

## *Swimming Officers report for 2008*

This has been a very harmonious year in our club with some very positive committee meetings.

From the swimming side I have received almost no e-mails this year complaining about other swimming members although this could be due to the slight fall in swimming members and the fact that there is now more space for everyone! The steady fall in swimming members, within the club, is of course a serious long term problem and we all need to put some effort into finding potential new members. The consequences of an ever decreasing membership would be disastrous!

In an attempt to try and drum up support inside ESA for the swimming club and solve this problem of falling numbers, there was an all committee initiative to have a club promotion event held in the canteen at lunch time. This was discussed in detail at many committee meetings and the date was moved a couple of times but eventually it happened! This is the first time that this has ever been done and it went very well, with very nice large posters on display, made by Wim and a very compressive slide show running compiled by John. Your hardworking committee, who gave up their lunch break, gave out many leaflets and talked and talked... There was actually a tremendous amount of interest shown and hopefully after all the hard work we will get some new swimming members.

I did receive some e-mails about the De Schelft swimming pool, it was closed once and another time you had to wait until a swimming competition was finished. For the time we couldn't use it, we have agreed with de Schelft that we do not have to pay for it. That is due to Wim for driving such a hard bargain!

Again, I have had no complaints this year about strange or not so strange men in the ladies changing room although I believe that the gentlemen still get spasmodic visits from 'strange' ladies in their changing room in the Sterrenbad swimming pool! I have spoken to the Sterrenbad swimming pool management about the cleanliness of the pool but they are so short of money due to the building of the new pool, that there will not be any new equipment bought to upgrade their cleaning system. Our time keeping does not seem to be such a problem this year although I did have one complaint made. I pointed out against this, our helpfulness in putting out the lanes for them when they have their regular swimming exams and that seemed to settle the matter.

To end this report, I would like to request every member to try and find a friend, a colleague, a person or body who would like to come and swim, as we need new swimming members!

Keep swimming!

Kind regards to all.  
Myra