

FINANCE

1. Club subscriptions will be collected in March - it is regretted that these will have to be increased, having remained at the existing rate for the past ten years.
2. Payable at the same time is the A.S.A. Registration fee. This has been fixed at £6.00 for 1991. Any swimmer, 10 years and over in 1991, who swims in leagues or Meets must pay this.
3. What will affect your pocket will be the increase in pool hire as from 1st April. This will necessitate a considerable increase in your 'swim' payment if we are to retain our present bookings.

Details of subscriptions and swim charge will be available soon.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUP COMPETITORS

Entries will be taken during the first week in March. Everyone who trains regularly should enter one or more events. You should study the schedule carefully, and I hope you will request any necessary time trials well before the closing date for entries.

COMPETITION REPORTS

12.1.1991 East Midland League

Lincoln (25m.)

Norwich Penguins 253, Perry Beeches 231, Derby 181, C/H 140, Norwich Swan 131, Lincoln Vulcans 113.

A reasonable result in a tough opening gala where we were missing a number of our senior swimmers. Notwithstanding, we had many encouraging swims in what was a fine team effort. BR. Mike O'Hoare, 1.08.19 - but he still needs to improve his finish; Jonathan Baker 1.33.12; Sally Millard 1.26.51; Kate Green 44.10; Heidi Perry 1.22.73 and she is going to get faster. BK. Ben Hobbs 42.33; Amy Waterhouse 1.20.79; Katrina Hebden 1.25.19. FLY. Raymond Watson 1.15.90; Jonathan 1.18.01 - a 3 secs. improvement. F/S. Andrew Brown 1.00.81 - now for a sub 60! Many good relay splits including Katie Brooks 34+.

Wellingborough (25m)

Northampton 'C' 235, C/Hill 207, Bromsgrove 206, Norwich Swan 'B' 145, Orion 'B' 137, Thetford 102.

This was an enjoyable and exciting gala. With a somewhat weakened team, we were pleasantly surprised, at the eleventh hour, to be strengthened by Steve Dunn who had missed the coach to Lincoln. Having good swims all round, plus several P.B.'s, by the time we came to the relays we were in 3rd place 8 points behind Bromsgrove. Excellent swims by our teams - good takeovers, no disqualifications - we were within one point of Bromsgrove with 2 races left. Superb swims by our senior teams with 2 wins enabled us to take 2nd place in the gala.

It was interesting to compare our times at the 2 galas, both over 25m., and to note our improving back-up strength.

P.B.'s F/S Michelle Wilson 38.8; Liz Green 1.10.64; Simon Delves 1.05.50; Jo Hutton 1.21.51. BR. Flora Lee 1.31.45; Paul Groom 1.35.95; Julia Cree 1.25.32; Jamie Hamer 1.21.51.

BK. Ruth Payne 46.76 in her first match; Simon 1.17.40; Peter Bloomer 1.27.97; FLY Tracey Collier 1.18.82; Neil Sharma 1.21.70. A good I.M., 1.04.29, by Steve Dunn and a blistering relay swim by Lido Badawy, thanks too to Ben Rous and Stephen Harris for turning out at extremely short notice to enable us to swim 11 yr. teams.

19.1.1991 Orion 12 Club Gala at Coventry (50m.)

Stourbridge 355, Walsall 330, Leicester Penguins 316, St. Ives 312, C/Hill 293, Coventry 270, Broadway 252, Haden Hill 241, Triple S 234, Orion 233, Lincoln 146.

I could not attend this event, but was delighted with the many fine swims - in 32 individual events we had at least 16 P.B.'s Medals awarded to the first three in all events.

1st place. Sally Millard, BR, Jonathan Baker, FLY, 12 yr. relay Jonathan, Toby Casstles, Adam Edwards, Neil Sharma.

2nd place. Edward Bissenden, FLY, Flora Lee & Kate Green, BR.

3rd place. Adam, BK, Laura Flynn, FLY, Lisa Darcy, F/S.

Some of the good swims : F/S Jo Potter 1.12.52; Adam 1.11.50; Katie Brooks 35.18 and a split of 34.78 - good swims on only 2 sessions per week. BR. Flora Lee 1.32.90; Sally 1.26.94; David Hutton 49.63. BK. Adam 1.20.76, getting closer to that sub 80; Peter Bloomer 1.27.79; Ruth Payne 44.47. FLY Edward 41.50; Laura 40.39; Wayne Poole 41.19; Neil 1.22.46; Jonathan 1.18.29.

Thanks to Hugh Darbyshire on tackling his first 50m race and well done Mark Pigot, 37.70 and Nicola Sheasby 41.63 - creditable performances.

20.1.1991 Dudley Meet. Halesowen (36²/3 yd.)

A tiring day and doubtless a number of our swimmers were a little jaded after the previous day's swims, but nevertheless, several rewarding swims. All finalists received medals.

1st That man Jonathan Baker, FLY 1.17.85, in his 6th race. MIDLAND QUALIFYING TIME, now he must aim for the National time.

12 yr F/S Team Jonathan, Dean Cross, Adam Edwards, Neil Sharma.

2nd Adam, BK. 1.21.55 MIDLAND QUALIFYING TIME

4th Jo Potter, F/S 1.11.06 MIDLAND QUALIFYING TIME. Neil, FLY, Jonathan, BK.

5th Richard Rivers, BK.

6th Richard, F/S 1.05.79, Sally Millard, BR; Jo, FLY.

Other good swims : Raymond Watson, FLY 1.14.18; Katrina Hebden, BK. 1.25.50; BR. Andre Sheppard 1.25.51; Michelle Jennings 1.35.20; Jo 1.36.20; Natalie Smith 1.39.61; Tracey Collier 1.32.45; F/S Sally-Jo Jennings 1.09.42; Lucy Tubbs 1.09.65.

2.2.1991 Nuneaton Diddy Meet (25m.)

Our few entrants on this busy day for the Club produced some good swims :
F/S Michelle Wilson 36.46; Jo Hutton 33.81; Kate Smith 37.75; BR. David Tubbs 44.54; FLY Kate 46.96; Dean Cross 40.59 - now he must build up stamina for the 100.

2.2.1991 Diddy Match - Haden Hill (25m.)

Haden Hill 189, C/Hill 167, Triple S 144, Orion 127, Stourport 89.

Our first 1991 gala on Diddy League ages provided a good chance to assess our strengths and weaknesses for the coming season. The 9 yr. girls looked good in winning both relays, but the boys were unable to match this and there is a great deal of work required in that region. Three disqualifications - two of them to the same offender - did not help our score, although they would not have altered the final result.

The list of P.B.'s makes good reading.

F/S Michelle Jennings - at last attacking her turns - 1.11.11; Jonathan Baker 1.09.61; Ben Hobbs 1.18.54; Katie Brooks 1.19.39.

BR. Kate Green 1.37.95; Flora Lee 1.30.81; Jonathan 1.32.05.

FLY Natalie Smith 1.38.90; Georgina Lee 44.53 and a win for Gemma Hindson, 22.71 in her first competition.

Our two best swims - both on FLY - Neil Sharma 1.18.76 and Jo Potter 1.21.51.

3.2.1991 S.A.L.S. Gala, Barnet (25m)

Norwich Penguins 297, Birmingham 295, Beckenham 274, Barnet 240, Reading 212, Orpington 195, C/Hill 170.

This was a solid performance in a contest with very strong clubs. Jo Seymour, with 2 seconds and a third, gained valuable points, FLY 1.06.78; BR 1.15.21; F/S 1.01.27. Other 2nd and 3rd placings : Flora Lee, BR. 1.31.12; Jonathan Baker, FLY 1.18.32; Mike Hoare, BR. 1.08.69; Jo Potter, F/S 1.10.62; Andrew Brown, BR. 1.14.81. Another P.B. FLY for Raymond Watson, 1.13.35 - now he must aim for the sub 70 secs. Sorry to learn about the lack of heating in the coach : I complained and received a £30 refund.

3.2. & 17.2.1991 Bilson Meet (Wolverhampton)

The number of our competitors was, for a variety of reasons, must depleted, However, a number of swims are worth recording.

Places

1st Mike Hoare 200 BR.

2nd Jonathan Baker, FLY 1.17.12; Jo Potter, 200 FLY

4th Flora Lee, 200 BR. 3.18.70; Raymond Watson 3.04.42

5th Jamie Hamer, 200 BR. 3.04.92; Raymond, FLY 1.12.70, yet another P.B.

6th Neil Sharma, FLY; Sally Millard, BR. - but she must aim to swim faster than her heat time in a final; Andre Sheppard, BR. 1.23.48, P.B.

8th Simon Delves, BK.

Also : F/S Katie Brooks 1.17.93; Wayne Poole 1.21.88; Adam Edwards, FLY 1.27.42; Georgina Lee, FLY 1.42.05

HADEN HILL MEET

A pity about the cancellation - I will return entry fees as soon as I get them.

E.M.L.

The second round has been cancelled and the galas on 9th March will settle the league positions.

CAMP HILL 1980

Another busy year with many matches and Meets. We finished 2nd in E.M.L. and W.M.L. and 5th in the National League Final. In the Midlands Short Course, Craig Norrey swam 54.81 F/S, Melanie Hayward 1.08 FLY and Jo Seymour took the BR. in 1.14.63.

Heidi Perry was 3rd and 4th in the 200 and 100 BK. at the National Age Group, 2.27.48, 1.08.91, and had a couple of trips abroad with the Welsh Squad. Four teams reached National Age Group Finals with the 14/15 girls placing 2nd in the Medley. Our team - Laura Barrett, Jo Seymour, Melanie Hayward and Jo Swift - were to win the 16/17 yrs. two years later.

Debbie Hadley won the Midlands 11 yr. F/S 1.09.8 and 'Robbo' swam 1.09.0 F/S & 1.18.8 BK. in the Coventry Diddy Meet - note those times current swimmers!

A disappointment in the Diddy League Final, finishing 4th after having qualified 1st. We were the top club in the Orion Meet and the Coventry Sprints. Trevor Clarke won our first Masters' medals - he is still winning, now 36 yrs. We hosted S.K. Horde for what was a social rather than a competitive weekend.