

I started this newsletter in September 1970, as I felt that it would assist communication within the Club at a time when our activities were expanding so much. I feel that it has been most worthwhile, but have been increasingly conscious of my inability to maintain regular issues due to the ever present pile of swimming correspondence which descends on my desk. However, we now have a Club noticeboard, and this will serve as our main means of communication in the future. Look at it every time that you go to the Baths, and, if your name is on a team list, tick it, so that I can know that you have seen it.

I shall continue to issue a newsletter occasionally. If, however members feel that we should try to have a regular newsletter, possibly one of the parents or older swimmers might care to take over the editorship. This would involve collecting news on various items, reports on matches, etc. I am sure that Mr.Cull will be willing to continue to deal with the typing and duplication of the 'News', so what about it. ?. This could be your first step to Fleet St.!

F.G, T.

TRAINING TIMES.

'A' Group. School Pool.

Mon., Wed., Friday.	6.30. - 8.30.
Tue sday.	7.30. - 9.00.
Thursday.	5.00. - 7.00.
Sunday.	10.00 - 12.00.

'B' Group.

Tuesday. School Pool.	6.15 - 7.30.
Thursday. Moseley Rd.	7.00 - 8.30.
Friday. Moseley Rd.	" "
Sunday. Green Lane.	10.45. - 12.00.

Water Polo Squad.

Monday. School Pool.	8.30. - 10.00.
Friday. Moseley Road.	7.00 - 8.30.
Sunday. School Pool.	12.00 - 1.00.

NATIONAL AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS @ LEEDS.

Although it is now two months since this event, I would like to comment on our performances in this NATIONAL event. Pride of place goes to Jackie Sheasby for her 3rd place in the 11 yrs F/S. 72.3. Jackie was also 7th in the FLY, 88.3. Andrew Wolf was 6th in the 400 I.M. 5.11.4, and he, Mike Fearon, Phil Baker and Dave Brook were 5th in the Medley Team Final. Good swims also by Kate Welch: F/S.70.0. FLY. 76.7; and Richard Sheasby: F/S 62.7. & 2.19.3, H K. 2.34.6. All our teams swam well and the 11 yr Boys, Simon Cull, Andrew Reeve, Tim Welch and Andrew Smith were 1st reserve for their final.

This event is being held at Coventry in 1973 and I hope we shall have a strong entry.

MARTIN EDWARDS.

Martin had a disappointing swim at Munich, but this does not lessen his achievement in getting B.B.selection, and I am sure that he will do well in the next season. I hope too that his example will encourage some of you to emulate him.

SUE COOKE.

Sue has started work and finds it impossible to fit in training, so has decided to hang up her costume - perhaps we can persuade her to come back when she has settled down in her job. She was swimming very well last summer, and the success of our Ladies' Team in its first year owed much to her loyal support.

WATER POLO NEWS.

Water Polo Training Squad. - With the prospect of more water time being available for Polo, I propose to have regular training sessions to cover all age groups, i.e. 11 yrs to 16 yrs; 16 yrs to 18 yrs; and Seniors.

I make only one reservation to any young swimmers who are interested in learning to play Polo, they must always put their swimming training first. If any of you are interested please contact me, I shall be handing out application forms for you to fill in. The information I get from these will enable me to plan the sessions.

League Division L.

The Senior Team have now completed their fixtures and have done exceptionally well to accumulate 18 points and are in second place to Stourbridge, who have 22 points. However we will have to wait and see if we can hold second place and gain promotion to Midland League, because Wednesbury can overtake us if they win their remaining games.

Junior League.

The Junior Team with one game remaining are still unbeaten in both Water Polo and Team Race.

National A.S.A. Junior Club Semi-Final.

This match was played at Moseley Road, 21st September. We were narrowly beaten by Cheltenham Juniors, who have been National Champions for the past two years, by 9 goals to 7. The only advantage Cheltenham had over us was supporters, about 10 to 1, and they were playing away from home. In my opinion, we were unlucky to lose, Congratulations on your efforts boys, you can win it next year!

G.S.

DINNER DANCE.

This is being held at the Greswolde Arms Hotel, Knowle, on Friday, December 8th - Tickets £2.25. Tickets from Mr. Niblett or Mr. Call. We are aiming at a total of 100-120, so let's have your support.

CLUB VESTS.

Mrs. Baker is about to order more vests. Please contact her if you require one.

JUMBLE SALE.

Please save that Jumble for our sale at Institute Rd. on January 27th.

STAINLESS STEEL EVENING.

This is a fund raising effort, being held at Moseley Presbyterian Church on Friday, November 24th. Tickets, 10p each, can be obtained from Mrs. Baker or Mrs. McDougall.

MARKS NEWSLETTER.

Is now sold at 2p. Obtainable from Mrs. Edwards.

MARKS SUPPORTERS TIE.

Price 2p. It consists of the County emblem on a white background.

MATCH RESULTS.

16/9/72. Bristol North. 286; C/H 271; Portway 181.

The Team gave a good account of itself in this match in view of the fact that we had 8 swimmers in the Works.Schools Team on that day, and others who were unavailable.

Good swims: Mark Varney (100 BR.76.6 & 77.0); Jackie Sheasby (F/S 64.3) Jenny Welch (50 yds F/S 31.0).

At Northampton Helen Rowson (F/S 39.2); Nicky Green (F/S 37.2 & FLY 63.1); and Martin Edwards gained selection for the Midlands Schools Team for the E.S.S.A.Championships at Tynemouth. Well Done !

23/9/72. C/H 183; R.A.F.Athen 181; Newport 175; Swansea 173; Cardiff 152.

On this date we had 6 swimmers on County 'duty' and at the end of the individual events, we were 20 points behind the leaders, but some adroit handling of the relay teams by the Team Manager, Mr.Baker, enabled us to pull ahead. Good swims: Lynn Starling (BR.28.1); Roger Green (BR.27.4); Debbie Baker (F/S 21.0), Stewart Gatland (F/S 21.3). Michael Starling (F/S 43.5); Helen Granklin (BK.25.8).

30/9/72. Ajax Trophies Gala.

Male: C/H. 62; Ilford 55; Romford 42; Stevenage 42; Chelmsford 37; Female. Ilford 56; C/H 53; Chelmsford 49; Romford 44; Stevenage 33.

Good Swims: Nicky Green (200 F/S 2.23.7); Jackie Sheasby (F/S 73.6). Once again our relay teams did well.

4/10/72. Time Trials.

Our first event at the School Pool saw several interesting swims, with keen competition from Orion S.C.

BR.Lynn Starling 1.43.3; Roger Green 1.46.8; Lynn Deeley 87.2; Mark Varney 83.4; Helen Rowson 89.1.

BK. Anne Hardman 96.0; FLY. Anne Hardman 49.6; Debbie Clark 41.7; Lynn Deeley 85.3; Anne Priestley 74.5;

F/S. Debbie Clark 81.0; Debbie Baker 83.4; Jenny Welch 74.0; Anne Priestley 68.6; Alan Deeley 72.8; Michael Starling 75.1; Martin Edwards 58.6. (Club Record).

7/10/72. West Midland League Div.II. Round.i. v.Oldbury, Bristol North, Worcester, Connahe Quay.

The Team was not at full strength as our Junior Polo Team was occupied in winning the County Junior Championship, and Oldbury led for half the gala before we were able to pull clear and go well ahead when some of the Polo players arrived to contribute to our convincing wins in the Senior relays.

Good swims: F/S Jenny Welch (41.9); Jackie Sheasby (19.0); Kate Welch (66.00); Nicky Green (58.7); Martin Edwards (53.8 Club Record); BK.Andrew Smith (23.0); Andrew Wolf (61.7); BR.Helen Rowson (80.6); Lynn Deeley (79.9); Mark Varney (49.4); FLY. Debbie Clark (23.0); Tim Welch (21.9); Frank Smith (46.6); Nicky Green (62.8); Andrew Wolf (60.5).

There is no doubt that we were a little rusty in September following the August 'lay-off', but that was very necessary, and we are now getting back to form again. We have major fixtures on November 25th, and December 2nd, and I am expecting some really good performances in these.

CLUB STATISTICIAN.

Mrs.Wolf has offered to keep ranking lists for the Club. You should give her the following details in writing: Name, date of birth, best times in 1972 (dates & venues) over 100 metres and 200 metres on the 4 strokes, 400 F/S, 800 F/S and 200 & 400 I.M. Obviously you won't have all these times, but as you do them, you can ask Mrs.Wolf to add them to your record card. Ranking lists for Open, U/16 U/14 & U/12 events will be placed on the noticeboard at

LOG BOOKS.

If you wish to keep notes of your training and competition performances I will supply you with a log book, on request. (first come, first served)

FIXTURES.

Thursday. October 19th. Beattie Relay Trophy. 2 Men. 2 Ladies.
Saturday. October 21st. Distance Gala v. Junction 10 & C.O.S.S.A.C.S.
School Pool. 2.30.
" " " 'B' Team v. Leic.Knighton Fields.Boldmere.
Nuneaton. Coalville.
" November 4th. West Midlands League.Div.II. Round.2.
v.Oldbury. Melton Mowbray.Wigston.Leic.Penguins
" November 11th. v. Rugby. (a).
" November 18th. Diddy Gala. (Livingstone Rd).
" November 25th. Club Gala v. Southampton, Hull, Soundwell,
Modernians. (Stechford).
" December 2nd. Inter-Club. Havering (a).
" 1 " " West Midland League. Round 3.

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Water Polo: Martin Hubbard, Mike Hobbs, and Richard Sheasby have been invited to attend the G.B.Under 20 Training week-end at the Crystal Palace at the end of the month. Well done lads !