



The Model Steamer Club

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Spring Show 2007

The Spring Show has come and gone for a third time. Statistically it was remarkably similar to last year's.

21 modellers registered: Members - 14 Visitors - 7

From Edinburgh MBC, Elderpark and East Kilbride.

Richmond had been put off by exaggerated tales about the weed.

Boats on tables 32+

The weather turned out to be a little better than last year, one less sweater required, and far better than the forecast. As I said last year, too many people watch those weather girls. I agree they are improving in general (the forecasts) but those who ignored Saturday's forecast had a great day. As well as most people sailing despite the gusty conditions, members and visitors alike had fun setting up the Gazebos in those same conditions. We didn't get blown away, but 6 lady passengers with parasols on the Lucy Ashton were lost overboard while the drunken third class passengers lying on the fore deck survived!

The main issue with the pond remains the water condition, well, really the weed!

You were given correspondence with the last Newsletter, and during the week before the Show the Council attacked the weed around the jetty, cutting and removing huge quantities. However, it still remained in patches and because it had been cut so recently, there were a lot of loose strands around. The Council provided a powered, manned rescue boat which was called to the rescue about six times. The Council are continuing to remove material from the Pond and take action to combat the weed.

Despite the less than perfect conditions, everyone seemed to have an enjoyable afternoon. It was a relaxed social occasion with discussion between members and visitors on the models, their methods and just about everything else. Thanks to all Members and visitors who helped to set up and pack away everything.

Rouken Glen Gala Week

The committee would remind you of the Gala Day Show on the 16th June from 13:00 to 16:00. The Council are including us in the information sheet they are preparing and Members should come along to swell the numbers of the old perennials.

We are sure everyone will have a good day.

Come along, don't worry about doom merchants and the forecast, I will be ignoring my own advice and doing it for you!

SF MBC Web Site

If you have visited www.sfmabc.net you will have seen a well organised and helpful source for modellers, and a forum for model chat. The Club has an information page and we are exploring the possibility of expanding this information to create in effect our own mini-web page. If you have Internet access, visit it, it is even friendly to slow old dial-ups.

Full Size Sailing

Ian McGhie and family are just back from a cruise in the Med and have discovered the reason for the phrase "See Naples and die" is the standard of Italian driving - dangerous!

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