



**THE**

**JOURNAL - EASTER TERM 2021 - PANDEMIC YEAR**

*Staying Positive*

Credit must be given to the entire Cambridge Collegiate Rowing Community this past Easter Term as everyone stayed positive and put forth yeoman's work in creating some semblance of proper Mays racing while attempting to pay extreme deference to the precautions necessary given the continuing pandemic. Thus, CUCBC and the College Clubs together organized a four day series of knock-out races called: The June Eights.

Although we all hope Bumps will never be cancelled again, at least the college crews got a chance to compete against one another in this improvised format amidst an otherwise surreal time on the Cam. And, Hughes Hall Boat Club did rather well all things considered with the Novice Women's Boat prevailing three out of the four days (their results below), the Senior Men's Boat prevailing two out of the four

days and the Novice men's Boat prevailing one out of the four days. Sadly, the Senior Women's Boat was forced to scratch when a member tested positive for Covid forcing all nine of the crew into isolation for ten days. They weren't alone, though, with at least three other colleges having to scratch all of their crews from the competition because of the virus; that Covid is extremely nasty and not about to go away quietly is certainly a reality. But with the Pandemic Year finally and now hopefully almost behind us for good, we look forward to picking up in Michaelmas where we left off in Lents 2020 since the Bumps charts weren't at all affected during the lockdowns and Hughes Hall remains poised to go up in all Divisions in the 2021-2022 Bumps campaigns.

NW2 Division	Total Wins
Fitzwilliam NW1	4
Clare NW2	3
Hughes Hall NW1	3
Lucy Cavendish NW2	3
Christ's NW2	2
First and Third NW1	2
Murray Edwards NW1	2
Queens' NW1	2
Churchill NW2	1
Clare NW3	0
Selwyn NW2	1
Magdalene NW1	0
King's NW1	0
Sidney Sussex NW1	0

### THE TOKYO OLYMPICS AND HUGHES HALL BOAT CLUB

We reported with excitement in the last issue that ex-Hughes rower, Dara Alizadeh, had qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in a 1x rowing for his home country Bermuda. Now we are twice-blessed to report that another former Hughes Hall Rower, Husein Alireza, has also qualified for Tokyo in a 1x rowing for his home country Saudi Arabia. Two things about Husein's achievement are noteworthy: He learned to row as a novice at Hughes Hall having never touched an oar prior to his joining the Hughes Hall Boat Club's Novice Program in 2016. Second, he is the first athlete from any country in the Middle East to qualify for the Olympics in rowing. Congratulations to Dara and

## Husein and congratulations to the Hughes Hall Boat Club Program!!



### Updates from the Captains:

The Easter Term marked a return to the water for HHBC with renewed optimism over the months ahead. The term can be celebrated for bringing both great training and racing over the 12-odd weeks that we had on the water.

Our senior program started off strong with a Mixed 8+ entry into City Sprints . A first time returning to racing in over a year, the crew celebrated their first win - a sign of things to come. The following weekend our Novice Men took part in the 99s Regatta and won their category, a brilliant achievement for their first ever race, keeping in mind many had had just over a month since first holding a blade.

We were then thrilled that both mens and womens crews would enter XPress Head in early June. The seniors entered in fours, with the Senior Men 4+ winning their division

and the Senior W4+, with three of the rowers having only recently started rowing. The Novice Men would take their second win of the term.



Marking a departure from the usual excitement of May Bumps, the crew then focused attention on training for the 'June Eights Regatta', bringing thrilling side-by-side 1200m “knock-out” sprints to the reach for both novice and senior crews. Our Novice Women would top the week by winning three out of four of their races! The men's side of the club also had a great week, with both the novice and senior crews putting in a great time on the Getting on Race to qualify for competition in the first divisions.





The captains are feeling very positive about the year ahead, with a good number of members staying on next year and many of our rowers making the most of the summer and continuing to train together in Cambridge with town clubs. New additions to our fleet over the coming months are incredibly welcomed as we continue to support the development of our crews in boats both large, and increasingly, small. It would go amiss to not thank the incredible dedication of our coaches. . We are continually grateful for our support from within the college and the broader Hughes community, and most importantly, to our rowers for their unwavering commitment throughout the term.

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## ALUMNI NOTES:

From: Ian Bardrick, 1979 Mays 1st Boat:

"The members of the 1979 1st May Boat were:

Bow: J. A. Brautmeier

2 S.M. Priest

3. N.A.P. Devine

4. D. Wylie

5. I. Bardrick

6. C. Senior

7. R.V.G. Douch

Str.: M. Fischer

Cox: D.L. Payne

Coach: M. McWalter"

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From: Sydney, Australia news of 1987 HHBC Alumnus Lawrence Nethery (Lawrie) – who is still rowing regularly with Mosman Rowing Club Masters 8 (in the stroke seat photo attached).

*"Lawrie hits the water usually 3 mornings a week on the Killarney and Roseville waterway – just north of Sydney – where the rowing course offers 12kms of flat pristine waterway amongst native birds , fish and bush. Lawrie's last visit to Hughes and Cambridge was in 2013 to attend the HHBC Dinner to join the 1987 crew who donated funds for new club ERG's. Whilst at Cambridge he played 12 games for the Blues in Rugby and brought a Boxing Blue back to the College also in 1987. After graduating in Land Economy in 1988 , Lawrie now works in the Government sector in NSW in Health ,Education and Energy . Lawrie recalls his rowing at HHBC with fond memories of chilly mornings and great spirit."*



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Received from an anonymous source - can anyone identify the crew?



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### **UPDATE: THE 'HOOT FOR HUGHES!!' CAMPAIGN**

THE HUGHES HALL BOAT CLUB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL LAUNCH BEFORE MICHAELMAS 2021 THE "HOOT FOR HUGHES" CAMPAIGN



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