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HULL KINGSTON SWIMMING CLUB

1886-1979

Historical Background:

The Hull Kingston Swimming Club was formed on 5th August 1886 as an amateur club for men with the intention of teaching and to encourage the 'Art of Swimming'. Its motto was 'Kingston First'. It grew at an astonishing rate with more than 200 members being enrolled in its first year.

In April 1890 the Club became affiliated with the Northern Counties Swimming Association. A branch for Ladies with its own Captain and Committee was established in 1913 and it quickly grew in popularity. In 1931 more than half of the club's members were female.

Jack Hale (1922-2008) the club's most famous member, won 38 Yorkshire Titles between 1937-1957 and was Commonwealth Champion and Olympic finalist. He is widely credited for inventing the 'dolphin method' of using his feet on the butterfly stroke.

Description:

Minute books (1886-1975), members' passes (1925-1979), Annual Report and Balance Sheet (1925-1939), Annual Gala programmes (1945-1967), small number of photographs (1910-1962)

Related material:

Hull City Archives:

Swimming Baths Committee, 1873-1875 (Ref. TCSW) featuring a questionnaire concerning the possible creation of swimming baths

Blundell's Swimming Club, 1935-1957 (Ref. DBBS/1/137) including Committee Minutes (1935-1939) and membership cards (1940s-1950s)

Extent:

76 items (1 box)

Access Conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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Minute Books

1886-1975

The early minute books in particular contain considerable detail about the club's negotiations with the Corporation's Baths Committee to secure exclusive access, at a discounted rate, to the baths for one night a week to allow the club members to practise. There is also correspondence relating to improving the facilities at Madeley Street and Trippett baths and whether they could be kept open during the winter months.

In June 1887 one of the Club's junior members rescued a lad from Queen's Dock and it was agreed that all

substantiated rescue's by club members would be awarded a medal from the club and the minute books often provide details of rescues.

The club's first competition was held in July 1887 and this quickly became an annual competition or gala with the minute books recording details relating to the choice of events, their organisation and the results.

6 items

L DSKS/1/1	<p>Minute Book Including the club's inaugural meeting and a printed copy [incomplete] of the early rules of the Club. There is an account of a sports match with Hull Church Institute Swimming Club (Sep 1886) with events including diving, plunging, swimming with hands and feet tied and in ordinary costume 'with an open umbrella'. Entertainment was provided by an Exhibition of Ornamental Surface Swimming by two swimmers from Grimsby. The club visited Grimsby (April 1887) to take-part in a water-polo match for The Friends of Fisherlads Institute.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	5 Aug 1886- 29 Aug 1887
L DSKS/1/2	<p>Minute Book With list of Officers 1887-1888. Correspondence with Corporation Baths Committee about the use of quarter mile length of Barmston Drain for the club to practice in. Detailed information about the Annual Sports [Gala] in September 1888 including details of each event winner, the value of their cash prize and what they purchased with it.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	29 Aug 1887- 29 Jan 1891
L DSKS/1/3	<p>Minute Book Includes a copy of the printed 'Report and Balance Sheet' (Feb 1916), manuscript draft of 1921 Annual Report and list of Ladies Committee members for 1922</p> <p>1 volume</p>	25 Feb 1913- 15 Aug 1928
L DSKS/1/4	<p>Minute Book Includes a copy of the printed 'Report and Balance Sheet' (Jan 1938). No meetings between February 1940 and February 1945.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	18 Feb 1929- 7 Feb 1947
L DSKS/1/5	<p>Minute Book Includes typescript statement of accounts for 1953</p> <p>1 volume</p>	25 Feb 1947- 7 Nov 1957
L DSKS/1/6	<p>Minute Book</p> <p>1 volume</p>	4 Feb 1958- 13 Nov 1975

L DSKS/2	Cash Books Detailing elements of the club's income and expenditure including the annual gala, medals for life saving, rent of baths, printing of programmes and tickets 2 items	1896-1946
L DSKS/2/1	Cash Book Includes list of assets in 1897 and stock (1909, 1923 and 1932) and list of members in 1898 1 volume	1896-1932
L DSKS/2/2	Cash Book With details for a number of different named accounts including 'General', 'Dance' and 'Gala'. It also includes information relating to the number of club members attending the practice sessions. 1 volume	1937-1946
L DSKS/3	Membership Records Records relating to membership of the club including subscriptions paid (1909-1911), list of members (1913-1919) and an incomplete series of printed passes (1925-1979/80) issued to members each year including series of passes issued (1925-1947) to the Ladies Branch of the club. The Minute Books (see L DSKS/1/1-6) include the names of members when they were admitted into the Club. 5 items	1909-1979/80
L DSKS/3/1	Membership Subscriptions Lists the subscription amount paid by individual members including donations. At the reverse there is also a note of donation of 10s made by 3 of the club's patrons T.R. Ferens MP, G.G. Wilson MP and GW Lilley JP. 1 volume	1909-1911
L DSKS/3/2	Members List List of members for each year including their name, address and subscription paid and includes details of life members of the club and the committee members 1 volume	1913-1919
L DSKS/3/3	Member's Passes Printed passes for members of the Club including the Rules of the Club, list of Officers for the year and details of club practice sessions at Beverley Road, East Hull and Madeley Street baths. Also includes list of Life Members	1925-1954/55

and (until 1939) The Roll of Honour for Life Saving.

Passes for the years 1926-1929, 1940-1944 and 1946 are missing from this sequence.
1 bundle/20 pieces

L DSKS/3/4	<p>Member's Passes</p> <p>Printed passes for members of the Club including the Rules of the Club, list of Officers for the year and details of club practice sessions at Beverley Road, East Hull and Madeley Street baths. Also includes list of Life Members and details of special awards that could be earned by swimming certain distances or times.</p> <p>Passes for the years 1960/61-1961/62, 1964/65-1965/66 and 1978/79 are missing from this sequence. 1 bundle/20 pieces</p>	1955/56- 1979/80
L DSKS/3/5	<p>Member's Passes - Ladies Branch</p> <p>Printed passes for the Ladies Branch of the Club including the Rules of the Club, list of Officers for the year and details of club practice sessions at Beverley Road, East Hull and Madeley Street baths. Also includes list of Life Members and (until 1940) The Roll of Honour for Life Saving.</p> <p>Passes for the years 1926-1929, 1934-1936 and 1941-1946 are missing from this sequence. 1 bundle/10 pieces</p>	1925-1947
L DSKS/4	<p>Annual Report and Balance Sheet</p> <p>Printed Annual Report and Balance Sheet produced as an agenda for the Annual General Meeting. The report provides a brief overview of the year and often refers to individual achievements on a regional or national level. 15 items</p>	1925-1939
L DSKS/4/1	<p>Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item</p>	1925
L DSKS/4/2	<p>Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item</p>	1926
L DSKS/4/3	<p>Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item</p>	1927
L DSKS/4/4	<p>Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item</p>	1928
L DSKS/4/5	<p>Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item</p>	1929

L DSKS/4/6	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1930
L DSKS/4/7	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1931
L DSKS/4/8	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1932
L DSKS/4/9	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1933
L DSKS/4/10	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1934
L DSKS/4/11	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1935
L DSKS/4/12	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1936
L DSKS/4/13	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1937
L DSKS/4/14	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1938
L DSKS/4/15	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1939
L DSKS/5	Annual Gala programmes Printed programmes for the Annual Gala. Details the individual events, the trophy being competed for and the names of individuals or teams competing in each event. A few are annotated with information about the results in the events. Some annotations reflect changes required for the next year's event. Programmes for the years 1946, 1952, 1961, 1964 and 1965 are missing from the sequence. 18 items	1945-1967
L DSKS/5/1	Annual Gala programme 1 item	25 Jul 1945
L DSKS/5/2	Annual Gala programme 1 item	3 Sep 1947
L DSKS/5/3	Annual Gala programme 1 item	1 Sep 1948

L DSKS/5/4	Annual Gala programme 1 item	29 Jun 1949
L DSKS/5/5	Annual Gala programme For photographs taken at this gala see L DSKS/6/4-7 1 item	5 Jul 1950
L DSKS/5/6	Annual Gala programme 1 item	12 Sep 1951
L DSKS/5/7	Annual Gala programme 1 item	16 Sep 1953
L DSKS/5/8	Annual Gala programme 1 item	11 Sep 1954
L DSKS/5/9	Annual Gala programme 1 item	14 Sep 1955
L DSKS/5/10	Annual Gala programme 1 item	26 Sep 1956
L DSKS/5/11	Annual Gala programme 1 item	25 Sep 1957
L DSKS/5/12	Annual Gala programme 1 item	17 Sep 1958
L DSKS/5/13	Annual Gala programme 1 item	30 Sep 1959
L DSKS/5/14	Annual Gala programme 1 item	28 Sep 1960
L DSKS/5/15	Annual Gala programme See L DSKS/6/9 for a photograph taken at this event 1 item	26 Sep 1962
L DSKS/5/16	Annual Gala programme 1 item	25 Sep 1963
L DSKS/5/17	Annual Gala programme 1 item	28 Sep 1966
L DSKS/5/18	Annual Gala programme 1 item	27 Sep 1967
L DSKS/6	Photographs and Publicity Series of photographs relating to the club and its activities 16 items	1910-1962

L DSKS/6/1	<p>Team photograph</p> <p>Postcard of the Club team taken to mark the Club's 25th anniversary. The image contains more than 120 male members of the club [female members were admitted for the first time in about 1913].</p> <p>1 item/1 postcard</p>	1910
L DSKS/6/2	<p>Jubilee Dinner</p> <p>Photograph showing senior members of the club at the Jubilee Dinner. See L DSKS/7/1 for the menu and toasts for this event.</p> <p>1 item</p>	26 Oct 1935
L DSKS/6/3	<p>Jack Hale and officials with the Henry Benjamin Trophy</p> <p>Photograph of the club swimmer and national champion Jack Hale with the Henry Benjamin National Memorial Trophy which had been won by the club that year and three other club officials. There is a similiar photograph from the local newspaper showing Jack Hale with the trophy alongside club officials D.L Pitts, J.T. Brookes and W.Youngman.</p> <p>2 items</p>	Sep 1947
L DSKS/6/4	<p>Certificate and photograph of the Henry Benjamin National Memorial Trophy awarded by the Amateur Swimming Association which had been won by the club that year.</p> <p>2 items</p>	Sep 1947
L DSKS/6/5	<p>Group of female swimmers</p> <p>Two photographs of a group of 11 unidentified female swimmers taken at the poolside at the Club's 65th Annual Gala in 1950 at Beverley Road Baths. The photographs are stamped 'Hull Daily Mail' and have 'C.486' and 'C.487' on the reverse.</p> <p>2 items</p>	5 Jul 1950
L DSKS/6/6	<p>Three male swimmers</p> <p>Photograph of three unidentified male swimmers at the poolside beleived to have been taken at the Club's 65th Annual Gala in 1950at Beverley Road Baths. The photograph is stamped 'Proof Hull Daily Mail' on the front and has 'C.489' on the reverse.</p> <p>1 item</p>	5 Jul 1950
L DSKS/6/7	<p>Race in progress</p> <p>Photograph taken during a boys relay race at the Club's 65th Annual Gala in 1950 at Beverley Road Baths. The photograph is stamped 'Hull Daily Mail' and has 'C.488' on the reverse.</p> <p>1 item</p>	5 Jul 1950

L DSKS/6/8	Mrs Renee Peck Photograph of Mrs Renee Peck swimming 1 mile back-stroke taken at the Club's 65th Annual Gala in 1950 at Beverley Road Baths. The photograph is stamped 'Hull Daily Mail' and has 'C.490' on the reverse. 1 item	5 Jul 1950
L DSKS/6/9	Club Team Newspaper cutting featuring a group photograph of the Club team after they had beaten Selby Swimming Club 1 item	1962
L DSKS/6/10	Fancy Dress Photograph of 6 members of the Club wearing fancy dress at the Club's Annual Gala at Beverley Road Baths. Four of the individuals have been identified on the reverse J. Morris, P. Ripley, Mrs Pitts and Mr D.L. Pitts. 1 item	26 Sep 1962
L DSKS/6/11	Hull Swimming Clubs Newspaper article written by Jim Pike in the 'Hull Daily Mail' about Hull's swimming club including brief details of Hull Kingston, Hull City, Hull Dolphins and South-West Hull Swimming Clubs. Article includes photographs of two famous Hull swimmers Walter Blake (Hull City Swimming Club) and Jack Hale (Hull Kingston Swimming Club). 1 item	6 Apr 1968
L DSKS/6/12	Group of male swimmers Photograph of a group of 17 unidentified male swimmers in the pool. The photograph is stamped 'Proof Hull Daily Mail' on the front. 1 item	n.d.
L DSKS/6/13	Group of female swimmers Photograph of a group of 6 unidentified female swimmers taken at the poolside. The photograph is stamped 'Hull Daily Mail' and has 'A8866' on the reverse. 1 item	n.d.
L DSKS/7	Miscellaneous Small group of items relating to specific events and activities 7 items	1935-1960
L DSKS/7/1	The Jubilee Dinner Members ticket and the Menu including the Toasts for the Club's Jubilee Dinner and Social Evening held at	26 Oct 1935

Powolny's restaurant in Hull.
See L DSKS/6/2 for a photograph taken at this event.
2 items

L DSKS/7/2	Junior Squadron Championship Certificate Certificate awarded to the Club at the Yorkshire Amateur Swimming Association's event held at Bradford 1 item	19 Jun 1937
L DSKS/7/3	Junior Squadron Championship Certificate Certificate awarded to the Club at the Yorkshire Amateur Swimming Association's event held at Bradford 1 item	18 Jun 1938
L DSKS/7/4	Summary History of Hull Kingston Swimming Club Notes relating to the history of the club between 1886-1946 with much of the information being extracted from the minute books 1 item/1 volume	c1946
L DSKS/7/5	English Counties Water Polo Championship Final Programme for the final which was hosted by Hull Kinstorn Swimming Club at Madeley Street Baths. A series of races and events were held before and after the final which was between Lancashire and Glamorgan. 1 item	16 Sep 1950
L DSKS/7/6	The 75th Jubilee Celebration Dance Ticket for the Club's 75th Jubilee Celebration Dance held at Newington Hall 1 item	28 Oct 1960