

The Clive Fairweather & John Pullman Regimental Memorial Swimming Event

Scourie 15-22 April 2023



The latest and most recent CBF & JP Swimming meet took place at Scourie between 15-22 April 2023. The Beachmaster (Peter Aitken, former KOSB & RAPC) had conducted an on site recce a couple of years ago and this Int had been confirmed and reinforced by General Andrew Mackay's youngest son, Ruairidh (aka 'my nephew'), who had worked as a fisherman for Loch Duart in Badcall Bay for the better part of two years. Incidentally, Ruairidh's lodgings just happened to be the next door building to where we were based for our Memorial Swim.

In his inimitable style and attention to detail, the Beachmaster had arranged for the most perfect weather. Every day, the skies were cloudless with bright, strong Sutherland sun. For three days running, that part of Scotland was the hottest spot in the UK. Sun cream had to be applied during an essential pie break lunch. The dawns were breath-taking and the sunsets nothing short of spectacular. (Of course, Scourie weather can be less clement > ask that fisherman!)



A full report will follow in due course, but this note merely represents a very brief summary of one of the Regiment's latest events. At the same time frame, swims were happening in North Berwick, Kenya, Australia and Nigeria, as part of the global swim event. At Scourie, for both the CBF as well as the JP swim, high tide at 0700 was chosen and on both occasions, Paul Middlemiss won the event with the Beachmaster doing his PInfo / PR stuff and Russell Combe, his close protection security. It would be rather fun perhaps to have a few more swimmers next time round: the water was not THAT cold.

Rob Jefferies



Magnus Falk



Rob Andrew