

The New Year is already well under way and the number of "Match Reports" included in this Newsletter show that the Club is not letting the grass grow under its feet!

The full and varied programme for the next few months will be a challenge to you all, and this offers everyone the opportunity to make 1973 a year to remember. Good Luck !

HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Club Badge/Pennant: many thanks for the entries; the competition result will be announced shortly. I don't think there is any completely suitable design amongst those submitted, but I do feel that there are ideas which can be used for a final design.

Ranking List, Mrs. Wolf will be producing an up to-date 100 m.F/S list for 1973 very soon. If you have not got a time and want to be included, ask for a time-trial at a training session.

Club Costumes. These have been provided for 'A' Team swimmers at a reduced cost, being subsidised from club funds. Anyone else requiring one will have to pay the full cost - details from Mrs. Baker.

Andy's Coaches You are always very good on our many coach trips and I realise that these are often monotonous and tiring. However, you must not mind my mentioning a few "DON'T'S" for the good of everyone. DON'T - stand or climb on the seats; DON'T put your feet on the seats, or lean on the headrests.

Billets. We have a Boys Match with Bradford Grammar on Wednesday, 4th. April - 30 boys to be billeted on that night - offers, please.

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Congratulations to Martin Edwards on being selected to swim for the English Schools S.A. against the Irish, Welsh and Scots S.S.A's at Port Talbot on Saturday, March 17th. He has been chosen for the 100 m. Butterfly and should renew rivalry with Olympic colleague Sean Maher.

Dates for the Diary.

Another Buffet and Skittle Evening has been arranged for Monday, 16th. April, at the 'Farmers Arms' at Kempsey, Nr. Worcester. A coach will leave the School at approx. 7 p.m. and the inclusive cost will be £1-15. We hope parents, friends and older swimmers will support this social evening.

It is hoped to hold a Square Dance at the School on Friday, 6th. April between 7.30 - 10.30 p.m. Refreshments will be free. Further details - including price of tickets - will appear in the next Newsletter.

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Congratulations and thanks to all who helped to make the Jumble Sale such a success and especially to the Mesdames. Sheasby, Green and Reeve who were in the 'drivers seat.' Over £85-00 was raised and for one Club member at least it was an educational experience !

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I am hoping to publish another Newsletter by the end of March. If there are any news items that you think might be of interest or which you would like to be included please don't hesitate to contact me, or leave the "finished article" at the Pool. My thanks to all those who have contributed reports for this edition.

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ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE.

There we were - all on our marks. The Starter slowly made his way to the start line. Were we ready? Yes. Well take your marks and with a crash the doors flew open and in came a mad charging group of people, shouts of "5p, 10p and 2p." "Any 10 for 5p." "Yes, we were at a Jumble Sale."

The above may sound strange to anyone who has never been to such an event, but that is how it seemed to me - a mere debutant in the art of jumbling. Never had I seen so much jumble and I mean jumble. When asked to take over one stall I was none too keen on trying to sell what seemed to be a load of rubbish, but to my great surprise it did not need selling - it sold itself!

To prove my point let me tell you about the old saucepan which was used to collect the 2p. entrance fee. I asked if it was needed and told no. Walking back to the stall with it, the pan was suddenly taken off me and 5p. placed in my hand in exchange - and I still don't know who gave it to me!

C.V.

MATCH REPORTS.

16-17/12/72, Cardiff United Swim Meet.

This was held at the National Sports Centre, Sophia Gardens in Cardiff. The events were from 200m to 1500m in three age groups and covered three sessions - Saturday evening, Sunday morning and afternoon. There was a limited amount of accommodation available in the Sports Centre which cost us £2 per person for the one night and three meals. The accommodation bill together with the rail fare inevitably made it an expensive weekend, especially with Christmas so near, but it was valuable experience and an ideal opportunity to set targets for these long distance events in 1973.

Five swimmers from Camp Hill attended this swim meet and we covered a total of approximately 7,100m. There were heats and finals and pennants were awarded to the first three in every event. Points were awarded to a competitor if he/she reached a final and the club with the highest points won a cup. Obviously the Club with 20 swimmers competing stood the better chance of winning outright.

All 5 of the Camp Hill swimmers achieved at least one personal best time. Good swims were as follows:

Helen Rowson - 400 F/S..5.01.5.
Kate Walsh - 200 F/S..2.32.9; 400 I.M..6.02.8.
Anne Priestley - 200 Fly 2.42.1 (5th); 800 F/S 10.11.0 (5th).
Andrew Wolf - 200 Fly 2.20.8 (3rd); 400 IM 5.00.8 (2nd);
200 Back 2.23.0 (2nd).
Martin Edwards - 200 Fly 2.16.2 (1st).

It is to be hoped that next year we shall have more younger swimmers competing, as they don't get the same opportunity as the seniors, to swim distance events at competition level, in their own age-group.

A.P.

6/1/73. 'B' Team v. Mansfield S.C. 25 yd. Pool.

After our customary detour beyond the appointed venue, our team emerged from the fog to tunnel out a narrow victory in the coalfields of Mansfield.

Each team provided two lanes; Camp Hill took an early initiative and by Event 31 (the end of the individual events) had gained a lead of 34 points - the score being 179-145. This advantage was soon to be wiped out.

40 points were lost in the Under 11 Girls and Boys Relay teams due to insufficient members; disqualifications also figured prominently. The race of the evening turned out to be the final event when Camp Hill pipped the Home team in the Under 17 Boys relay with a well anchored swim by Rob Gull to win the match by 5 points - 277 - 272.

Creditable Swims:

Freestyle (G) U/11 C. Brown 38.5 U/13 D. Clarke 74.3 U/17 H. Field 71.8
(B) U/17 M. Varney 68.1
Butterfly (B) U/13 T. Lawrence 38.5
Breast/ST. (G) U/13 S. Chess rough 1.34.4
Back/St. (B) U/15 A. Deeley 1.14.6

J. McD.

13/1/73. Motorway League at Cambridge.

Many young Camp Hill swimmers received their first taste of League swimming against strong opposition from Norwich, Nottingham, Derby, Cambridge Granta and Bletchley with Nottingham turning out eventual winners with a Gala score of 206 points.

Our swimmers held their own well and several good swims were returned, the girls on this occasion proved more successful with 7 wins:- Kate Welch 3, Helen Rowson 2, Heather Rose, and a fine Breast/Stroke win in the Under 12 by J. Tanner 32.9

Although the Boys did not gain a win several good swims were seen. Phillip Baker F/S 62.8 p.b., Richard Sheasby B/K 71.5 and perhaps the best effort of the evening Timothy Welch I.M. 1.58.7 incorporating a very determined last length which raised his placing, Mark Shimmel also returned a creditable time of 60.7 for the 2 length Breast/Stroke.

The Gala points went as follows: Nottingham 206, Derby 183½, Granta 174½, Norwich 155, Camp Hill 150, Eletchley 90.

K. B.

13/1/73. Swimming League Round 1 at Edmonton.

Camp Hill Edwardians S.C. started their London "season" in fine style. After an uneventful journey - for a change- we arrived at Edmonton and found ourselves matched against Shiverers, Crawley, Harringay, Aldershot and the home team.

After many exciting struggles we proved to be the best team on the night, and the performance of the Mens Freestyle Team in the last event where they broke 4 mins. for the first time and included a 38.0 swim from Gerry Bishop, gave much pleasure to the supporters who had travelled down to watch.

Creditable Swims: Paul Rogers 1st. U/14 Breast 57.5; 1st. U/14 F/S 43.7; Andrew Wolf 1st. I.M. 1.32.4; 2nd. Back 66.6; Lyn Deeley 1st. U/16 Br. 88.9; 1st. Open Br. 85.5; Martin Edwards 1st. Fly 62.4; Nicky Green 1st. U/16 Fly 68.7; Debbie Baker 1st. U/12 F/S. 23.3; Andrew Reeve 1st. U/12 F/S. 22.6; Alan Deeley 1st. 2L U/14 Fly 51.1; Jackie Sheasby 1st. U/14 F/S 45.7; Mark Varney 2nd. U/16 Br. 84.0; Boys U/14 F/S Relay 3.07.6; Mens Medley Relay 2.52.4; Mens F/S Realy 3.58.7.

Final Scores: C/H 213; Shiverers 185; Crawley 156; Edmonton 147; Harringay 145; Aldershot 120.

A. McD.

20/1/73. Darlaston.

There were 4 clubs competing in this Gala... Walsall, South Staffs., Westminster Handsworth and ourselves. Although the Gala was late starting, the teams were still short of a few swimmers at the beginning, everyone managed to arrive in time for their events. The final points position was W/Handsworth 116, C/H. 110, S. Staffs 72 and Walsall winners with 122. It looked as though we might have got 2nd. place towards the end but Handsworth just managed to stay ahead. Altogether it was an exciting match and perhaps if there had been a few more relays we would have done better. It was noticed by the parents that the standard of turns and finishes was poor - TAKE NOTE.

Good swims were: C. Brown 23.0 F/S; L. Deeley 73.0 3L Fly; J. Sheasby 46.0 2L Fly; A. Priestley 69.9 3L BK; H. Rowson 78.3 3L Br; N. Green 62.2 3L Fly; 58.1 3L F/S; A. Smith 48.2 2L BK; N. Baker 61.9 3L F/S; M. Varney 77.0 3L Br.; M. Starling 41.5 2L F/S; J. Tonks 64.6 3L F/S.

H. R.

27/1/73 Mini-Bologna Contest for the Thomas Leather Trophy.

C/Hill 254²; West Wales A.S.A. 247; Leeds Central 237¹; W.Wales 'B' 144,
C/Hill 'B' 107; Leeds 'B' 86.

Yet another set of good performances at Stechford - this year's programme is very full, but I think that we must try to stage at least four matches there in 1974 as Stechford always seems to bring out the best in the Team.

How about noteworthy swims? Well there were many of these: Richard Sheasby, Martin Edwards, Helen Rowson, Kate Welch, Mark Varney, Anne Priestley, Lynne Deeley, all turned in a number of high quality swims. Helen Field (75.2) and Sara Cheesbrough (78.8) went comfortably beneath the 80 second mark; Dave Brook (80.8) had one of his best swims for several months; Paul Rogers (68.0) and Tim Welch (75.6) brought their F/S time down again and Tim also had a very good Fly swim (51.5). Nicky Green (67.7) swam an excellent third length, incidentally, I thought that there were all round improvement in our finishes. Roger Green ducked under the 100 secs. barrier and Lynn Starling and Debbie Baker are approaching it. The short I.M.'s were interesting: I always regard a medley swimmer as becoming 'competitive' at club standard when he or she can beat 1.40.0 or 1.50.0 respectively. Anne Priestley swam a good 1.46.7 and Helen Rowson, Lynne Deeley, Kate Welch, Richard Sheasby and Nicky Green are beginning to 'knock on the door.'

Full marks to our girls who undertook such a heavy load of events and we all thought that the costumes looked very smart - they have a slimming effect too !

F.G.T.

3/2/73. Swimming League, Round 2, Lewisham.

C/Hill are through to the top Gala in the 1973 Swimming League. By coming 2nd. in this Gala at Lewisham we have achieved this feat for the second time. Most of the swimmers rose to the occasion and comparisons with the Edmonton times were good; Girls U/12 F/S Relay - 2 secs. faster; Girls U/16 Med. Relay 2 sec. improvement; Girls U/14 F/S Relay 6 sec. improvement; Boys U/14 F/S Relay 2 sec. improvement; Mens 6x2 F/S Relay 1 sec. improvement. Also Alan Deeley 51.1 on 2L Fly, Helen Franklin 27.6 BK (but a very bad finish !), Suzanne Paul 61.3 pb. on 2L BR. and 27.0 by Stuart Gatland in the Fly.

However the Gala was not without incidents. Lynne Starling had a bad fall in the changing rooms but still managed to do a 1L BR. in 27.6. She didn't look too shaken which is more than I can say for the Girls Team Captain ! Helen Rowson at last came back to form on F/S with 67.8 - a p.b. and a Club Record. Anne Priestley produced two personal bests; 100m. BK in 77.3 and the I.M. in 1.45.4. Jackie Sheasby had a training session with 3 individuals and 4 relays yet still produced some excellent swims - 2L Fly in 51.1 - not a personal best but considering the amount she did, it was a great effort. Final Points: S'oton 233, C/Hill 188; Shiverers 161; Portsmouth 146; Hounslow 124; Feltham 112.

4/2/73. Neath.

This match was billed that a Birmingham Squad would compete, but in the end C/Hill were asked to step into the breach and take their place at very short notice.

The team - tired ! - assembled at 11 a.m. Sunday at our usual departure point in what turned out to be a glorious day - weatherwise. After a most interesting and scenic tour of the Valleys of Wales we arrived at Neath 10 events late. But we were undaunted and got off to a flying start with Jackie Sheasby winning her event in a very good time (83.0). This was followed by Debbie Clarke's F/S time of 75.5 - a great swim. Martin Edwards gave his usual best in the Fly and won in 61.5. Other good swims were made by Michael Starling 71.5 F/S 2nd; Anne Priestley 68.0 F/S 3rd; Heather Rose 87.2 Br. 1st.

The organizers thanked us for coming and would like to pass on their grateful thanks to the Ladies for providing such a wonderful packed meal for their journey back after our own Gala at Stechford. We returned to Birmingham at 9 p.m. after a most enjoyable Gala, finishing 4th.

Again as Team Manager on this occasion I would like to thank the swimmers for their great efforts, and the parents for their understanding and patience in allowing their children to swim in two highly competitive Galas in one w/end.

A.McD.

17/2/73. Motorway League. Round 2.

C/Hill 220, Three Spires 188, Norwich Central 172, Oldbury 170, Bletchley 102, Corby 95.

We were given a good start by the two U/12 Teams, both of whom won their events, and we maintained this lead throughout the Gala. With regard to performances, the 'regulars' all did their stuff, but the most pleasing feature was the improvement shown by the less experienced swimmers. Limiting most of the Team to one individual swim gave a chance to others to underline the steady improvement in the depth of club strength. Amongst these were: Stuart Gatland (Fly - 26.8, 1st) (BK. 27.4, 1st); Karen Brookhouse (2L BK. 57.5, 3rd.); Susanne Payl (2L BR. 61.2, 2nd) Helen Field (2L F/S. 47.7, 1st.). Dave Brook (80.9) continues to look better and Jackie Sheasby (71.0) clipped a bit of her F/S best. Jane Bullin made a good debut in the Club Team and our U/14 Girls Team - Jane Harrison (51.5), Helen Field (48.1), Debbie Clarke (47.9) and Sara Cheesbrough (49.7) were most impressive in their event.

F.G.T.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT BOYS LEAGUE.

Once again we managed to keep the Club's name to the fore - we finished second in our Zone and considering the distances we have to travel to swim in this competition it was a good effort. I would like to thank the swimmers for their willingness to swim in the team and to the parents - bless them! - for transporting the team around the different venues.

A. McD.

WATER POLO NEWS.

A promising start to the year. We have already played 10 matches, winning 7, drawing 2 and losing 1. I am endeavouring to arrange two games each week because I believe there is no practice equal to match practice.

Congratulations to Mike Fearon (Captain), Mike Hobbs, Dave Wakeling and Steve Rogers on their selection for Warwickshire Juniors and on their subsequent victory over Staffordshire by 7 goals to 3.

The National Boys Club Water Polo Championship (Under 16), 1st. Round.
Nechells U/16 v. Camp Hill U/16 on Wednesday, 28th. Feb. at Nechells Baths. 8.15 p.m.
We've got the team, we now want supporters to cheer them on. How about it?

Fixtures.

Tuesday	13 Feb	Heath Town	v. C/Hill	Friendly	Sen.
Thursday	15 Feb	Cheltenham	v. C/Hill	"	U/16
Thursday	22 Feb	Sparkhill	v. C/Hill	"	Sen.
Friday	23 Feb	C/Hill	v. Cheltenham	"	U/16
Wednesday	28 Feb	Nechells	v. C/Hill	National	U/16
Thursday	1 Mar	Cheltenham	v. C/Hill	Friendly	Jun.
Friday	2 Mar	H.G.S.O.B.	v. C/Hill	"	Sen.
Wednesday	7 Mar	Aston Univ.	v. C/Hill	"	Sen.
Friday	9 Mar	C/Hill	v. Coventry	"	Sen.
Saturday	17 Mar	Polo Tournament		"	Sen.
Friday	23 Mar	C/Hill	v. City Police	"	Sen.

G.S.
