

I was very pleased when Mr. Jones offered to take over the editorship of the newsletter, and he has already been very busy getting contributions from a number of members. Mr. Jones will, in future, write the editorial, and if I have any matter to mention it will appear under 'Secretary's Comments'.

Well the year is almost over, although even this weekend we have Martin Hubbard and Richard Sheasby playing for the 'Young Lions' at Southampton, and six swimmers taking part in the Winter Swim Meet of the Cardiff United Swim Squad.

Looking back over the year, I think we have done very well competitively, and that the regular training is now showing results. In Newsletter 4. (Dec.1970) I suggested that you all set yourself targets for the coming year, and I would urge you to do this for 1973 - fixture lists will be available next week, and you should look at the year as a whole and aim HIGH !!

Socially too, I am sure we have progressed, culminating in the most enjoyable evening at the Greswolde recently, we are grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Niblet for organising their (& our) fourth dinner dance. We are hoping to book the same evening next year.

Thanks to Sid Field for designing our third Christmas Card, and to Mr. Shimell for organising sales. All this has been done in the face of great difficulties, and it is unfortunate that we have been unable to get the full quota of cards printed.

Mrs. Wolf will be placing ranking lists on the board during the week, so if you haven't sent her any times you should do so immediately.

Merry Christmas everybody.

F.G.T.

TRAINING BREAK.

The pool will not, after all, be closed for repairs until the summer. We shall have a Break from training starting on Saturday, 23rd December and ending on Friday, 29th December - in other words, you finish on one Friday evening and start back the following Friday.

MEETING.

There will be a General Meeting, open to all members, parents and friends at the School on TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY at 7.30. This will follow the Feeder Squad session - there will be NO 'A' Squad session on that evening.

We hope there will be a good attendance so that plans can be made for the year. Items for discussion will include general club policy, a social programme, training arrangements, finance, and any matter that members care to raise.

MYER THOUGHTS OF MUNICH OLYMPICS 1972.

(Three months after competing at Munich, Martin reflects on the lessons to be learnt).

Every ambitious person has the desire to succeed. The ambitious athlete who must strive to do well and to be the best, must be dedicated to his or her particular sport and endeavour to reach the highest possible level - the Olympic Games. At the Olympics I witnessed all these qualities of the ambitious athlete, every competitor was there to do their best and to try to win. For me the Olympic Games was an unforgettable experience. I learned a lot and still have much to learn about swimming, especially at this level of competition, where you need to be 100% mentally and physically fit.

I think this wonderful experience I participated in, with all the best athletes in the world has influenced me a lot, and I hope I will go on to represent Great Britain on more occasions and to improve on my performances. Once you are satisfied with your efforts you will no longer improve and likewise the fun and enjoyment will cease to exist. You will soon get fed up with swimming, especially with the amount of training one has to do nowadays - so above all enjoy your swimming.

Everyone can be a good winner but it's very hard to be a good loser, and it's easier to come up from behind than stay in front. If one sets himself a high target - Montreal 1976 - those who are determined to reach it, will do, with success.

M.E.

E.S.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS & TYNEMOUTH 27/28th October.

Our three representatives all acquitted themselves and managed to achieve National Standards in each of their events. Nicky Green (Fly 68.7) was the second fastest qualifier, but a bomb scare in between the Heats and Final did nothing for our nerves and he eventually finished fifth (69.5). He also helped the Medley and Freestyle Teams to finish third and fourth in their respective Finals. Helen Rowson was also involved in the Team Races - swimming F/S on both occasions. The Freestyle Team finished up as 1st Reserves for the Final, but she did anchor the Medley Team to third place in a close finish.

Martin Edwards (100 Fly) was up against Olympic Colleague Sean Maher. He won his Heat easily enough (62.5) but in the Final Maher just got the touch even though both were given the same time - 60.8. In the Medley Team Race, Martin helped the Senior Boys Team to second place in the Final.

MATCH REPORTS.

18/11/72. 'Diddy Gala'.

On Saturday, 18th November our under 11 Team travelled to Coventry to win the Three Spire's Diddy Gala for the third successive year.

We won because every Camp Hill swimmer fought to get maximum points for the team. The standard was very high and in spite of some well-contested races we won only four out of the twenty-four individual events. We also dropped two races because we had no eight-year old boys' team. However, of the ten remaining relays we won eight, with one second place and one third place.

Our individual winners were ten-year old Lynn Starling, 60 yds BR. with a comfortable 52.2; a spirited front crawl by eight-year Katie Long in 22.7; and two dashing victories by nine-year old Garry Tonks, 30 yds BR. 27.0. and 4 x 1 I.M. in 1m.46.6. A fine swim by ten year old Debbie Baker - 60 yds F.S. 41.1. - gave her second place

They all deserve a mention, so here they are:

Girls - Debbie Baker (Capt), Sarah Harrison, Caroline Brown, Marlene Curtis, Helen Franklin, Ann-Marie Hardman, Karen Deaman, Katie Long, Lynn Starling, Leslie Singer, Jane Tanner and Susan Welch.

Boys - Simon Cull (Capt), David Brown, John Garner, Stuart Gatland, Peter Gordon, Roger Green, Roberts Harrison, Martin Lawrence, ~~XXXXXX~~ Andrew Reeve, Gary Tonks, John Scott and Duncan Wright.

The team was smoothly managed by Joy Baker and David Cull, both eager to catch the eye of the England selectors.

Final points - Camp Hill 129. Northfield 122. Westminster/Handsworth 104. Leamington 91. Three Spires 91.

J.G.

25/11/72. Southampton 332. C/Hill 286. Modernians 236. Soundwell 214.

In common with our other officials, I saw little of the Gala, but on studying the results afterwards, I feel that this was our most significant performance to-date. Almost every swimmer made a big improvement on the time recorded in the 1972 November Gala: in fact there were SO MANY good performances that I am not singling any out for special mention. If we can improve just a little bit in certain departments, I am sure we can hold our own at the highest level of Inter-Club competition in 1973.

F.G.T.

2/12/72. West Midlands Geague. Round 3. Tamworth.

The final gala of Division 'B' of the Swimming League of the West Midlands was held at the new 25 metre pool at Tamworth on the afternoon of Saturday, 2nd December. The clubs competing for the top five places of Division 'B' were Luton and Vauxhall, Bilston, Westminster Handsworth, Coalville and C/Hill. The host club on this occasion being Westminster Handsworth.

The C/Hill team obtained maximum points in the following relay events: Mens' F/S & I.M. Boys 15 & under F/S, and both Boys' and Girls' 11 and under F/S.

Individual wins were also obtained in the following events:

Girls, 13 & under B.R. (Lynn Deeley). Girls, 11 & under F/S. (J. Sheasby). Boys, 11 and under F/S. (Starling). Boys, under 15. Bk. (R. Sheasby). Ladies Butterfly (A. Priestley 1.13.7). Mens Butterfly. (M. Edwards 1.0.9). Boys 15 & under B/fly (Green). Boys 11 & under Bk. (A. Smith) Mens' Bk. (A. Wolf 1.6.7). Boys 15 & under F/S (R. Sheasby). Girls 11 & under FLY. (J. Sheasby). Boys 11 & under FLY (Welch). Girls, 15 & under B.R. (Deeley). Boys, 13 & under F/S (N. Baker).

Outstanding swims included Andrews Wolf's Bk. (66.7), a club record, Richard Sheasby's personal best F/S at 61.5. Jane Tonks F/S (32.2). and, for Westminster Handsworth, Stephen Nash's 100 metres F/S at 58.1.

The Final Points Totals were C/Hill: 178. W/Handsworth 167. Luton & Vauxhall 150. Coalville 104, and Bilston 85.

F.S.

9/12/72. 'Diddy Gala' Langley Baths.

A very enjoyable Gala giving some young members their first swim for the Club and contributing to a good win for Camp Hill who finished with 77 points. The other teams competing were Oldbury, second with 65 points and Wolverhampton, 46 points.

Good swims were done by:

Mattie Long. 8 yrs. 1 length BR. in 28.0.
 Stuart Gatland. 10 yr s. 1 length B/FLY. in 24.0.
 Andrew Reeve. 10 yrs. 2 lengths F/S in 36.4.
 Roger Green. 10 yrs. 2 lengths BR. in 57.2. - this was an
 exciting race won only in the last few strokes !

I'm sure all the swimmers enjoyed competing in the various relay
 and cannons arranged as they caused much excitement for all concerned.

D.E.H.

WATER POLO NEWS.

The 1972 season ending in October was very successful. The Senior
 Team gained promotion to the Midland League by finishing in second
 place in Division 1.

The Junior Team were unbeaten in winning both League and Team Race
 Championships, were National semi-finalists and are both Midland
 and County Champions. Congratulations ! They have set a very high
 standard which will be a challenge to maintain.

RESULTS.

Friendly matches in October and November :

Camp Hill (Under 16). 8. v. H.G.S.O.B. (Under 16). 10. -
 Camp Hill (Junior). 7. v. Cheltenham (Nat.Champions). 6.

Senior London Tour.

G.L.C.	9.	v. C/Hill.	5.
London Univ.	5.	v. C/Hill.	8.
Amersham.	5.	v. C/Hill.	9.

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Solihull.	10.	v. C/Hill.	5.
Leamington (U.16).	4.	v. C/Hill (U.16).	8.
C/Hill.	10.	v. Nechells.	5.
Walsall (U.16).	3.	v. C/Hill.(U.16).	7.
C/Hill (U.16).	12.	v. Leamington (U.16).	2.

FIXTURES FOR DECEMBER.

Wednesday. 13th.	Coventry v Camp Hill (Seniors).
Friday 15th.	C/Hill (Senior s). v. Solihull.
Friday 29th.	H.G.S.O.B. v. C/Hill. (U nder 16).

Congratulations to Martin Hubbard and Richard Sheasby on their
 selection for the Young Lions Team (G.B.Under 20 International
 Training Squad) in B.U.S.F.Tournament in London. on December 15th
 and 16th.

Merry Christmas.

G.S

JUMBLE SALE - JANUARY 27th. INSTITUTE ROAD. KINGS HEATH.

Please do not forget to save your jumble. If you wish to have it
 collected before the day of the sale, please ring either:

J.Sheasby 474-2783. P. Green. 449-2468. or W.Reeve. 449-0181.