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MONTHLY BULLETIN OF LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL : FREE TO SCOUTERS AND PERMIT HOLDERS, DISTRICT OFFICIALS, GROUP SECRETARIES AND CHAIRMEN : SUBSCRIPTION FOR OTHERS, 6/6 (32½p) A YEAR : PAYMENTS AND ITEMS FOR INCLUSION TO D.I.O., 80 SPRING ROAD, LETCHWORTH

* HAPPY NEW YEAR *
* Owing to sickness, the District *
* Chairman, Mr S.F. Blaxland, was *
* unable to send his usual Christmas *
* greeting to the District through *
* CO-ORDINATOR, but he now takes this *
* opportunity to wish everybody *
* GOOD SCOUTING and GUIDING in 1969 ! *

MOD TROPHY : At last something happened last month, when 8L Cubs took the Trophy off 9L by beating them 4-0 at football. Now any Troop or Pack can challenge the Eighth to anything legal. Please do!

CONCORD announce a NEW YEAR PARTY, 8.30 till midnight at Hinxworth Village Hall on Saturday 4 January 1969. They have a group, a buffet and a bar, and tickets cost 6/- (30p).

RUSS TURNER has handed £50 to the District, as earnings from last May's round-the-district sponsored hike. £24 more is in hand - but there are still a lot more walkers who have not brought in their earnings. Please get this cleared up as soon as possible! Russ's address: 90 Bedford Road, Letchworth.

GANG SHOW REHEARSALS START THIS SATURDAY, 4 JANUARY, 6 pm at DHQ. There is still room for a few more older Scouts and Venture Scouts in the cast.

BALDOCK GUIDERS have a meeting at 1B Scout hut at 8 pm on 8 January, and are asked to bring their CO-ORDINATOR subscriptions so they may all be paid in together.

THE DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP is open again from 3 January, each Friday and Tuesday, 7 - 8 pm, in the Council of Social Service building, Gernon Road, Letchworth. Patrol progress charts - revised Scout and Advanced Standard books - all items of Scout and Guide uniform - now available from stock. NEW! Scout watches, ideal for a special presentation, from £4/5/- : ask for details!

JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE: figures given in December are now confirmed as the 1968 finals. 1969 starts with an Inter-Troop General Knowledge Quiz, the draw for round 1 taking place at Scouters' Council (DHQ, 8 pm) on Monday 13 January. All Troops represented, PLEASE!

Scout Competitions

The subcommittee appointed by the Scouters' Council has met and drafted the following proposed rules for District Scout competitions during 1969. These are to be submitted for ratification or amendment at the Scouters' Council on 13 January.

1. **BARTON SHIELD (FIRST AID COMPETITION)**
 1. Teams shall be of three Scouts of the same patrol.
 2. Knowledge of first aid expected of respective members of the team shall be (a) Scout Standard, (b) Advanced Scout Standard, (c) Ambulance proficiency badge, all as in 1968 POR.
 3. Entries shall be submitted to DIO K. Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth, with entry fee of 1/- (5p) a team by Sunday 9 February, and the contest shall take place on Sunday 23 February at DHQ. (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)
2. **CYCLO-CROSS COMPETITION**

This is to be open to individual Scouts (11-16) in or out of this District, with awards for each age-group, overall winner and Troop team. Entries to ASL P. Byrne, 13 Mons Avenue, Baldock, with 1/- (5p) a head by 8 March, the contest to be on Saturday 22 March. (Further details to follow.)
3. **JUNIOR J M T**
 1. Teams of two Scouts aged 13, 14 or 15 on the second day of the contest should submit entries with a deposit of £1 a head (returnable if for any reason the contest cannot take place) to DIO K. Johnson by Saturday 15 March.
 2. Teams will be expected to follow cryptic clues through unknown country after being dropped without maps on Saturday morning 26 April; to find their own camp site; to cater for themselves; and to report to a secret destination on Sunday afternoon 27 April.
4. **ATHLETIC SPORTS**
 1. Events shall be for two age groups: Junior (Scouts aged 11, 12 or 13 on the day) and Senior (14 or 15). Junior Scouts may enter Senior events, but Seniors may not enter Junior events.
 2. Only one Scout from each Troop may enter any one event.
 3. No Scout may enter more than three events except the open events (sack race and tug of war).

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SCOUT COMPETITIONS (CONTINUED) : SPORTS

4. Junior events shall be: 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, relay of 4 x 110 yards, throwing cricket ball, high jump, long jump.
 5. Senior events shall be: 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, 1 mile, relay of 4 x 220 yards; shot put, high jump, long jump.
 6. Open events shall be: sack race, and tug-of-war with teams of ten including one Scouter of that Group.
 7. Entries shall be submitted to the organizer (to be announced) by Friday 6 June, and the contest shall be on Friday evening 20 June.
5. ICKNIELD SHIELD (CAMPING COMPETITION)
1. Teams shall be of at least four Scouts of the same patrol, in Letoh-worth & Baldock District, including the PL and/or his APL.
 2. The competition will take the form of a patrol camp for 24 hours.
 3. It will be judged in two categories - "Lightweight" and "Heavyweight" - each carrying the same number of points. (Note: Lightweight means using lightweight tents and cooking gear with pressur stoves. Points will be given for ingenuity in use of dehydrated foods. Heavyweight means using a single patrol tent (e.g. Nijer) and altar fires for wood or charcoal. Points will be given for intelligent use of conventional foods.)
 4. Judges from outside this District, with the DC as referee, will award points for: Arrival; Making camp; Evening meal; Night inspection; Morning inspection; Special tasks; Midday meal; Striking camp.
 5. The Scouters' Council will appoint a Camp Warden with authority to select a team of helpers to assist him. He will be responsible for running all activities pertaining to the competition, including the provision of latrines for all competitors.
 6. Only the competitors, judges and staff may enter the competition area before the result is declared.
 7. Entries shall be submitted to the organizer (to be announced) with the fee of 5/- (25p) a team, by Saturday 14 June, and the contest shall be on Saturday and Sunday 28-29 June.
6. TIPPETT TROPHY (COOKING COMPETITION)
1. Teams shall be of at least four Scouts of the same :patrol, including the PL and/or his APL.
 2. Teams shall report in uniform at 12 midday, and may have access to the site from 9.30 a.m.
 3. The Scouters' Council will appoint three judges who will be permitted to examine and sample meals at any stage of preparation and award points inde-

pendently for: Preliminary inepection of raw materials and preparation; Hygiene; Cooking and presentation of each course; Punctuality of serving; Final inspection of washing up and disposal.

4. Cooking will be on wood fires of altar type. Firewood must be brought to the site. Tins or drums may be used to make ovens. All normal cooking utensils may be used and proper racks will be made for them. Dining shelters, tables and adequate seating are expected.
 5. Three courses will be prepared and served in the correct order as a complete meal at an hour agreed between the patrol and the judges on arrival at the site. Tinned, frozen, dehydrated, ready-mixed or pre-cooked foods may not be used.
 6. The menu for the competition shall be: Green salad; Steak and kidney pudding; Apple fritters.
 7. Entries shall be submitted to the organiser (to be announced) with the fee of 1/- (5p) by 7 September, and the contest shall be on Sunday 21 September.
7. SWIMMING SPORTS
- 1 and 2. (As for Athletic Sports).
 3. No Scout may enter more than three events.
 4. Junior events shall be: 1 length breaststroke, 1 length backstroke, 1 length freestyle, 3 x 1 length relay, diving.
 5. Senior events shall be: 2 lengths breaststroke, 2 lengths backstroke, 2 lengths freestyle, 3 x 1. length relay, diving.
 6. Entries shall be submitted to the organizer (to be announced) with the fee of 2/- (10p) a Group, by 11 October, and the sports will take place in the Swimming Gala on Saturday 25 October at Stevenage. (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)
8. B-P GUILD CUP
1. The contest shall be a day hike, not exceeding ten miles. Points will be awarded for certain tasks and for correct timekeeping.
 2. Teams shall be of at least two Scouts of the same patrol, subject to approval of the organizers.
 3. Teams will report at DHQ at 9.30 a.m., dressed as specified by the organizers.
 4. Entries shall be submitted to the organizer (to be announced) by 9 November with the fee of 2/- (10p) a team.
9. OPERATION NIGHTJAR
- This will be for Scouts aged 14 and 15, on the night 29-30 November, and open to other Districts. Full details to be announced.