

UPDATE JULY 2012



"The rain it raineth every day" (Shakespeare. Twelfth Night)

BUT there is still plenty to enjoy at the Lido.

Brockwell Lido Annual Swim Races will be held on Saturday 14th July 2012 including the Mile Race for the Richard Turner Memorial Cup. Children's and family races too. Registration 4.30-5.15pm, races start at 6pm. Following the races, the Richard Turner Pace Clock will be unveiled in celebration of the life of Richard, a talented jazz musician and swimmer. For further information contact Lido Mike on 07770261809 or email lido.mike@hotmail.co.uk. **Note:** Due to this event public swimming will end at 5.30pm.

The MBC Foundation will launch with a fundraising **hip hop concert** at the Lido on Sunday 15th July 6-10pm. MBCF was set up in memory of Max Boomgaarden Cook, a former Lido lifeguard, who was killed in a Thai bus crash in June last year along with two of his friends.

The MBC Foundation is a charity based in Brixton supporting young people aged 16-25 from South London in independent hip hop music, cricket and social enterprise. They have recently given grants to Whippersnappers and the Lambeth Cricket Academy. Tickets: www.mbcfoundation.org.uk/events

Open Air Cinema

Friday 20th July 2012 *Anchorman* (Certificate 12A) Doors open 7.30pm
Performance 9pm. Tickets: £12.50 **Pool will close at 5.00pm**

Wednesday 29th August 2012 *The Lost Boys* (Certificate 15) Doors open
6.30pm Performance 8pm. Tickets: £12.50 **Pool will close at 4.00pm**
Book at <http://www.thelunacinema.com>

Thanks to those of you who sent us comments on the **car park proposals**, the majority of which were positive. All your comments have been passed on to Fusion. We acknowledge that there is unlikely to be a completely satisfactory solution which will suit all, but the intention is to improve access for bona fide Lido and Park users and, in particular, disabled users. In essence, the car park will provide two hours of free parking enforced by an automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) system. Disabled users will be allowed three hours. After that, users will have to pay £3.50 per hour (by phone) or they will incur a Penalty Charge Notice of £80 (£50 for prompt payers). The full proposal can be read on the BLU website www.brockwelllido.com.

Following the provision of new equipment and refurbishment of the **gym**, Julian Fox of BLU has passed on your gym feedback to Lido manager, Clare Motton. If you have anything further to add, do contact BLU or attend a meeting which Clare is holding on Thursday 19th July at 6.30 - 7.30 pm in Studio 1 to discuss

any outstanding gym issues.

Clare Motton is also holding further Meet the Manager meetings to enable you to discuss with her any issues, not only gym issues, regarding the Lido complex as whole. Dates are: July 16th @5.30pm; August 13th @5.30pm; September 3rd @10am; October 8th @5.30pm; November 12th @5.30pm; December 3rd @5.30pm.

Lido management are still waiting for a specialist's report on the unreliable **hydropool** with recommendations to ensure [hopefully!] fewer breakdowns. Rest assured the Lido Manager is as frustrated as members are with the problems that have been occurring since last year.

As we have previously reported, we have received, and passed on to Fusion, a number of complaints concerning problems contacting the Lido by phone. By mid-July, you should be able to **leave a message** (cancelling a class booking, for example) if the phone can't be answered immediately.

We look forward to welcoming Billy Stevens, the new **Wet Operations Manager**, who will arrive on 16th July. He will have specific responsibility for management of the pool.

We told Clare Motton that some swimmers were unhappy with the pool hardly ever being fully open this summer. We agreed that, even taking the miserable weather into account, **a true Lido is a whole Lido**. We have been advised by Clare that if you see the pool getting over-crowded or feel that there is a need for a larger un-laned area or more lanes, you can ask a lifeguard to make the necessary changes which they have the discretion to make, if circumstances allow. Please tell us and Clare if this isn't working.

If you don't want to commit to a **pool** season ticket but want to save money, you might consider buying a **10 swim season voucher card** for £43.15 (compares with £56.50 for ten peak time swim tickets) A Junior 10 swim season voucher card costs £27.35 (compared with £34 for ten casual swims.) The vouchers are loaded onto a plastic card which enables you to swipe in without having to wait at reception.

Similarly, in case we ever again have a heatwave and you are not a Lido member or a swim season ticket or voucher holder make sure you don't get stuck in a mile long queue, by applying online for a **Fast Track Card**.
http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/Brockwell_Lido.

Because there are no drains in the **pool changing rooms**, there is an ongoing problem with wet and muddy floors. The unseasonal weather is a factor, but this is especially unpleasant while the current park refurbishment works

continue. Things you can do to help include removing your shoes before you go in (and of course putting them back on outside the changing room – there is a seat in the corridor) and taking your wetsuit off poolside or in the shower. Wringing out your cossie in the shower area rather than on the floor will help too! Blue mats have been ordered.

Windrush Triathlon club provides training at Brockwell Lido in the pool and in the gym. See <http://www.windrushtri.co.uk/>

If you would like to improve your swimming style contact **Lido Mike** at <http://www.streamlineswims.com>.

If you or yours are between **14 and 25 years old** and thinking of trying a new activity this summer, then why not try Triathlon swimming? Sessions are completely FREE on Tuesdays at 4-5pm, and are led by a qualified coach! **For more information and to book onto a session please email ian.farlane@fusion-lifestyle.com.**

The Lido Café was reviewed in Time Out and got 5 stars! **TLC** have promised better access for swimmers and gym users via the poolside. Please let BLU know if you have any comments about your access to café facilities.

And finally, a most important date for your diaries. The **2012 Annual Forum** where you, as a gym or spa user, class attendee or swimmer, get to discuss every aspect of Brockwell Lido with Fusion and BLU, including its long-term future. **10am on Saturday, 29th September**. More details in our August Update.