

GOLD SWIMMERS + GOOD OFFICIALS = SUCCESS :

My Maths never was good, but I am certain that the above formula is correct. I think we can claim to be a successful Club and I have no doubt that this is due to the team work within the Club. I have only to visit some clubs and see a couple of officials struggling to get order out of chaos to remind me how fortunate we are in our organisation. This is the 14th Newsletter and, on looking through the back numbers, I notice that I am constantly mentioning swimmers/polo players, which, of course is right, but I think that now that we are at the end of the year it is an appropriate moment to express the Club's thanks to its officials. I don't really like the word 'official' in this context - I always think it has undertones of 'officious' perhaps 'senior members' is better. Those people who look after training, transport, polo, newsletters, club vests, social activities, timekeeping, goal judging, the management of teams, refreshments, etc: I want to convey the thanks of the swimmers, and also to add my own, it is most heartening to have so many people willingly involved in our activities - THANK YOU !

Last December I devoted the editorial to asking you to 'set yourself some targets' for 1971. Many of you did, and quite a few of them were achieved. I hope you will all think about this with regard to 1972, for although we want to enjoy our activities, we do take them seriously and put a lot of effort into them and it is always a good thing to work with an aim in view.

I had hoped to be able to announce the commencement of activities in the School pool in this number, but although it is nearing completion, it is not yet possible to fix a date for the first session in it. I should, however, have some news by the end of the year. Our membership has increased considerably in the past couple of months - in fact we are obviously overloaded on Fridays and on Wednesdays, but I don't want to turn away new applicants with the prospect of the additional water time so close. I wrote previously that I envisage team training and a feeder group session at the new pool, and I have also come to the conclusion that we should retain the Moseley Rd. session and use this for another 'feeder' group, so that we can provide graded work for equal levels of ability within the groups, and establish a system of progression from group to group. It won't be too easy to staff two pools on a Friday evening, but I think we can manage it.

Anyway, I hope to produce a plan of action with the January newsletter, also a report on our activities in 1971, time permitting. It would be of interest to see how many clubs we swam-against in 1971 - if anyone has all the programmes perhaps they would care to do some research into this, and provide me with the total of different clubs that we met - any volunteers ?

F.G.T.

WATER POLO NEWS.

November saw the beginning of the close season, with the emphasis on practice, with a few friendly matches.

- Results: Nov 5th. C.H.U/16.6 - Nottingham Jun.6.
 " 16th. Cheltenham Jun (1972).9. - C.H. Jun (1972).0.
 " 27th. Coventry Jun.3. - C.H. Jun. 1.
 Fixtures, Dec 1st. Walsall Jun. v. C.H. Jun. (1972).
 " 3rd. Practice - Moseley Rd.
 " 10th. H.G.S.O.B. Jun. v. C.H. U/16. (1972).
 " 21st. Heath Town v. Camp Hill.

The U/16 National Final saga drags-on, there is still no confirmed date, although January 22nd is a possibility.

G.S.

TRADE DISCOUNT.

H.C. Smith Ltd., Ren Street. offer saving of approx. 25% on articles purchased in their warehouse. Will anyone who would like a Cash Buying Card see me.

SWIMMING RESULTS

6/11/71. at Bedford. Modernians 279; Cambridge Granta 186; Kingsbury 161; Camp Hill 157; Orion 152; Nottingham Nrthn 151. Some good swims; F/S Paul Rogers 71.1; Jackie Sheasby 60.2; Richard Sheasby 64.3; Helen Rowson 68.4; Sue Cooke 70.6. FLY: Nicky Green 74.2; Kate Welch 83.9; Martin Edwards 62.9; Anne Priestley 74.9; BR: Nigel Baker 95.4; Relays: Alan Deeley 46.3; Robin Cull 43.2;.

7/11/71. Afan Lido. West Wales 123; Camp Hill 104. Three Spires 81. There were a number of useful performances in this Match and P.B's by Mark Varney (BR-93.3) & Martin Edwards (I.M.-2.33.3).

20/11/71. The 'Diddy Gala': Camp Hill 134; Northfield 117. Westminster 111½; Halesowen 89. Three Spires 71½. Well done the 8's, 9's & 10's & Team Managers Mrs. Deeley & Mr. Cull. All of our 26 swimmers did well - we won 19 of the 35 events - Jackie Sheasby took 3 of these and Simon Cull, Robert Harrison & Timothy Welch all took 2 each.

20/11/71. Leicester. Leicester 203; Camp Hill 192. We did well to come so close to Leicester in this two string match as we only had one swimmer in the girls U/12 - Jane Atkins who clocked a useful 27.0 (BK) and 23.3 (F/S) in her first match. It made a change to swim over the 100 yds. and there were a few good times - Philip Baker (F/S 59.1); Diane Wakeling & Jenny Welch (F/S-44.6); Carol Brannigan (BK-51.6.- if only Carol could turn round!)

27/11/71. Stechford. Southampton 329; Camp Hill 259; So undwell 256; Southampton 'B' 201; Warrington 186; Camp Hill 'B' 84. Lots of pleasing swims here; F/S Nigel Baker 75.4; Jenny Welch 79.2; Nicky Green 68.5; Mike Pearson 63.4; Richard Sheasby 64.3; Kate Welch 75.6; BR: Alan Deeley 62.0; David Johnson 92.1; Lynn Deeley 90.6; David Brook 80.9; BK: Andrew Smith 61.1; FLY: Tim Welch 57.0; Jackie Sheasby 61.7; Paul Atkins 79.5. Philip Baker 78.1.

E.S.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS. SOUTHAMPTON 30/10/71.

Martin Edwards & Andrew Wolf finished off their season in great style: Martin took his expected 1st place in the Intermediate FLY with a record of 62.0 (why does he always do it in the heats?); while Andrew took 2nd place in the Senior I.M. with a swim of a very high standard (3.19.8).

FIXTURES.

Saturday, Dec 18th. Motorway Gala - Relay. Coventry. 2.00 & 6.15. We have entered a Girls Team and a Boys Team. Age Groups: U/12, U/14, U/17. Open. F/S & Medley Relays - all 4 x 50 metres. I feel that we have an excellent chance of winning the Boys Trophy. I have tickets for sale 30p. Adults - 15p. Children, these are for one or for both sessions. We are not having a coach, but I hope that some of you will go over to support the Team in what was a very exciting gala last year.

January 1st. There is just a possibility that we may hold a relay match or time trials.

January 8th. Motorway League. Brancote (Clensford, Leicester, Brancote, Warley, Rugby).

January 15th. Swimming League, Lewisham. (Aldershot, Sutton & Cheam, Southwark, Redbridge, Isleworth Penguins.)

January 22nd. 'B' Team. Mansfield.

January 29th. Home Fixture - Stechford. Relays & 220 yds events.

February 5th. Swimming League.

February 12th. Motorway League.

SWIMMING TIMES. I am taking orders for next year - 85p. This compares very well with the ordinary charge (i.e. not thro' a club) of £1.50.

DINNER/DANCE. DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS FROM MR. NIBLETT.

JUMBLE !! I am asked to mention that we shall be holding a Jumble Sale in Feb. or March. Volunteer helpers should get in