

EDITORIAL

I must draw your attention to several items relating to finance at this time:-

Registration

Under A.S.A Law all competitive swimmers aged 10 years (1989) and over are required to register nationally. This applies to anyone who swims in Championships, Meets and Leagues - (I expect you have noticed that your registration number is required on many entry forms.) The charge (an annual one) for this year is £3. It will probably be increased next year and may well be extended to any member of a swimming club. Mrs Knight is collecting registration fees, as these have to be sent in by clubs.

Your Annual Club Subscription

This is due on 1st May - those who swim at the school pool pay £10 with a reduction of £2 for any additional member of the family. This subscription applies whether you swim once a week or several times. Those who only swim at Moseley Road and/or Muntz Street pay £5 a year.

School Pool Admission Payment

For many years this has remained at 20p, but commencing on 1st April it will be increased to 30p. May I remind you that this is solely for the use of the facility. We do not have to pay any coaching fees as our many helpers all give of their time voluntarily. If you study your Swimming Times, you will see adverts for Assistant Club Coaches with a salary of £7,000/10,000. Such a salary, combined with that of a Chief Coach, involves many clubs in having to raise over £20,000 a year. Your admission charge goes to cover the cost of pool hire, which in our case is very reasonable. Even so, I paid a sum of over £2,000 last year so it is essential that you pay your share. This is generally done, but it is rather disconcerting occasionally to find that up to 5 out of 20 swimming are 'short' (ie one quarter of you or one in every four!).

Coach Bookings

This has always been a drain on our resources. We try to keep the individual charge down to £2 per head for a team of 36 plus supporters, which should cover the cost of around £100. If, however, a dozen people prefer to go 'OT' we then have a loss of £24. That is one of the main reasons why we have recently delegated several matches as 'OT' rather than risk losses. We have been fortunate this year in our league venues both in W.M.L & E.M.L in that most have been reasonably accessible.

WARWICKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Your entries will be in by now and I hope that there will be a large number - we always seem to have many good swims at Country level.

Results

5th February 1989 v Nova, City of Birmingham, Gloucester, Beckenham.

As I expected, we finished a poor 5th in this demanding match. Despite that however, it was well worthwhile resulting in several P.B.'s. FLY - Tracey Collier (1.28.78), Rhoda Flynn (1.24.05), BR - Sharon Morris (1.33.75), F/S - Rachel Davies (1.07.59), Amy Waterhouse (1.13.27), Sharon Morris (1.14.23), Ben Darbyshire (1.12.34), BK - Stephen Terry (1.12.41).

It was very pleasing to have a 100% turnout as requested.

17th February 1989 - E.M.L. Round 2

Coventry 241, Haverhill 172, Eckington 169, Derby 165, Oxford 159, Camp Hill 140.

Once again a hard match with our turnout in 14/15 boys and girls so very 'thin'. We really do need recruits in this area prior to the W.M.L in October. Analysis of our points underlines this:- 11's - 31; 13's - 42; 15's - 16; OPEN - 51.

Good swims by Andrew Brown F/S 1.09.00 (very well paced with a split of 34.4), Jo Swift, FLY 1.09.30 and a scorching 28.08 in the F/S Relay; Carla Flynn, FLY 1.13.39 and sister Rhoda 1.23.65; Marin Atkins, FLY 1.00.45.

Coalville 225, Leighton Buzzard 210, Camp Hill 'B' 197, Burton 144, Coventry 'C' 128, Banbury 119.

We had a number of good performances at Coalville:- IM Rachel Davies 1.16.06; BR Liz Green 1.30.94; Norman Stephens 1.15.34; Kim Winwood 1.24.24; F/S Simon Delves 1.19.63; Adrienne Fall 39.92

MIDLAND DISTRICT QUALIFYING TIMES

Designated Meets offer opportunities to obtain qualifying times in addition to swims at the Country Championships and to-date 7 boys and 3 girls have qualified for the Esso Age Group (13th & 20th May) and for the Yorkshire Bank competition (10/11th, 17/18th June). I am sure we can get more. Michael Hoare is our only qualifier for the National Age Group so far, but there is plenty of time yet.

Haden Hill Meet 25/26th February 1989

Good swims by Rachel Davies, IM 1.44.25, BR. Tom Green 1.30.71 (2nd); Andrew Brown 1.23.45 (3rd) and 200 BR 3.00.07; Michael Hoare 1.13.24 (2nd) and 200 BR 2.38.97 (2nd); Lydia Lee F/S 1.09.36, Adrian Lee 1.09.58 (2nd); Chris Tainty 200 BK 2.24.12 (1st). Our Men's and Womens's F/S Teams won the trophies for their events and our 12 year boys were 2nd. It was a pity that we did not have more entrie for this useful local event. Chris swam his usual well paced race as study of the one length splits show :- (21.46, 24.02, 24.89, 24.56, 24.66, 24.45 (1.10.37 and 1.13.67)).

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Solihull Junior Relay Trophy Gala - 9-12 years - 4th March 1989

After 36 races, having handicapped ourselves with a number of disqualifications, we were one point behind Solihull with the boys' and girls' canon relays remaining. Convincing wins in both races resulting in our winning the trophy. There were many good swims with the gala offering keen competition for the 36 members of the Team and hopefully salutary lessons to those whose errors led to disqualifications.

Broadway Meet - 5th March 1989

We did not have many finalists from our small number of entries but the P.B's continue to come. F/S Sharon Morris 1.12.49, Ben Darbyshire 1.10.80, Adrian Lee 1.08.97, Raymond Watson 1.14.90, Tom Green 1.17.35, BK Carla Flynn 1.18.71, BR Raymond Watson 1.33.72.

Carla Flynn set a P.B. in the 100 FLY (1.12.91) when snatching 2nd place and Jo Swift won her 3 events, 200 F/S, 100 FLY and 100 F/S, the last in a controlled 1.02.13.

RANKING LIST 100m F/S

(Times set in pools of varying lengths)

GIRLS

1.	Lydia Lee	1.09.36
2.	Sharon Morris	1.12.49
3.	Susan Humber	1.12.70
4.	Amy Waterhouse	1.13.47
5.	Rhoda Flynn	1.16.00
6.	Tracey Collier	1.19.40
7.	Liz Green	1.19.78
8.	Sally Jennings	1.20.67

Can I have the boys' times for the next Newsletter?

Gerry T.