

APRIL WAS A GOOD MONTH !

This issue contains details of Club successes in National Championships, Water Polo, County Age Group Championships, Club Matches, and in the selection of members for representative teams. KEEP IT UP !

A.S.A.SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS, WORTHING.

We knew that they would do well, and they did ! Andrew Wolf took three Junior 3rd place medals: 200 m.FLY. 2.23.8; Short I.M.1.33.2; 400 m.I.M.5m.14.0, also a P.B. in 100 m. FLY. 1m.5.4. (5th). Martin Edwards was 4th in the two Junior FLY events: 100 m. 1.5.2; 200m. 2m.25.8. These were first rate performances, and next year, when these Championships will be held at Grimsby, I have no doubt that these two boys will be there as Seniors, and I hope that we shall have some other members qualifying as Juniors.

A.S.A.BOYS' WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP.

The team had another convincing win in the 2nd round, beating Southport 13-2, and has now qualified for the final group at Walsall on Saturday, 5th June. On that day we meet the winners of the other three Divisions. I was unable to attend the first two games, but am hoping to get to Walsall, and I trust we shall have plenty of support.

INTER-DISTRICT U/20 WATER POLO TRIALS:

These were held at Walsall recently, and Martin Hubbard, Dave Niblett and Mick Hobbs were selected as members of the Midland District Team for the contest at the Crystal Palace on 21st/22nd May.

WARMS.v.STAFFS AGE GROUP MATCH 3/4/71.

Andrew Wolf, Nicky Green, Stephen Rogers, Paul Rogers, Dave Brooks, David Johnson, Martin Edwards, Frank Smith and Mike Fearon were in the County Team for this event, and we shall have even greater representation next year judging by the results in last week's County Age Group Gala.

EIGHT TOWNS GALA, COVENTRY 17/4/71.

The Birmingham Team included Alan Deeley, Mark Shimell, Paul Rogers, Nicky Green (100m.FLY. 1m.15.8), Dave Brook, Richard Sheasby and Nigel Baker (100m.F/S. 1m.17.8).

CAMP HILL NEWS 1 - 7. - I have several back numbers, and am about to destroy them, anyone who is anxious to have any particular number should contact me before the end of May.

CLUB MATCHES.

6 Club Match at Barkingside 10/4/71. - I have mislaid the results of this gala, but I believe we finished 4th to the Scottish club Motherwell. There was an outstanding swim from Stephen Rogers of 2m.22.6 for the 200m.F/S, followed later by a 2m.28.0.25.4.

6 Club Match at Gloucester 17/4/71. - This match was won by our old rivals Bradford Grammar School, and we were 4th behind the German Club Freiburg. Our team was depleted by the absence of those boys who were representing Birmingham in the Eight Towns Gala. Good performances by: Ian McDougal 73 yd.BK.57.8; Stephen Rogers 110 yds.BR. 85.7. & 73 yds.FLY. 49.9. Andrew Wolf 110 yds.BK. 68.4. (Club Rec). Martin Edwards, 110 yds FLY. 66.0. & 66.2., (no one can accuse Martin of being inconsistent!)

6 Club Match at Neath 25/4/71. - A good win here by over 30 points. Good Times: 110.BK. Martin Edwards 1m.14.1. (P.B). FLY.1m.5.7. & 1m.6.0.; 110. F/S. Philip Baker 1m.7.4.; 2 len.BR. Tim Welch 1m.8.1; 2 len.BK. Simon Cull 1m.2.8.; 110 F/S. Andrew Wolf 1m. 1.4.

WHICH BRINGS US TO THE COUNTY AGE GROUP.

1/5/71. Huncaton. - Our swimmers took first place in 4 of the 7 boys' events in addition to 6 second places, and one third. In the two Open events we had a first & a second. I shall do a summary of all age groups performances in the next issue, but must mention the following times: 110.BK. D. Brook. 1m.19.2; Nicky Green 110 FLY. 1m.14.3; Richard Sheasby 110 F/S. 1m.4.1; Martin Edwards 110 FLY. 1m.4.9 (Club Rec); Stephen Rogers, 110 BR. 1m.24.1. Philip Baker 110 F/S 1m.6.2.

POLO.

We got off to a good start with a 4-3 win over Warley, lost to Aston 16-2, and lost a close match with Stourbridge 5-3. Midland League Polo is hard but the team is giving a good account of itself.

Through the good offices of Mr. Cotter we have again obtained the use of the High School Bath this summer. The session will be on Monday evenings and will be devoted to Polo training. The first session will be on Monday - details from Mr. Sheasby. I must remind those who take advantage of it that this is a very generous concession and ON NO ACCOUNT must it be abused. No one enters the pool till one of our officials arrives, and if you have to wait, just sit down quietly.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE !

FIXTURES - JUNE.

There will not be many matches in June as many of you have examinations. I have accepted one however, at Nottingham on June 12th. This will be for U/12, U/14 & U/16 age groups. In July we have Club matches on 10th & 17th, and the District Age Group Galas are on 24th & 31st.