

The Swimming Leagues.

The new league season starts on the 1st. of October and our first competition is on Saturday the 5th. when we take part in a Division 1 West Midlands League Gala at Walsall and in a Division 2 Gala at Shrewsbury.

This means that we shall be calling on approximately 60 swimmers for each of the three rounds of the W.M.L. and this should enable us to build up a strong 2nd. Team, which will gain valuable experience for the 3 Saturdays in the New Year when we compete in the East Midlands League and the Swimming League.

I feel that this is bound to raise the strength of our team provided members make every effort to turn out for the Club. The senior swimmers can be of great value here as we have several strong swimmers who, while not training regularly, can give a good account of themselves in these matches, avoid over-swimming of the middle age group and assist in some good team results.

Dual fixtures can also be of value in giving many more of our members individual swims against good opposition thereby providing the opportunity for an improved time and possibly regular 'A' team selection. Swimmers it's up to you !

F.G.T.

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Dinner/Dance.

Mr. and Mrs Niblett are in the process of organising their sixth Dance for the Club. The date is Saturday, 14th of December, the venue the Greswolde Arms Hotel, Knowle and as yet the cost has not been finalised. Further details can be obtained from Mr. Niblett or by keeping an eye on the noticeboard, and it is hoped that there will be plenty of support for this enjoyable evening.

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Moseley Rd. Baths.

As from October 10th. the Thursday night session at Moseley Road Baths will be from 7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

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Motorway League Girls Trophy.

It's big and ugly, but can I have it back soon ! (before 23rd. Nov).

A.McD.

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MATCH REPORTS.8/7/74. v Junction 10, Oldbury and Soundwell at Bristol.

After an exhilarating dash along the M5, we finally arrived at the baths only 10 minutes before the beginning of the gala, giving our team only a short period of time in which to warm up.

The gala lasted much longer than we anticipated, with few personal bests during the 54 events that were swum.

Good swims were recorded by the 11 and Under girls F/S and medley relays, which consisted both times of L. Brown, C. Brown, K. Long and H. Bettinson. Individual good times included S. Woodall 22.8 (F/S), C. Brown 22.8 (F/S), H. Bettinson 26.8 (B/C) and 24.2 (Fly), A. Griffiths 63.7 (F/S), M. Starling 61.7 (F/S), R. Leach 84.3 (BR), N. Green 71.4 (B/C), P. Rogers 1.42.9 (IM) and P. Baker 59.9 (F/S).

Pointwise Junction 10 were always leading, with Camp Hill following a close second. Our three disqualifications may have cost us the match, and we were uncertain about the correctness of the decision in at least one case. The final result was Junction 10 229, Camp Hill 211, Oldbury 150 and Soundwell 137.

At 12.45 a.m. a tired and weary(?) Camp Hill team greeted the not-so-happy parents, as many had been awaiting our return for over an hour.

Finally, a message to Mr. McDougall from all the team: next time we promise to cross the road using the Green Cross Code or the nearest zebra crossing - splink !

A.R. &amp; L.D.

17/8/74. 'B' Team v. Wigston, Warley, Nuneaton.

An enjoyable holiday season match at Wigston gave several of our swimmers an excellent opportunity to record good times in the fine 36½ pool. Personal Bests: 110-Adrian Griffiths 62.7 (F/S), Robert Leach 83.6 (BR), David Beavan 86.8 (BR), 73½; Nigel Sabell 46.2 (F/S), Andrew Coaton 56.6 (BR), Sally Browne 50.0 (F/S).

Several of the younger swimmers did good one length times and the general standard of our performance was encouraging in view of the fact that we shall be turning out 2 Teams on the same day on several occasions in the near future.

Result: C/H B 136, Warley 122, Wigston 102, Nuneaton 88.

F.G.T.

26-31/8/74. National Age Group Championships.

Anne Priestly assisted by Martin Edwards gave our age group squad 12 days comprehensive preparation for this event and the overall performance of our entrants was good.

We had few boys swimming in the individual events, but Nicky Green took 6th and 7th places in the 200 and 100 Fly and was 1st reserve for the sprint F/S Final - good efforts in a tough age group. Michael Starling swam a personal best in the F/S (65.93) and Gary Tenks did likewise in the 100 Fly (83.91).

But it was the girls who shone most on this occasion, Linda Brown taking a Silver in the Breast (89.39) and Jackie Evans a Bronze in the Back (75.20). Janine Evans set a PB of 74.19 (Back) and Jackie Evans swam a good IM (2.46.08). Our younger girls kept the clubs name to the fore in the team events, the Under 11's Katie Long, Hayley Bettinson and the 'Brownie' twins taking first place in a most exciting Medley Team Final, and finishing 5th. (.23 of a sec. away from 3rd) in the F/S Final.

Jackie Sheasby, Jackie Evans, Sarah Cheesborough and Debbie Clark gained 2nd place in the F/S Team Final and the two Jackies, Debbie and Lyn Starling were 5th in the Medley Final.

Of equal importance with the good performances was the opportunity to train as a group and to be away together as a group, and I also am sure it was of value to our relay swimmers to swim at national level.

Thanks are due to Anne for the tremendous amount of work she did on the club's behalf, and to Martin for his help with the coaching. I am sure it was appreciated by everyone.

Now to 1975 ! Venue: Leeds. Date: 19-23 August. Can we have more entrants - boys please note, and what about relay teams through all the age groups ? If the interest is there we shall have special training again prior to the event, so make a note of the dates.

F.G.T.

7/9/74. v. Mancunians, Warrender, Leicester, Warrington, Orion.

The quality of the competition in this match is revealed by our last place shared with our strong rivals Leicester. Times over a 25yd. course do not mean a great deal to us but Andrew Condon, Paul Rogers, Stuart Gatland, Chris Tainty, Jackie Evans and Graham Brookhouse (despite his lamentable turns) all swam good races. The gala was lengthy and the pool was rather antiquated, but the competition was there and I feel we could have made more effort in certain events. We visit Warrington again on the 12th. October for a match against a number of Lancashire clubs, and we should be aiming for a win.

Mancunian Squad 226, Warrender SC 184, Orion 173, Warrington Training Scheme 165, Leicester SC and Camp Hill 130.

F.G.T.

14/9/74. Boys and Girls Club Team Championships.

This was a short gala of only 12 events - 4 individual and 2 relays for both boys and girls. Good swims came from Jackie Evans in the 100mBK (75.3). and Nigel Baker in the 100mBR (81.9). Some of the relay splits were also commendable, notably Paul Rogers 36.8 (Medley Relay BR), Jackie Sheasby 30.9 (F/S Relay) and Adrian Griffiths 28.7 (F/S Relay).

Final Results: Boys: Coventry 47, C/Hill 41, Junction 10 34, W'hampton 32, Leicester 28, Luton Vauxhall 27, Granta 13.

Girls: Coventry 49, Orion 49, Leicester 48, Junction 10 40, C/Hill 36, Granta 30, W'hampton 30, Luton Vauxhall 15.

N.G.

14/9/74. Gloucester.

Final points totals were: Cardiff 224, Coventry 179, Gloucester 174, Thornbury 156, C/Hill 145, Oldbury 129.

Birmingham and District Ladies' League.

This has been the first year the club has entered the league, therefore we had to start in the bottom division and zones. Senior, Junior and Novice 4x1 freestyle teams have swum at five different venues throughout the year and have been very successful.

The Senior team won all five races, the Juniors won 4 and were disqualified in one, therefore they did not qualify for the swim-off between all the zone winners; and the Novices won all 4 which they swam in and so qualified for the final.

The final took place on Monday, 16th September at Coseley, which Camp Hill won, beating Northfield into second place. The team of Linda Brown, Laura Barrett, Carol Brown and Hayley Bettinson was awarded a trophy and each swimmer received a medal.

K.W.

#### 21/9/74. Division 6 Schools' Gala.

The new-look Division 6 battled for Schools Nationals places at Stechford on the 21st September, and Camp Hill swimmers had good reason to be pleased with their performances because by the end of the evening no less than 8 members of the Club had secured selection for Worcester.

Mike Starling (41.5) qualified for the F/S Relay Team, Nigel Baker won a close BR race in 1.19.7 and elder brother Philip was selected for the individual Senior Boys F/S after finishing second in 60.4. Nicky Green won the Fly (63.9) and the F/S (58.0) at Intermediate level but has opted to concentrate on the latter.

The girls were not to be outdone and Debbie Clark (F/S - 66.5), Jackie Evans (BK - 74.5) and Jackie Sheasby (Fly - 76.7) made sure of their places by winning their individual events, and Janine Evans, after narrowly missing 1st place in the Intermediate BK, eventually got through as a member of the F/S relay team with a 42.5 for the 2L.

Congratulations to the above and to all those who took part - their progress will be reported in the next newsletter.

R.J.

#### 22/9/74. Egri Dozza v Orion v Junction 10 v W'hampton v C/Hill at Halesowen.

The Senior gala gave Camp Hill an opportunity to compete against a strong continental club, Egri Dozza of Hungary, as well as three of our West Midlands rivals. The gala in general was of a high standard and we were reasonably pleased to finish third with 70 points, behind Egri Dozza (97) and Orion (80), with Junction 10 (61) and Wolverhampton (51) trailing.

Good individual Camp Hill swims included: Chris Tainty (71.5) and Jackie Evans (75.4) in the 110yds. BK, Nicky Green (58.2) and Debbie Clark (67.3) in the 110yds. F/S and Adrian Griffiths (69.6) in the 110yds. Fly.

The senior gala was preceded by a junior one which was against Orion, Junction 10, Wolverhampton, Camp Hill and Warley. A good all-round performance was given by our younger swimmers, who finished equal second with Wolverhampton, (both having 53 points), leaving Orion winners on 58.

A.R.

#### WATER POLO NEWS.

Our globetrotting Polo players have again been visiting the sun-spots of Europe and this time Dave Brook and Richard Sheasby have been taking part in a Four Nations Tournament in Spain. They beat France 5-3, lost to Spain 2-6 and Holland 2-9, but a fuller report will appear in the next newsletter.

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#### 10/9/74. JOHN BARBER TROPHY.

Held at Thimblemill Baths on Tuesday, 10th September, it was a fitting memorial to John Barber who had done so much for Warley club. 37 teams took part, each club entering an A & B Team, for a 12 1/2 Mixed Medley Team Race.

Our A team clocked the fastest time in the heats with our B team coming second. In the final our A Team won the Trophy - a large silver cup - in 3.4.1. secs and the B team were 4th in 3.11.5. secs. 1st, 2nd and 3rd all received medals to commemorate the occasion.

A. Team:	G. Brookhouse (Back)	48. 4.	L. Egou (Breast)	51. 5.
	S. Gattland. (Fly)	43. 9.	R. Bettinson. (Free)	40. 3.
B. Team:	F. Woodall. (Back)	50. 3.	I. Starling (Breast)	51. 2.
	G. Tonke. (Fly)	46. 3.	D. Baker. (Free)	42. 1.

It is good to know that Camp Hill's name will be first on the cup.