

REQUIRED - TWO STATISTICIANS

The newsletter records the best times set up in many galas, but these represent only a very small percentage of the performances of our members in many galas, often two or three in the same weekend. Most of you know who is the fastest swimmer in the club over a particular stroke and distance, but do you know where you stand? Are you the 3rd, 7th or 18th fastest? Up-to-date ranking lists would tell you your position and would be published in the newsletter at regular intervals.

Can we have two volunteers (a male and a female swimmer) to draw up and maintain club ranking lists? - the top 20 on F/S and the top 10 on the other strokes. They would be given access to all results and it would also be up to swimmers to report their P.B. performances to them.

Such lists would also assist in the decision as to who receives the monthly award of a Speedo costume. Two volunteers please!

A.M. TRAINING

Anne is taking this, 7.00-8.00, Tuesdays and Fridays. I feel more of you should take advantage of this opportunity.

E.S.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Liz Green, Hebah Tantawy, Ruth knight and Jason Atkin on their selection for the Division 6 Team for the National Schools' Championships at Bury at the end of October.

CLUB FUNDS - MONEY NEEDED - PLEASE SUPPORT THE 50/50 CLUB

The 50/50 Club was originated by Mrs. Hayward and is now run by Mr. Hodges. Members pay £12 a year, and there is a monthly draw with cash prizes, the balance going to club funds. Obviously the greater the number of subscribers, the larger the prizes and the greater the amount of money to club funds.

Money raised in this way has enabled us to undertake heavily subsidised trips to the Luxembourg and the Brussels Meets which would not have been possible otherwise. It has also helped with some of our other activities.

An overseas trip would again be a valuable part of our year's programme and you are asked to "dig in to your pockets" to enable the club to "travel" again in 1986.

A return visit to Brussels? The Brussels Meet takes place at the beginning of the Easter holidays and I shall be writing off for details shortly. For the benefit of those who did not go last year, it is held in an 8 lane 50 metre pool. Age groups are 12,13,14,15,16,17+. The events are 50m. F/S and 100's and 200's on the 4 main strokes. There are, of course, entry standard times. Open finals and consolation finals are held, and medals are awarded to the best in each age group on the times done in the heats.

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The event will involve being away from "early" morning on Friday 21st March till late evening Monday 24th.

I have put up a notice concerning this, and provided we can find the money to pay for the coach, and that there are enough people wishing to go, we will go ahead with it. FGT.

15TH SEPTEMBER 1985 NATIONAL LEAGUE FINAL - CRYSTAL PALACE

Two coachloads of swimmers and supporters left for Crystal Palace in good heart (and voice!) at 9.00 a.m. on Sunday 15th September. Some of our ladies must be congratulated on their 'supporters outfits' - black and white were the 'IN' colours. I'm sure that the swimmers appreciated seeing the home-made banners telling them they were part of 'Mr. T's A Team'.

But, on to the swimming. We always knew this would be a very high standard gala and so it turned out to be. From very early in the gala, it was obvious that Stockport Metro and Norwich Penguins would be fighting it out in the end and this proved to be so with the latter eventually turning out worthy winners. Although we could only manage 8th, we were by no means disgraced and some excellent performances were given by our swimmers. Andrew Beavon won the Open Back and Ruth Knight the 13/4 F/S, the latter setting a new final record in 1.02.84 - well done Ruth! We also had two firsts in team events, the Girls 13/4 F/S Relay (Sam Hodges, Ruth Knight, Rachel Vincent and Hebah Tantawy) and the Men's Open Medley Relay. To see the obvious delight of the men when it was announced that they had achieved a Cup Final record was well worth travelling to Crystal Palace for. Well done Andrew Beavon, Steve Roe, Craig Norrey and Steve Dunn!

Final Result: Norwich Penguins 291, Stockport Metro 276, City of Leeds 275, Harrow and Wealstone 218, Heading 209, Southampton 207, Millfield School 162, Camp Hill Edwardians 160.

Well done to everyone who swam to make it a good day out for the supporters. By the way, Phil Bees failed to get the job as a waiter at Toddington Services, but Fred Williams was offered the job of Traffic Controller to the Kent County Council.

P.J.B.

14TH SEPTEMBER 1985 NUNEATON DIDDY LEAGUE FINAL

This was our first appearance in the Final for some years and it soon became apparent that Walsall and Haden Hill were going to contest the first place with the remainder of the teams in competition for the lower placings.

In the end we had to be content with 6th place in the gala and 5th place in the League Final Table. However, the result was quite encouraging and we might well have had 4th place in the gala but for 3 'mental blackouts' resulting in 2 disqualifications and a 6th place in what should have been reasonable 'points' events.

Our best individual results were :

1st Place

Rebecca Hurcomb (BK) 56.23; Aaron Taylor (FLY) 24.09

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2nd Place

Brett Gayton (BR) 30.13; Alison Bloodworth (BR) 57.67; James Bainbridge (F/S) 45.51

3rd Place

Martin Page (BR) 1.00.05; Stephen Clarke (FLY) 54.82

In the 16 relays we had one 1st place, six 2nd places and one 3rd place.

There were several good 'splits' and I was especially impressed with Rhoda Flynn, Amy Waterhouse and Mark Weller in the 9 yr. team.

Well done all the team and officials, and I hope you'll take on this tough assignment again next year Mrs. Walker. FGT.

Performance has to be evaluated in relation to the standard of the Competition

There was understandable disappointment at our last place in the Diddy League Final and in the National League Final but it must be appreciated that on such occasions one is meeting the strongest existing opposition. The Diddy League has 46 member clubs while the National League Final is the outcome of opposition between seven leagues with 450 clubs throughout the country taking part. If one gets to these finals, the competition is going to be TOUGH. It was, it always will be and although placed last we had our successes and our swimmers gave a good account of themselves. FGT.

TRAINING

Plodding up and down, I thought I'd die,
Back then breast, crawl then fly,
I've finished those twenty lengths at last,
Now those lengths are in the past,
But Another four, said Mr. Thain,
Then off I go again down the lane.

Joanne Tomlinson

9.7.82

1985 Joanne now thoroughly enjoys her training sessions of 160+ lengths!

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7TH SEPTEMBER 1985 COVENTRY 50m. SPRINTS 10/11, 12/13, 14/15, 16/17, 18+

A good if somewhat exhausting start to the season saw the Club emerge as clear winners of the aggregate trophy at the end of the 3rd session.

First three places:

Back: Andrew Beavon (1st) 29.60; Andrew Small (2nd) 30.53; James Bainbridge (1st) 37.81; Elaine Gorroll (3rd) 35.82; Kevin Lane (3rd) 36.88; Sam Hodges (3rd) 35.62

F/S: Sam Hodges (2nd) 30.53; Stephen Clarke (2nd) 31.79; Jon Robinson (2nd) 26.18

BK: Liz Dalzell (1st) 38.44; Alison Bees (3rd) 38.75; Alison Bloodworth (1st) 40.75

FLY: Carla Flynn (1st) 36.27; Craig Norrey (1st) 27.53; Andrew Small (2nd) 27.85; Andy Beavon (3rd) 28.29; Jon Robinson (2nd) 27.93

Finalists: Paul Sigston; Rebecca Hurcomb; Kingsley and John Walker; Liz Green; Ian Corfield; Rachel Vincent; Jason Atkin; Paul Wear; John Hatton

Well done everyone, including several others who swam P.B.'s in the heats. Now we can think about turning round and tackling the next length(s). FGT.

21ST SEPTEMBER 1985 LEAMINGTON CENTENARY MEET 100 yds 11/12, 13/14, 15/16, 17+

Our entrants gave a good account of themselves over the once common, but now rare 100 yards events, with some very attractive medals being won.

First three places:

F/S: Alison Bees 59.77 (2nd); Sam Hodges 1.00.14 (3rd); Deborah Bees 59.70 (2nd); Norman Stephens 58.73 (2nd); Ian Kavanagh 54.20 (2nd); Andy Small 53.57 (2nd); Peter Groom 21.98 (3rd)

BACK: Heather Brown 1.11.54 (1st); Alison Bees 1.10.30 (2nd); Sam Hodges 1.10.74 (3rd); Ian Kavanagh 1.05.74 (1st); Andrew Small 1.00.87 (1st); Robert Grant 1.09.98 (2nd)

FLY: Andy Small 56.86 (2nd); Norman Stephens 1.06.07 (1st); Ian Kavanagh 1.03.12 (2nd); Julie Dyke 1.10.79 (2nd)

BREAST: Alison Bees 1.14.02 (1st); Ian Kavanagh 1.11.12 (2nd); Norman Stephens 1.14.73 (1st); Andy Small 1.09.51 (1st)

28TH SEPTEMBER 1985 INTER-COUNTIES

200 I.M. Ruth Knight (1st) 2.34.20; 100 F/S Steve Dunn (1st) 55.65; 200 BK. Andy Beavon (1st) 2.15.08; F/S Team Craig Norrey 56.4

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28TH SEPTEMBER 1985 LEICESTER MEET 110 yds 10/11, 12, 13, 14

We had hoped for a strong entry in this highly sponsored Meet, but circumstances limited the number able to attend. However, there was still a crop of good swimmers.

Finalists:

F/S: Jayne Simmons 21.15 (6th); Marie Collett 21.51 (6th); Sam Hodges 19.75 (6th)

BREAST: Alison Bloodworth 1.28.74 (2nd); Kim Winwood 1.29.31 (4th); James Bainbridge 1.31.63 (4th)

BACK: Sam Hodges 1.19.93 (4th); Marie Collett 1.16.90 (2nd)

FLY: Norman Stephens 1.12.74 (6th)

440 F/S Sam Hodges 5.02.04 (5th)

Personal Bests: James Bainbridge (BK) 1.25.82; Robert Grant (BK) 1.17.09

6TH OCTOBER 1985 HEWLETT PACKARD CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (25m)

We finished 5th out of the six clubs in the Midlands round of this demanding competition which is held over the full range of Championship events bar the 800 and 1500 F/S. I had hoped that we might have finished ahead of our old rivals Coventry in 4th place but two disqualifications and no competitor in one event deprived us of that satisfaction. Andrew Beavon maintained his excellent form with a win in the 100 BK, 1.01.06 and a 2nd place in the 200 BK, 2.11.17 - club record. Ruth Knight had two good wins in the 200 and 400 I.M.'s 2.28.65 and 5.15.30. Her disqualification for a faulty turn in the latter detracts very little from a spirited swim. Third places went to Steve Dunn, 200 F/S 2.01.15, and Hebah Tantawy 100 FLY - 1.09.84. Heidi's 4 mile run earlier in the day must have done her good, for she produced one of her best swims for some time with a 1.12.52 for the BK. Good splits in the F/S teams by Martin Atkins, 56.14 and Craig Norrey 55.46.

OFF TO UNIVERSITY

Best of luck to John Hatton (Exeter), Kevin Weatherill (Warwick) and Helen Burgess and Andrew Small (Swansea).

5TH OCTOBER 1985 - INTER-CLUB AT STECHFORD

FLY: Amanda Badaway 1.13.97; John Walker 1.18.18; Jennifer Humber 25.10; Peter Groom 22.24

BACK: Robert Grant 1.16.88

BREAST: Liz Green 1.27.93; Ian Saunders 1.15.95; Michael Hoare 1.21.94; Norman Stephens 1.22.06; Kim Winwood 1.28.49

F/S: Jason Neale 1.03.52; Norman Stephens 1.03.56

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12TH OCTOBER 1985 WEST MIDLAND LEAGUE ROUND 1

'A' TEAM

Camp Hill 'A' 264, City of Derby 208, Chase 172, Camp Hill 'B' 143, Orion 137, Bramcote 122.

This was one of our highest totals in a first round in many years of league swimming. Times, although of interest, are incidental in these galas where the main aim is PLACES AND POINTS and 264 out of a possible maximum of 300 is most encouraging. The all round team effort showed in our winning 5 of the opening 6 team races (plus a 2nd) and 6 of the 10 at the end of the gala (plus 3 2nds). The 11/U boys did us proud - Paul Sigston, Stephen Clarke and James Bainbridge winning their individual events and, not surprisingly, the group, with the addition of Adam Middleton, won both their team races. Our other winners were too numerous to list but I took particular notice of Carla Flynn, FLY, 23.85, Steve Dunn, F/S, 54.67 and Heidi steadily approaching her old form, BK, 1.12.37.

'B' TEAM

As both teams were at Derby, our supporters were able to see 2 teams for the price of one, and it was a bonus to have them in centre lanes adjacent to each other. The 'internal' competition within the league match saw our 'B' representatives take one 1st, four 2nds and twelve 3rds. Again many good swims, and I mention Aaron Taylor, F/S 21.83.

Elain Gorrol, BK, 1.13.80, Norman Stephens, BK, 1.21.34 and a useful 56.38 F/S from Dave Edwards in his first swim for the club. What a pity the Men's F/S team could not have been 12 x 2 lengths. The 'Lido-Robo' confrontation produced an entertaining race - if only both, or even one of them would take on some regular training!

Anyway, well done everyone. I thought in general the bathside discipline was first class in that very rarely did a swimmer have to be looked for and thanks to Martin and Vanessa for managing the 'B' Team so efficiently. However, it must be said that one or two of our parents have complained to me at the bad behaviour of one or two boys in the diving areas whilst races were being swum. Let us aim to make Camp Hill the best behaved club in the West Midlands as well as the top swimming club.

Thanks also to the vociferous supporters.

'C' TEAM AT NUNEATON

Brierly Hill 212½, Nuneaton 207½, Solihull 176, Camp Hill 'C' 175, Luton 'B' 145, Coalville 127

A satisfactory result but disappointment in that a swimmer leaving the water without the referee's instruction, lost us 5 points and therefore 3rd place overall as well. Such errors are not really acceptable when they happen in a diddy gala, but are unforgivable at this level. What a grand bunch of men we have in the club taking 39 out of a possible 42 points. Well done everyone!

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AN INTERESTING NOTE

Our 3 teams included 9 men between the ages of 22-27. 4 of them in the 25 age group and 4 of our women were in the 18-22 years range. Teenagers please note - you have a tradition to follow!

ROUND II - WEST MIDLAND LEAUGE

This is on the 9th November - 4 weeks time. Please everyone, try to keep that date FREE. Withdrawals have 'knock-on' effect throughout the 3 teams and we undoubtedly would have been 3rd in our 'C' team match if everyone had been available. One appreciates that some absences are unavoidable, but make an effort to keep these dates free, because the matches will get HARDER - YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.