

CAMP HILL NEWS

RECRUITMENT

Things are improving with regard to the number of 8-year boys, but we are still in need of more. We MUST get more 8-year (1990) girls - notices are available, if these could be passed on to junior school teachers and other organisations, Brownies, etc. ACTION PLEASE!

MEETS 1991

Entries for some of the early ones close in November and December. Details will be placed on the noticeboard. REMEMBER - WE TRAIN TO COMPETE!

SOCIAL

Following a very pleasant evening - Water Polo players and senior swimmers - recently on the "Black Country Real Ale Tour", I am asking Alan Cooper to organise a similar visit for the senior swimmers and parents/supporters - probably late February - watch the noticeboard.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1st December (aft.) Relays at Wolverhampton - 11/12, 13/14, Op. These are to fill out the programme at an international match. We then go on to:

Halesowen: 10, 12, 14, Open or to Stourport 11, 12, 14, 16

8th December - W.M.L. 'A' and 'B'

15th December - Oxford Meet

MATCH RESULTS

6 October 1990 - Soundwell (36 2/3 yd)

Gloucester 191, Camp Hill 177, Soundwell 130, Bristol Central 118, Backwell 89

The coach having been booked rather early, we took our time over the journey and included a 30 minute break at Michael Wood Service Centre. The gala was most efficiently organised and our swimmers, cheered on by our supporters, produced many fine swims. These included: F/S Jonathan Baker 20.65, Adam Edwards 21.10,; BK Adam 24.18, Katrina Hebden 26.14; FLY Neil Sharma 22.74, Jonathan 23.00, Joanne Potter 24.78. Good 100's by Mike Hoare, BR 1.10.36, Flora Lee 1.34.29, Heidi Perry BK 1.12.68 - enjoying her best season for a few years. Simon Delves showed the value of his increased training with a 1.07.21 F/S - there is a lot more there if he keeps on with the work.

13 October 1990 - W.M.L. Derby (33 1/3m)

Northampton 229, Lincoln Penta 216, Derby 178, Camp Hill 166, Nottingham Northern 158, Broadway 101.

This was a sound start to our league programme, with some of our regular 'point scorers' being unavailable. Being in 4th place for most of the gala, we did approach to within 7 points of Derby by event 48, but a disqualification and a poor performance in the last event saw us unable to close the gap. Many good swims: BK Adam Edwards 23.88; BR Sharon Morris 53.95, Lydia Lee 1.23.43, Jamie Hamer 52.95, Flora Lee 26.97, Mike Hoare 1.10.17; FLY Kate Corran 1.12.75 in her first swim for Camp Hill, Jo Potter 24.20; F/S Lydia 1.04.07; BK Heidi Perry 1.11.48.

W.M.L. - Bedworth (25m)

Coalville 214, Camp Hill 199, Leamington 190, Trenton Dolphins 170 Derby "B" 147, Worcester 128.

This was the "one that got away". Winning 5 of the first 6 races must have made us over confident. We held the lead until event 30, but were then unable to regain it on the relays with 2 disqualifications not helping very much.

Good swims by Raymond Watson FLY 34.79, Laura Flynn 41.68, Thomas Bissenden 44.39, Carla Flynn 1.13.05; F/S Debbie Bees 1.06.62, Kevin Woodward 57.44, Natalie Smith 36.42; BR Tom Green 39.46, Sally Millard 40.02; BK Andre Sheppard 1.20.51, Ben Hobbs 44.11.

14 October 1990 - Tripple 'S' Meet - Walsall (36 2/3 yd)

An unfortunate 'computer error' more than halved the number of our acceptances for the Meet, but, following a number of telephone calls, the situation was to some extent salvaged with the addition of several afternoon swims. Trophies were awarded to the first 3 in every event and we collected a number of them.

Mike Hoare BR 1st 1.09.80, F/S 2nd; Lydia Lee BR 2nd 1.23.65, F/S 2nd 1.04.98. FLY Jonathan Baker 2nd 1.22.13, Carla Flynn 3rd.

P.B.'s included BR Flora Lee 1.33.12, Michelle Jennings 1.38.91, Kate Green 1.41.33. F/S Michelle 1.15.69, Rhoda Flynn 1.09.42, Sally Jennings 1.11.61. BK Richard Rivers 1.19.54 and F/S 1.07.85. FLY Jo Potter 1.26.57, Raymond Watson 1.16.91.

Midland Short Course - Ipswich (25m) 20th/21st October

Michael Hoare's journey to Ipswich was well worthwhile, resulting in his lowering his club records in his 3 events and collecting 3 bronze medals.

50 BR 31.59
100 BR 1.08.03
200 BR 2.28.04

21 October 1990 - 'Longboat Gala' - Bilston (36 2/3 yd)

Camp Hill 177, Wolverhampton 173, Halesowen 148.

A number of P.B.'s in this relaxed (apart from some confusion when our supporters spotted recording errors) gala.

F/S Natalie Smith 22.91; BK Katrina Hebden 57.59; BR Kate Green 29.08; FLY Jo Potter 55.09, Tracey Collier 1.22.71.

28 October 1990 - Relay Gala Leeds (50m)

Leeds 'A' 296, Birmingham 289, Rotherham 188, Coventry 148, Bradford 145, Leeds 'B' 130, Leicester 110, Camp Hill 100.

The usual very tough afternoon, and, considering that we only had one swimmer 'on age' in 3 age groups, I thought that we did well, although it would have been good to have hung on to the 7th place that we were in with 4 races to go. Our best swims, as expected, came from our 11-year boys, 2nd and 4th; 10-year girls, 3rd; men 5th and 6th; women 4th and 4th. My thanks to those parents who by making special travel arrangements enabled us to turn out a full team.

3 November 1990 - Leicester (25m)

Leicester Penguins 217, Nottingham Northern 191, Orion 179, Camp Hill 160, Broadway 152, Corby 129.

Had it been a wise decision to accept this match, falling at the end of the school half-term and when our seniors were swimming or supporting at the G.B. Masters at Cardiff? One had doubts, but the fixture had been accepted months ago and it had to be honoured. In the end, our 4th place was reasonable and we had many good performances in the fast Leicester pool.

F/S Lydia Lee 1.03.79, Meredydd Richards 1.05.02; BR Andre Sheppard 1.25.09, Sally Millard 1.25.47, Jamie Hamer 1.23.91, Toby Casstles 44.60, Flora Lee 42.44; BK Richard Rivers 1.18.12; FLY Carla Flynn 1.12.36, Tracey Collier 1.19.27.

4 November 1990 - 'B' Grade Meet - Halesowen (36 2/3 yd)

We had 10 representatives at this Meet, and yet again, it has to be stressed that such events offer a good opportunity for those who do not compete regularly to improve their time, and for others to compete on their weaker strokes. There is little point in training 3 or more times weekly if you do not test your progress by competing. Good swims: F/S Jamie Hamer 1.07.22, Simon Delves 1.08.10, Andre Sheppard 1.09.32, Dean Cross 1.18.67, Sally Millard 1.18.00, Kesree Finnegan 1.22.82; BR Raymond Watson 1.29.68, Kesree 1.39.95; BK Peter Bloomer 1.30.55.

Ladies League Gala

This took place on the same day with some swimmers travelling between Halesowen and Cheslyn Hay. I understand that we were placed 4th and that there were lots of medals including those earned during the league season. Two swims stand out: Amy Waterhouse FLY 1.16.87, Tracey Collier 34.93.

Our thanks are due to Mrs Knight, who after a number of years managing our team, has decided to call it a day.

"Wrinkly" Report - Cardiff - G.B. Masters 2nd/3rd November (50m)

"Why can't they make these 50m pools shorter?" or words to that effect, was the heart-felt cry of most of our over 25's at the recent G.B. Masters event. A small group of 'has beens' and a large group of supporters made their way to Cardiff from the 4 corners of the globe (actually Huddersfield to Switzerland) for the annual Camp Hill 'get together', some to swim and all to be sociable. Equipped with our new Craig designed 'No Thain - No Gain' T-shirts, an intensively trained, serious competitive squad were out for the pub - no, out for honours at these annual Championships. The Team generally did very well, picking up a number of the top 3 places in both individual events and relays.

Our solitary 'lady' entrant (COME ON GIRLS!), Jo Seymour, managed 3 firsts, 50 and 100 BR and 100 F/S (in a creditable 1.03.02) and 2nds to Sharon Davis in 200 BR and 400 I.M.. We'll forgive you Jo - she'd obviously been doing a bit of training - well, she looked pretty fit as the majority of lads would probably agree - Cheers, Simon!

Friday afternoon saw Dave Edwards set a new record for the 30/34 years in the 400 F/S of 4.38.44 and he later swam useful times in 100 F/S 57.88 (2nd), 50 F/S 26.17 (1st). His 200m was almost a non-event with everyone on the blocks under starter's orders and our man tracksuited happily chatting to another 'wrinkly', probably about how fit Sharon Davis was looking? A crescendo of shouts and jeers managed to get Dave into the race and he took an embarrassed first place in his age group.

Friday also saw Trevor Clarke win the 35/39 years FLY in an excellent 1.03.23 - I know, I watched his feet while taking 3rd place in the next age group down. Trevor also won the 50 BK, 100 F/S, and 50 FLY and he and Andy Small earned our rapturous applause for completing the 200 FLY - we won't mention the times boys. Andy redeemed himself by taking gold in the 25/29 years 100 and 200 BK and 3rd in the 50 FLY.

Craig Norrey, running on a diet of Swiss cheese and Burton's bitter, notched up golds in 25/29 years 50 BK, 50 FLY, 100 F/S (56.89) and 2nd in 50 F/S (25.71). Simon 'Animal' Garside managed 2nd in the 50 F/S 30/34 years and 3rd in 100 F/S (59.65), and Alan Cooper was 3rd in the 50 BK.

Camp Hill has always been known for its relay teams in Masters, and we showed our real strength in the combined 100 years+ and 120 years+ with the Norrey brothers' clash in the backstroke leg of the medley team being the highlight. Craig will never live it down, losing to his baby brother Carl, who had not swum for 2 years and who was drafted into the 'B' Team at short notice without training, goggles or trunks - most of us thought he'd need water wings. However, 50 BK, admittedly only a few minutes after his strenuous 100 F/S and Carl's decisive first leg enabled the 'B' Team to beat the 'A' Team. Craig did get his revenge with the older group the following day, but Carl, getting progressively paler as the day wore on, did a respectable 27.3 in the F/S Team - remember, the only training he does is single arm pint pulling.

100 years+

Medley

'B' 2nd Carl, Alan, Paul, Andy 'A' 3rd Craig, Simon, Trevor, Dave
F/S

'A' 2nd Craig, Simon, Paul, Dave 'B' 3rd Alan, Andy Trevor, Matthew

120 years+

Medley 'A' 1st Craig, Simon, Paul, Dave 1.59.39

F/S 'A' 1st 1.44.12 These will stand as British Records.

Saturday night saw 28 Camp Hill associates out on the town for a pleasant meal and a few quiet drinks, and, having been rejected from several night clubs, back in some sort of order to the Royal Hotel for port and coffee or another pint of Burtons - all taking the latter option.

We had a tremendous time and our thanks to Alan Cooper and Jo Seymour for their time and efforts in co-ordinating this event - we are looking forward to the next one.

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10 November 1990 - W.M.L. Tamworth (25m)

Coventry 248, Camp Hill 195, Peterborough 192, Luton 160, Eckington 145, Redditch 107

I think this ranks as our best team performance of the year. Coventry were well clear, but we had a real struggle with old rivals Peterborough, with the final result depending on the last race. Many excellent swims - to mention just a few - ladies first: Jo Swift, FLY 1.09.93, and a really gutsy F/S swim 1.01.95 (I note in a 1977 Newsletter that Jo Swift took bronze medals in the County 11-year age group, FLY 1.29.9 and F/S 1.14.6) Heidi Perry, BK 1.10.80; Jo Seymour, BR 1.16.27. Other good BR swims: Sharon Morris 38.00; Lydia Lee 1.22.84; Mike Hoare 1.08.15 and Andrew Brown 1.14.97. A good FLY from Martin Atkins, 1.00.95, but was it necessary to alarm us all with those 2 false starts in the last event!

Our 2nd place qualifies us for the top gala in the 3rd round in December, when we will be up against a really strong line-up, but we have done extremely well to reach it. Many thanks to all who helped to run the gala so efficiently.

W.M.L. Nuneaton (36 yd)

Northampton 'B' 232, Nuneaton 204, Camp Hill 'B' 159, Stratford 154, Derby Phonix 153, Leamington 146.

A few good times: Sally Millard BR 56.70; Dean Cross F/S 22.51; Rhoda Flynn F/S 1.10.05; Laura Flynn FLY 59.90, but a reasonable result for our team weakened by several absences.

CAMP HILL 1978

Water Polo Marathon: approx. 200 people raised the roof of the pool with their applause, at a quarter past midnight on 27th March as our polo players set a new world record. They had started on Friday evening and eventually climbed out of the pool at 10.26 a.m. on Monday. This unique and well organised effort raised over £1,100 for club funds. A number of the participants still play in our team.

County Championships - many medals including the following first places:
11 years Sue Denny BR 1.32.9; Simon Mason BR 1.30.5; Georgina Brown F/S 1.13.6.

13 years Laura Barrett BK 1.15.50 FLY 1.12.6 F/S 1.06.4; Jo Seymour BR 1.21.2.

15 years Carol Brown BR 1.22.5 Paul Woodall F/S 1.00.4

In July a team of 12 went to the Darmstadt Meet, swimming a very heavy programme of events. We returned with 4 medals: Jo Seymour gold/silver in 100/200 BR; Graham Brookhouse bronze 200 BK Sue Denny bronze 11 year BR 1.32.4.

National Age Group at Coventry: she had been improving steadily and Jo Seymour hit the jackpot with a brilliant swim to win the 13 year BR in the excellent time of 1.18.25. Laura Barrett made 2 finals and was 6th in the 13 year BK (1.12.37). Our 11-year girls, including Debbie Fielding, were 3rd in the F/S Relay-average 34.0 and our 11-year boys including Ian Sanders, were 3rd in the Medley Relay.

Soon afterwards Jo and Laura swam for England in an age group international in Holland. Jo in the 100/200 BR and Laura 200 FLY and 400 I.M. (2.37.0 and 5.27.4).

David Beavan was 2nd in the Welsh Short Course BR (1.10.40) and (2.32.9) gaining himself an international swim in Denmark.

Camp Hill were 2nd in both W.M.L. and E.M.L. and 6th in the National Final.

We retained the Diddy League trophy, with 6-year old John Walker being our youngest team member.

The year was completed with our hosting S.K. Horde on their return visit.