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Throughout much of my research for information concerning the history of the Fitzwilliam House/College Boat Cub I have made extensive use of the excellent book entitled "The Bumps" by John Durack, George Gilbert and John Marks which was published in 2000. I have not only referred to the text of that book but also to the tremendous amount of information on the accompanying CD ROM. It lists the complete bumps charts for every Lents and Mays up to 1999 as well as the earlier bumping races which preceded the Lents and Mays. In most cases I have simply listed what happened in my documents but I have used extracts from these actual charts when describing the extraordinary results achieved by the 1962 3rd Lent crew and the 1979 4th May crew and the incredible bumping experience of Bob Perkins and John Adams. Another aspect of the CD ROM I have used quite extensively is the section which displays the number of places gained or lost by crews in the Lents and Mays. In addition I have quoted from the book regarding the introduction of the term "spoons" which was certainly not used in my day in the mid 1950s, and in other areas.

Aware of the importance of copyright I emailed George to request his permission to use these and other references from his book in my various documents.

And this was his reply

Hi Ken – great to hear from you; I trust you are doing well.

No problem at all with the below request. Good luck with the research!

George

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