



## September Newsletter

**PLEASE NOTE ON CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHTS NO TRAINING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY SWIMMERS INCLUDING TADPOLES.**

**ALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS TROPHIES MUST BE RETURNED BY SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

### **ASA National Age Group/Youth and Senior Championships Ponds Forge, Sheffield, July 24<sup>th</sup>/August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Congratulations to Jamie Evans, Ben Dixon, Matthews Watkinson, Ian Wrigley, Megan Berridge, Kieran-Lee Simcox, Matthew Dobson, Matthew Renshaw in qualifying for the ASA National Age Groups, Youth and National Championships at Ponds Forge. For the benefit of new swimmers this is ultimately what you should be aiming to achieve and these competitions are where you can qualify to be selected to swim for GB. The results can be found on the British Swimming Web site.

Sadly from this month we shall not be seeing as much of our Boys Club Captain Ben as he has opted to go to Leeds University, we also have said goodbye to Kirsty Smith who has returned to Leeds to study her 'A' Levels and Sam Richardson who has decided to make Tennis his main sport. We wish them all the best in the future.

### **Open Meet (Ponds Forge) 5th September (Results on Web Site)**

Congratulations to Lydia Pace, Leanna Turner, Jamie Evans, Ben Dixon, Ian Wrigley, Elliott Clark, for reaching skins final. Commiserations to Matthew Dobson for just being piped in a swim off for a place in the skins final, by Matthew Holroyd (Borough of Barnsley)

**Dolphins took the top club trophy**, thank you to all the swimmers who took part:- Matthew Dobson, Emily Dobson, Luke Proctor, Matthew Renshaw, Thomas Renshaw, Kristian Duke, Christopher Elcock, Elliott Clark, Charlie Humphries, Joseph Coy, Kieran Needham, William Chappell, Megan Meadows, Leanna Turner, Chloe Awkin, Emma Awkin, James Davies, Joseph Sharpe, Sam Hayes, Ian Wrigley, Luke Challoner, Ashley Hunt, Callum Hunt, Lorna Milligan, Holly Ramsden, Joshua Simcox, Kieran-Lee Simcox, Sheldon McCall, Alan Watson, Callum Bailey, Kristov Dean, Alex Boyd, Isaac Stevens, Ben Dixon, Lucy Ambrose, Alex Templeton, Paige Denyer, Lucy Rixham, Grace Elcock, Shannon Lee, Kennedy Lee, Jade Platts, Joanne North, Kimberley North, Lucy McCook, Amy Evans, Darcy Butterfield, Jessica Owen, Jade Robinson, Zena Robinson, Elizabeth Walus, Elle Archer-Long, Carina Sabbatini, Courtney Sabbatini, Megan Berridge, Lydia Pace, Hannah Dixon, Jamie Evans, Sadly due to illness Matthew Watkinson and Stephanie Dobson did not participate.

A debrief meeting for all volunteer helpers will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30p.m., please come along with feedback you may have any ideas for improvements for next year. We do need more volunteers for next year Gala which is on **September 4<sup>th</sup>** This year we have raised approx **£3000**, this helps to keep membership and training fees down.

## **Club Championships**

This is the start of a new swimming cycle where swimmers entering the club championships are looking to achieve times to qualify for County Championships in Feb/Mar. To qualify for the Midland Region Competitions in May/June times have to be achieved at the County Championships or other licensed open meets. These times achieved in licensed competitions can be used to qualify for the ASA Nationals in July/Aug which may lead to selection for Olympics trials in 2011 and then maybe the Olympics themselves !! in 2012, 2016, & 2020.

Times for posting cards and warm up times are printed on each card. This year due to increased overheads there will be a small charge for spectators, adults £1, Senior Citizen 50p and Children Free. Admission will include a free raffle ticket for adults. All club championship information and results will shortly be available on the club website.

Thank you all for completing times onto entry forms for club championship this has saved hours of work for the championship administrator. In some cases where swimmers have no times they have been slotted into the event based on an assessment their capability using information from training sessions or asking the coaches, with so many new members and only having four days after closing date before issuing cards this has been difficult. The club is looking for new volunteers to be on the sub-committee for Club Champs / Open Meet, and to carry out some of the administrative tasks that organising these events requires. Meetings are only held three/four times a year, if interested please see Elsie Rush.

County Championship Qualifying Times will be on the club notice Board and Notts ASA website as soon as they are available.

## **Communication >> E-Mail address**

In order to improve communication it is intended to create a list of Email addresses and mobile phone numbers. This means the club will be able to E-Mail you with information about day to day activities, but more importantly is able to inform you when there is a pool closure or change of times and place for galas or meetings. It is hoped in the near future to be able to use text messaging for anything very urgent, e.g. last minute problems with gala venues or transport. **Parents/Carers do please read the notice Board and check the website.**

## **Payment of Fees**

It has been holiday season but as of the 31<sup>st</sup> August training fees and membership fees amounting to £330 was still outstanding, this means that letters and phone calls have to be made this is causing what should be unnecessary administration work and costs to the club. 43 swimmers (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of club) have not increased training fees as yet so if you are one of these families you will shortly receive a reminder invoice. Please pay any outstanding debts as soon as possible as this is the last month of the Financial Year. Next month the finance sub-committee discuss the Membership fees for next year based on income from the number of swimmers in the club at the present time, any increase required is then submitted to the AGM for approval.

## **Committee**

At our annual AGM in November we are looking for new members to join the committee. We will be losing committee members due to the fact some of our present committee no longer have children training. The committee consists of President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and eight other members who are allocated responsibilities which are Membership Secretary, Welfare Officer, Competition Secretary, Workforce Co-ordinator, public relations officer, Trophy Co-ordinator and Swim 21 Co-ordinator. If anyone is interested please speak to any of the present committee members. Remember that the club is run by volunteer parents and if new committee members do not come forward the club cannot operate. Meetings are monthly, except August, at the Sports Centre. From October meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm.