

TIME FOR A REST

We are about to have our annual break from training and competition, getting back into the water at the beginning of September. Some of you may feel that this is too long, but I am a great believer in a good lay-off at this time of the year. You will return to training in September and will find, that and the early competitions quite hard, but will soon get back into shape and will feel the benefit of the break. The School Pool is closed for major repairs from 18 July, in fact these have already commenced. They are scheduled to be finished by the end of August, and around that time, you should check on the re-opening date. Rather than have 200+ people telephoning me, I shall ask a few people to deal with queries from certain groups. I hope you have handed in your entries for the Coventry Sprint Meet and the Triple 'S' Meet closing dates in August.

FIXTURES SEPTEMBER

Saturday 5th - Coventry Sprints
Sunday 13th - Triple 'S' Meet
Saturday 19th - Stratford Relay Gala - 'B' Team
Saturday 26th - Avon Neptunes - 2 lanes

MATCH REPORTS

Chase Meet 24 - 25 May 1992 Cheslyn Hay (25m)

Several swims that are well worth reporting.

Jamie Hamer - BR 1.16.32 - 3rd; Fly 1.08.59 - 2nd;
IM 2.28.82 - 3rd
Raymond Weston - Fly 1.09.02, BR 1.18.37
Jo Potter - Fly 1.18.17, IM 1.19.26 - 3rd
Michelle Jennings - BR 1.26.18 - 2nd
Katie Smith - Fly 37.07

30th May 1992 - Stourport (25m)

Haden Hill 212, Stourport 158, Oldbury and Camp Hill 150,
Stourport 'B' 62

It was unfortunate that a number of our supporters were unable to gain admission to the Pool (maximum of 90 spectators permitted) and it became a case of looking through the windows or going to the pub next door. There were a number of good swims.

BK - Nadia Rahman 20.99; Laura Payne 22.25.
BR - Louise Morgan 25.65; David Hutton 46.03.
F/S - Natalie Smith 32.56; Ruth Payne 34.19; Wayne Poole 33.31;
Jade Finnegan 17.73.
Fly - Michelle Wilson 40.94; Gemma Hindson 18.66;
Jonathon Baker 33.69.

6th JUNE 1992 - THREE EVENTS

Diddy Gala - Leicester (25m)

Walsall 231, Peterborough 205, Leicester Penguins 195, Camp Hill 'B' 130, Leicester Knighton Fields 102, Market Harborough 101.

F/S - Joseph Huddleston 17.58; Mark Pigott 34.03.
Joseph Murray 20.50,
BR - Louise Morgan 22.83; Charlie Hutchings 21.84.
BK - Laura Hyde 22.10; Lucy Wood 39.20.

A slight improvement in our 9 year boys relays - only disqualified in one race!

Coventry 'B' Grade Meet (50m)

Our entries were all highly placed with some good long course efforts.

BK - Ruth Payne 41.45 - 3rd; Hannah Loftus 45.09.
BR - Hannah 1.43.12 - a 3 seconds PB;
Peter Bloomer 1.29.36 - 3rd
Fly - Peter 36.15 - 2nd; Dean Cross 36.37.
F/S - Peter 31.66 and 1.09.19; Clare McLaughlin 35.66;
Ruth Payne 1.16.74 - 3rd.

WHY DIDN'T YOU ENTER? So many could have benefited from this competition in a long course pool against others of similar ability. What is the point of training if you don't attempt to raise your standard?

Stratford Meet 33.5m)

As always this Meet provided some good results.

BR - Nicola Sheasby 1.06.56 - 3rd; Damien Freeman 1.00.41 - 2nd;
Kate Green 1.30.20 - 3rd; Mike Hoare 1.09.40 - 1st.
Fly - Mike 1.02.76 - 2nd; Pam Schofield 1.25.27;
Georgina Lee 1.29.27; Gemma Hindson 59.36 - 1st;
Jonathan Baker 1.14.68 - 3rd.
F/S - Gemma 48.65 - 1st; Ben Darbyshire 1.00.40 - 3rd;
Adam Edwards 1.05.75; Jonathan Baker 1.05.17;
Michelle Jennings 1.05.99, BK Kate Green 1.26.70 and
Gemma 59.88 - 2nd.

The Following Day - 7th June 1992 Haden Hill Meet, Wolverhampton (25m)

This turned out to be a high level Meet with competitors attracted from a wide area. Our best efforts came in the 200 m events.

F/S - Stephen Jones 2.19.82; Raymond Watson 2.20.56;
Jonathan Baker 2.22.30; Kesree Finnegan 2.31.25.
BR - Stephen 2.48.50; Sally Millard 3.04.26; Kesree 3.06.13.
Fly - Raymond Watson 2.31.56.
IM - Jo Potter 2.49.16.

Our best swims in the 100's came from Pam Schofield, BR 1.30.89; Ben Darbyshire producing his 2nd competitive swim of the weekend, F/S 1.00.30 and Jamie Hamer 1.00.89. Our F/S team, Jonathan, Adam, Stephen and David Tubbs were 4th in a respectable 1.57.80.

20/6/92 Diddy League Round III, Halesowen (36 yds)

Stourbridge 218, Camp Hill 174, Leic. Penguins 167, Broadway 132, Shrewsbury 129, Bedworth Otters 80.

The Club began this gala in a dangerous position, one place from relegation. However, with the prospect of Division Two too close for comfort, the team got down to some serious swimming and produced its best result of the League to finish second to Stourbridge. There were no disqualifications (not even from those 9 year old boys!!) and some excellent times were recorded.

Thanks to Lucy Wood for rushing to Halesowen from a tennis match and to Ian Potter who swam the first half although due elsewhere that evening.

All 4 twelve year girls produced PBs in their 2 length swims, 3 of them in winning times and all 4 swam one length PB's as well. BK - Kate Green 25.91/55.03; Pam Schofield Fly 22.85/55.37; Natalie Smith BR 28.23/58.34; Katie Brooks F/S 19.86/44.7. They were first and second in their relays, gaining 32 out of a possible 36 points.

The 10 year old girls did even better, winning 3 out of 4 individuals and both relays. Best swims, Nadia Rahman BK 8.67; Hannah Loftus BR 31.27 and F/S 23.64. Other good times: 9 years Laura Payne, BK 29.29; Leighton Smith F/S 26.77; Joseph Murray F/S 28.07. 10 years, Joseph Huddleston in his first Diddy Gala, F/S 24.81. 11 year old Georgina Lee Fly 24.14. Finally 10 year old Robert Delves found to his dismay that he was down to swim a length fly. After some misgivings he decided to risk it and did 30.26 which was over 1 second faster than any of our other boys had managed all season - keep it up Robert, the Club needs you.

All officials, helpers, changing-room supervisors etc, etc, deserve medals themselves! Galas could not function without them. VERY MANY THANKS to all of them.

20th/21st and 27th/28th - Midland District Championships, Coventry (50m)

We had 28 swims at District Level, 15 of them standard, 5 disappointing and 8 good. BR Stephen Jones 2.52.30; Sally Millard 3.04.32 and 1.25.83. F/S Lucy Tubbs 29.55; Adam Edwards 29.50; Michelle Jennings 30.60; BK Adam 1.15.20 and 34.51.

Altogether, 13 swimmers qualified for the Championships of the District which extends from Shropshire through North Staffs., Notts., Derbys., Leics., Lincs., Norfolk, Cambs., Beds., Oxford and Bucks., with ourselves in the centre. It is an achievement to qualify - let's aim at at least 20 representatives next year.

20/6/92 - Droitwich (25m)

Droitwich 100, Northgate 93, C/Hill 70

I must apologise for directing everyone to the wrong pool! Our team was really a 'C' team for this match with 2 small clubs, providing an opportunity for showing form.

BR - Jo Hutton 1.31.12; Mark Worrall 1.24.09;
Clare McCormack 46.54.
F/S - Philip Gregory 37.09; Simon Pentland 40.13;
Hugh Darbyshire 19.68.
BK - Claire McLaughlin 40.74; Peter Bloomer 1.21.81.
Fly - Tamar Watts 17.44.

27/6/92 - Hinckley (25m)

Hinckley 234, C/Hill 'B' 234, Wombourne 178, Trident 140,
Daventry 133.

An enjoyable and exciting gala, closely fought out between Hinckley and ourselves. Throughout most of the events there were no more than 2 or 3 points separating the two teams with equal points at the halfway mark. With one event to go we had a one point lead. The 16 x 1 Cannon proved to be extremely close, but despite a tremendous effort by all our swimmers we were just edged out by 0.10 secs. The final result was decided by the most first places, with Hinckley taking the trophy. Good swims: F/S David Tubbs 1.04.38; Ruth Fraser 38.24. BR Sally Millard 1.23.30; Damien Freeman 45.19. BK Russell Turner 36.48; Lisa Johnstone 1.25.48. Fly Tamar Watts 38.24; Raymond Watson 1.08.11.

4/7/92 Avon Neptune Trophy Gala - Stratford (33.5m)

Haden Hill 205, Witney 187, C/Hill 183, Neptune 182, Oswestry 139.

A well run gala with 2 trophies for every team and a good deal of loud support from Camp Hill fans in the gallery.

Notable swims included BR Sally Millard 1.23.93; Stephen Jones 1.19.50; Steve Dunn 1.18.93 (a 2 secs. improvement as requested by F.G.T.). Fly Jonathan Baker 1.14.63. Ben Darbyshire whimped his way through 100 fly as usual (1.11.08) but made an effort in the F/S 1.01.01 - when will he get his fly act together? Martin Atkins won the Open BK with a perfectly judged swim and narrowly failed to complete the double, losing the Fly by 0.5 seconds despite a valiant effort over the last length.

3rd/5th July 1992 Cardiff (50m) - Welsh National Championships

Our annual visit to this event was, as usual, very tiring but worthwhile. Our competitors in 9 of the events swam times that would have qualified them for the Midland Championships had they been produced earlier - still better late than never!

Our 12 year girls had a most succesful visit, repeating last year's 3rd place medals in the Juvenile F/S relay and taking 2nd place medals in the overall juvenile competition (3rd in 1991)

We had several PBs and improvement in many events since the Warks Championships.

BR - Jamie Hamer 1.18.22 and 35.53; Jo Potter 3.10.27 and 1.28.58; Kate Green 1.29.79 and 41.17; Natalie Smith 3.16.29, 1.31.45 and 41.15; Pamela Schorield 132.72.

F/S - Katie Brooks 1.11.76; Pam 1.12.99; Natalie 2.36.21.

Our 5 girls all swam 32's in the 50 F/S. Fly Jo 35.30 and 1.19.13.

Mike Hoare swam 'standard' swims, reaching 4 finals and maintaining his fly improvement with a 1.03.33.

Accommodation was at the Hayes Court Hotel where the day began with a good breakfast. Fellow residents were some of the several thousand Jehovah's Witnesses in Cardiff for their convention and the Scottish Age Group National Table Tennis Team. The latter were somewhat noisy at night and succeeded in breaking a window in the early hours of Sunday. This caused the hotel's rotweiler to go beserk in its pen for some time.

My thanks to Michael for driving the boys around Cardiff and to Sam for escorting the girls. I understand that he is now quite keen on Burger Bars, McDonalds, etc.!!