

SOME THOUGHTS ON ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING SESSIONS

I have always had a fairly relaxed approach to this subject but feel that there is need for a general "tidying up" if we are to make the most of our facilities and opportunities. For instance, on Monday II there are 14 or more swimmers in one of the lanes whereas on Tuesday I we have recently been averaging 8 swimmers in the whole pool. I also noticed, on studying the Wednesday I register, that there are several swimmers who do not attend regularly - Heidi has not commented on this but it cannot be good for the progress of the regulars when these "once a fortnights" appear.

We have an increasing number of members aged over 20 years, but very few boys 13-15 and girls 14-18 - a fact that obviously affects the numbers at our senior sessions.

ACTION I propose to monitor the groups till the end of the year by keeping an attendance register with a view to some re-organisation in January. Possibly one move will be to have one session (Saturday morning?) for those whose attendance figures reveal that they only want/can only manage one swim a week.

SOME HELP REQUIRED

Moseley Road, Thursdays 7.00 - 8.30. This session is very full and we really need another coach to take one of the lanes - any offers?

REGISTRATION

A.S.A. Registration now extends to include "Every club member who is 10 years of age or over in 1989 and who wishes to take part in the following areas of competition".

A.S.A. National Championships & Competitions
A.S.A District " "
County " "
Open Meets
Swimming Leagues

Registration runs from 1st April to 31st March each year.

This year's fee is £3.00. Next year's will be £4.00.

WARWICKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990

I understand that these will be on : Sunday 1st April
Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd April

Unusual dates but the only ones when the Coventry Pool was available.

MATCH REPORTS

7/10/89 Gloucester 159, Soundwell 131, C/Hill 108, Frome 67.

A delay of over an hour while a faulty coach was replaced seems to have affected the performance of many of the team with several sub standard swims and some "easing off" wins. Three disqualifications did not help and must have cost us around 15 points. Nevertheless, a P.B. of 1.11.78 from Michael Hoare (sub 70 secs. can't be far away) and good FLY swims from Martin Atkins, Amy Waterhouse 1.22.19 and Johnathan Baker 24.47, while Sharon Morris had another F/S win in 1.10.35. A mention too for our 13 year girls who with Lucy Tubbs covered both 13 and 15 year events. It is hard work "swimming up" an age but we shall need to do this for a few months and it does at least provide individual races.

WEST MIDLAND LEAGUE 14/10/89

Northampton 'A' 216, Leicester Penguins 194, Eckington 179, Orion 'A' 168, Stourbridge 154, C/Hill 'A' 139. There was no lack of effort from our swimmers but the opposition was, as expected, very strong. In fact, there were races when our representative swam a P.B., but could only finish 6th.

Good swims : Mostly BR. Andrew Brown 37.01; Bertie Ganado 44.76; Joseph Bunting (at last nudged under 80) 1.19.42 and MICHAEL HOARE just outside David Bevan's club record with an excellent 1.09.46. F/S Adam Edwards 34.64; BK. Heidi Perry 1.12.62 (still kicking herself over that third turn); FLY. Aaron Taylor 1.11.64. Good swims too from Alison Bees, visting us from Huddersfield, in both F/S and BR.

Oswestry Otters 243, Oakengates 213, Stratford 180, C/Hill 'B' 163, City of Derby 'B' 151, Bromsgrove 89.

Good swims : F/S Susan Humber 32.60; Simon Delves 32.10; Dave Edwards 57.21 (and I.M. 1.06.59); FLY. Dean Cross 46.66; BK. Richard Rivers 39.75.

Round II on 11th November

Our 'A' Team, at Halesowen, will hopefully be at full strength this time as we face another tough gala. All the other clubs are ahead of us after the first round but we should be looking for a 4th place this time. We did just qualify for bonus points being 18th out of 24 so need have no anxiety about relegation.

The 'B' Team is 19th out of 30 clubs. We have an easy draw at Cheslyn Hay and ought to win this one.

15/10/89 Longboat Trophy

Walsall 167, C/Hill 160, Halesowen 127, Wolverhampton 124.

A worthwhile match but what a pity that we had to give it away with 2 disqualifications costing us 12 points.

Good swims : F/S Richard Tucker 21.45; Michelle Jennings 22.49; Helen Mandelberg 49.82; Ben Darbyshire 44.63; Lydia Lee 1.07.27; Adam Edwards 49.27; Meredyth Richards 1.09.41; BR. Tom Green 57.34; Bertie Ganado 1.3.00; FLY. Tracy Collier 51.54; Jonathan Baker 52.81; Joanne Potter 25.04; BK. David Tubbs 58.71; Dean Cross 27.77.

21/10/89 Relay Gala Haden Hill

Brierley Hill 120, Orion and Haden Hill 109, C/Hill 72. Few wins here apart from our seniors with several swimmers being rested prior to the following day's Meet at Walsall but at least plenty of swims for everyone.

22/10/89 Walsall Junior Meet

Lots of P.B.'s here : Andrew Brown BR. 1.19.04, F/S 1.05.63; Lydia Lee F/S 1.06.46; Rhoda Flynn 1.11.48; Liz Green 1.13.35; Tracey Collier 1.15.83 and FLY 1.24.17; Jonathan Baker BR 28.72, FLY 23.43; Flora Lee BR 28.54 FLY 21.13; Adam Edwards BK 25.78, F/S 22.29, FLY 24.57; Michelle Jennings F/S 21.95; Dean Cross FLY 24.80; Joanne Potter 25.02.

Teams - 10 years 2nd places in F/S and Medley Relays - Adam Edwards, Jonathan Baker, Joanne Potter, Michelle Jennings

12 years 2nd in F/S Relay Adrian Lee, Ben Darbyshire, Sharon Morris. Tracy Collier.

Midland District Short Course Championships - Oxford 20th/22nd Oct.

Medley Team 5th Martin Atkins, Mike Hoare, Kevin Woodward, Peter Groom.

Three competitors swam individual events. Peter returned a sadder and wiser man - I'm sure he has learned a lot. Martin was placed 5th in the final of the FLY, 1.00.46 and Mike, although not making a final, turned in 2 very sound swims - 100M 1.10.72, 200M - 2.35.59 and placed well above his programme ranking.

Leeds Relay Gala 29/10/89

Leeds 'A' 294, Nova 222, Birmingham 220, Kirklees 209, Coventry 128, Leeds 'B' 128, Leicester 119, C/Hill 90.

4th places for our ladies in their 2 races and a 5th for our Men. The rest was hard work for our young team, but I thought they responded extremely well with a number of good "splits" - especially our 10 year boys who also swam the 11 year events.

This was our 15th year in this competition and I'm sure we'll be invited again in 1990.

FIXTURES NOVEMBER

Masters get your entries in for Milton Keynes Meet on 10th December. (Also the 15/19 and 20/24 Age Group)

November 5th Ladies League Gala - Cheslyn Hay

November 11th W.M.L. A & B

November 18th Leicester Knighton Fields 'B' Team

November 19th SUNDAY Walsall 10/13 years

November 25th Orion at Halesowen 10/12