

Olive Roberts
Watford SC Club Secretary 1986 - 2006

It is with great sadness we report that Olive, aged 73, recently died on 27th June 2007 after a long illness.

Olive played a major role in the Watford Swimming Club for 25 years. Most of this time she did the most difficult and arduous task of Club Secretary. She was also Swimming Team manager for several years and was a past Club President. She served on the Herts Exec. Committee and was a County time keeper and judge.

Over this period Olive was a real stalwart for the Club. She was very popular with the swimmers particularly at gala's and away trips abroad and training trips to Crystal Palace.

Her contribution over this period was clearly "over and above the call of duty" and the Club is indeed indebted to the huge effort and contribution which she gave over such a long period of dedicated service.

We send our sincere condolence to her husband Mervyn, also a past Club President, and her daughters Lesley, Elaine and Paula who was a Club swimmer, and not forgetting seven grandchildren.

John Martin-Dye
Watford SC Chairman

Swimming News in Brief

The Potters Bar meet was very successful, with the swimmer winning 47 medals and both the special awards for the 100m IM.

In preparation for the Nationals and as a trial run, Terry coached a 50m pool session on the 14th July in Coventry. We hope that a 50m pool session will be offered once a month to Squad swimmers. This will be at additional cost to the swimmer, hopefully approximately £5 per session. The next session will be on a Saturday in September, date to be confirmed.

The Westfield blocks have been installed and the swimmers should benefit from additional diving/start practise.

The peanuts league team came 2nd and they have now been promoted.

Club Champs Galas

Please note **new** revised dates:

Development: Sun 30th Sept
Sun 14th Oct

Squad: Wed 3rd Oct
Wed 10th Oct

It has been decided not to post entry sheets as all swimmers are expected to compete in their respective races.

The 400m races schedules for the Sundays will be entry on the day.

Know the Official's Role – Starter

SW 2.3.1 The starter shall have full control of the swimmers from the time the referee turns the swimmers over to him (SW 2.1.5) until the race has commenced. The start shall be given in accordance with SW 4.

SW 2.3.2 The starter shall report a swimmer to the referee for delaying the start, for willfully disobeying an order or for any other misconduct taking place at the start, but only the referee may disqualify a swimmer for such delay, willful disobedience or misconduct.

SW 2.3.3 The starter shall have power to decide whether the start is fair, subject only to the decision of the Referee.

SW 2.3.4 When starting an event, the starter shall stand on the side of the pool within approximately five metres of the starting edge of the pool where the timekeepers can see and or hear the starting signal and the swimmers can hear the signal.

This is an extract from the ASA 'Extracts of ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules' for 2006-2007.