

Editorial.FANTASTIC - YET AGAIN !

The Sponsored Water Polo total now stands at 1280-66 this, less the 150 advance for meals for the three days, gives a magnificent boost of 1130-66 to Club funds and Mr. Rogers thinks that there may still be some cash to come in before the final total is declared.

Congratulations and thanks again to all concerned.

Club Items....

We now have 2 coachloads of supporters for the Swimming League National Final at Crystal Palace on Sunday 17th September...there are apparently 8 places to be filled....any takers ?

Holiday Training....details are on the noticeboard. The pool will be closed in August except for training for those members who have qualified for the National Age Group competition. Some of you may feel that this is a long break but it is most necessary if you are to train hard and to compete with success for the rest of the year.

It was pleasing to note that we had 25 members in the Warwickshire team for the match v. Staffs, Wores.

News of Members.... Jackie Sheasby, one time stalwart of the Girls team and daughter of Gordon, takes a different kind of plunge on Saturday 19th of August when she gets married. Good Luck to them both !

Katie Long...most of you will know that Katie is now back from hospital and is allowed to spend a certain amount of time on her feet each day. Your visits and cards etc were much appreciated.

Martin Edwards...has now completed 3 of his 4 years at Pepperdine University, California; Clive is now working out there and Hilda and George have just had a very enjoyable holiday with their much-travelled sons.

Ian Hutchinson...did you see the items on P.34 of June's 'Swimming Times' ? Ian always was an excellent public relations man and is a very popular figure in London water polo. As a competitive swimmer he won a number of Warks. medals and was Midlands Junior Breaststroke Champion.

Water Polo...Well done to our Midlands Boys Champions..Ian Graihle, Mark Whitworth, Paul Kelly, Derek Allen, Gary Tonks, Richard Cockerill, Graham Brookhouse, Paul Jones, Stephen Wilkes and Robert Harrison....

and to our Warwickshire Junior Champions....Mark Coles, Jim Gallagher, Paul Rogers, Mark Shimmell, Steve Swain, Paul Kelly, Innes Cameron Mark Whitworth and Richard Cotterill.

Meets.

Coventry 50m Sprints: Sunday 20th August, 4 strokes, age groups and Open. The day after the National Age Group if anyone has any energy left. Details on the noticeboard. Entries close 17th July.

Stockport SC. 8's, 9's, 10's. These Galas are at Wythenshawe but they don't start till 5.30. Dates Sept 23 (we have a match on that day), 7th Oct., 21st Oct (WM League) and 4th. Nov. Entries close 1st. August.

Wednesbury Sunday 15th. October. 100m, 4 strokes; 12/U, 13/14, 15/16, OP. Entries close 16th. Sept.

MATCH REPORTS.

23/4/78. Lads & Lassies Gala v Soudwell, S'ton, Gloucester, June.10, Tetnes.

This Inter-Club match provided a welcome change in the middle of the County Age Group season. There were trophies for the men's and women's teams and we scored highest points in the mens and equal highest in the womens, losing the Calter trophy to Gloucester on the number of first places gained.

There were no outstanding performances which is not surprising in view of the previous days 2 sessions of Championships but most people swam good standard times. My chief memories of the Gala are of a relaxed match with the pressure off; of an unfortunate accident suffered by the starter and of Rick Burrell coming from an International at Crystal Palace, where he had won the 100 F/S in 52.9, to swim 200 F/S and 200 Fly (far from his best event) for a weak Southampton club team - a good club man!

F.G.T.

6/5/78

Modernians 99 $\frac{1}{2}$, C/Hill 112 $\frac{1}{2}$, Clacton 153, Stevenage 174, Thurrock 209, Hemel Hempstead 279.

Rather a good idea to relate points directly to positions so that the club with the least points won. Many good swims in what appeared to be a fast pool. BR: Ruth Taylor 89.7, Andrew Coaton 77.2, Curt Harris 84.6, Karen Gurney 87.0, Liz Richards 84.9, F/S: Gaynor Simper 64.1 (.6 off the Club Record..it should come soon) Fly: Andrew Davies 65.8, Susan Moore 73.8, Peter Smith 83.7, Johan Swift 81.4 - and lots of others.

It isn't every day that we have a 100m Fly reswim after a false start either Andrew!

F.G.T.

12/14 May..Welsh Long Course Chps.

Six swimmers competed in this Open event and the following gained medals:

Chris Tainty 2nd 200BK 2.16.81

David Beavan 3rd 100 BR 1.12.6

Andrew Davies 3rd Jun.Fly 66.52

12/14 May Southend Multi-Nation Meet .

The Club's name was kept to the fore by Simon Mason..2nd 11/U Br. 92+, Richard Humphries, Mark Maybury, Paul Woodall, Derek Allen..2nd 14/15 4x100 F/S, Rebecca Cross, Sue Donny, Georgina Brown, Debbie Fielding 3rd. 11/U Medley Team.

27/28 May. Milton Keynes Age Group Meet.

We had 29 competitors at this event, 16 attending for one day and the remainder travelling on both days, or stopping overnight. This involved much coming and going on a very hot weekend but it turned out to be well worthwhile when we collected the overall points trophy at the end of the competition with a lead of 17 points over City of Leicester. All 6 finalists scored points and received pennants while the first 3 relay teams were given ribbons.

1st.places.

Carol Brown 15/U BR 82.27

Joanne Seymour 13/U BR 80.13 (Club Record)

Georgina Brown 11/U BK 84.3

Laura Barrett 13/U Fly 70.91, BK 73.10, IM 2.33.70 (Club Record)

2nd.Places.

Paul Woodall 15/U BK 68.27

Gavin Cameron 15/U BR 76.22

Georgina Brown 11/U IM 2.54.98

3rd.places.

Paul Woodall 15/U BK 68.27

Laura Barrett 13/U F/S 64.98

Carl Harris 13/U BR 82.32 (Heat 81.88)

Laura's times show that she was a worthy winner of the prize - a Speedo bag full of goodies - for the best girl competitor of the Meet. Our 10 relay teams were all placed - 4 firsts, 5 seconds, 1 third with Rebecca Cross, Debbie Fielding, Susan Beard and Georgina Brown winning both their events.

Amongst many good swims in the 25m pool by our non-finalists were: BR Susan Beard 95.0, Paul Ford 85.19, Mark Maybury 79.74, Fly David Swift 75.8, Johan Swift 80.16. Well done too Gary Shipilove for reaching 4 finals.

Finally a word of thanks to those parents who helped with transport and who, in some cases, came down to enable the Club to enter a relay team.

F.G.T.

3 & 10/6/78. Mid. Championships, Coventry.

Medals 200 BR D. Beavan 3rd 2.38.7

Medley Team 3rd 4.24.8 C. Tainty, D. Beavan, G. Moreton, A. Davies.

Juniors

G. Moreton 2nd 100 & 200 Fly 66.4 and 2.26.6

L. Barrett 3rd 400 IM 5.30.0

J. Seymour 3rd 100 BR 82.5

A. Davies 3rd 100 F/S 60.0

Good Performances....

A. Davies 200 F/S 2.09.5, L. Barrett 400 F/S 4.49.5, G. Cameron 100 BR 76.9.

17/6/78.

Cardiff A 230, C/Hill 181, June 10 177, Orion 157, Cardiff B 90.

A most pleasing result as we were several older swimmers missing mainly the older girls. We had a very pleasant journey to Cardiff with a stop on the way at Monmouth. The Gala started 15 minutes late and after a confusing start with the U/14 girls having to swim their relay twice it settled down and was a good meet with a lot of our swimmers doing P.Bs.

Good swims by Joanne Seymour 100m BR (78.8 Club Record), Susan Moore 100m Fly (73.4), Johan Swift 100m Fly (79.9), Karen Gurney 100m BR (86.0) Liz Richards 100m BR (84.3), David Beavan 100m BR (70.4), Glen Moreton 100m Fly (63.7), Gavin Cameron 100m BR (76.4), Derek Allen 100m F/S (1.00.9), Mark Maybury 200 IM (2.31.4) and Johnathon Mason 50m Fly (37.4).

Our relay teams swam well and there were some very good split times recorded, this gala had 16 relays out of which we won 6 and were 2nd in 6.

J.G.

18/6/78.

Nott'm Radford 230, C/Hill 225, S. Marina 175, Leics. Penguins 164, Mansfield 121, Nottingham 111.

This 6 Club Diddy Gala (9's - 12's) developed into a keen contest between Radford and ourselves. With 3 events to go we appeared comfortable winners only for a completely unnecessary disqualification in a relay to deprive us of 8 points and we finished in 2nd place by 5 points. A number of factors: the heat, the fact that several of our 11's and 12's had returned from Cardiff late on the previous night and the slow pace of the Gala would explain the lack of personal bests, but having said that everyone put plenty of effort into their swims with good times from Debbie Fielding (BK 57.4, Fly 62.0), Simon Mason (BR 91.5), Simon Butler (BK 60.8, Fly 61.8) and Edward Hall (BR 61.2).

F.G.T.

Ladies' League.

Our Novice and Junior Teams both romped through to win their Zones convincingly. The Final will be held on 'Neutral Ground' at a later date. The teams were.... Novices: S. Gurney, C. Dawes, J. Lihou, R. Cross with D. Fielding and S. Beavil helping in the last match when school commitments depleted the team. The Juniors were K. Gurney, J. Moore, J. Swift, D. Allen throughout.

The Seniors met with tough opposition and in the first event were pushed into 3rd place..3½ seconds behind. In the 2nd round in the short 25yd pool superlative Carol splits by all and a storming finish by Carol Brown put us 2nd to Brierly Hill, the winners of the 1st Round.

For the 3rd. Round it was decided to bring out larger guns ! So Liz Richards and Sally Watley gave up places for Gaynor Simper and Alyson Gibbons who helped Carol and Suzzi Moore produce four 30 point splits and to bring them home first. For the last event, held on home ground, we needed to win with Dudley 2nd and Brierley Hill 3rd to give us an outright win. To win with Brierley Hill 2nd would have produced a swim-off. However Brierley found their old form and, in what can only be described as a very exciting race, finished 1st to win Division 1 overall in 2.00.7 with Camp Hill 2nd in 2.01.0 and Dudley 3rd with Stourbridge finishing last.

Z. R.

Nuneaton Diddy League.

This year the league has doubled in size bringing the number of competing clubs to 24. This has meant stronger competition and for us to equal last years achievement would indeed be a fine club performance. 6/5/78. Round 1 Tamworth 25m.

C/Hill 211, Leic. Peng. 152, Orion 146, Tamworth 125, Lutterworth 98.

The team had little trouble in winning this gala by a comfortable margin from the Penguins by 59 points. Some of the swims that helped make it such a convincing win were... GIRLS: 8/U R. Challener BR 24.9, 11/U S. Denny BR 41.8 11/U G. Brown F/S 32.8. BOYS: 8/U G. Walker F/S 20.9, 9/U S. Butler F/S 16.6, 9/U S. Moore Fly 19.8, 10/U J. Mason Fly 17.3.

20/5/78. Round 2 Tamworth 25m.

This gala clashed with the Milton Keynes meet so the team had to be re-arranged. This is where the Club is fortunate in having so many keen Diddy swimmers to fill in where needed. This was a good allround performance but we were shaded into second place behind a delighted Orion tea.

Many thanks to all helpers and those who gave prizes for the raffle.

10/6/78 .Round 3 Tamworth 25m.

Leics. 198, C/Hill 181, Oldbury 175, Wigston 179, L'Borough 92.

For some children this was their first gala and their enthusiastic meant that we came 2nd in spite of the fact that many of the older swimmers were competing in the Warley Age Group Gala. Many thanks to the Shipstone family for dashing from Walmley to Tamworth with Gary. we needed those 12 points !

21/6/78. Round 4 Nuneaton.

C/Hill 199 Leics. Pongs 196 Bedworth 164 Leics. Neptune 97
Lutterworth 94.

A first or second place in this Gala would see us through to the League Final on September 9th. With the County claiming several swimmers it was going to require another allround team performance..... Andrew Bird and John Walker both aged 6 years made up in effort for what they lacked in years.

It was a most thrilling gala with the Penguins and Camp Hill taking the lead alternately and with the Leicester team in the lead they were disqualified in the penultimate relay ! From the pool-side it looked as if war was about to break out on the balcony ! Let's hope Leicester have qualified for the Final as they looked worthy ones and we would relish another encounter.

J. D.