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The Frog

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New Year Resolutions

Clubmark — Developing sporting standards

The club has embarked on a journey to obtain the Clubmark accreditation, this journey will involve changes to the way the club operates and the way it interacts with its members.

Jennie Price, Chief Executive, Sport England, outlines Clubmark's objectives: "Sport England recognizes and values the commitment made by sports clubs to develop high quality, welcoming environments for young participants. The development of clubs that encourage young people to take-up sport, improve their talents, possibly play a leadership role and give them the option to initiate and maintain life-long participation in sport is an essential part of our work to support the sporting infrastructure in England.

Clubmark is built around a set of core criteria which ensure that accredited clubs can operate to a set of consis-

tent, accepted and adopted minimum operating standards. It is now universally recognized, and is promoted and carefully branded by Sport England. It is endorsed by all the main sporting, youth and educational agencies involved in delivery of sporting opportunity for young people as the accreditation scheme for clubs with quality assured junior sections."

Although Clubmark focuses on youth, the benefits of this accreditation will be felt by all as we can provide consistency and improved quality in our coaching. As changes are implemented we will keep you up-to-date via email and the club notice board.

If you have any questions around Clubmark, please contact your Clubmark Co-ordinator Anthony Hulcoop.

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Special points of interest:

- 2010 Christmas Party postponed until 6 February 2011, see notice board for more details.
- Club Committee Meeting to be held on 16 January @ 10:00, members welcome.
- Club Annual General Meeting to be held on 27 February @ 10:15, members welcome and if you would like to join the committee please let Azhar, Graham or Anthony know.

New Club Email Address

You should have noticed that we have been sending out notices and emails from a new account **DorkSnork-Club1@gmail.com**. The main reason for changing is that we can have one distribution/contact list, reducing the maintenance caused by having many accounts. The other benefits include using the same account for Picasa (club photographs), Google Docs (club documents and templates) and calen-

dar (club meetings and events).

Can members please make sure that emails from the new account are not filtered out and that we have the latest contact email address for you.

Contact Anthony Hulcoop or Graham Griffiths if you have any questions or updates.

British Sub-Aqua Club Training

Dorking Snorkelling Club is a BSAC club that teaches to the BSAC Structured program. This program is due to change in the new year and the club will need to update its training materials.

As instructors we need to review the changes and teach them to members, this might require some regressive lessons. We also need to migrate existing practical and theory lessons from the old

structure to the new, updating log books as we go.

As members you will need to be patient with us as we go through the transition; make sure that your current log books are up-to-date. If you require specific lessons please let your instructor know so that they can be signed off.

For more information contact Graham Griffiths.



Open Water Instruction at Swanage, Dorset, August 2010 Bank Holiday

Volunteering

The Club is run by volunteers and we are always looking for help in all areas of club operations, for instance:

- News letter publication
- Website management
- Event Coordination
- Club Desk management
- Club Administration

If you are a parent/guardian of a junior member and would like to

volunteer, or a junior member with ambitions to be a newspaper editor, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Gail Hurt.

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Community Partnerships

The club has run a number of special events over the years, from the Sport Relief Snorkel a mile last year, to Wave Makers in 2003 where we worked with a number of clubs to raise £3,500 for Milly's Fund.

In 2011 we would like to build new partnerships with the community but need your help defining who we can help. Maybe you have links with disabled groups who would benefit from some snorkel instruction, or maybe a local school where we could introduce pupils to water sports.

If you have any suggestions please contact Graham Griffiths or Anthony Hulcoop.



Wave Makers 2003, A number of BSAC clubs, including Dorking, receiving medals for completing the fundraising event.