

The College once again held a gala in co-operation with the Old Boys' Swimming Club, and, in spite of the epidemic of influenza then raging in the city, the gala was voted by all a very successful one. It was held on the 22nd of January, at the Falls Road Baths. Fr. McGouran ably carried out his duties as chairman.

May I remind those members who are leaving the College this year that the Old Boys have a very enjoyable practice every Thursday night in the Falls Road Baths. At present they are sorely in need of such members.

Congratulations to Pat Ivory on being second in the Boys' under 16 Championship of Ulster at Bangor last summer, and to Fergus McAlinden on winning the Old Boys' Members' Cup, in the first year of the competition.

We were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Thomas Keenan as coach for yet another year. Mr. Keenan is known to all swimmers as the best coach in Belfast, and he has established himself a prime favourite with all members of the Club.

In concluding these notes, I wish to thank Mr. McDermott who, as chairman of the club, has guided us in all our undertakings during the past year. I heartily congratulate a very energetic committee on their work during the past year, especially John McAreavey who, as Treasurer, carried out his duties in a very efficient manner.

The committee this year was as follows: Mr. McDermott, Chairman; John McAreavey, Hon. Treasurer; James McMahan, Pat Ivory, Sean McGuigan and Donald Bowen, Club Captain.

The following were the results of the Annual Gala:—

Junior Championship—1, F. McAlinden, 2, J. McGivern; 3, R. Bowen. Time, 32 secs.

Senior Championship—1, D. Bowen; 2, P. Ivory. Time, 40 2-5secs. (new record).

Beginners' Race—1, J. McGivern; 2, K. Doolan; 3, B. O'Neill. Time, 17 secs.

Inter Schools Squadron—1, St. Malachy's College; 2, Methodist College; 3, R.B.A.I. Time, 50 2-5secs.

Old Boys' Handicap—1, G. MacManus; 2, M. Bready; 3, J. Smyth. Time, 37 secs.

Novelty Event, Junior—Won by L. M'Sorley.

Old Boys v. St. Malachy's College Medley Squadron—Won by Old Boys (team: G. MacManus, W. Starkey, M. O'Boyle, H. Ivory). Time, 1 min. 59 secs.

Junior Handicap—1, T. McAlinden; 2, W. Yarr; 3, R. Bowen. Time, 31 secs.

Senior Handicap—1, F. Gilligan; 2, P. Ivory; 3, J. McMahan. Time, 33 secs.

Invitation Squadron—1, Old Malachians; 2, Clonard; 3, Instonians. Time, 1 min. 41½ secs.

Breast Stroke—1, W. Yarr; 2, E. Rice; 3, D. Bowen. Time, 44 secs.

Old Boys' Novelty won by W. Starkey.

Back Stroke—1, J. McGivern; 2, P. Ivory; 3, K. Doolan. Time, 52 secs.

Pillow Fight (Juniors)—Won by R. Bowen.

Pillow Fight (Seniors)—Won by K. O'Kane.

Swimming Display by Messrs. G. MacManus, P. McCurry, J. McGowan.

Polo Match—R.B.A.I. v. St. Malachy's College. St. Malachy's College won by 3 to 1.

Polo Match—Cathal Brugha v. Old Malachians. Result, Draw, 2 each.

Donald J. Bowen, Hon. Sec.

Editor's Note:

Donald Bowen, the writer of these Swimming Notes, is the best Club man the College has ever had. Secretary as well as Club Captain, he has been an untiring worker during the entire season. The Club owes its success to the personal and helpful interest he takes in every member, especially the juvenile members. Congratulations, Donald, on the new record you set up in the Senior Championship at the College Gala—three lengths in 40 2-5 secs. officially timed. While offering you our best thanks for unstinted service, we tender you our united good wishes for success in your future career.