



Above: English 8-ball pool team. An article about the team's exploits at this year's English Universities Pool Championships appeared in issue 1500 of Felix and can be read online at:

http://www.union.ic.ac.uk/rcc/snooker_billiards/news/entry.php?id=36

RCC Bridge (103)

Introduction

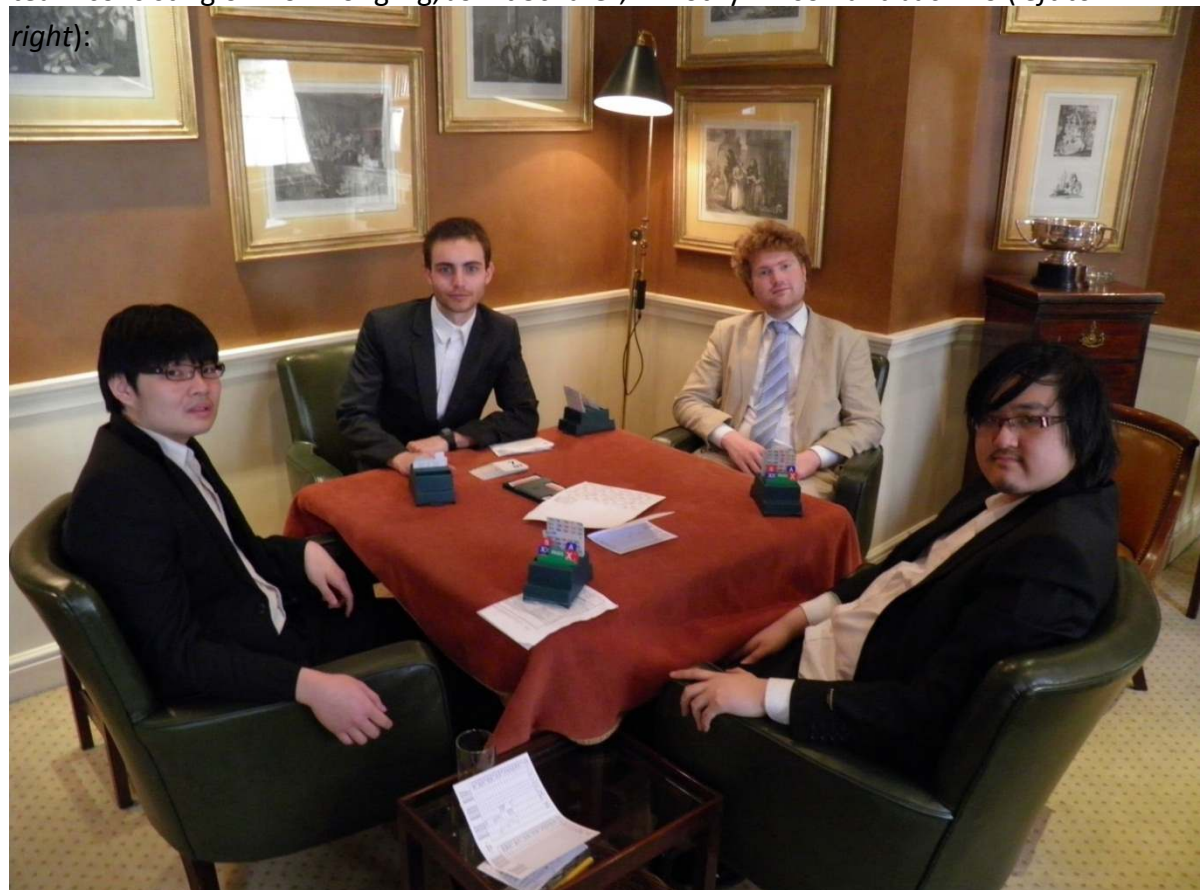
Bridge is a trick taking card game which has gained popularity among young people in recent years, and to this end the Imperial College Bridge Club has been established in order to promote what we feel is an interesting pursuit and stimulating activity.

The Bridge Club's main goal is to teach beginners how to play whilst giving intermediate players a chance to play in a friendly atmosphere. Last year we hired an instructor from the English Bridge Union, subsidised wholly by a youth grant provided by the EBU. This grant is no longer available to us, therefore this year teaching has been provided by club members.

Activities and achievements

During the 2010-2011 academic year, Imperial College Bridge Club was involved in several friendly matches against LSE Bridge Society as well as the Inter-University Bridge festival which was held at Warwick University in February 2011. These were meant predominantly as friendly games in which most of the members including beginners could participate, and most played in at least one of the matches.

The club also entered the Portland Bowl (UK university bridge championships), our team consisting of: Kok Hong Ng, Jorrit Schäfer, Timothy Wilson and Jack Ho (*left to*



This was the first time in over 5 years that Imperial College sent a team for this event and we competed against 17 other teams from around the UK. The format was straight KO, with our team defeating Southampton A and Oxford B during the first two rounds (25-0 and 25-1 respectively). The semi-finals and finals were held at the Portland Club in London where we managed to secure a convincing victory against Warwick A. Unfortunately we lost to a strong Oxford A team the next day in the finals. Overall it was an exciting event for all the players and we were quite happy coming 2nd as this was much better than most (including us!) had expected. One hand successfully played by the Imperial College team captain was later also published in The Times bridge column.

Membership

The membership target for the club was set at 25 for this year, and at the time of writing we had 39 paid members. This is an increase on last year's 34.

Equipment

The main bulk of the club's equipment has been provided by members. This year we will be using SGI and last year's union allocation of £16 to purchase replacement cards and other miscellaneous equipment.

Finances

This year we have received a total of £28.50 in grants from the union, with £12.50 allocated towards competition entry and the rest earmarked for equipment purchase. Our SGI funds currently stand at £138.54, and we are anticipating a spend of around £40 for equipment purchase soon.

Future events

The club is currently planning a christmas dinner following a very successful fresher's dinner (*see below*) held at Garfunkel's at gloucester road arcade, where some 20 members turned up for a great night out. We are also looking into providing a bridge tour in the coming years, and are currently researching possible options.



RCC Canoe (105)



Introduction

RCC Canoe is the only student run club to offer canoeing and kayaking of all disciplines (white water, playboating, surf, and competitive) in London. As such, we have a very active society with members from many London university as well as Imperial students, and offer frequent events and activities for all abilities. We predominantly focus on white water kayaking, and offer rapid progression for both the novice and intermediate kayaker over the course of the year by running many trips catered to individual levels.

Activities and Achievements

Our yearly calendar consists of: around 4 weekend trips a term to premium UK based white water locations, a longer tour abroad at the end of every term, weekly pool sessions in which we coach all abilities in a controlled environment, a yearly BUCS event and numerous socials that are predominantly fancy dress! We recently competed in BUCS WWR, in which our team ranked top 10 in the UK, and our University top 20 overall. We also regularly send individual Imperial College students to British University Kayaking Expedition selection weekend, and for the last several years have had Imperial College students representing the UK abroad. We also have

a very active “off-duty” club, who organise ad-hoc playboating sessions, white water course visits, and longer expeditions to the far reaches of the globe.

Membership

Imperial college Canoe club has a student membership target of 40, and a Life/Associate membership target of 10. This year, to date we have 105% membership and 7 associate members, this is due to continue to rise, as we have over 7 other associates with pending membership. We have had some issues with the delay between people receiving life/associate union membership cards and then being able to purchase club membership, there are at least 7 potential members who are awaiting CID numbers before being able to purchase Canoe Club membership, and so we are confident that we will exceed our membership target. We believe our increased membership this year is down to several things; the attraction of the paddling pool in our innovative Freshers Fair recruitment drive, and our continued provision to be the only student led White Water Kayaking Canoe Club in London, allowing us to attract members from other Universities as associates.

Equipment

Currently, we have around 30 club boats and 15 personal boats in our stores, located at Beit Quad and St Mary’s Garage. We also have a wide selection of appropriate safety equipment, including BA’s, decks, helmets, paddles, throw lines and other paraphernalia such as wetsuits, tents, cags etc. This equipment is regularly used by our beginner members, as the cost of an entire set of kit is approximately £1000 per person, and is an investment most people will make over several years. A large proportion of these club boats are broken and unsuitable for use on club trips, but can be used to train people at the pool. We are hoping to be able to invest some time this year in fixing the remaining boats and removing those that are beyond repair, however this is a huge job and we haven’t got round to it yet! We have recently purchased 3 new boats from money allocated to us through the Harlington Trust through money allocated last year. We also recently competed in BUCS and managed to come 10th in the team race despite not having the specialised equipment other teams had- purchasing 3 white water racer boats is beyond the capacity of the club. The club does not have enough money to regularly replace equipment that is broken through regular use- a new boat costs in the region of £500-700.

Finances

RCC Canoe has an annual grant as follows:

The Total Imperial College Union grant offered to ICCC totalled £3417. This grant has been fully unlocked, as ICCC has achieved the proposed number of members for the 2011/12 academic year.

Additional funding was acquired from the Harlington trust, who offered £1947 to purchase new equipment for the club.

We have also been granted BUCS funding by Sport Imperial to cover entry into BUCS competitions this year, and DES funding to cover training at the new White Water centre in London for competitive events. £400 has been allocated to the club to train at the Lee valley white water centre, which will allow us to competitively compete at the National Student Rodeo next March. £137.50 was acquired for entrance fees to the BUCS wild water races, so that 6 individuals and 1 team could enter.

Other Issues

We have had some issues with the delay between people receiving life/associate union membership cards and then being able to purchase club membership, there are potential members who are awaiting CID numbers before being able to purchase Canoe Club membership, however without this Union membership and subsequent Canoe Club membership, we are having difficulty allowing them to purchase trips and make payments online. It is also an issue for Ethos, where we hold our regular pool sessions, who have been dis-inclined to allow union members without cards (currently awaiting arrival/lost in the post) into pool sessions. As a growing club, we are also having some issue with space, if we had more storage space we would be able to accommodate more equipment for our members, and could potentially expand club trips. Our current stores have been recently flooded by the toilets in the union, and whilst this has happened several times, a permanent fix has yet to be achieved. Currently we have reserve lists of over 10 people for every trip, who we cannot accommodate due to a lack of safe equipment.

Future Events

We have already held 4 weekend trips this term, with another being held this weekend. We will also be running a Winter Tour to Ireland this Christmas break, several trips next term, and more tours to as yet undecided locations in the future, continuing to run fantastic trips around the globe.



RCC Caving (106)

Introduction

The main aim of the club is to take members caving, both in the UK and abroad. As one of the most active clubs at Imperial, we have often social events, and go on weekend trips every 2 weeks during term time. We also go on tour every term break, with the summer tour being a particularly intense month long expedition.

Activities & Achievements

Tours

Winter tour



2010 winter tour – Gaping Gill, Yorkshire

Winter tours are usually to Yorkshire, which has the largest concentration of caves in the country and has caves suitable for all skill levels. We have found the tour to be an integral part of our training programme; newer members often find themselves improving more in a week than a whole term's worth of caving trips. More experienced members also enjoy themselves immensely on the tour, as they get the chance to do longer trips that aren't always possible during term time, or hone more advanced skills such as rigging.

Spring tour

For the spring tour we normally try to go out of the country – usually somewhere warm (though not always!) and almost always in Europe. Last year, we visited the caves in Sardinia.



Formations in Su Palu, Sardinia, 2011 spring tour

As the type and characteristics of caves vary from region to region depending on the geology of the area, going abroad for the spring tour gives members a chance to experience different types of caving, as well as meet cavers from other countries to exchange techniques and knowledge.



Underground camp in Su Palu cave, Sardinia, 2011 spring tour

For example, in our Sardinia tour last year members all had a chance to camp underground, which was a particularly exciting and new experience for those who had never been out on expedition before.

Summer tour



UZX at Ravne (where we store gear to be carried up the mountain); Migovec in the background

For many members, the summer tour is the highlight of the caving calendar. Since 1994, the club has gone out to Tolminksi Migovec, Slovenia, almost every year for a 4-6 week expedition.



The Bivi, our communal living area (a shakehole on the plateau)

Members camp on top of a mountain, exploring completely virgin passage in the cave system underground. Each year, kilometres of new passage is found and surveyed.



Undergraduates on their first caving expedition, summer tour 2011

For a university club to conduct such successful alpine caving expeditions is frankly, quite impressive. Our Slovenia expeditions are well respected in the UK caving community, and even internationally recognised. In 2010, we even won the Wilhem

Putnick prize for the best cave exploration in Slovenia. Despite this, even first-year cavers aren't excluded. In fact, they are taught how to survey and bolt by older members and are actively involved in the exploration.



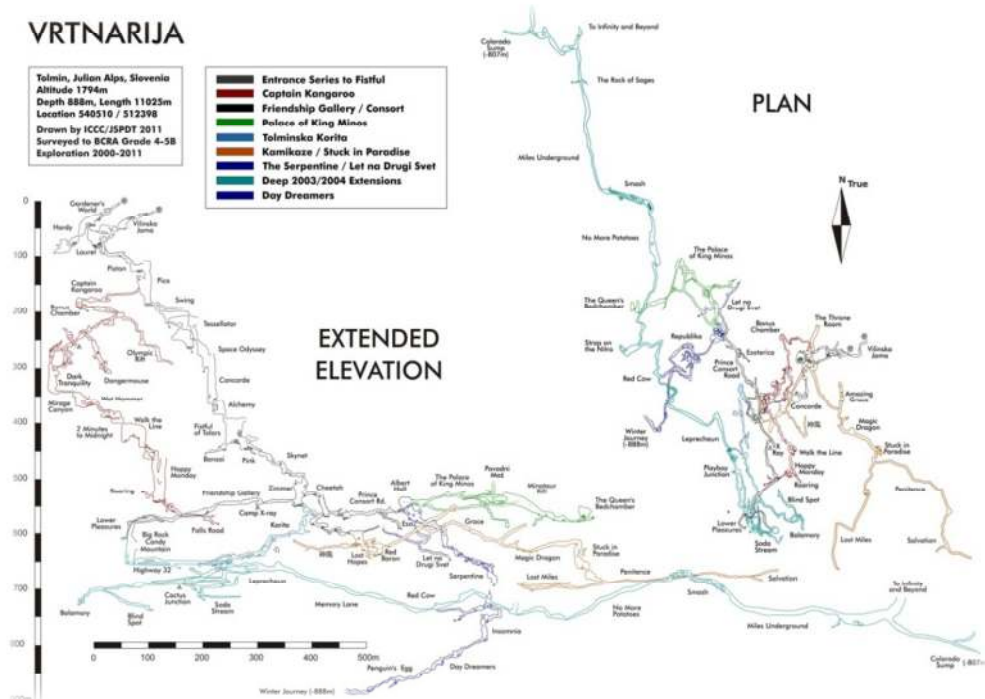
Dark Tranquility, a pitch in the Vrtnarija cave system

The experience is a singularly unique one. The sort of alpine caving we practice in Slovenia is completely unmatched by anything on offer in the UK. The cave system we are currently exploring, Vrtnarija, is -888m deep – in contrast, the deepest caves in the UK usually come in around the -200m mark.



Camp X-Ray: underground camping at -550m

Indeed, the 'pushing front' is now so far from the surface that underground camping trips are necessary as it takes too long to reach virgin passage. Members usually camp underground at -550m for 3 days and 2 nights, sometimes completely inverting their sleep cycle to make full use of the 'beds' at camp!



Latest 2011 survey of Vrtnarija

The 2011 expedition was hugely successful, with 2.2km of completely new passage found (all below -500m). Today, Vrtnarija stands at 11,025m long and 888m deep, and still it keeps going...

Weekend Trips



First fresher caving trip of 2011-2012, OFD, South Wales

During term time, the club goes away on weekend trips every fortnight. In the last two years especially, these have been extremely successful; their popularity has often necessitated an extra car or minibus. We make a conscious effort to go to each of the 4 main caving regions in the UK (Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Mendip, and South Wales) at least once a year, giving members a chance to experience all the different types of caves on offer.

Weekend trips also serve as training sessions, to prepare less experienced members for the more demanding tours.

Training Sessions

The club holds tree training sessions every Wednesday in the autumn term, as well as on a more ad-hoc basis in the spring and summer terms. These sessions are important as they give new members a chance to learn the necessary rope techniques (prussiking, abseiling, changeovers, passing rebelay and deviations, etc.) in a safe and controlled environment, where they can be easily supervised. These sessions are open to all Imperial students, even if they aren't Caving members.

Membership

As of 18th November 2011, the club has 30 full members and 2 associate members. 100% of the target has been met. Based on previous years' experience, we can expect a few additional members to join in the Spring term as well.

Equipment

The club has a good store of equipment that we lend out to all members of the club, especially freshers. As caving equipment is specialised and expensive (a full set costs well over £500), it is unreasonable to expect freshers to pay for their own kit when they might not even enjoy caving! Therefore the club kit is integral to the healthy functioning of the club. As a lot of the equipment is PPE, they have to be replaced regularly. We tend to buy a bit of everything each year, and keep equipment on a yearly rolling replacement.

Finances

Account Name (code)	Allocated Grant	Remaining Grant
Affiliation fees (605)	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
Consumables (640)	£ 196.20	£ 196.20
Entrance Fee Conference (675)	£ 25.00	£ 25.00
Equipment Purchase (685)	£ 3,365.00	£ 3,365.00
Ground Hire (710)	£ 64.00	£ 4.27
Copyright & Royalties (725)	£ 20.00	£ 20.00
Travel Expenditure (895)	£ 1,540.00	£ 866.07

18-11-11, Eactivities finance pages

Most of the grant so far spent has been on transport for weekend trips in the autumn term. We are currently planning our major gear order of the year which should be placed before Christmas, so a large portion of the Equipment Purchase grant should be spent by spring term.

There is currently £681.89 in the SGI.

Other Issues

Minibus fuel tanks only partially filled

In the last few years, we've found that the tanks of the minibuses are often not completely filled when we pick them up. This is because clubs who hire the vans during the week neglect to refuel when they've 'only' been driving around London.

This is compounded by the fact that the fuel gauges on the minibuses aren't the most precise, and while it may show 'full' it is often short of £20 or £30 of fuel.

We appreciate that it is union policy to refill partially-filled tanks in London before setting off, then claiming the cost of the fuel – this works to an extent, and Olle comes down admirably hard on the offenders. However, spending the time to drive around London during the rush hour to refuel is impractical and a major hindrance when we have a 7 hour drive to Yorkshire ahead of us.

We suspect this problem is not limited to the caving club, but affects all the outdoor clubs in the RCC who go away for a weekend. While it may only be ~£20 per club in the less extreme weekends and may not seem like much in the grand scheme of things, this amount nonetheless accumulates over the year(s) and it means the RCC is effectively subsidising clubs from other management groups.

Future Events

Weekend trips

The club will continue running weekend trips every fortnight in the spring term, and on a more ad-hoc basis in the summer term to accommodate exam schedules.

Tours

Our winter tour to Yorkshire on 16-23rd December 2011 has been approved. We plan to go on tour to somewhere in Europe in spring (the current front-running candidate is Budapest, Hungary). We will of course return to Slovenia in the summer – one of our main aims in the last few years has been to make the connection between two big cave systems we've explored over the years. They are now separated by only 4m (± 30 m survey error), so hopes are high that 2012 will be *'the'* year.

BCRA Conference

The club will be attending the annual caving conference once again in 2012, where we will give a lecture on our latest discoveries in Slovenia. Our talks have always been well-received in the past, generating interest from the wider caving community in the UK.

RCC Chess (107)

Introduction

Imperial College Chess Club is a vibrant society that caters for players of all abilities. This applies equally to a complete novice seeking to improve their technical ability, or an accomplished graded player in search of some formal competition. Regular club nights are held weekly in the East Basement of Beit Quadrangle, and form the basis of our activities.

The club participates in three competitive leagues throughout the academic year: the Central London League, Middlesex League and London League. Each of these involves one team representing the College. Formal matches take place in the evening, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Last year, the club experienced a dramatic intake of ability, and so far this year has proved similarly productive.

Activities & Achievements

We have competed strongly in all three leagues so far. Currently maintaining an unbeaten record in the London League, which will hopefully endure. A number of new members have received systematic instruction from more experienced players, one of whom is a FIDE Master.



Figure 1(a) and (b): The Chess Club stall in operation at Freshers' Fair 2011

Membership

Full: 27

Life / Associate: 2

The club has not yet achieved its target of 30 full members. However, 27 is a greater number than that attained at a similar point last year. This is probably due to more effective marketing of the club at Freshers' Fair – with dedicated fliers being distributed, a Facebook Group established, etc.

Equipment

Currently the chess sets and boards are proving sufficient to cope with a busy match schedule and regular club meetings. New digital clocks are ideally required for the long term. Our cupboard in Store 7 is small for our needs, but so far adequate.

Finances

Current status of club finances (correct on 22/11/11)

Grant: £86.94

SGI: £511.91

Significant items of future expenditure:

- Membership fees for participation in each of the three leagues. In total, the fees will exceed £200.
- New digital clocks (the expected model being the DGT 2010) tend to have a retail price of approximately £44 per unit.
- Travel, transportation and accommodation for club teams when competing in external tournaments.

Other Issues

While broadly effective, the system of room bookings is in need of clarification, with greater liaison between Beit Security Office and the Union administration (between which there often seems to be a huge disparity of information). We have frequently

encountered double-bookings with other clubs, despite receiving emails clearly stating that we have secured the relevant room.

Future Events

In the spring term we intend to hold two events at the Union building:

1. An individual Chess Congress.
2. A team Rapid-play tournament.

Furthermore, teams representing Imperial College will compete at the British Universities Chess Championship and Blackpool Congress, both held in 2012.

RCC Cooking (164)

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

RCC Croquet Club (140)

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

RCC Dance Company (759)

Introduction



Dance Company offers student-taught dance lessons in Tap, Ballet and Contemporary on Sundays during term-time. We also host workshop and guest teacher classes, and attend inter-University competitions.

Activities & Achievements

We have successfully provided classes over the last year, including several guest teachers from dance companies such as the English National Ballet. We had a Winter tour to an inter-University competition in Edinburgh and attended a competition at Kings College London.



We received a number of 2nd and 3rd place trophies at these competitions, and one dancer received the Judges' Award at Edinburgh for individual talent. We also performed at East Meets West, at the Indig02, and INight.

Membership

Our membership target for the year is 82 members and 3 non-Student members. We have not yet met this target, but are close with 77 members and 2 non-Student

members. This year's target is a decrease from last year when we had a target of 100, which we did not meet by roughly 15.

Equipment

We currently own several ballet barres, a stereo and a costume collection. The stereo is, however, several years old and due to be replaced. Thus we are currently investigating a new stereo, to be funded from SGI.



Finances

We receive grant for competition fees, external instructors, and travel to competitions. The grant totals around

£600. Our SGI income is membership and class fees, totaling around £4,000.

We are expecting to replace our current stereo in the near future, as it is several years old. We are also looking into replacing our ballet barres as they have undergone intense use. We are currently planning a Winter Tour, which may be partly funded through grant and SGI.

Other Issues

The floor and ceiling in the Union Gym are slowly deteriorating in condition. The ceiling has damp and the paint is flaking off, and the floor has several holes, currently covered by duct tape. We believe the floor to be an increasing safety risk, requiring attention in the near future.

Future Events



As well as continuing to provide weekly lessons, we plan to offer workshops once

or twice a year in other dance styles such as Jazz and Irish dancing. We hope to continue participating in performances both on-campus, such as INight and Artsfest, and off-campus, such as East Meets West. We will be attending several inter-University competitions across the country – currently we are looking at competitions in Essex and Newcastle in January and February, and potentially one at Kings later in the spring term.

RCC Exploration (109)

Introduction

The society's general aims are:

- To aid, instruct and help students who would like to organise their own expeditions.
- To become a networking hub for exploration fans, both the ones wanting to take part in expeditions and the ones just wanting to hear about others adventures.
- To organise and publicise talks of the Imperial College expeditions that have taken place during the previous academic year.

Activities and Achievements

1. Talks and Seminars

i. At Imperial College

These are a Series of talks (which we aim to have every fortnight) held within College premises. The aim is to become a networking hub between exploration fans. Talks range from past IC expeditions, members of the society explaining their expeditions, externals explaining their adventures. For next term we aim to bring: Mick Fowler, Johnny Dawes, Andy Kirckpatrik, Atlantic Rising, Spike Reid (Lad Rover Award 2008), Kyrgyzstan expedition.

ii. Outside of Imperial College

These are trips to lectures, seminars or tours at venues outside Imperial College. The aim is to introduce and build up useful contacts with other adventurers outside IC. Also it is to help obtain relevant information for those willing to organise an Expedition. Partnerships have been established with:
The Royal Geographical Society and The Alpine Club.

b. 1 to 1 peer to peer advise

Informal sessions can be held upon prior request with any committee member to discuss proposals or seek any kind of advise on how to run an expedition.

c. Tours

The Society Runs 3 Tours.

- i. Winter* – Ice Climbing. Norway Rjukan. Prior experience is required. This experience should be obtained via the Outdoor or the Mountaineering Clubs
- ii. Spring* – Ski touring. Hut-to-hut tour in the Alps. Prior skiing experience is required.



- iii. Summer* – Canoeing or Canyoning in some warm country. TBD.

Membership

This year we have 2 life Associate Members. And 37 full members, having already met the target of 25 members. Note that one of the main objectives of this committee is to expand and publicise the club such that it can truly become a networking hub for all keen explorers regardless of their exploration field.

Equipment

The society now owns 3 guidebooks and an avalanche shovel. The idea is to expand on guidebooks and to build a relevant library such that all members can borrow the guidebooks upon request. We would also like to get 2 probes and another shovel to take on tours.

Finances

The Club did not get any grant allocated for this academic year. And has been allocated very small amounts of grant during the past few years. This was due to poor running of the Club. The money existent on the SGI comes from the running in

2007, 2008 period of 3 really successful talks featuring Andy Kirkpatrick, Chirs McLeod and Andy Cave. Major expenditure next term by hiring Andy KP and paying other speakers.

Future Events

29th Nov- IC Reru Valley expedition Talk.

6th Nov- Stuart Howard (AC member) on several mountaineering expeditions around the globe.

Next Term: **Atlantic Rising** .Winers of Land Rover award on their expedition to Raise awareness about Climate change. **Mick Fowler**. Alpine Club President and one of the most prominent contemporary alpinists on his adventures as well as the benefits of the Alpine club, what is it? What can I get out of it? The aim is to invite other London universities to the event expand the networking circle.

Spike Reid. Winner of the Land Rover award on 2008 on his adventures. **Arnaud Sors**, member of the society on his mountaineering expedition to Kyrgyzstan.

RCC Fellwanderers (110)

Introduction

The Fellwanderers are the hiking club of Imperial College Union and at the time of writing have done 7 walks split over day walks and weekend trips with sessions planned every weekend as well as socials and training event.

Activities & Achievements

We run weekend trips fortnightly and day walks on the other weekends. We are going on tour to walk Hadrian's Wall this winter and have also held our first ever orienteering training session. Our bar night is coming up and we had a Freshers' meal.

Membership

At the time of writing we have 79 Full members and 2 Life/Associate members. This is in line with previous years though we usually gain members quite steadily through the year so would expect to get 100 members by the end of the year.

Equipment

This year we have been a little short on sleeping mats to give to Freshers who do not own their own. They are not expensive so we will buy some more. Some of the compasses are also a bit dodgy.

Finances

SGL opened at £2,254.58, which is 41% lower than the previous year's opening at £3,843.89. No questions have been asked to find out if this was planned or unforeseen. This year, the aim will be to close SGL at the same level as it opened at.

Fellwanderers received a 20% cut from last year's grant amount. The club will have spent its entire grant by March. This will mean that the club will not be able to subsidise the summer trip unless the first two terms trips make a profit.

Fellwanderers received £2,828.00 in travel grant and according to the transactions pages have spent £1603.12 (57%).

Fellwanderers have been charging trips differently. In previous years the amount was charged at the end, but this year Fellwanderers have been using the Union shop. Using the union shop makes it easier for members to pay and stops the Chair and

Treasurer having to chase people for money. If people don't pay, they don't come on the weekend trip. All products have been put online as contributions to travel, accommodation and basic food. This has allowed the VAT to be processed correctly.

Every trip has required a budget to be approved. The table below summarises how Fellwanderers Trips have compared to the approved budget.

Trip	Budgeted Expenditure	Actual Expenditure	Budgeted Income	Actual Income	Budgeted Profit	Actual Profit	Profit Difference
Snowdonia	£823.17	£997.02	£1020.00	£1080	£196.83	£82.98	-£113.85
Lake District	£1134.23	£1291.94	£1160.00	£1330	£25.77	£38.06	£12.29
Peak District	£1122.94	£881.08	£1160.00	£935	£37.06	£53.92	£16.86

The Treasurer would like to see the event budget, budget approval and budget comparison put on eActivities.

There have been some issues in understanding VAT and how to write a correct budget. With the help of the DPFS, most of these issues have been resolved. All income and expenditure has had the correct VAT deducted.

The club is in the process of tidying up the activity codes. The club was previously using six activity codes, now this has been reduced to four activity codes. Old activity codes were:

- 21: Tour 1
- 22: Spring Tour 2011 – Scotland
- 23: Winter Tour
- 24: Summer Tour 2011
- 25: Summer Tour
- 51: Freshers

The new activity codes are:

- 21: Winter Tour
- 22: Spring Tour
- 23: Summer Tour
- 52: Social Events

The Fellwanderers have no major expenditure planned but will be replacing some club sleeping equipment. When new people join the club, they might not own a sleeping bag or roll mat. By buying more of these for the club, weekend trip will be made more accessible to those that haven't yet purchased this equipment.

Other Issues

The bar night price increases have adversely affected our clubs ability to serve our members. On top of increasing fuel and bus costs it makes it increasingly difficult to offer our members the range of social events we would like.

Future Events

We will continue running weekend trips and day walks and plan to go on tour at Easter and Summer to Scotland and Bosnia/Serbia respectively. We will also continue holding socials including Feuerzangenbowle, beer festival, Christmas meal. We also hope to be the best performing club in the Night Hike this year and to complete the Four Inns walk once.

RCC Floorball (158)

Introduction

We are Imperial Floorball which is a sport popular in continental Europe, mainly within the Scandinavian Countries. It is a game played on a sports court which has similar rules to indoor hockey but you are allowed to use your feet and also to flick the ball through the air.

Activities & Achievements

We have training once a week on Wednesday between 12.30 to 2.30pm at Little Venice Sports Centre near Paddington. Outside of this we also form a joint team with LSE to play in a national league in association with the GBFUA (governing body of Floorball in the UK). We also play in University tournaments which normally take place against approximately 8 other universities. We are hoping to hold one in January which should be good! There have been talks about doing a tour to Switzerland but I cannot see that happening this year.

Membership

At the moment we have approximately 21 members, and still have people to buy membership. However ensuring people get round to buying membership is sometimes a struggle! We definitely have a regular amount of people at training sessions and compared to last year the regulars at training has increased, however I do believe we could have had more members by now but unfortunately the only training slot we could get is the 12.30 to 2.30pm slot which makes it hard for our members to go to after lectures. In January we will be training from 1pm to 3pm which should see an increase in members as well. Other than this I think people are put off due to the fact that Floorball is not a well known sport in the UK and also that we train near Edgware Road however we cannot train at Ethos due to Finances and also there are no closer venues that could hold us.

Equipment

No major issues at the moment, we are in the process of buying new balls for the club. We could also do with some game kit to represent ourselves at games, however we could subsidise this with our own members paying for it. We could also do with a second goalie set which would involve a helmet and knee pads. This would mean we could have two goalies training at one time and people would not have to share the helmet through the training.

Finances

We could well be buying sticks either next year or the year after as we have had the sticks for a while and it would not surprise me if they started to break soon. Other than this the main expenditure that we have as a club is on court rental which ensures that the club can have training sessions and also affiliation with the GBFUA which allows us to compete in the South East League.

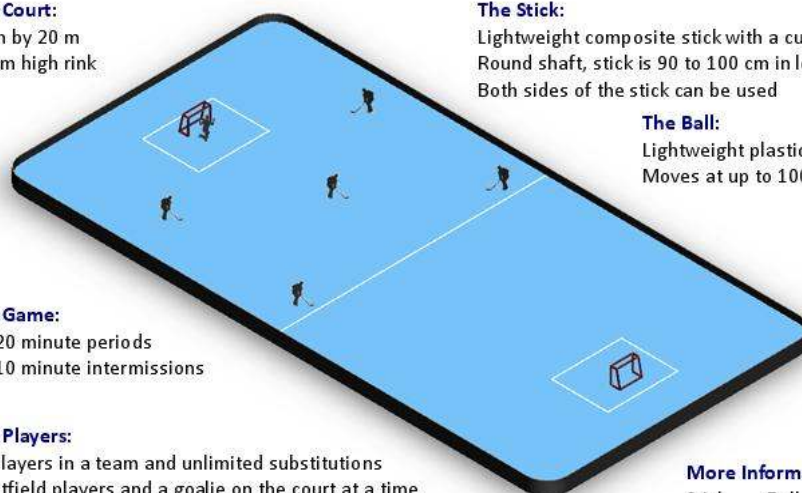
Other Issues

It would be really good if we could be added to the meeting of clubs when the times for ethos are decided. I strongly believe this would increase our membership massively and would be much easier for all involved.

Future Events

Hold a university league tournament, Warwick, Bath, LSE, UCL, Nottingham and Coventry are all expected to attend. Other than this we hope to be a competitive force within the GBFUA South East League.

The Court:
40 m by 20 m
50 cm high rink



The Stick:
Lightweight composite stick with a curved blade
Round shaft, stick is 90 to 100 cm in length
Both sides of the stick can be used

The Ball:
Lightweight plastic ball (23 g)
Moves at up to 100 mph

The Game:
3 x 20 minute periods
2 x 10 minute intermissions

The Players:
20 players in a team and unlimited substitutions
5 outfield players and a goalie on the court at a time

The Goalie:
Plays on his knees, blocking shots with his hands and body
Wears a helmet, gloves and padded clothing but does not use a stick or a mitt

More Information:

[Stick](#) [Ball](#)
[Goalie](#) [Video](#)



RCC Funkology (680)

Introduction

FuNkoLoGy is an urban dance society that participates in performances and shows, while also holding weekly classes and workshops for students interested in learning different street styles.



Figure 1. Weekly Class

Activities & Achievements

We hold classes twice a week on every Tuesday and Thursday, with professional choreographers and members of our performing crew teaching new choreography to the class.

We had held two socials so far: the first was a welcome gathering and the second was a trip to a breaking competition. Both have had good responses with a fair amount of students attending.

FuNkoLoGy has recently been part of the flash mob fundraiser organised by Imperial College Women in S.E.T. to raise awareness for breast cancer. We performed in both the Queen's Tower dining hall and the Junior Common Room and were featured on

the Imperial College Youtube channel. We also performed at the CSSA Fashion show on the 22nd November and have received positive feedback from it.



Figure 2. Welcome Social

A noteworthy achievement is that our first video on the FuNkoLoGy Youtube channel has reached 962 views. We are getting viewed from not only students within Imperial, but people around the globe!

As a benchmark, we participated in 5 successful performances last academic year: flashmob at Tanaka Business School, Mega Maalai, East Meets West, Indonesian Night and RAG fashion show.

Membership

We currently have 74 members including 1 Life/Associate member. We have a target of 80 members by the end of the year which we aim to reach by the end of the Autumn term. We believe this target can be met easily as we still have many keen students coming to our classes without having bought membership yet. We have also previously always exceeded our membership requirement.

Equipment

As dancers, mirrors are essential for ensuring that the techniques taught in class are being followed correctly by the students. This is difficult in the Union Gym because of the door in the middle which separates the room into two sections and hence splits the class into two groups.

We would like to request having a full length mirror that could just be placed in this gap between the two mirrors each time we have class and removed once class has

ended. This would not only benefit FuNkoLogY, but also benefit other dance societies in Imperial.

Finances

This year we received half the grant of the previous year. This year's grant is £500. Our standing SGI account from previous years, at the beginning of the term, amounted to approximately £3500. Due to the significant decrease in grant, we had to determine a new class fee structure system. Previously classes were set at a rate of £2.50 for members with a class card worth 5 classes for £10. This year we had to distinguish between our beginner and intermediate/breaking classes, for members £2 and £3 respectively. The class card was changed to a credit system, £12 worth of funkology credit for the price of £10.

Since the start of term, on the current schedule of 1 breaking class, 1 intermediate hiphop and 1 beginner hiphop class, we have taken approximately £850, £510 of which has gone to teacher fees. We have held multiple socials amounting to approximately £150.

In the near future, sources of expenditure will be on more socials and workshops throughout the year, but more specifically, on subsidising society apparel. For example T-shirts, sweaters or somewhere along that line. Other sources would be in the subsidising of crew costumes for large end shows, primarily Fusion.

It is predicted that our intermediate classes are starting to make a loss in money due to the teacher expenses. If this is apparent at Christmas, an alternative will be sourced to ensure the societies financial stability in the coming term.

Other Issues

Mirrors requested (refer to above); Quality of the gym is degrading because the floors are not being maintained.

Future Events

Currently we have three performances lined up for the next term. The first is with a Singapore alumni group, followed by East Meets West and lastly Fusion@London. The latter would be our largest performance yet. On top of this, we aim to get involved in more flash mobs around Imperial and continue uploading videos on our Youtube channel to illustrate to others that Imperial students have more talents than just studying!

RCC Gaming (115)

Introduction

The gaming society runs as somewhere that people who enjoy playing video games are able to meet regularly and play together freely. Sessions run weekly where members play an assortment of different games and are able to come together and enjoy themselves. The sessions involve a variety of local area network (LAN) games, as well as games over the internet.

Activities & Achievements

Weekly sessions are held in rooms 406/407 in the EEE building. Members play a variety of games which include Call of Duty, Halo, Minecraft and Super Smash Brothers Brawl. Members are free to use whatever equipment that is available to game for recreational purposes.

Apart from the sessions, Gaming Society aims to hold several tournaments throughout the course of the academic year. These can focus on different genres, and aim to be competitive whilst being a fun experience for all. A successful event would be one that is both popular, and has introduced members to a concept that they previously were not part of.

We are currently in the process of helping the organization of an inter-university gaming league, which is being set up by the European Gaming League. Two representatives went to the event held in London. We hope to participate in this when it is estimated to be ready for the start of the 2012 academic year.

Membership

The society has 34 members at the moment with our target being 50. This number is a drop from previous years, however, the number of regularly attending members has increased from these years. This shows that this drop hasn't significantly affected the weekly numbers seen at the club, and the member dedication is better than in previous years. Often, tournaments which are operated within the year draw in non-members who wish to participate, and this has been seen to increase the membership count throughout the year. As we look to run more tournaments during subsequent terms, we will look for the membership count to still increase during later stages of the year.

Equipment

The Gaming Club has a variety of consoles and related equipment. The society currently owns 3 consoles consisting of 2 Xboxs and Wii, with 8 controllers for the Xbox and Wiimote, Nunchuck and 4 game-pads for the Wii. In addition to this we own 3 different Ethernet hubs, with a bag of varying length Ethernet cables. For power splitting, the society owns three 10-port multi plugs and a 2-port extension cable. We also own some equipment that is less frequently used such as computer speakers, 2 limited edition Xbox controllers to give away as prizes and hardware for the Xbox rock band game.

The equipment which is used during weekly sessions is kept in the lockers in the EEE department where our sessions are held. The club does not need any projectors as the three existing ones in room 406-407 are used.

Finances

The society currently holds around £500 with the majority coming from SGI. This money looks to be spent in the future, with the demand for new games that are required as well as more Wiimotes for the Wii. Although this is a good use of this money, we will need to ensure that there is sufficient cash left for new console releases in the future, or unforeseen circumstances.

Other Issues

During the early stages of the term, the society has suffered from a few unrelated issues. The first of these issues was the overuse of the mailing list tied to the society resulting in a large number of emails unwanted by the majority of the society being sent to the whole list. This caused an unpleasant outburst from a non-member on the list to another person on the list, causing distress to the second party. This was resolved swiftly, and appropriate action was taken to ensure this doesn't happen in the future. The second issue was that of the formation of an overlapping society. This was proposed early on within the year, and much of the membership within gaming oppose the creation of the society. Due to these problems with regard to the new society application, we have ensured that our feelings have been heard, and hope for the outcome to what we hoped. Both of these issues have now been solved, and will not require further work to rectify.

Future Events

In the future, we hope that the new inter-university league that is just starting will develop significantly, such that it is competitive between universities. This will make the society much more appealing in future years as the prospect of playing video

games in a structured and competitive manner is rarely possible. This may potentially involve organisation of practice sessions and teams to represent the society at the events within the league.

RCC Gliding (112)

Introduction

Our club offers students the chance to experience the thrill of flying at a reasonable price. Gliding is by far the cheapest way to fly and is significantly cheaper than powered flying because we don't need to pay for fuel. We run trips to Lasham every weekend subject to weather. On a normal day we take a balance of experienced and new members. We get everybody involved not just by flying but with helping on the ground whilst not flying.

Membership

We currently have 43 members. Our target to unlock the budget is 55 which we believe we will achieve.

Equipment

The main items of equipment we own are obviously our fleet of gliders. We own a Grob 103, 496. This is our 2 seater and is therefore used all of our training. This is kept rigged in the hangar at Lasham saving a lot of time on our weekend trips. Our second glider is a Discus, 296. This is the first single seater glider students will fly after they go solo after being checked out on a Duo Discus owned by Lasham. This is basically just a 2 seater version of the Discus. Our final glider is an ASW 24, 96. This is a higher performance glider and is often used in competitions. Both 296 and 96 are kept in their trailers, derigged, at Lasham. We also own a trailer for 496.

We own 2 parachutes which are kept in a cupboard at Lasham. We have our own caravan which is available to any student that wants to use it. It is mainly used during tours and Summer however it is currently in desperate need of renovation.

Finally we own a small workshop on Lasham airfield which allows us to do some aspects of the glider maintenance on site and therefore saving us money.

Finance

We have unlocked 78.2% of our budget. We currently have just over £14,000 in SGI and £13,000 in IC grant.

Other Issues

We have had issues this year with committee members. Our original treasurer and equipment officer both had to stand down due to illness. We have a full time replacement for Equipment officer. Our replacement treasurer is a PhD student that has previous experience on our committee however he is too busy with work and therefore is standing down when we find a replacement. Voting has been going on for the past week for a new treasurer and will be announced shortly.

Future Events

We plan to have trips running every weekend day throughout the term although our activities are highly weather dependant. We also will be running a number of social trips for members including bowling, pub crawls and dinners.

We are not having a winter tour unfortunately due to most of the committee members being busy with January examinations. We will be having an Easter tour which normally consists of a week spent at Lasham staying in tents and the caravan on the airfield. This is a great way of getting a lot of experience in a short time and has often in the past been a good platform to get students solo. We may also have a joint tour with pilot's club during summer.

RCC Ice Hockey (134)

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

RCC Juggling (104)

Introduction

We meet every Tuesday and Wednesday and juggle together. We also hold workshops though mainly for beginners at the moment.

Activities & Achievements

Again, we meet and juggle, and we offer workshops teaching various aspects of juggling. We aim to do a tour over the Easter holidays, where we will travel to the British Juggling Convention.

Membership

Our number of members lie at 34 currently. We met our target and more and currently our members numbers is about the same as the number of members we had at the end of last year. All but 2 are full members.

Equipment

Equipment is still functioning as usual. Nothing new to report.

Finances

We spend very little money. Other than the occasional equipment replacement, there are no outgoings. All of our money are of the form of SGI from years of membership that we never touched. We don't expect to need much money, except for the British Juggling Convention tour, which we hope can be subsidised by the union. We will make the necessary applications in due time.

Other Issues

We are in desperate need of a good practice space. As jugglers we need a room with a very high ceiling height. This is higher than the Union Concert Hall. However, no rooms are available for us to book which would be sufficient. Even the Union Concert hall is not available to us as we did not manage to book it very often last term. A few places that would be perfect is the Imperial Main Entrance and the SAF foyer, however neither are available for us to book and the building managers aren't open to hear our suggestions.

Future Events

All will continue as usual. Our major plans are for our Easter break tour to the British Juggling Convention.

RCC KnitSock (157)

Introduction

We meet up once a week in a friendly setting to engage in knitting, crocheting and other crafts if members so choose. KnitSock provides a platform for Imperial crafters and knitters to network and improve on their skills in a dedicated time period every week. This is supplemented by training sessions every other week whereby we teach techniques or methods, such that members not only practise but also learn new material. We provide a knitting equipment borrowing service as well.

Activities & Achievements

We have met up every week since the start of the school term. So far, we have organised two trips in order for members to buy knitting equipment and two training sessions regarding beginners' knitting. We also organised a Green week Session of knitting with plastic bags. This was not listed in the Green Week schedule even though our committee was approached to do this as part of Green Week.

Membership

KnitSock currently has 36 Full Members and 1 Associate Member. This exceeds the target of 27 (133.3%) and is more than last year's total of 35. Considering it is still autumn term, this is a good achievement and can be put down to the hard work of its committee in promoting KnitSock during the Freshers' Fair as well as during term-time.

Equipment

We have not faced any major issues due to lack of equipment. Generally, there is enough to go around.

We have recently obtained major new equipment. These are a blocking board, a swift and a knitting machine. Other equipment we have recently obtained are ball-winders, knitting needles and crochet hooks.

Other equipment we are planning on investing in include a drop spindle and needle-case.

Finances

We still have a full grant totaling £84.19 for consumables, conference entrance fees, equipment and summer tour expenditure.

KnitSock has a SGI totaling £544.68, with members' funds, subscriptions and equipment purchase making up £368.90, £154.29 and £21.49 respectively.

The remainder of the Harlington Trust will go to the purchase of our blocking board, costing a total of £93.33.

Other Issues

Our allocated space is currently not enough for the amount of equipment we have due to the fact that we have just obtained large pieces of equipment. We have heard that Fashion Society is moving into dormancy and would like to know if we could make use of their equipment and space. Otherwise, we would like a greater allocation of space.

Future Events

We are planning an educational visit to The Power of Making exhibition held in the Victoria and Albert Museum on 4/12/2011. This particular exhibition has handicraft as its main subject and it would be completely free for members and the club.

A combined event with TeaSoc has been planned for 8/12/2011. This would hopefully attract more members for both clubs.

KnitSock is planning to go to a few craft or knitting shows, such as Unravel in Farnham Maltings and Stitch and Craft 2012. Members would be subsidised by the club using the grant for conference entrance fees.

Also, we are planning to take part in a few charitable activities such as Knit for Peace. We can also raise funds by selling knitted items around campus (perhaps at Arts Fest) to fund these activities. This will be discussed at our next committee meeting.

RCC Linux Users Group (132)

Introduction

We meet to discuss all aspects of Linux, including how to set it up, how to use it effectively in college, and ways it can be used in industry.

Activities & Achievements

Our first meeting of the year was InstallFest, which had a turnout of around 20 people. This was an informal meeting to help new users install various Linux distributions. We usually meet every 2 weeks, either to help new people learn more about Linux, or to discuss some more advanced issues or hear about usage in industry.

Membership

68 full members, 9 associate, more than doubled our target. 9 more full members than last year. Our membership has grown steadily since 08-9, this is the highest number of members we've had registered through the union website to date.

As our membership is free, and although we urge our members to register on the union website, the majority of our meetings and activities are announced through the ic-linux-list and various departmental mailing lists. It is therefore likely that we have members attending meetings who are not 'officially' registered as members.

Equipment

We have no equipment, and currently do not need any.

Finances

The club has very few overheads, we have not made any financial transactions since 2009-10, when the sabbatical election 'bribes' system was abolished (which was our only income to date).

We have £9 of SGI and £0 in other accounts. We do not plan to submit a grant request this year, we do not plan to have any expenditure this year.

Other Issues

Requirement of submission of reports in the MS Word format is against our society's philosophy because the Word document format is proprietary, we hope that you'll accept this report in plaintext.

Future Events

- * Talk and discussion on the Free Software Philosophy
- * Tours of campus server facilities & AGM

RCC Mahjong (145)

Introduction

The Imperial College Mahjong Club is a club just started last year, and the aim is to expose the international and British student population to the intellectual Asian game known as Mahjong. We believe that this will aid in more interaction among students of different nationalities and bring them together through a common interest.



Activities & Achievements

As this is the first year Mahjong Club is being run, we are only holding weekly recreational sessions for members with more exciting developments coming only next term.

At present, weekly recreational sessions are three hour sessions where members come to play Mahjong with each other, with the Committee members teaching those who want to learn about the game.

Membership

Our target was set at an achievable but realistic target of 20, but up to date, we are pleased to announce that there are 40 full members in the Club. This is a positive figure of 100% more than our targeted membership, which just validates the sustainability of this Club in the future as there will always be demand for the Club.



Equipment

Currently, we have seven sets of Mahjong which ideally could only cater to 28 people (1 set to 4 people), which culminated in some members coming for sessions but not being able to play. As such, we have applied to the Harlington Grant to aid this new club in getting more equipment so as to fulfil the burgeoning demand.

Finances

As mentioned in 4, we have applied to Harlington Grant and we got a successful application with Harlington accepting to give the Club 650 pounds to purchase ten sets of Mahjong and felt covers for easier gameplay. As the President has bought some sets for the Club with his own money, he will claim a portion of the Grant to offset the costs which he has incurred, ie. there will not be 17 sets of Mahjong but fewer.

As our membership fee is only 2 pounds, our current SGI is at 70.14 pounds.

Future Events

We are in the midst of planning a Spring trip to a part of the UK for members to have fun amongst themselves, an Inter-London Universities Mahjong Competition which would be tentatively held during the Chinese New Year and also a community voluntary project which involves organising a Mahjong event for the elderly in a certain hospice.



RCC Meat Appreciation (138)

Introduction

We are a society dedicated to the appreciation of meat, in all its delicious forms.

Activities & Achievements

We are running an event next Thursday, which is eating chicken wings.

Membership

We have met our membership target of 20, with two life associates.

Equipment

We do use equipment to eat meat. Except possibly cutlery, which is generally provided by restaurants.

Finances

We have no grant. We do not use money.

Other Issues

None

Future Events

We plan to run a trip to an all you can eat restaurant some time next term.

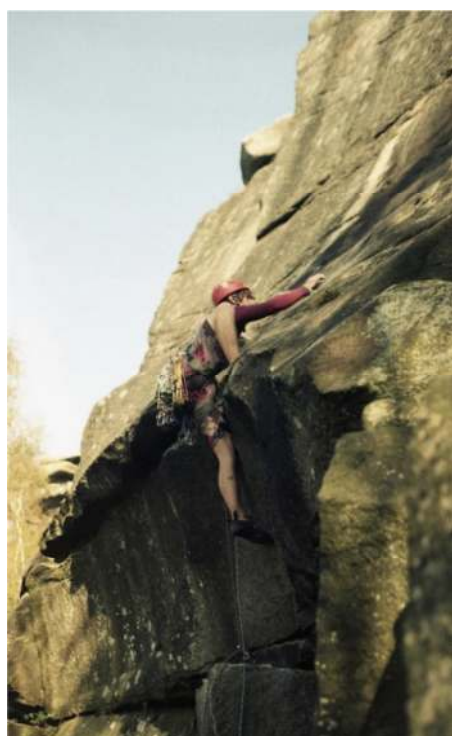
RCC Mountaineering (116)

Introduction

The club is active in all aspects of climbing including bouldering, sport, traditional, winter and beyond. We also represent Imperial in competitions such as BUCS. With a huge pool of experience amongst our members it provides the ideal atmosphere for new climbers to learn and for experienced climbers to progress. Climbing gives a unique and adventurous perspective on life and provides both physical and mental challenges that are uniquely satisfying.

The club meets every Wednesday to go climbing at top quality indoor walls in London and every second weekend we run heavily subsidised trips to the best climbing areas in the UK. We run social nights throughout the year and head abroad during the Easter and Summer holidays for tours to areas that have included Croatia, Italy and Spain. In addition there are trips in summer term to Fontainebleau in France and also a winter tour.

Activities & Achievements



So far this year we have run 1 Tour and 3 trips as well as an indoor climbing session every Wednesday and a Curry night.

The tour was to Mallorca for 2 weeks in the middle of September. The tour was generally successful with the sole exception of one member breaking his leg. Full details of the tour can be found in the Tour report which is available on the ICMC website.

The 3 trips that have been run this year went to the Eastern Peak district, Western Peak District and Dartmoor National Park. The first trip saw 50 members travel in 3 minibuses and a car to make the largest trip run by the club in recorded history. The trip was very successful with many people being able to climb outdoors for the first time. Due to a tight budget the usual fried breakfast was replaced with eggs and porridge which caused outrage amongst the older members however it did reduce the amount of washing up and allowed for a faster get away in the morning.

The second and third trips were also successful on the whole however both were hit by bad weather. In the face of bad weather alternative activities were found to the initially planned ones which were still safe to do. On both of these trips the club camped which creates its own issues, there are no more planned camping trips for the year.

Membership

Currently ICMC has 82 full members and 3 life/associate members. At the end of last year ICMC had 82 full members and 5 life members. It is expected that the number of members will continue to increase slowly for the rest of the year.

Equipment

Thanks to the Harlington Fund ICMC was able to purchase a large amount of equipment at the beginning of the year. All of the climbing equipment owned by the club was used on the fresher's trip but hasn't all been needed on other trips. The 3 new wall ropes bought with extra grant from the RCC at the end of the 2010/11 academic year have also seen regular use. The use of the newest equipment is being avoided in order to maximise the life of the older equipment before being disposed of.

The current large tent that ICMC used on trips may need replacing this year. We will be looking to repair the old tent as it was better quality than the current one.

Finances

At the present time ICMC has £1109 remaining in Grant and £2384 in SGI.

We expect to be buying new foam for some of our older bouldering matts soon which will use a significant portion of our equipment budget. Trips will continue to be run which have currently been using a lot of money from grant, once the grant is exhausted then money from SGI will be used to run the trips. Some new ropes will be being bought to replace any that are damaged.

Other Issues

ICMC has a continued problem with stores space. With the growth of bouldering within the club there is growing number of bouldering matts in stores which are very bulky. The large amount of other equipment owned by the club also takes up a lot of space. Additional stores space would be very helpful to the club. It should be brought to the RCC's attention that if the Fellwanderers tidied their stores and

removed old equipment then they would have a lot more space available; last year there was sufficient space for a tent to be pitched in their stores.

The lights in the stores cupboards are often not working properly. The guard over the strip light in the ICMC stores had not been attached for some time. We have asked for this to be repaired by facilities but they have not done so. It is a hazard as it would be very easy to knock the fitting and have the light fall on someone or for the light to smash and send broken glass all over the stores cupboard.

The ICMC Vice President tankard (C60) has gone missing from The Union Bar!

Future Events (what are your plans for the rest of the year)

We will be running 2 more trips this year, one to Swanage and one to Wales. Two social events are planned for later this year, one bar night and one club meal. There will be a winter tour to Scotland over the Christmas holidays.

After Christmas there will be 5 trips in the spring term which destinations are yet to be planned. There will be an Easter tour which will be organised by the Vice President. During the summer term we expect to run 2 trips to France for bouldering but this is dependent on people being available to run them.

RCC Outdoor (120)

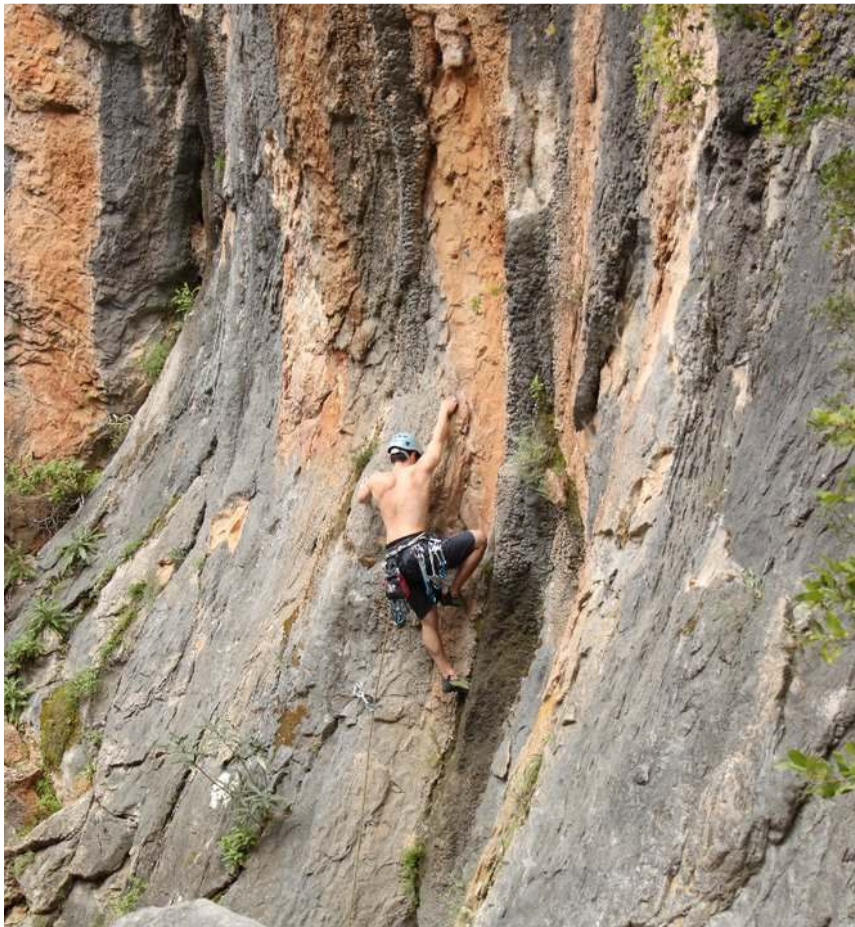
Introduction

The Outdoor Club is a club for anyone who's interested in activities that are done in the outdoors. Our members include climbers, mountaineers, mountain-bikers, walkers, and a number of people who just come along to our social events. Every fortnight during term, the club packs into a minibus (or two) and trundles up the motorway to a hut or campsite somewhere in the British Isles. Regular destinations include North and South Wales, Yorkshire, the Lake District, the Peak district and Cornwall. Our activities include:

- Rock Climbing
- Ice Climbing
- Mountaineering
- Hill Walking
- Scrambling
- Mountain Biking
- Adventure Racing
- Canoeing

and the list goes on and on. Not all of these happen every weekend of course - our core activities are climbing, scrambling and walking, but if you want to have a go at something unusual (and you or we have the necessary equipment), suggest it at a meeting and we'll try and sort something out. Over vacations we organise longer tours giving you the chance to go snow/ice climbing in Scotland (Winter), rock climbing in places like Spain and Turkey (Easter) and high altitude mountaineering in the Alps (Summer). When you add to this an active social calendar that includes Bar nights, Meals out and Film festivals you have one of the most exciting clubs at Imperial!







Activities and Achievements

Weekend Trips

During term time, we go away on trips to outdoor destinations across the country (including North Wales, the Peak District and the Lake District) every fortnight. These trips allow our novice members to partake in and learn about all the activities that we do. Our core activities on weekend trips are rock climbing, walking and scrambling. However, we also partake in mountain biking, fell running and rafting if the weather and location is good for it.

These trips involve hiring a union minibus, leaving London on a Friday night, having 2 whole days of activities on Saturday and Sunday, then returning to London on the Sunday night. We usually hire out a village hall or hut of some kind to stay in, but when the weather is a bit warmer (in late spring and summer) we tend to camp.

Tours

During the holidays, the club organizes longer trips away. At Christmas we usually head for snow & ice in Scotland to do some more serious winter mountaineering and ice climbing (previous walking or climbing experience and proper boots and clothing required). At Easter, we head to a warm and sunny destination somewhere in Europe (previously we have been to Turkey and Southern Spain) to do some hard sport climbing in the sun. The Summer Tour is the highlight of the year. We head off to the Alps for two weeks of real mountaineering.

Weekly Activities

The Outdoor Club has two main weekly climbing sessions. We go to Westway climbing centre on a Wednesday afternoon to do some roped climbing and bouldering. And on a we go to Ethos climbing wall on a Thursday evening followed by our weekly social at Eastside bar afterwards.

Achievements

This year, we managed to secure almost £500 in sponsorship money from Credit Suisse, this money is intended to fund our mountain marathon teams. In October of this year, we entered 10 teams into the Original Mountain Marathon in the Scottish highlands, the largest number of teams we have ever entered into a mountain marathon.

Membership

The Outdoor Club currently has 86 full members, which is already higher than our target of 70 for this year. We also have 8 life/associate members, taking our total membership to 94 members for this year so far. This is a great achievement considering it is still relatively early in the year, and our membership is growing all the time. Last year, we had 97 full members, I expect that we will surpass this number, and maybe even get over 100 full members by the end of the year.

I believe the reason for our success at gaining members this year has been due to our dedicated committee who all helped to promote the club at the freshers fair and throughout the year at all our socials and weekly events.

Equipment

The main problem that we have had with equipment this year is a lack of climbing harnesses. This is due to a lack of diligence from our previous equipment officer, who lent climbing harnesses out last year without taking down peoples' names. Gradually, over the course of last year, we lost around 15 harnesses! Leaving us with only 10 harnesses, nowhere near enough harnesses for a club of our size.



One other problem that we had at the start of the year was a lack of equipment for our mountain marathon teams. As I mentioned before, we entered 10 teams into the Original Mountain Marathon (OMM) at the end of October. It was the first time we had ever entered so many teams, so we had a shortage of lightweight tents and stoves to lend to people.

We bought our first bouldering mat this year. It was clear that on some trips, some of our members like to go bouldering, so we decided that it would be in our best interest to get a bouldering mat, in the name of safety.



Finances

In the autumn term we have spent most the grant for travel expenditure and ground hire. For the spring and summer term we estimate to spend £5,670 on 9 weekend trips. A breakdown of these costs can be seen in chart 1. We intend to cover the cost of these trips in part by trip contributions from members and in part by the SGI already generated this year.

This expenditure does not include hire of the Ethos climbing wall. This is partly paid by grant for ground hire and partly by contributions from members who come climbing. This year climbing at Ethos has been popular, and generates approximately £50-60 per session. Attendance tends to decline in the second term and we anticipate that we generate less income from climbing Ethos as the year proceeds.

We also intend to enter two more mountain marathons, in which we will split the grant for competition fees between competitors. This will be budgeted according to how many members enter i.e take a bus or organise car/train. Participating members will be expected to cover the cost of travel.

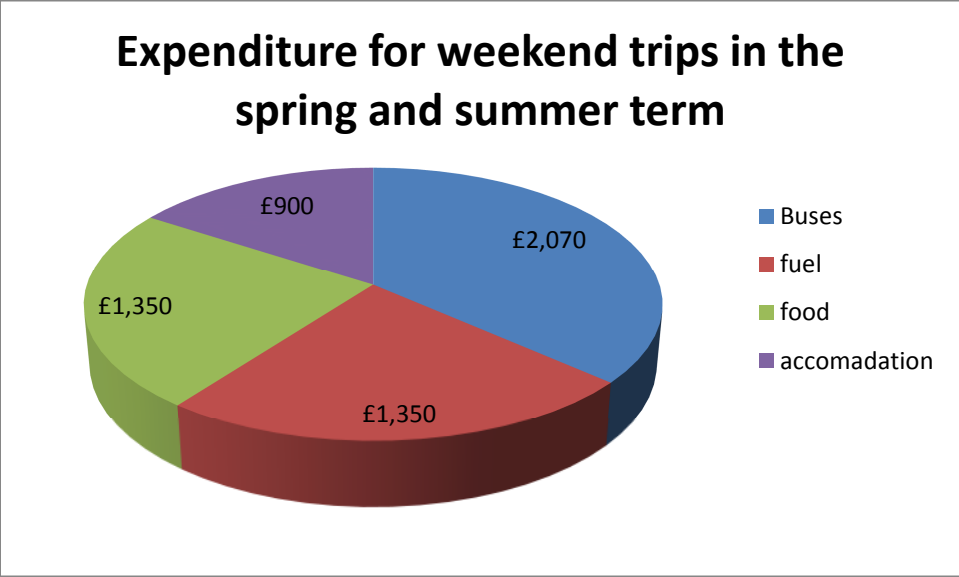


Chart 1. Breakdown of expected expenditure in the spring and summer term

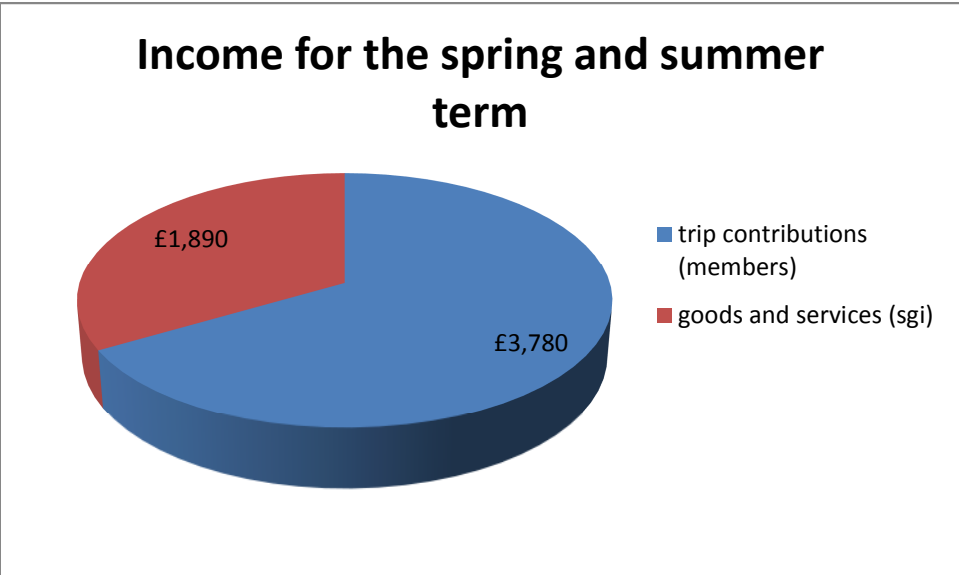


Chart 2. Breakdown of finances used to cover the costs of weekend trips

Other Issues

- Summer tour subsidy: two of our members don't have receipts for their travel on summer tour. Can they still claim subsidy?
- Internal invoices: We hire the Ethos climbing wall. Money is taken out of the accounts automatically but I have yet to see an invoice (although we have asked for one). This makes it hard for budgeting. It would be useful to send invoices before or immediately as money is taken out of the account. And possibly add a description of what the transaction is.

Future Events

The end of this year will finish with a Christmassy weekend in St Mary's hut, Snowdon and then followed shortly after by a Winter tour in early January.

Next term will be a busy one for the outdoor club. Climbing sessions at Ethos will resume in January until the end of the Spring term, with the possibility of a few extra sessions over the exam period. In terms of trips, we will be running 6 weekend trips in the spring term and up to 3 trips in the summer term. In addition we will be organising entry into two mountain marathon events; the Lowe Alpine Mountain Marathon and the Highlander Mountain Marathon.

The Outdoor Club will be planning two further tours, one at Easter and one in the summer. This will provide our members with the opportunity to sport climb and alpine mountaineering, respectively.

RCC Paintball (143)

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

RCC Parkour, Free Running & Gymnastics (151)

Introduction

As a club we practise the three different disciplines of Parkour, Freerunning & Gymnastics. All are very similar in that they require precise control over one's body and a great deal of power. Parkour is often described as efficient movement as we train to get from one point to another either over, under, or through obstacles (often includes many vaults and refined wall running skills). Freerunning is a mix of Parkour and Gymnastics as a practitioner will demonstrate very impressive feats of gymnastics in a Parkour environment, such as doing front flips over a gap to land precisely on a thin railing. And Gymnastics is... well... gymnastics, as we all know it. All three activities require advanced physical strength, flexibility, agility, coordination, and balance

Activities & Achievements

We host 4 activities per week. Every Monday we have a two-hour session in the Union Gym where we practise conditioning and muscle control through various exercises. We also do flips onto the soft crash mats. Every Wednesday and Thursday we go to East London Gymnastics Centre where we practise more advanced manoeuvres in a safe and controlled environment with the assistance of coaches and instructors. Every Saturday we do an outdoor session where we practise Parkour and Freerunning all around London's famed "hotspots."

Membership

We have 27 full members and 1 associate member. Our target is 33 full members so officially we are 6 under right now. The reason for this under membership though is because of a trial period we allow new people. We allow new members to attend for 4 weeks before purchasing members, and so I expect that within the next few weeks we should exceed our target. Compared to last year, our target was 27 and we finished the year with 33 (coincidence).

Equipment

Our only equipment are the two crash mats and one springboard which we have had for many years and all are in acceptable condition. No issues.

Finances

We subsidise the £5 pounds that it costs to attend the Wednesday and Thursday gym sessions at the end of each term. So we expect to be paying ~£250 to members from SGI in late December. Also, though it has been in process for a while, we're expecting to soon be paying £130 from our Ground Hire grant to one of our members who instructs every single Wednesday and Thursday session to subsidise his costs (this has been voted on by the other active members).

Other Issues

No problems here except that our reimbursement to the club instructor/member keeps getting delayed.

Future Events

We plan to continue the events weekly all through the year. Nothing out of the ordinary.

RCC Pilots (166)

Introduction

In our first year as an active club we have reached our membership target within weeks of Freshers' Fair without any problems. We ran a number of trips to the airfield and the resident flight school, which have been a huge success. So far we have gotten 14 new members airborne and 3 of which have decided to pursue their pilot licence. We have great plans for the future of the club and want to take all the steps necessary to ensure sustainability and longevity of the club as an integral part of Imperial College Union.

Activities & Achievements

At the start of this academic year we have taken a plane down for Freshers' Fair this was met with great interest from both students and surprisingly academic staff.

We have run a number of social events such as lunchtime meetings and pub-crawls for new members to make contact with the pilots in the club. These have been a success with a fair amount of people turning up and much fun was had.

For our members we have run 2 trips to the airfield for Air Experience Flights. So far we have gotten 14 people airborne through our club activities. We believe that the rate we can offer at the moment is very competitive at just £45 for membership including a flight experience for people new to flying.

However we currently cannot offer licensed pilots a great deal since we lack the resources and willingness on the side of our partner flight schools.





Membership

Currently we stand at 30 members, of which 2 are associate members. We have therefore surpassed our membership target of 20 people by a wide margin of 50%. Needless to say this is a great start for a new club and we believe that we can easily

gain more members, provided we get the funding available to offer more for a larger number of students.

Equipment

At the moment the club doesn't own any equipment, but we are looking into purchasing the most Air Navigational Maps, Airport Directory and online access to the MetOffice for aviation weather. These are paramount to safety in flight and would add great value to the club for flying members.

From a mid-term perspective leasing of a club aircraft would be desirable as this would enable us to operate at a fraction of the cost we face now, enabling us to offer student an even better deal. This would greatly benefit both new members as well as existing flying members.

Finances

This academic year we operate on SGI and the £200 grant promised to us from the 2010 NCC budget, however we still haven't received our grant. We would like to see to see a large increase in the amount of grant from the union, and we feel that the success of the club in its first term is demonstrating the clubs value and potential for the future.

We are currently in talks with the Department of Aeronautics working out an agreement to be able to make use of their excellent full motion flight simulator, however we will not be able to cover the potential share in maintenance cost without grant from the union. Another great opportunity would be the lease of an aircraft for one or two years, which would enable us to expand our activities and at the same time greatly cut rates for members.

We have carried out some research into making flying a more affordable activity, and feel that to do this, moving forward, we need to position for the purchase of an inexpensive group A aircraft. Based on a review of associated costs, alongside the rates of existing non-profit member-funded flying clubs (in particular the Rolls-Royce club based at Hucknall), we would expect to be able to reduce the (per hour) rate to approximately £60 for those with a licence, with an additional cost of £30-£40 for an instructor. This would compare to our current rate of £105 or £140 with an instructor.

The current rates quoted above are for a two seat aircraft only, and rise to £125/£160 for a four seater. Depending upon the aircraft, we may well be able to run a four seat aircraft for around that £60 mark. In order to do that however, we

will need to raise funds in the region of £20,000 for the purchase of the aircraft and a small maintenance fund “cushion”, again depending on the specific aircraft.

Over a 45 hour PPL course, however, this will amount to a substantial saving of approximately £1,800 per student, or 29%.

In addition to the financial points raised above, having our own club aircraft would enable the club to be more flexible and independent of sometimes rather ridiculous flight school policies, such as a 3 hour check out with prior experience on type and additional membership fees (£50 charged by the flight school for PPL holders). While a check out flight is required for health and safety reasons, the industry standard with prior experience on type is within 30-60 minutes. This would amount to savings of up to £520 per full flying member, provided their skills as a pilot on type are up to standard.

Other Issues

We are still missing the £200 grant that was promised to us during the NCC meeting on the 23rd June 2011.

Future Events

On the social side we plan to organise a Top Gun bar night possibly joint with ICU Cinema and the Gliding Club.

Regarding further trips to the airfield for flight experiences, these are slowly becoming routine with further trips planned as the year progresses.

We have a preliminary sim session planned with the academic in charge of the full motion simulator in Aeronautics, and hope we can secure a deal to make use of this great asset.

Mid to long term we believe that the lease and finally a purchase of a club aircraft will greatly benefit our members and the union in the long run.

RCC Poker (142)

Introduction

At Poker Society, we are interested in the understanding of human thought processes and game theory, which we explore via playing a genre of card games called 'Poker', mainly the variant of 'Texas Hold-em'.

Activities and Achievements

Our main activity is the weekly poker tournament, which occurs every Thursday. However, besides this we also take part in external competitions and events, occasionally representing Imperial.

Our achievements this year are being crowned two-time winners of a new type of poker called "Duplicate Poker", which is organised by the UK Poker Federation.

Membership

Membership count is at 44/100 today.

Equipment

The equipment we have are old, but generally still acceptable. There was a issue with insufficient poker chips for the huge numbers of people who came to our event in the first two weeks, but attendance has dwindled and the amount of equipment we have is still fairly sufficient, though not entirely at an extremely comfortable level.

Finances

There is no grant and no SGI, hence we have no major expenditure planned.

Other Issues

We have no issues to report.

Future Events

We will continue to take part in external competitions and represent Imperial, and there will be an organised trip to Birmingham in the Easter holidays to take part in the UK Student Poker Competition.

RCC Pole Dance (165)

Introduction

The ICU Pole Society was established at the end of last year (June 2011) and was first introduced to students in October. Our purpose is to bring pole dance fitness classes onto campus at affordable prices for students. To do this, we use the Union Gym and pole instructors from Ecole de Pole, a local pole school in Fulham.

Activities & Achievements

We currently hold two 50 minute pole fitness classes a week, charging about 25% of the normal cost of a class elsewhere (£4-5 rather than £20), Every Wednesday at 6:40 & 7:35.

Since we're a new club, we have yet to hold any other events. We have recently recruited two new non-voting committee members who are helping organise socials and trips to see the national pole championships later in the academic year.

Due to popular demand we've started taking bookings for classes via email the day before, because too many people were turning up to classes than we could accommodate.

Membership

We currently have 44 full members, and 1 associate member. Our target was set as 20 due to us being a new club, so we have easily exceeded that. We plan to hold another taster session next term so we hope our numbers will continue to grow.

Our taster class in the second week of term was very popular and unfortunately, more than twice the number of people we could accommodate actually turned up, so we had to turn many people away and we received several complaints. Our currently memberships numbers are around the number we managed to accommodate, so we believe we'd be much larger had this problem not occurred. We're hoping next year to get more time allocated in the Union Gym to solve this issue.

Equipment

We have 5 XPole poles, consisting of 3 XPerts (spinning), and 2 XSport (static), plus 1000mm extensions so that they fit in the Union Gym (retailing in total around £1000).

We currently have several parts which are in the process of being replaced by the manufacturer and should not pose a problem for the club.

We also have cleaning fluid, hand towels, 2 spirit levels, a spanner, and some spare parts for the poles. We also book the iPod Bodge every Wednesday evening for use in our classes.

Finances

We weren't given any grant or NCC funding since we were established. We received a Harlington Grants Fund of £633.27 at the start of the academic year to buy our poles.

We charge our members £4-5 per class, and our only expense is our instructor who charges £35 per class. With our 5 poles, we can accommodate 15 people in a single class, so we require at least 9 people to turn up per class (18 people a week) to break even. This threshold has been easily passed so far each week.

Our current SGI is £1900.82, however as many of our students purchase classes in bulk, this will be needed throughout the year to pay the instructor. We have her booked for 66 classes this year, so this should cost us £2310.

Other Issues

Our only real issue is that we really need more time allocated in the Union Gym to be able to expand our member base, or allow our members space to practice, especially as we hope to start entering competitions.

Unfortunately we can only use the Union Gym as our poles require a certain type (concrete or beamed) of ceiling, and we also use the mirrored walls.

Future Events

We're currently organising weekly socials, and a dinner outing in two weeks' time. For the end of term we are organising a pole jam with the University of London Pole Fitness Soc in their Holborn venue. Next year, we plan to attend at least one national pole competition, which will be Miss Pole Dance UK in early July.



RCC Radio-Controlled Model (121)

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

RCC Skate (124)

Introduction

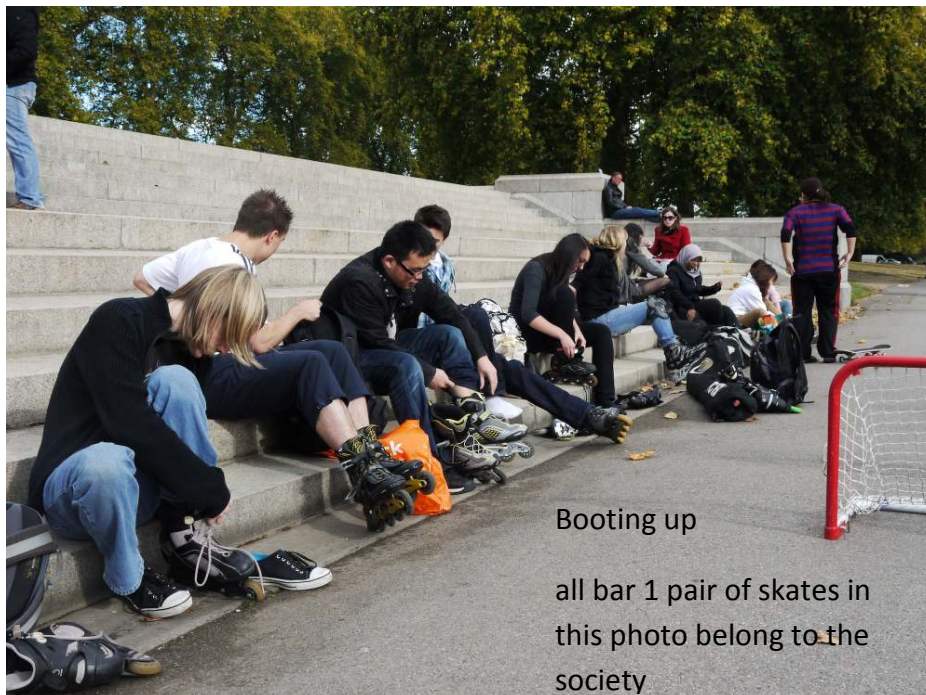
- Our society has two main purposes:
- To get people skating and play roller hockey
- Members can borrow our equipment for free

Activities & Achievements

- We have 2 sessions:
- Wednesday afternoon in front of the Albert memorial in Kensington gardens
- Saturday afternoons at Wilson sports hall for 2 hours we charge members £3 a time

Wednesday afternoons:

- We usually have beginners who get tuition from the committee and other members
- We have some protective equipment but not as much as we would like
- We also have hockey sticks and goals so the better skaters can play roller hockey.
- We try and get any beginners to play because it helps them to build confidence on skates



Booting up

all bar 1 pair of skates
in this photo belong to the
society



Skating in front of the Albert memorial means we get a lot of bewildered tourists watching or taking photographs

Worn stick vs. new



Socializing in the union after skating for a few hours

From left to right:
Daniel, Louise, Cassandra, Nick, Ziggy, Angus, Ross, Norman, Felix, Seb, Ryan, Peter, Roxanne, Kyle, Mike, John, Ella, Mike, Adriana and Misha

Saturdays afternoons

- We hire Wilson sports hall for 2 hours from 2pm
- If club skates are needed we meet at Beit Quad to lend them out and walk to Wilson hall
- The sessions consists of teaching people to skate better on a smooth surface
- Train people at playing inline hockey with drills
- We have kit but not enough for a whole team or everyone who turns up



Shooting



Horseshoe drill



Friendly game – non contact
NB: the lack of pads for some members



Friendly game – non contact
NB: the lack of pads/gloves for some members



Inline hockey is at our level a mixed sport



Skate sumo

The objective is to push your opponent out of the black circle or force them to their knees

Aims:

- 'Ashes' cup against LSBU

Have to borrow their goalie kit and/or ice hockey's goalie

- Sunday Stroll – get people confident enough to attend this skate through London with other skaters
- Friday night skate – for the most advanced skaters
- Apply to Harlington grant to get safety equipment since we always run out during sessions.
- Apply to Harlington grant for a complete goalie kit so we can train our own goalie and get the club into the BIPHA inline hockey puck league.

Membership

- We currently have gone past our membership target of 20 to 31. This is 1 less than we had at the end of last year.
- We have tried hard to make the club more accessible and suitable for people of all abilities.
- Facebook page to update since members say they check that more than their emails.

Equipment

- We are having a few near misses when skating outdoors in front of the Albert memorial. We are trying to get a first aid kit we can take with us and keep for the club rather than sign one in and out from SAC every week.

RCC Skydiving (117)

Imperial College Skydiving

Introduction

The skydiving society is primarily focused on training beginners to gain their skydiving license. We organise trips to airfields where we train and practice skydiving. It's also a way for experienced people to meet other skydivers.



Activities & Achievements

We currently run training trips to the Headcorn airfield every few weekends (weather dependent). We also take students to the Milton Keynes wind tunnel for them to get a taster for skydiving and for freefall training. As of this weekend we will have done 3 RAPs (the static line course) training sessions, and 2 wind tunnel trips. Several groups of students have also gone to the drop zone on their own accord. We have also held one AFF trip (the freefall course).

Membership

We currently have 37 members out of our target of 50. As expected it is difficult to gain memberships due to the expensive nature of the sport. The frequently poor weather has also reduced the number of trips that we have been able to take. Additional to the poor weather the drop zone limits us to 6 people per trip. We expect our membership to grow considerably nearer to the summertime.

Equipment

The drop zone rents to us, packs and maintains their own parachutes for our use. Due to the high expense of the sport we cannot afford to buy any of our own equipment.

Finances

The next major expenditure will be next term, where we are planning to take another couple of wind tunnel trips which will be subsidised by our ground hire grant. Our last major expenditure will be for our summer trip.

Throughout the rest of this term and next term lots of small expenses will come out of our travel grant and SGI for taxis and subsidies for trips.

Future Events

We are currently planning another wind tunnel trip next term and will be running training trips to the drop zone until everyone who wished to has been trained. Trips will also be organised to go to the drop zone for current license holders and people who are on their skydiving courses. Due to the poor weather, there haven't been many jumps and so members have had little chance to get to know each other. Once we have had a bunch more jumps we will have a few socials. Finally, we are planning a summer tour to Spain or France, both for training beginners and to give experienced jumpers a cheap holiday.

RCC St John LINKS (125)

Introduction

Imperial College LINKS promotes the teaching of first aid techniques, care and ambulance skills in partnership with St John Ambulance in order to give practical first aid support to those who need it, within ICU as well as the wider community. We provide opportunities for practice and provide a place for all members to meet and resolve any issues. Our regular subsidised social activities encourage cohesiveness within our society to help retain members, including the attendance of the LINKS Christmas Ball to be held on 7th December 2011 at the Holiday Inn, Regents Park.



Activities & Achievements

This year we have successfully trained 124 members this year so far in the basics of first aid including recovery position, CPR, choking and major bleeds in our 4 hour First Aid Awareness Course.

The following meetings we have held included:

Holding our first social at Park Lane Bowling Alley

A training session of an inspiring Paediatric Awareness lecture given by a Guest Speaker

A fun Scenario Night with five common scenes which several groups of first aiders had to come across and deal with

A fantastic Radio Night where members learnt how to use and talk in radio speak, worked in groups to solve puzzles around Blackett Building and radio back to Control

An interesting Ambulance Awareness session teaching how to navigate inside an actual Ambulance vehicle to prepare them for when they go on duty, as well as learning about dealing with fractures



Membership

We currently have 114 full members out of a 120 members required for the target membership. As it stands despite reaching exactly half of last year's figures of 228 members, we had managed to attract 289 students to sign up at this year's Fresher's Fayre, and two lecture shout-outs. Therefore, although the interest in our society is clearly sufficiently present, the fact that our training days were closer to each other than normal, unlike previous years, in order to push to maximise members to get onto the first St John induction course, we may have lost out on potential students who were busy otherwise in activities coinciding with many Fresher events. As a result, we may hold another training session in the New Year for those who still wish to join LINKS.

Equipment

Our store cupboard is adequately stocked with enough St John first aid supplies to provide members with uniform and full first aid kits to go out on duty, although the current uniform is due to be outdated from next summer due to a new redesign of the colour of shirts, hats, and fleeces.

Finances

For the upcoming LINKS Christmas Ball, we anticipate a total of 23 Imperial College LINKS members who will be present at this 165 member London wide event where other universities will also be celebrating. We have decided to subsidise £13 per person. We would also like to introduce a LINKS hoodie in the near future, subsidising £7 per person.

Our membership fee is £5 per person, with a grant of £427.50 currently unlocked in the balance for travel, equipment, and a conference subsidy intended to be used for the 3-5 February for the weekend LINKS member conference.

Other Issues

Our store cupboard (Key 48) requires a light as we still cannot access our equipment easily and safely in the pitch darkness. Ideally, we would like to move our equipment to a location where it is less dangerous to move large and heavy Annies (CPR equipment) down from high shelves which is a health and safety risk. Furthermore, our equipment was moved over the summer without any notice by email or by word that the union would be moving our location. Subsequently we found our equipment dumped haphazardly in another store cupboard without an apology, although nothing was found to be missing.

Future Events

We intend to hold two more socials in the New Year – one for term 2, and a dinner for the pre-AGM gathering. In addition, we may hold another basic First Aid Awareness course if there is sufficient interest to attract new members who had expressed interest in LINKS as mentioned previously. We will also continue with our weekly training sessions, invite more guest speakers, and plan another Scenario Night to maintain enthusiasm in learning first aid.

RCC Surfing (685)

Introduction

The club's purpose is to offer everyone in college the possibility to go surfing. We have a broad range of abilities from complete novice to competitive standard and we accept and encourage everyone to get involved in the club, improve their surfing and enjoy the coastal environment.



Adam Harvey competing in the BUCS championships in shallow water



Beginner surfers learning

Activities



In early October, the club entered 8 surfers in the BUCS championships in Newquay, Hendrik Frentrup managed to advance to the second round which was considered a great achievement in an event dominated by the coastal universities. The club then took 27 surfers of mixed abilities to Westward Ho in Devon in early November for a weekend trip, which are run twice a term. The club has also run various independent socials as well as others joint with Skiing and Wakeboarding.

Membership

We currently have 38 members, which is close to our annual target of 45. We expect to exceed this level and achieve record membership for the club due to increased exposure and excellent reputation amongst students.

Equipment

We are looking to purchase our own surfboards and wetsuits through a grant from the Harlington trust in the near future. The club has also received a sponsorship of £500 to spend on boards from Centrica PLC, which will be spent shortly. This equipment will dramatically reduce the clubs running costs and make the club a lot easier to organise and run.

Finances

The club budgeted well last year and received a significant increase in grant, which was required to continue with the current expansion of the club. There has been several issues with finance, including our club being charged for entrance to Windsurfings events which have all been resolved.

Future events

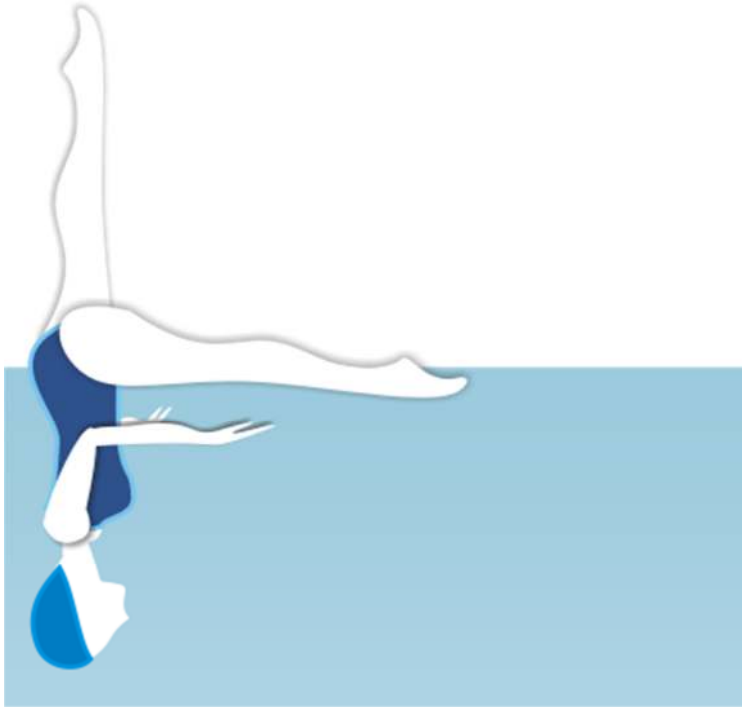
The club plans to continue offering two weekends away a term as well as a variety of socials approximately every 2 weeks. We are also planning a summer tour for a week in France and to offer more training to our competitive surfers to improve our performance in BUCS.



The club prepare to hit the surf!

RCC Synchronized Swimming (150)





We are the synchronised swimming club of Imperial College London and we practice synchronised swimming! Our membership costs £15. As of 25th November, we have 19 full members and 4 life/associate members. We have almost met our target of 20 student members but every year this is difficult as we are such a niche sport.

However we do have girls and boys joining throughout the year so we should make our target. A lot of girls attend the free taster sessions but not that many stay on, although this year we had 10 new member and 120 emails in our newly created mailing list.

We train every Thursday from 6.30-8.30pm at St. Mary's swimming pool in Paddington. From January this will be on a Wednesday evening. The first 30 minutes is where we practice on land doing stretches and practicing the routine outside of the water. Then we have an intensive 1h30 which includes stamina training, synchronised swimming technique, practicing under water moves, lifts and routines.

The equipment we use to practice some figures are empty 5L water bottles, these help the swimmer to float and thus ensures that the correct body position can be achieved for when the bottles are not used. We need music to practice the routines and for this we have two underwater speakers and a music system. We are considering buying weights which can be put on the ankles and with practice help make the swimmer stronger. However, these are expensive so we are first going to see if we can borrow these from another club i.e. swim and water polo, or apply for funding.



The pool at St. Mary's costs £27/hour, for the 1h30 training session it is £40.5 and the total cost for the year is £1,336.5 for 33 sessions. The amount from our grant was £725 which goes towards pool costs only. We aim to have an extra 30 minutes for the midweek training, making it a 2hr session, resulting in an extra cost of £148.5 for the spring term. This cost will be covered by a second payment of £10 per member and girls training on Mondays will pay £15.

We now have a second session on Mondays at Ethos from 5-5.45pm for the more advanced girls as we are aiming to compete in a competition next year. This session is £5 as we only rent half of 2 lanes; the other half is rented by aqua aerobics, this will only continue whilst aqua aerobics continues.

There are no other universities in the UK that have a synchronised swimming club/team so we are very unique. We are aiming to compete in a competition next year but this will be in Bordeaux, France as there is no BUCS equivalent for synchronised swimming in this country. We have £60 of grant towards affiliation fees. We are going to use this to pay for affiliation to the French Swimming Federation, a requirement to take part in their University Championship at the end of the spring term. To enter this competition we will apply for spring tours money.

We are trying to get sports status from HM Revenue & Customs for a VAT reduction, as synchronised swimming has been an official Olympic sport since 1984. We are currently awaiting a reply from HM Revenue & Customs. We also have £408.5 from the Harlington trust, this has been allocated towards buying synchronised swimming costumes for the girls who will be competing next year. These are currently being designed and should arrive in the new year.

RCC Table Football (133)

Introduction

The table football club was set up in Imperial for table football enthusiasts and to promote this exciting sport to more Imperial students. While many people have played and enjoyed table football in their hall and in pubs, it is only at the table football club will they truly be able to pit their skills against some of Imperial College's best in the game. Sessions are fun-filled with friendly rivalry and competitions are also held once a term, for members to gauge their standings among their peers!

Activities and Achievements

This year, apart from the usual weekly Wednesday sessions, evening sessions are added on Monday as well. This was an initiative of the committee this year due to the limited amount of space the club has and to offer an alternative time slot to people who wish to play but have other commitments on Wednesdays. Furthermore, sessions have been extended to 4 hours from the usual 2 hours to accommodate enthusiastic members who wish to stay longer.

Also, structured training has been introduced into the sessions for members to improve their skills. These trainings serve to teach members to play according to the standards of the International Table Soccer Federation so that members who want to take their skills further will play according to the proper rules.

Membership

As of today, the club stands at 12 out of 20 of its members. Plans are underway to ensure that those who come for sessions do sign up for membership. The main issue that the club faces is that, while many people do enjoy the sport and come regularly for sessions, they tend to procrastinate when it comes to membership. Unlike other clubs, table football does not charge for its sessions as this will simply chase members away, due to the availability of tables at halls which are free to play. Hence, there is rarely a push factor to convince members to join the club. What is heartening about the membership issue is that members who do join the club do so out of gratitude for the club's services and training. Nevertheless, as we have not currently met our target, we will still do more to push members who come to sessions to join the club.

Comparing membership with previous years, the number is expected to stay the same this year. This is because members who do join the club are people who are really good at the game. On average, this number does not deviate much from the trend every year.

Equipment

The club owns 1 Tornado table and 2 Garlando tables, which belong to 2 different styles of foosball. These equipment require frequent maintenance such as lubrication and handle wraps for players to play the game without being limited by the quality of the cable. This year, as the club has exhausted its supply of handle wraps, we are looking to restock the wraps with professional table soccer wraps which have improved grip and durability.

A serious issue facing the club is that, despite having 3 tables, only 2 tables can be deployed at any one time. This is due to the severe limitations in space of the room. This is unfortunate as one good table is put to waste in the corner of the room for most of the year as it is extremely difficult to carry the table out of the room and set it up in another room.

Finances

The club's finances are extremely healthy, with approximate 200 pounds in our reserves. The main spending of our club is tidbits and drinks during competitions and freshers fair. This year however, the club's net profit might turn negative. This is because we intend to replace all worn out handle wraps and purchase lubrication for the club. Nevertheless, the club will still remain overall largely in the green as we have a fairly large amount of reserves. Furthermore, items purchased for the maintenance of the tables are expected to last 2-3 years, hence making them a worthy investment.

Future Events

Out of goodwill, table football plans to allow some other clubs to use the tables during their events. This is because it is sad to see these fantastic tables go to waste with people playing on them only on Mondays and Wednesdays. Hence, to increase the utility of these tables, our tables will be available for loan to clubs which require them for their events.

Also, in Spring, a table soccer competition will be held for members. Apart from this, regular sessions will continue to be held on Mondays and Wednesdays



Figure 1: Tornado table (above) and Garlando table (below)



RCC Underwater (126)

Introduction

The purpose of Imperial College Underwater Club is to provide an affordable way to enjoy SCUBA diving. This includes training and qualifying both new and experienced divers as well as organising diving trips.



Activities and Achievements

This year we have 22 new divers taking part in our Ocean Diver and Sports Diver training scheme, they are all new members of the club, as are our 5 crossover divers from other agencies. We also have almost 20 divers training for the more advanced Dive Leader qualification and four newly qualified assistant instructors.



So far this year we have organised many trips down to the south coast, where our RIB Icy Diver has been moored in Plymouth over the summer. There have also been a few trips to inland lakes such as Wraysbury for training purposes.

This year, our Summer Tour headed to the small island of Pantelleria, next to Sicily in the Mediterranean Sea. Exquisite food and cultural sights complemented a week of warm, relaxing diving.



Membership

The Club currently has 71 members, of which 54 are student members and 17 are non-student members. This exceeds both our membership target of 50 student members as well as last years student membership count.

Equipment

We are in the middle of repairing one of our boat trailers, as well as proceeding with our on-going programme to replace and service club kit as it becomes necessary.

Finances

Our grant provides a means for keeping our equipment safe, and also allows us to replace anything that breaks. We also use it to subsidise nitrox fills to the same price as air to encourage our members to use it as it is a safer way to dive, as well as to partially subsidise transport since reaching the majority of dive sites requires significant travel. Instructor courses are also subsidised by the grant in order to keep the level of instructors high over many years and therefore keep the club training new divers.

Due to a majority of our club activities happening in the summer months it is unlikely that all of our grant will be spent before the budget review. Other than the use of the bulk of our equipment grant for kit servicing, no significant expenditures are expected in the coming months.

The club currently has a healthy SGI built up over many years to ensure we are able to afford any large unexpected costs such as replacing boat engines and our grant is sufficient to cover predicted expenses. Overall, the club's finances are in the short term reasonably secure. With the removal of Capital Expenditure Plans however, the club (hopefully with the aid of the union) needs to look into alternate means of accruing the capital required periodically by the club to replace large items such as our air compressor or boat.

Future Events

In December there is a Christmas dinner planned for all members of the club to celebrate another great year of diving. There will be an Easter Trip arranged during the



Easter break. This is where the open water training for most of our trainees will take place. There will also be a summer barbeque in the summer term. There will also be a spring trip to NEMO, a 33 m deep pool in Brussels, and a Summer Tour to a yet to be determined destination.

RCC VegSoc (453)

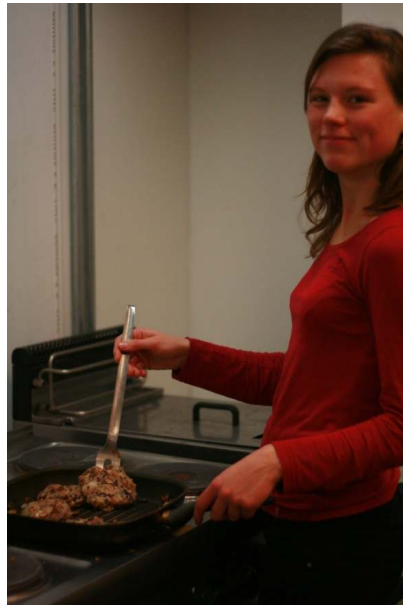


Introduction

We are Vegsoc, we like vegetables.

Activities & Achievement

We meet every two weeks and cook a big meal and then eat it all together. In the past we've had chutney making sessions and ideas meetings where members shared their favourite recipes.



A member grilling vegan burgers

Membership

We currently have 19 full members, greater than the past two years. We hope to reach our membership target of 20 members by the end of the calendar year. Our increase in members is due to an agreement made with the union last year to enable our society to have access to the union kitchens for cooking purposes.

Equipment

Our equipment consists of five cookbooks, some basic cooking equipment (measuring cups) and a hand blender. Although this was sufficient in the past as we did not require equipment for cooking we wish to expand our inventory to include cooking utensils such as knives, chopping boards, wooden spoons and a peeler.

Finances

We expect to raise at least £66.6 in SGI which will be added to the members' funds from last year. For grant we budgeted £5 for equipment, £15 for copyright and royalties and £30 for instructors. It is likely that we will spend more than expected for equipment purchases and less on instructors as we have changed the structure of the society from previous years, leading to a more relaxed, social society.

Future Events

We plan to continue with regular meetings, we will have a special meeting for Christmas, involving a larger-than-usual vegan Christmas dinner. We will also celebrate Burns night with vegetarian haggis and neeps and tatties.

RCC Wakeboarding (137)

Introduction

Wakeboarding is a very modern sport and as a club we are trying to promote interest and get more people trying out both wakeboarding and water skiing. With both of these sports you can either ride behind a boat or on a cable. As a club we mainly ride cable, as it is much cheaper for our members, but we do offer boat sessions at a reduced price. We ride all year round, no matter what the weather is and are hoping for a successful year.

Activities & Achievements

As in previous years we are running weekly sessions every Wednesday to our new cable JBSki, located near Thorpe Park. This is a different cable from last year due to the council shutting down Liquid Leisure, the cable we rode at last year. The new cable has a much large range of kickers and sliders, which at the moment seems to be very popular amongst both new and old members. We have also been trying to run a few weekend sessions.



This term we have started doing weekend trips to new cables further afield to allow more intense training on a variety of different cable set ups and obstacles to help us prepare for competitions and have some run mixing with other universities. We have so far ran two weekend sessions, the first at the start of term to Box End, and the second in November to Sheffield. The trip to Box End mainly involved older members to the club due to how close it was to the start of term, but involved mixing with a variety of universities who also came down for the event. The trip to Sheffield was to check out the location of the Student Nations (BUCS), which as a club, we are



looking to enter for the first time this year. We are planning to run more weekend trips, especially to Sheffield to train for future competitions.

HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

This year we have started combining with Parkour to have weekly training sessions on Thursday at East London's Gymnasium for members to practise tricks and flips in a much safer and softer environment. These have been fairly popular amongst older members and we are trying to get new members involved.

On top of this we have had one social event, the Halloween Riding session, where all members wear fancy dress while wakeboarding on our session closest to Halloween. We are also planning a board sport social with Snowsports and Surfing at the start of Decemeber.

Membership

We have now successfully hit our membership target of 21 and are hoping to gain at least a couple more members throughout the year. Compared to last year, where we gained a total of 26 members, we have decreased in size. However, we believe this is the result of problems at the start of the year with our usual cable, Liquid Leisure, being shut down 5 days before our Freshers party. We therefore, believe that next year we should be able to carry on growing as a club.

Equipment

Wakeboards and bindings are fairly expensive (Around £300 for a board, £150-£250 for bindings) and therefore most students borrow club boards until they have riding for a decent period of time. This year we have struggled with a lack of club wakeboards that people can borrow and use to hit obstacles at the cables. We are currently trying to recover two boards that are missing from stores; one left at Box End Cable Park after the Freshers Party, and we are waiting for the other to be returned from an ex-student who borrowed it over the summer. Even with these two boards we do not have enough equipment, and further more suitable equipment for our members. We are currently in the process of applying to Harlington to buy more boards, that are longer, and more bindings of a variety of sizes, so we have more equipments, and more suitable equipments for all members within the club.

Finances

We are currently in the process of applying for a contingency claim due to problems at the start of the year. When we affiliate with a cable they give us a free taste session for any students who come to our Freshers Party to help use promote and the club and sport, to help gain new members. We had planned to affiliate with

Liquid Leisure, however 5 days before the Freshers Party, after most of the tickets had been sold we found out Liquid Leisure had been shut down by the council for a variety of reasons. We tried to affiliate with a new cable, JBSki, intime, however this was not possible because of the short notice. We therefore, had to run the trip at a different cable, Box End, which is located much further away, at a loss as they charged us for the session. This meant instead of making money, which we normally do at the Fresher event, we lost money. If we did not run this event, I serious doubt we would have hit our membership target and therefore received our full grants. We have been trying to offset this loss by increasing the amount we charge our members to have a place on a minibus to our cable every Wednesday.

As for our weekly sessions, this year we introduced an online paying system for the travel ticket to the cable to ensure we have at least 6 people coming to each. This is ensure we will have enough travel grant to use throughout the year. So far we have been very successful in filling a minibus most weeks, meaning we should be able to try and make our travel grant last longer, but as it get colder we will have to see how it goes.

Other Issues

Apart from Liquid Leisure closing down as discussed above, none as yet.

Future Events

We are planning to organise more socials, both individually as a club and combined with the other boards sports next term. Plus, we are planning more weekend sessions to help train for the student nationals and to experience a bit of variety.

RCC Wargames (128)

Introduction

RCC Wargames is a society which performs several different activities and has a member base spread over these interests. Of note are Boardgames, Role-playing Games and Magic: The Gathering. This year attendance to Wargames events has been greater than previous years.

Activities and Achievements

Wargames activities run on most days – the Boardgames group generally meets on Mondays, MT:G on Thursdays and Fridays. Roleplaying games this term have been taking place on every day of the week except Tuesday,.

The Boardgames and MT:G groups are always open to all members, but Roleplaying games are generally signup-only (with the signup process open to all). All events are well-subscribed.

Membership

Membership for the society is £4. The membership target of 40 has been reached this year, and we have two lifetime members. It is expected for more people to join the society over the course of the year, dependant on attendance to events.

Equipment

The society has a cupboard of equipment – in general, board games and books for RPGs. Some of the stock is quite old, and attempts are underway to sell some of it and replace it with more modern things. Approval has been received from the DPFS for this. There were issues with the cupboard having mess in it from other (non-RCC) societies, these were resolved with help from the DPCS.

Finances

The club has some money carried over from previous years, as well as membership funds, but has had a very poor budget. In fact, the main reason that budget is carried over is that what we receive is generally not enough to afford anything the club could benefit from - we rely on donations for most of the things we use.

Future Events

Science Fiction Society has close links with the Wargames society, and runs a yearly event in February. There are no major other planned activities within Wargames, although of course all standard activities described above will continue to run.

RCC Yoga (130)



Introduction

The aim of the Imperial College Yoga Club aim is to provide regular affordable yoga classes to the students and staff at Imperial College and to promote and encourage participation in this activity.

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Activities & Achievements

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The yoga club owns about 35 mats. They have been bought several years ago, and proven to be a very durable investment. We are considering buying bags to transport the mats to the classes.

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Our main expenditure is instruction fees, which are currently £55 per class (1 hour and twenty minutes long). These fees were increased from £50 pounds last year, at the request of the instructors, to account for the general increase in living prices and transportation costs. A further increase (probably to £60) may be required soon, which needs to be taken into account for next year's budgeting.

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The club will also run a taster class during RCSU Welfare Week, to raise awareness about the benefits of yoga and we plan to hold a Christmas event, probably a meal at a vegetarian restaurant.

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VVMC or Team Bo' is the CGCU motor club responsible for maintaining and driving the two motorised mascots Derrick and Bo'. Bo' is a 1902 James and Browne car and Derrick a 1926 Neracar motorbike. Bo has been owned by the CGCU since 1934 and is one of, if not the most exercised veteran cars on the road.

Activities and Achievements

The premier event for the club is the annual London to Brighton veteran car run, held on the first Sunday in November. This year completing the run was a big challenge for the club as engine repairs undertaken externally over the summer took significantly longer than expected. This however gave the opportunity for the new members to get to grips with working on the car right from the word go at the weekly garage sessions. The run to Brighton was a great success, being completed in six hours (which is comparatively fast for a 109 year old car) and was well attended by both current students and alumni. Peter Chung (deputy principal for the faculty of engineering) and Jacky Kwan (CGCU president) were guests and rode in Bo' all the way through to Brighton. Derrick also came on the trip this year, hopping between the four hundred and ninety nine other veteran cars also on the road.



The club has been holding its usual weekly garage sessions on Wednesday afternoons which involve working on the car and then driving the car to events and interesting places around London. Bo' also attended commemoration day, allowing countless graduates to have their photographs taken with and in the car and offering a transport service between the Royal Albert Hall and college.

Membership

The club now has twenty six student members and three life/associate members. This exceeds the membership target and is better than previous years. This is due to a much greater effort to sell the club to new members at freshers' fair. Last year the club secured funds for a gazebo and while the primary aim of this was to shelter the car at events it also aided in raising the profile of the club stand at freshers' fair.

The car is there for the benefit of the college as a whole and not just the club members. This year the club is again working closely with the CGCU exec. to ensure that Bo' attends any events he can and offer rides etc. The car is also a positive representation of Imperial College Union across London; it is always a joy to meet dozens of people across London who recognise the car and its place at Imperial.

Equipment

There has been a good amount of time invested in equipment maintenance over the previous year. This has included a complete overhaul of all the clubs machine tools and a replacement of numerous consumable parts. In recent years there has been a welcome increase in sharing of equipment and resources amongst the three vintage motor clubs.

The vehicles are the key pieces of equipment. Bo' has just undergone a large amount of work on the engine but due to the age of the car it is inevitable that further maintenance will be required over the coming year. Much of this is hoped to be achievable using in-house skills and equipment. Derrick is generally speaking very reliable and should not pose any significant issues.

Finances

The club was awarded £1010 grant which is less than is normal. The club raises other funds by attending events which give attendance money and from donations from individuals and from alumni. The amount of money available this year will make it difficult to undertake some of the necessary work required and it is a concern that important repairs on the car may be neglected for financial reasons. Given the value of Bo' it should be borne in mind that money spent on the club is very much an investment as the car is constantly appreciating in value. Club expenditure is almost exclusively on the car itself and day-to-day club activities are funded by the driver.

The driver might expect to pay for in the region of £300 fuel over the course of an academic year.

The club receives a good amount of support from alimini although in most cases not financially. For example return transport of the car on the Brighton run was kindly provided free of charge, saving the club funds of the order of £200. Other items such as parts for the fuel system and tools have also been donated already this year.

Over the summer a significant amount of money (£750) was spent on engine repairs from club SGI. An alumini supported project to make the archive of material relating to Bo' more readily available has secured £1800 towards this.

The majority of club expenditure is insurance which is anticipated to come to approximately £650. The entrance fee to the London to Brighton Veteran Car run is also a major expenditure at £275 this year.

Other Issues

There is an ongoing problem with a crack in a cylinder head on the car which is leaking water into the engine. Up until now careful management and drying the cylinder barrel after driving has made this problem survivable. However, this problem really needs to be sorted. Repairs would be very expensive; the club is currently looking into making a new part and has found a source which may provide a free casting. Any post-machining would still be an expensive operating which needs organising.

Future Events

The club will be continuing to meet every Wednesday to work on the car and drive. In the coming weeks there will be a photo opportunity for Bo' with some other vintage vehicles in London. Nearer Christmas there will be the club annual dinner and a joint Christmas lights trip around London with the RSM motor club. Events are also being planned for later in the academic year such as attendance of a veteran car weekend organised by the veteran car club and the miglia quadrato much later in the year.