

CONGRATULATIONS

To Chris Tainty on those wedding bells - I always thought of Chris as the confirmed batchelor - wrong again! He doesn't hang about when he makes up his mind - even brother Paul was surprised!

To Michelle Jennings and Joanne Potter on being selected for the Birmingham Team for the Inter City Games.

To Carla Flynn and Peter Groom who swam for Warwickshire in an Inter County match at Leicester.

BEST WISHES

To Alison Bees and Simon Mason who are continuing their studies at Huddersfield and London respectively and to Peter Badham "Down Under".

RELATIVELY EARLY MORNING TRAINING

7.00 - 8.00 Tuesdays and Fridays. There is still plenty of room and these sessions are of undoubted value. It requires an effort for a couple of weeks and then you find it is a "MUST". Throughout the country swimmers travel anything up to 15 miles a number of times weekly for sessions that often start at 5.30 or 6.00. You have a similar opportunity but you have to make the effort.

SWIMMER OF THE MONTH - SPEEDO

Costumes for July and August awarded to Heidi Perry and Deborah Bees.

LADIES LEAGUE

(Results enclosed).

Now for a good performance in the final gala on 5th November.

RESULTS

2/9/89 Coventry Sprints

As hoped, a useful "first swim" of the new season although several of our entries decided not to participate. Sharon Morris underlined her improvement with an impressive win in the 50m F/S 30.98. Jo Seymour, unhappy with her 2nd place in the BR, showed her fitness by winning the F/S 28.60 and the FLY 31.17. Our other medallist was Peter Groom who was 2nd in the F/S 26.71. Finalist pennants to Tom Green BR; Sharon Morris BR; Carla Flynn F/S and FLY; Alison Bees BR, BK and F/S; Deborah Bees F/S and FLY; Andrew Brown BR; Peter Groom FLY; Kate Howarth BR and commiserations Kate on your 1st reserve ranking in the other 3 strokes.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT LADIES TEAM SWIMMING LEAGUE  
RESULTS 1989

NOVICES

POINTS

1	Camp Hill Edwardians	48
2	Oldbury	40
3	Stourbridge	32
4	Brierley Hill	25
5	Kingsbury Aquarius	17
6	Heath Town	11

JUNIORS

1	Camp Hill Edwardians	41
2	Stourbridge	38
3	Brierley Hill	32
4	Oldbury	24
5	Heath Town	17
6	Kingsbury Aquarius	17

SENIORS

1	Camp Hill Edwardians	44
2	Stourbridge	38
3	Brierley Hill	31
4	Oldbury	24
5	Heath Town	19
6	Kingsbury Aquarius	17

## 9/9/89 Final-Div.2 Diddy League

C/Hill 191 Triple S 151 Melton Mowbray 144, Bedworth Otters 140, Oldbury 139, Handsworth 137

We went to Nuneaton with high hopes for this final having won the 3 rounds quite convincingly. The parade of the teams was the first part of the entertainment and although we did not get "the best turned out team award", our swimmers and officials all looked very smart.

Michelle Jennings got us off to a good start with a win in the first event but our results then became rather varied. After 6 events we were lying equal with 2 other teams on 23 points with 2 others leading on 24 points. This was not going to be an easy one! By event 12 (with only one more first place coming from Flora Lee) we were 3rd, 4 points behind the leaders. Had we been over optimistic about our chances?

Three swims in the next 6 races from Adrian Lee and our boys and girls 10yrs. medley teams, however, took us into the lead by 3 points. Things were looking better. By event 24 further wins (in the 10yrs. F/S teams) increased our lead to 13 points - momentum was gathering.

After event 29 following 4 consecutive wins from Jonathan Baker, Ben Darbyshire, Sharon Morris and our girls 8 x 1 relay, we had a lead of 27 points. Nearly there.

That 8 x 1 length was a race to remember:- Our lead-off, Clare Busby, stopped swimming thinking that the sounding of a hooter by an over enthusiastic spectator was a recall signal. Fortunately, she realised her mistake and chased after the others. We gradually worked our way through the field with a storming final length by Sharon placing us 1st. The guilty hooter tooter narrowly escaped a lynching from Messrs Page, Waldron and Watson and received a ticking off from the Announcer.

More wins from Jonathan and the boys 8 x 1 and 12 yrs. medley and with a lead of 30 points, we were in the home straight.

Jonathan won his 3rd event and victories in the boys 12 yrs. medley and the 8 x 1 Mixed, meant we had won by 40 points - GREAT STUFF - now we have to look towards Division I in 1990.

### The Team

Katherine Green, Michelle Wilson, Clare Busby, Laura Flynn, Joanne Potter, Flora Lee, Michelle Jennings, Adrienne Fall, Roberta Ganado, Cheryl Darcy, Natalie Seal, Tracey Collier, Laura Mandelberg, Sharon Morris, Gordon Lugsdin, Andrew Green, Mark Wickson, Nicholas Mandelberg, Tom Darbyshire, John Morris, Jonathan Baker, Dean Cross, Paul Groom, Mostyn Richards, David Tubbs, Adrian Lee, Ben Darbyshire, Raymond Watson and Tom Green.

Congratulations Team Staff - Ann Lee, Paul Morris, Jackie Jennings and Judy Green and especially to Ann for her painstaking overall organisation.

### 9/9/89

Leicester Penguins 192, Stourbridge 161, Orion 149, C/Hill 137 Chase 94.

An old pool with events over the (nowadays) unusual distance of 100 yards. Good results from our Seniors but hard work for the others although most were swimming "under age". We meet the 3 teams that beat us in the first round of the W.M.L. so must try to reverse this result.

16/9/89

Avon Neptunes "A" 226, Oldbury 212, C/Hill "A" 193, Avon "B" 137, C/Hill "B" 99, Oldbury "B" 76

Many swimmers were unavailable and I considered dropping out but Avon Neptunes were most anxious to hold the gala so we sent a somewhat depleted team. At least everyone had plenty of swims! Good times:- F/S, Mike Hoare 59.25, F/S Simon Delves 45.76 (Simon is improving and could do well in the future but he really needs to become more active in the club to gain full benefit) F/S Richard Tucker 22.63 (a good effort in his first club match), BK Lucy Tubbs 1.18.37, BK Stephen Terry 1.12.20 as well as an improving FLY swim of 1.11.25. (Regular training would really bring Stephen's times down). Other FLY times, Adrienne Fall 26.41, Jonathan Baker 23.93, Tracey Collier 53.82. This was quite a hazardous match with one of our team being shot in the buttock by the starter and others being close to the line of fire!

23/9/89

A very competitive and enjoyable Diddy Gala at Walsall. I did not note the result and have not as yet received the promised copy from Walsall, but Stockport Metro were comfortable winners with, I think, Stourbridge 2nd, Walsall 3rd, C/Hill 4th, Leicester Penguins 5th and Solihull 6th.

Good swims:- FLY Joanne Potter 58.45, Adrienne Fall 58.68, Laura Mandelberg 1.00.29 BK, and Adam Edwards 57.75 BR, Flora Lee 1.05.21 F/S, Sharon Morris 43.65.

Many good relays swims including an 18.51 from Meredyth Richards, who on that form really should be looking to break 1.10.00 for the 100m.

23, 24/9/89

Triple S Meet This was rather a lack lustre and poorly supported event but as always it provided opportunities for improvement which were taken.

Medals:- BR. 1st Tom Green, 3rd Adrian Lee 1.28.77 and 1.31.43 respectively. 1st Mike Hoare 1.12.6; 2nd Liz Green. F/S 1st Carla Flynn, 2nd Peter Groom and Adrian Lee.

1/10/89 Dudley Distance Meet

Our 8 competitors gave a good account of themselves. A very fit Joanne Seymour took 2 first places, 200 BR 2.44.09 (split 1.16.75), and 400 I.M. 5.11.27; Mike Hoare 200 BR, 2.36.63 (you must improve your turns - there is a 2 second gain for the taking) - still a P.B. and a good swim; 1st places in the 13yr group for Lydia Lee, 3.05.16 and Andrew Brown 2.55.29.

EVENTS - OCTOBER

7th Inter-Club Soundwell  
14th W.M.L. "A" & "B"  
15th Longboat Diddy Gala  
20th/22nd A.S.A. Masters-Bournemouth  
21/22nd Midlands District Short Course-Oxford  
21st Relay Gala-Haden Hill  
22nd Walsall Junior Meet  
29th Leeds Relays

A busy month - all teams are on the board - look for your name!

ADDITION TO FIXTURE LIST

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 12 Team Diddy Gala (10-13 yrs) Walsall