

CAMP HILL NEWS

THOUGHTS ON OUR PROGRESS

The last six months have seen a considerable strengthening in the younger age groups of our teams, and a recruiting drive is underway to increase this still further. There remains two problem areas numerically - girls 12/13 years, boys 14/15 years - and you are urged to try to find new members for these groups.

Gala results are improving, but I would ask you again to study your fixture lists and to try to keep the dates free. I make an effort to get teams on the Board promptly, but all too often I am having to draw attention to the lists a week or a fortnight later. Surely, it is not too difficult to look at these lists, to note one's name, to check with parents and then to tick or cross. COMMUNICATION NEEDS TO BE TWO-WAY!

Training sessions are going well - there is still plenty of room on Saturday mornings, on the early morning sessions and on Sunday morning. Mowley Road on Thursdays is full and Muntz Street on Fridays, although the attendance is picking up, is still under-used.

BEST WISHES TO:

Chris Tainty - now resident at Monkton, near Ramsgate.
Dave Edwards - who has joined the ranks of the married men and who has also returned to the "A" Team.
Peter Badham - who has completed his year's sojourn in Australia and now moves to the reality of life at Southampton University.
Relief that Amanda Badaway returned from Kuwait safely.

COMPETITION REPORTS

1/2 September 1990 - Midland District Masters and 19-24 Competition
Nuneaton

The Camp Hill Precious Metal Detecting Team was out in force again this weekend. In spite of a number of absentees from the regular team, those present made up for it in quality. Our tally was 12 Gold, 8 Silver and 3 Bronze medals, and don't let anybody tell you it was because we were sitting next to the medals table!

Graham Short, not satisfied with being one of few in his age group, decided to win his events as well, and landed 4 Golds and 2 Silvers. Joanne Seymour (Miss) is evidently not content with her already bulging trophy cabinet and picked up 6 Gold medals. The other two firsts were for Heidi (at last turning up for a Masters swim) Perry in the 100m BK and the girls 4 x 50m F/S relay (Anne Bourne, Heidi Perry, Caroline Brown, Joanne Seymour [Miss]).

Once again, the relay teams performed well, with teams in three age groups for the men and two for the ladies. Several medals went to these teams, with Matthew Silverton (3rd 100m BR), Jo Swift (2nd 50m F/S) and Lido Badawy (3rd 50m BK) completing the individual haul.

All in all it was a good statement of the quality of the Camp Hill Masters squad, and with Cardiff and the G.B. Masters coming up in November, a good turnout there should show what a force we are.

Alan Cooper

8 September 1990 - Coventry Sprints (50m)

This event provides a useful "back to competition" gala following our summer lay-off, but this time, it was something of a lack lustre affair. The Club's name did feature well in the finals of the Girls' 13/14 F/S (Sharon Morris 4th, Lydia Lee 6th, Amy Waterhouse 8th) and the FLY (Amy 4th, Lydia and Rhoda Flynn = 6th), while Andrew Brown was 3rd in the BR and 6th in the F/S. Carla Flynn was 8th in the FLY and Sharon 5th in the BR.

8 September 1990 - Final Div. I Diddy League

Stafford Apex 191, Stourbridge 182, Walsall 165, Leic Penguins 124, Camp Hill Eds. 118, Haden Hill 117.

Through good team performances and confidence in themselves, our Diddy Team had won through to the Div. I final.

We knew the competition was going to be strong, so we went to Nuneaton to give a good account of ourselves and also to enjoy the occasion. After the parade of the participating teams (Camp Hill eventually plucking up courage to give a tentative wave to the spectators) the match started in earnest. After the first six events Stafford and Stourbridge were joint leaders with 29 points each, Camp Hill were in fifth place with 16 points and the going was tough. It was not until event 19 that we recorded our first win, this being our 9-year old girls in the F/S relay - congratulations to all four (Emma McElwee, Emma Hobbs, Georgina Lee, Lisa Darcy) in winning a relay trophy for their efforts. Event 21 saw Sally Millard win the girls 12/U breast in 55.09 - a good win and also a P.B.. Another good swim by Flora Lee took the girls 11/U breast, there were also good swims by all our relay teams, but two unfortunate disqualifications cost the club 4th place overall in the final. On reflection to finish 5th out of 61 teams in the whole Diddy League is no mean feat, so let us go forward to 1991 with real confidence.

Finally special thanks must go to our Ladies of the final - Mrs Green, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Potter and last but by no means least, Mrs Lee - whose hard work carried us through another hectic diddy season. Well done team!

S.W.

Our Team

Emma McElwee, Emma Hobbs, Lisa Darcy, Georgina Lee, Michelle Wilson, Kate Green, Laura Flynn, Caire Busby, Katrina Hebdon, Joanne Potter, Michelle Jennings, Flora Lee, Roberta Ganado, Sally Millard.

George Bunting, Andrew Rivers, Stephen Fall, Edward Bissenden, Ben Hobbs, Gordon Lugsdin, Nick Mandelberg, Andrew Green, Mark Nickson, Adam Edwards, Toby Casstles, Richard Tucker, Jonathan Baker, Paul Groom, David Tubbs.

15 September 1990 - Relay Gala - Stratford (33 1/3m)

Orion 167, Camp Hill 142, Cheltenham 126, Haden Hill 108, Stratford 80, Tutterworth 66.

A very well organised gala throughout which our Team, somewhat "thin" in 2 age groups, held 2nd place to old rivals Orion. No excuses, however, for the team that is there on the day has to strive for the results. Many good splits with Mike Hoare's 20 +'s on the B.R. most impressive.

16 September 1990 - "B" Grade Gala - Halesowen (36 2/3yd)

20 club members took part in this event at which the 10-year races were open and the others "B" grade. The top 6 in every event received awards.

Girls

10-year F/S Relay 1st (Kate Brooks, Natalie Smith, Kate Green, Michelle Wilson)

2-length BR Kate 1st, 1.03.33, Natalie 2nd 1.03.97

Boys

10 years F/S Ben Hobbs 3rd 50.64, BK 3rd 59.75.

11/12 years Dean Cross 1st F/S 1.19.10. Peter Bloomer 1.17.82 was too fast for the grading so he had to be content with a certificate and the P.B. Peter was 1st in the BR 1.39.32 and 3rd in the BK, 1.32.35

13/14 years Andre Sheppard, 2nd BR, 1.27.34, 4th F/S 1.11.44.

David Finnegan 3rd BR 1.27.74; Simon Delves 3rd F/S 1.09.67; Richard Rivers 3rd BK 1.20.16

There were other pleasing results - it was a pity that more of our less regular team members had not entered.

22 September 1990 - Walsall 10-13 years (36 2/3 yds)

Stourbridge 147, Salford 137, Camp Hill 114, Walsall 95

We covered the female events with four 10's three 11's one 12 and two 13's so everyone was kept busy (Michelle Jennings swam 3 ind. and 7 relays) Walsall were without most of their "A" team, whereas the remaining two clubs were at full strength.

Nevertheless, we had many good performances; Laura Flynn won the 2-lengths BK and FLY 1.00.57 and 59.78; Jamie Hamer BR 53.32; Neil Sharma FLY 50.65; Sally Millard BR 56.26; Natalie Smith F/S 50.72; Kate Green BR 1.04.56.

Other good times: F/S Jonathan Baker 45.31 Simon Delves 42.64 (but you must discipline that stroke, Simon); Richard Rivers; Michelle Jennings 45.37; BR Sharon Morris 53.55; Toby Casstles 1.00.80, waking up to improve on his last swim by 5 1/2 secs (no resting on laurels, Toby, now you must aim for a good 100 m) BK Ben Hobbs 58.27 (a P.B. but still bringing those knees out of the water); Richard Rivers 50.68.

We made good use of a spare lane: F/S Adam Edwards 45.52; Richard 42.58; BK Neil 56.47; BR Natalie 1.04.60.

29 September 1990 - Diddy Gala - Loughborough (25m)

Northampton 200, Camp Hill 174, Loughborough 145, Belper 123, Knighton 119, Derby Phoenix 94

This was a good result for the team that we sent - some of the good swims:

BR Flora Lee 43.20; Toby Casstles 43.94; Sally Millard 40.86
BK Adam Edwards 38.53
FLY Jo Potter 38.64; Neil Sharma 35.64
F/S George Bunting 44.08; Michelle Jennings 33.74; Adam 32.57;
Jonathan Baker 32.68; Lisa Darcy 41.65; but several would have been still faster with BETTER TURNS!

30 September 1990 - Dudley Distance Meet (36 2/3 yds)

Our 5 competitors came away with medals. 220 BR Sharon Morris 2.58.13 1st; Andrew Brown 2.49.41 2nd; Mike Hoare 2.34.36 1st; 220 FLY 14-years Rhoda Flynn 2.50.79 1st; Open Carla Flynn 2.42.57 1st.

EVENTS - OCTOBER

6th - Inter Club - Bristol
7th - Northants Masters - Corby
13th - W.M.L. "A" and "B" Teams
14th - Triple "S" Meet
20/21st - Midland Short Course - Ipswich
21st - "Longboat" Gala - Bilston
28th - Leeds Relays

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Many medals in the County Championships including Katie Long 13-year BR 1st 1.23.80, FLY 2nd - 1.13.90; Carol Brown 15-year BR 1st 1.23.90; Sarah Cheesbrough 16/17 FLY 1st 1.10.20
National Age Group: Finalists - David Beavan (2) Katie Long and 4 relay teams. We were placed 4 in the National League Final and won the Diddy League final.

Social highlight of the year was a visit to S.K. Horde club at Dortmund by a team of 15 swimmers.