

WATFORD SWIMMING CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2008

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Note from the Chairman Nigel McMorrin

Recently I have received an anonymous letter put through my door and therefore presume it was from a parent of a swimming club member. Having read the letter I am pleased to be able to advise that many of the points raised were already in hand.

For the benefit of all parents and swimmers of the club I have noted below the main points raised in the letter and the clubs response and then via the website we will be able to advise of future updates to improve communications.

Overcrowding of the Development Squad lanes – This situation has occurred due to us being a victim of our own success with our marketing campaigns. We have had many new swimmers join the club which is fantastic news for us. Following the AGM sixteen swimmers have been moved between and within squads and nine swimmers from the Development squad were offered a 2 hour session training with the Top Squad on a Friday night. Also a full review of all the swimmers abilities is currently taking place in order to further move swimmers both up and down squads. We would love to have more water time to improve the situation further but the pools we are using have no more water time available, until the new pools are up and running we will have to make do with what we have been able to get.

Clothing – Barbara Sargant who currently orders and sells our merchandise for the club had already been approached with a view to adding the track suits and tee shirts to her stock. This will commence shortly.

Direct Debits – This has been something that the club has discussed in the past and the new Treasurer Jackie Spence has already investigated the feasibility of using the Direct Debit/Standing Order system to allow parents to spread the cost of the squad fees. Membership and ASA fees will still have to be paid in early 2008. More information will be communicated shortly.

Info pack for new swimmers – There is already an information pack available for parents of new swimmers that is given out by the membership secretary Lorraine Dixie upon a swimmer joining as well as being on the website. Coach Paul Jones is looking for a development squad parent to volunteer to act as a point of contact between Lorraine and the new parents to ensure a smooth transition of paperwork.

The club has gone from strength to strength since the necessity of having to have split sites and we can all be proud of what has been achieved in the interim and look forward to better things to come.

I would just like to point out that the swimming club is run by volunteers who give up a great deal of their time freely. Obviously the more help we get the better so if the person who wrote the letter would like to contact me in person then we could discuss how they could help the club in these areas.

A thank you message

To all at WSC

Thank you very much for the generous wedding gift. We had a fantastic day and a wonderful honeymoon.

With love from
Greg and Sarah Buck (nee Willer)"

<p>Counties As usual Counties are being held in March. Entry forms should be returned to Attracta ASAP.</p>	<p>Daplyns Trophy. Dec 1st</p> <p>This was held in December for under 14 year old girls and boys at Hemel Hempstead pool. There were over 20 teams in each section completing from all over Hertfordshire, including Hatfield and Hoddeston. Watford entered 4 teams, 2 in each section.</p> <p>The Girls A team of Alice Calanan, Hannah Jibson, Heather Tysoe (who left her sick bed, suffering a migraine, refusing not to let the team down, swam a PB then went back to bed!), Megan Davies, and Zoe Stewart came a creditable 5th overall.</p> <p>The Girls B team of Amy Chung, Sophie Chung, Sky Draper, Annabelle Thomas and Molly Landolfi came a very creditable 12th place out of the 22 teams completing.</p> <p>The Boys A team of Thomas Hall, Kit Burden, Jack Spence, Matt Chapman and Ashley Holness-Wright they also came 5th overall.</p> <p>The Boys B team of Hamish Barrett, Peter Pickford, Jack Pickford, Lewis Hawkins, Liam Hall and Oliver Quint gained valuable experience; they came an equally creditable 17th out of 19 teams.</p> <p>While you were all enjoying the dinner dance our swimmers were doing us proud, well done.</p>
<p>Open Events 26th-27th Jan Biggleswade</p>	
<p>Team Leagues**</p> <p>Herts. League: 2nd Feb 19th Apr</p> <p>Please put these dates in your diary NOW!</p>	
<p>Reporter needed</p> <p>Budding reporter need for top and development squads. Writing gala reports for the Watford Observer. Suit anyone with a computer, spell check (very important for me!) Approximately 1 hour to spare after galas and open events and Internet access. Please let me know if can fit the bill.</p>	<p>Speedo League. Dec 8th</p> <p>The last round took place in December; there were some superb swims, we won 10 events and many of the finishes were very close.</p> <p>After a recount of the final score we came a magnificent 3rd place. The results were not published on the website due to problem involving another team but were confirmed after Christmas. We have therefore been promoted to Division 1 where we will face the likes of Hatfield and Hoddenston, bring them on!</p>
<p>Happy New Year birthdays to:</p> <p>Eleanor Barrett, Sashi Singhal, Bryon McCallum, Laura Cull, Fiona Mc Quire, Annabelle Thomas, Joe Course, Oliver Quint, Bruce Worby, Megan Davies, Harry Beaumont, Lauren Simmonds (18th), Stuart Allen</p>	
<p>Flashes are awarded to:</p> <p><u>Fly</u> Silver Hollie Sullivan Gold Terence Holness-Wright Platinum Heather Tysoe</p> <p><u>Breast</u> Silver Anna-Marie Greene Gold William Fulton</p> <p><u>Free</u> Silver Katie Attfield Gold Lizzie Soppitt Platinum Annabelle Thomas</p> <p><u>Back</u> Silver Robert Carpenter Platinum William Fulton</p>	<p>Herts. League. Jan 6th</p> <p>Coming so soon after Christmas this gala often catches out the less fit teams. The A team faced tough competition against Hatfield and Hoddenston but finished in a close 4th place with good swims from Zoe Stewart (U14 100m Free), David Godridge (Open 100m Free & U16 100m Fly) Ashley Holness-Wright (U12 50m Fly & 50m Free)</p> <p>The B team although finishing last on the night had good swims from Alice Callanan (100m Back U16 and Open) and Megan Davies (100m Fly U16) who won their races. It should also be noted that Jessica Sullivan and Alice Callanan both swam having returned from holiday earlier in the day.</p>