

CAMP HILL NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2002

As good as last year

The Club Party was again a great success, and I am sure that everyone is most grateful to Sue Thornton, Jan Bourne and their helpers for a most enjoyable evening.

Her first major games medal

In a race in which the first to win within one second, Georgina Lee took the Bronze Medal in a hard fought 200m FLY at the European Short Course Championships at Antwerp. As she had no other event, Georgina was given a time trial over the 100m FLY, recording 59.66, which would have ranked her highly in the championship race.

COMPETITION RESULTS

20th/21st Worcester Meet

I am unable to report on a number of events where I am missing the details.

Our two girls had good results, with Hope Weaver taking Gold and Silver - 200m BK 2.42.09, IM 2.50.30 and FS 2.29.44. Louisa Ball swam 3 PB's - BK 1.16.35, FS 2.26.43 and 5.02.85.

A.S.A Masters - 19th/21st October 2001

Our two reps in the 45/49 yrs groups acquitted themselves well: Ann Bourne with Gold in the 400m FS and Silver in the 200m. Trevor Clark with Silver in the 50m FLY, 50m BK, and in the short IM Kate Chase set a PB in the BR. Where were the others? Can we rally the troops for the next one?

English Schools Championships - 26th/27th October 2001

Lucy Lloyd-Roach had our best placing with Bronze in the FLY, 1.05.27, and was also a member of the 3rd placed Medley Team.

A.S.A Inter-Counties - 28th October 2001

Very good times by Laura Heeley, BR 1.14.75, and Ewan Martin, in the Worcestershire Team, FLY 59.88.

Midland Short Course Championships, Cambridge - 4th/5th November 2001

Our three reps all did well. Lucy Lloyd-Roach taking Silver in the 50m FLY, 30.03, and Bronze in the 100m, 1.05.79, also producing good times in four other events. Andrew Weedall got the Bronze in the Junior 50m BR, 31.97. Ewan Martin swam several events, placing 4th in four of them and winning Silver in the Junior 400m IM, 4.48.09. Gemma Hindson, Cambridge University, took Gold in the 200m FLY, with a very strong finish.

Coventy Junior Meet - The same weekend

We had 12 swimmers taking advantage of this good opportunity to compete over long course. Laura Heeley won the 50m/100m BR, and was 2nd in the 50m FLY, 31.93, Kelly Thornton taking Bronze, 32.52. Alastair MacKenzie took Bronze in the 50m BR, 34.81, and Michael Bourne had Gold in the 100m, 1.10.81 and 200m BK. A good FS from Justine Clark, 1.05.74, who also won the BR and took Silver in the FLY, 1.13.85.

Round 2 West Midlands League - 13th October 2001

Derby 251, Perry Beeches 232, Camp Hill 185, Worcester 156, Cheadle 141, Northgate 85

Following the 2nd Round of the WML the first two clubs in three of the galas go forward to the final in Round 3. Unfortunately we had a bad draw, and finishing 3rd, failed to qualify, missing the final for the first time in several years. The team fought hard however, and there were many good swims.

BR - Laura Heeley 1.15.06; James Fox 1.14.68. FS - Andrew Vale 1.00.91; Jodie LeResche 31.33. BK - Hope Weaver 36.24; Jack Streeter 1.09.38; Louisa Ball 1.15.43. FLY - Jodie LeResche 34.48. IM - Ewan Martin 1.03.06.

B Team - No times available

Linslade Crusaders 203, Leighton Buzzard 186, Chase 168, Camp Hill 167, Lichfield 161, Solihull B 139

Round 3 West Midlands League (Leamington) - 1st December 2001

Leamington 203, Camp Hill 202, Luton 173, Phoenix Youth 157, Coventry 157, Redditch 153

This was a really exciting gala, with the result in doubt till the last event. With three races to go we trailed Leamington by 7 points, but although we won them we could not quite level the score.

A defeat by only one point shows how significant everyone's contribution is, and how important it is not to take that extra unnecessary stroke at the finish. That said, it was an excellent match with everyone trying very hard.

FS - Gemma Ramsden 1.05.63; Ellie Martin 1.05.84; Hayden Wakeling 55.51. BR - Justine Clark 1.20.70; Andrew Weedall 1.10.71; Sam Baker 1.22.95. BK - Hollie Joyce 1.14.98; Louisa Ball 1.14.75; David Tubbs 1.05.80. FLY - Michael Bourne 1.10.13; Justine Clark 1.10.41.

It was like old times to see our 6 x 50m FS teams take 1st place, the men, with Darren Dyke leading off, averaging 25's and the women, anchored by Hayley Bettinson, 30's.

It was disappointing that two of our 14 yr boys, having raced very well, let themselves and the Club down by failing to keep quiet for relay starts at the end of the gala.

At Derby

Eckington 216, Rykneld 206, Derby B 205, Leighton Buzzard 158, Chase 130, Camp Hill B 129

Norman Stephens has accepted my apology for sending him to Stratford rather than to Derby. In his ensuing absence Pat Tierney and Sue Thornton took the reins very capably.

Many thanks to our depleted team who rallied round, often to swim out of their age groups and preferred strokes. Our only 13 yr boy, Alex Evans, was kept busy making up the 15/U Team. We had good swims from: BK - David Haynes 1.05.79. FS - Alastair MacKenzie 1.02.06; Hollie Whelan 37.78. FLY - Gemma Fox 1.14.96; Stuart Tierney 1.16.12; Ellie Coe 43.62. BR - Alastair MacKenzie 1.19.80; Claire Thorn 1.21.83; Kirsty Rostill 1.28.73. IM - Jo Minton 1.14.52; Trevor Clark 1.10.04.

Also a welcome return by Carl Reed who joined the Relay Team, swimming 26.08.

Final League Placings

Our A Team finished 7th out of the 81 teams in the League. We should be reasonably strong next year with several swimmers having a second year in the same age group.

However, there are obvious weak groups. RECRUITMENT IS VITAL. We need help from EVERYONE.

Our B Team was 51st and will be relegated to the 3rd Division next year. It has been a problem turning out a full team in 2001, despite good senior support.

It is an important team as it maintains reserve strength and offers competition experience - once again RECRUITMENT is so important.

Relay Gala (Stechford) - 8th December 2001

Camp Hill 195, Solihull 171, Wyre Forest 164, Leamington 107, Solihull B 80

Everyone had plenty of swims in this relay trophy gala, including Ruth Fraser who came to watch and was recruited on the spot.

Bath Grand Prix - 8th/10th December 2001

Competing at this top level event, which gave the opportunity to see the majority of the British Team in action, Laura Heeley had two good BR swims, 35.36 and 1.18.85. Justine Clark swam FLY with good long course times, 31.53 and 1.12.82. Georgina Lee, just back from Dallas with a cold, only swam 50m FS, and she did well to finish 6th, 27.10 - *COUNTY RECORD*.

The First Gala of 2002, Nuneaton 36 2/3 Yards - 5 January 2002

Northampton 183, AND = 2nd Braunstone, Camp Hill, Bilston 166

This was a close match, ending with a winner and other teams in equal 2nd place - a most unusual occurrence. It was a demanding occasion with races over 36 2/3 yards and following the Christmas break.

It was good to have Ian Potter and Nicola Sheasby in the team, with Ian doing well on FLY and FS, and Nicola, after a difficult BR, winning the FS with a fine finish.

There were good BR swims from Laura Heeley, James Fox and Kirsty Rostill, 57.74. Alastair MacKenzie swam another consistent FS, 1.02.48, with Jodie LeResche 44.43, also producing an encouraging FLY, 49.60. Good FLY swims to from Justine Clark, 1.11.64, and Ellis Coe, 25.84. Lisa Coleman and James Earl swam strongly and Matthew Sullivan did well in three relays in his first selection for the A Team.