

The Catch



Inside this issue:

Captain's Corner	2
New Boathouse Site	2
Looking Ahead	2
Financial Support	3
Midwest Results	3

DBC Goes to Nationals & Junior Nationals

The Dayton Boat Club garnered eighth place in the youth women's four event at the Youth National Championships at Harsha Lake in Cincinnati June 9-11. Jackie Athmer, Bethany Brun, Sarah Harvey, Jackie Malone, and Mary Tellers were on the crew. All crew members will be high school seniors this fall.

The team qualified for the semifinals Saturday morning, but failed to make the grand final cut in a tight semifinal race. In the petite final, which decided the national placements for boats seven through twelve, the crew finished second, trailing a Berkeley (CA) crew that had nipped them by a few seconds a couple of times over the weekend. In the process, they defeated a number

of very good crews from around the country, including the recent second and third place boats from the Scholastic National Championships (Stanton and Lower Merion).

Coach Mike Miles commented, "The level of fours racing is pretty high, especially in the northeast where some programs concentrate on fours, so the field is one of the most competitive in the championships. It was a very impressive foray into this level of junior rowing for our club!"

The nationals crew was coached by Mike Miles, Trish Miles, and Cindy Carlson, Leah Coghlan, and Mike Pera. UD Men's Coach Derek Copeland also added his expertise during the last weeks.

DBC Team Awards

On August 4th, 2006, DBC held its end of the year awards picnic. Awarded novice women's most improved was Sydney Lawler, and the best competitor was Elise Kaminski. Patty Arnold received the Rubber Chicken for her goose-related incident.

For the men's team, most improved was Nathaniel Ayers, and the best competitor was Liam Foster.

For the varsity women, most improved Mary Tellers, and the best competitor was Jackie Malone. Samantha Davidson received the coach's award.

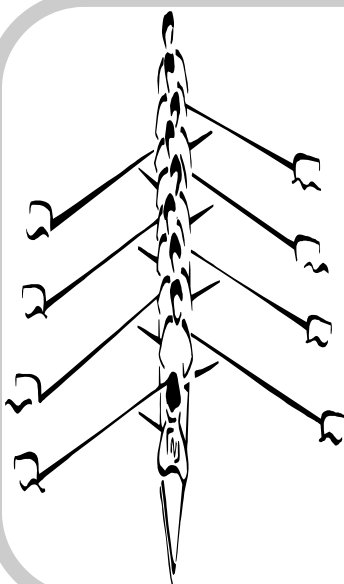
Neil Wittberg, Claire Ferneding, and Samantha Davidson all received senior blades, a new tradition honoring their graduation from Dayton Boat Club.

Finally, the new scholar athlete award, given to any DBC Varsity who maintain a 3.5. Awardees were Jackie Athmer, Grace Doepker, Cori Evans, Liam Foster, Nikki Loesch, Jackie Malone, Danielle Midlam, Emily Philips-Roth, and Mary Tellers.

Boys' Program a Great Success

This spring season marked the addition of a boys' program to Dayton Boat Club. Though a small program, the six male rowers were very successful at races. Liam Foster and John Beust, the men's team's two varsity rowers, took first place in their heat at Midwest, but were eliminated in the finals.

The Novice men's four, rowed by Neil Wittberg, Steve Busch, Patrick Murphy, and Nathaniel Ayers, competed with a lot of heart and determination but was eliminated in the heats. DBC hopes to see an expansion and continued success of this program in the seasons to come!



Captain's Corner

Liam Foster

This season marked my first season on Dayton Boat Club. Although it was a bit intimidating to switch over to DBC, I am extremely glad that I joined such a great team. Although our men's team was small- six boys- we had an extremely successful season. Our men's novice boat did very well against some larger, more experienced teams. I expect they will be even more successful this fall. John Beust and I, the men's varsity team, were exceptionally pleased with our success at Nationals and against our regional competition. I couldn't be more delighted or honored to be chosen as the DBC Men's captain, and will do my best to expand our team and lead it on to further successes.



Bethany Brun

Wow! What a season we had! Our novice team was very large and excited to finally be rowing after all those times doing erg pieces. They had a tough record to live up to, but they were ready and willing to perform.

DBC as a whole had the duty this season to live up to our past two years, yet we faced a new opponent - the varsity team was now competing in the 1st Varsity events instead of 2nd Varsity. This meant faster teams, tougher workouts, and a larger mountain to climb. But we stepped up to the starting line and met these challengers head on.



Starting off with a bang against CJRC, our team became a force to be reckoned with. As the season progressed, there were also some new boats, such as the nationally ranked "Phatty Phour" that emerged as the season progressed.

All in all, I think we had a very successful season. As a captain, I couldn't have been more proud of my girls in particular, even though we still have some cobwebs to work out. I am really looking forward to next year, and I hope everyone else is

New Boathouse Site and Docks!

At last, after months of hard work and sweat, we have a working boathouse and no longer have to store our boats out in the elements. The new site has moved from behind *Killer B's* to just off East River Road. This new location has a lot more space to store boats for our expanding team. Our boathouse,

thanks to the efforts of Sean Coghlan, Chris Athmer, and all other volunteers, is built and ready to go for fall season. Thanks to everybody involved in this project; it really is helpful to the team and we appreciate it.

LOOKING AHEAD

THE ERGS ARE COMING!

Mark down your calendars for November 24, the Friday morning after Thanksgiving for the start of Winter Training. Erg sessions are planned for every Saturday afternoon and Sunday early afternoon, until December 16, when we hit the ergs every other day until the New Year!

Strength-development and aerobic work will be prescribed for those days when we are not rowing on the ergs.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Know someone interested in rowing this spring? Seen that tall guy or girl walking the hallways, and it looks like he or she could really move a boat? **RECRUIT THAT PERSON!**

Let people know about the start of winter training, the weekend after Thanksgiving. (It will start on Saturday the 25th for our new novices).

We'll be announcing an informational meeting for prospective members soon. In the meantime, feel free to have them send an email to trishmiles@att.net to express their interest.

Donors to Dayton Boat Club

Mrs. Miles – Mike’s mom

Stuart & Patricia Harvey – Trish’s parents

Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. – two corporate donations

Gretchen J Gosiger Beust – parent of junior rower

Marguerite Gosiger- grandparent of junior rower

Martin O’Donovan – friend of DBC

Niall and Karen Foster – parents of junior rower

Mary Narus Arnold & Peter Arnold –parents of junior rower

Anonymous

Mitch Vossler– UD men’s novice coach

Katie McLaughlin –master rower

Deb and Dave Harvey -parents of junior rower'

Gifts ranged from \$25 to \$5000 for a total of \$12,095

Also special recognition to Karen Folkerth for being the fundraising chair person, as well as Anne and Neil Holtvogt for all the supplies they provided throughout the season

Thanks to everyone for the support!!!

Midwest Results

In its first season as a full varsity program, Dayton Boat Club brought home two second-place medals from the Midwest Junior Rowing Championships, placing well in a field of boats from eleven states. One of the medaling crews qualified for the Youth National Championships held in Cincinnati June 9-11.

The girls’ first varsity 4+ crew, made up of Bethany Brun, Sarah Harvey, Jackie Athmer, Jackie Malone, and Mary Tellers, earned the bid at Harsha Lake in Cincinnati. Although the crew posted the third-best time, one of the faster boats was from outside the region and not eligible for medals.

Coach Mike Miles commented, “I’m very curious about how our four will perform at Youth Nationals. We have some time to tweak the lineup and equipment, and that could have substantial payback. I’ll be ecstatic if they can progress to finals there.”

The other second-place medal was won by the girls’ third varsity 4+ boat, crewed by Sam Davidson, Nikki Loesch,

Maria Adkins, Claire Ferneding, and Emily Philips-Roth.

Of the eleven crews fielded by DBC at the regatta, eight survived the first day’s elimination rounds. Overall finishes by the club included the girls’ varsity lightweight 8+ at fourth, girls’ second novice 4+ at fourth, girls’ first novice 8+ at fifth, girls’ third varsity 4+ (boat B) at sixth, and boys’ varsity 2x at sixth. The girls’ varsity 8+ came in seventh in the semifinals and was first in the petite final.

In reviewing the regatta, Miles commented, “It was a great effort for so many team members to advance to the finals. I’m especially impressed with the development of our first-year (novice) rowers; they showed they are intense racers and will definitely give the varsity a boost next year. The boys’ doubles results were also outstanding. I’m sure John (Beust) and Liam (Foster) wouldn’t have predicted they’d be in the finals of Midwest Championships a month ago—they’ve come a long way.”



DAYTON BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER
EMILY PHILIPS-ROTH & LIAM FOSTER
CO-EDITORS

**28 Patterson Rd
Dayton, OH 45419**

**Phone: 937-290-7050
Fax: 937-290-7050
Email: ephilipsroth@gmail.com**

*Check out our
website:
daytonboatclub.org*



Burninating the Competition!

Our mission is to develop the sport of competitive rowing in the Dayton area. We provide organized programs for junior and masters rowing. We place a high priority on our relationship with the University of Dayton rowing programs.

We provide a cohesive organization that accommodates different types of members – men, women, juniors, open, masters, experienced, novice – within the context of a single unified club. Our club culture encourages members to treat each other with respect, to make safety and enjoyable achievement our highest goals, and to understand and care for our common equipment and facilities. ~Dayton Boat Club Website

SENIORS

This year Dayton Boat Club had three seniors: Claire Fernading, Samantha Davidson, and Neil Wittberg, all from Chaminade-Julienne. The '06 spring season was the first for Neil, third for Sam, and the fourth for Claire. Neil, the only senior from the men's team, will be attending Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. Claire will be attending Ohio State University in Columbus. Samantha is attending Nova Southeastern in Florida. ALL are planning to row in college!