

Newsletter

November 2012

Hickling
Windsurfing Club



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3 December AGM
Ribs of Beef Pub, Norwich



Windsurfing 4 Rio 

The decision to replace Windsurfing at the Olympics with Kite surfing has been reversed. Great news. Perhaps GB will get a Gold in our sport after all. Plenty of gold medals were awarded at our fun day – see over.

2012 round up.

It's been another busy year for the committee and volunteers at the club. Some activities will be visible but there's loads of activity behind the scenes. To give you a flavour of what's been going on:

Running the club:

- Some 50 pages of meeting minutes documented.
- 160 odd memberships and payments managed.
- AGM, and EGM held.
- Constitution updated to allow changing trustees.
- Beach and car park leases revised.
- Solicitors consulted.
- Financial accounts generated.
- 150 pints of beer consumed.
- Newsletters issued and website updated.
- 1000 stamps, envelopes and labels used.

Maintenance:

- Hedges cut, trees felled, fences fixed.
- Boat serviced and winch replaced.
- Showers reinstalled, electrical checks completed.
- Free shower timers installed.
- Drains cleared.
- Exterior painting.
- Grass cut.
- Wooden mushroom sculptured – honestly!
- Locks fixed and codes changed,
- Loan equipment maintained.
- Bins emptied.

The windsurfing:

- 160 single and family members enjoyed sailing on the broad.
- An estimated 10,000 miles of windsurfing, equivalent to windsurfing to the Caribbean and back.
- 80 sausages and delicious cakes consumed.
- Fun day, and training day held.
- Come and try day organised but cancelled due to poor weather.

All this is done voluntarily, well done everybody. If you would like to help out then please let us know.

This is an opportunity to hear what's going on, meet the committee and catch-up with other members. The official bit of the meeting shouldn't take long, leaving loads of time to socialise. We had the best ever turnout for our last city based meeting as it appears to be the best location for most.

Be there for 7:30, AGM will start at 8pm.

<http://www.ribsofbeef.co.uk>

No increase in Membership Fees for 2013

We have managed to balance the books again this year so you will be able to sail at Hickling in 2013 *for the same price* as this year. The free showers have also proved a hit with members so they will remain free! *This guy looks pleased.*



Club Fun day 2012

Report

Blues skies + great bunch of people + delicious lunch + force 2/4 = another successful club fun day.

Warm and windy – all the weather forecasts got it wrong. An Olympic theme this year, with 400 and 800 metre races, and of course a relay race. In all 6 gold medals and loads of well deserved prizes were awarded.

Darren couldn't wait to pick up his prize.



Results:

Men – 1st Martin, 2nd Dick, 3rd Darren
Ladies – 1st Wendy, 2nd Roz, 3rd Lisa
Youth – 1st Alistair
Relay – 1st John + Robert, 2nd Simon + Martin,
3rd Darren + Lisa.
Guess the year competition – Richard

All lined up for the start – not!



The highlight has to be the relay race. Despite extensive R&D the batons were vulnerable to breaking into two, in the hands of highly enthusiastic competitors, making the handover process even more complex. A major test of board control, balance, initiative and navigation skills. Fantastic how everyone threw themselves into the challenge. John and Robert being the first ever windsurfing relay gold medalists.



Just some of the baton techniques at the Olympics.

Thanks goes to Tony (Chief Judge), Philip (Pro photographer), Wendy (Chef), Kathy (Cake maker) and to everyone for being such good sports and great Olympians. I didn't know that cakes could taste that good!

Mick Jagger made an appearance, see pic on page 1.

Next year's fun day will be themed as participants appear to be up for loads of fun.



A pic from the GoPro on the start line.



Three ladies and a baby.

Thanks to everyone for making this another fun day to remember.



Sailing Zones – please remember to keep away from the zoned areas again this winter. These are the areas marked off by strings of white buoys– more details in the changing room.

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