

May 1999

OFFICIALS

It is encouraging to see the number growing.

Timekeeper: Geoff Weedall, Hayley Bettinson, David Cass, Gary Heeley, Lynn Clark.

Judge: David Bourne, Dick Martin, Lawrence Vale.

We now have 14 Timekeepers, 6 Judges and 1 Starter, and are hoping to increase this total next year.

THE RECORD BREAKER

Congratulations to **Melanie Easter** for her many successes in the Blind Sports European Short Course Championships in Prague. Swimming Times, "Melanie Easter was having the Championships of her life, and recorded a world record virtually every time she dived in the pool. By the end of a busy three days Melanie had collected 6 gold medals, 5 of which were in world record times."

Not content with that in her next competition, the BBS Nationals at Mansfield she had 7 victories including another world best.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Polly Sheasby is anxious to complete the mammoth task of collecting these and the revamped A.S.A. fees. A list of defaulters is on the noticeboard. ACTION PLEASE!

A BRITISH RECORD

Well done our 120-159 yr. Men's Medley Team, **Hayden Wakeling, Norman Stephens, Kevin Woodward, Trevor Clark**, for breaking the British Record (1.54.08) for their event at Leamington.

1999 WARWICKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thirteen individuals won medals, compared with eleven last year, and thirteen teams were successful - one less than last year. The cost of the entries for the team events was £248.00.

TEAM RESULTS

<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>FREESTYLE</u>	<u>MEDLEY</u>
15/16	SILVER 1.59.60	SILVER 2.13.75
JUN.	SILVER 1.59.20	BRONZE 2.14.28
17/18	GOLD 1.54.09	GOLD 2.09.87
OPEN	GOLD 1.54.32	GOLD 2.08.48 & BRONZE 2.17.75
<u>MALE</u>		
11/12	GOLD 2.05.49	
13/14		BRONZE 2.15.92
17/18	GOLD 1.47.70	GOLD 2.03.01
OPEN		BRONZE 2.00.64

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
10/12 F/S BK FLY IM	T.Sheasby 2.52.39	T.Sheasby 1.07.02	T.Sheasby 1.21.75 T.Sheasby 1.19.82
13/14 F/S BR FLY IM	J.Sheasby 58.24 J.Sheasby 1.18.51 J.Sheasby 1.06.74 J.Sheasby 2.25.80		
15/16 F/S BK FLY BR IM	B.Howell 57.92 L.Lloyd-Roach 1.09.66 L.Lloyd-Roach 1.07.45 L.Lloyd-Roach 2.30.76	L.Lloyd-Roach 1.03.90	L.Sheasby 1.04.59 K.Hindson 1.23.50
17/18 F/S BK FLY BR IM	I.Potter 58.50 G.Lee 1.00.80 D.Haynes 1.06.47 I.Potter 1.03.46 G.Hindson 1.06.44 G.Hindson 2.30.82	G.Hindson 1.01.49 D.Haynes 1.06.69 N.Sheasby 1.10.96 N.Sheasby 1.19.81 I.Potter 2.24.74	G.Lee 1.20.35
OPEN 50 F/S 100 200 400 50 BK 100 200 50 FLY 100 200 200 50 BR 100 200 200 IM 400	G.Lee 27.94 G.Lee 59.84 D.Haynes 31.09 J.Baker 26.68 G.Lee 1.03.89 G.Hindson 2.25.31 I.Potter 2.17.13 G.Lee 2.27.66	N.Sheasby 28.03 N.Sheasby 1.01.50 G.Lee 2.29.14 G.Hindson 30.98 G.Hindson 1.06.44 L.Lloyd-Roach 2.31.11 N.Sheasby 36.35 N.Sheasby 1.19.91 J.Potter 2.49.79 K.Hindson 5.27.12	J.Sheasby 2.06.66 L.Lloyd-Roach 4.46.27 T.Clark 32.06 G.Lee 1.10.69 J.Potter 1.14.36 I.Potter 1.04.25

14.3.99 Rugby - 50m. Sprints Meet

I thought that this Meet might be too much for our young swimmers following on from three Saturdays of long course swimming, but the return to 25m. resulted in some very good times. The 9 yr. girls; **Emily Link, Sarah Thornton, Jodie Leresche & Hope Weaver**, set the standard with convincing wins in both their relays. Good efforts included: **BK: Alyson Wicklen 44.40, Andrew Vale 38.90, Aaron Sumner 43.75. FLY: Tim Sheasby 34.31, Michael Bourne 35.03, Carl Reed 32.16, Andrea Cass 46.58. F/S: Kerry Wyse 30.97. BR: Laura Heeley 41.43.**

20.3.99 Diddy Gala - Coseley (33¹/₃ m.)

This match, hosted by Halesowen followed the Junior League format, and winning it was gratifying as most of our regular 12 year olds were swimming elsewhere and several other team members were unavailable.

Hannah Freeman was in good form, **BK 27.72 & 58.60.** as was **Alyson Wicklen, F/S 22.89.** The 9 yr. girls won both their relays, and it was encouraging to see the continued improvement of the 9 yr. boys.

The team was generally well behaved, though it is unhelpful to have swimmers continually pestering for their events to be swapped round. There were no disqualifications.

A.L.

27.3.99 Avon Neptunes Trophy Gala - Stratford (33¹/₃ m.)

C/Hill 228, Avon Neptunes 205, Bedworth 183, Triple S 170, Stourbridge 146

As this was an inter-club gala (not an open competition or a league) the programme was allowed to include individual events for 9 yr. olds. They swam one length races as did the 10 yrs. with the 11's and 12's racing 2 lengths.

We had 18 first places, including 8 of the final 9 **F/S** relays. There were disqualifications, two for blatant flyers, and one unlucky one for arms not quite clearing the water at the end of 2 lengths butterfly. There were very many good swims of which these were the best:

1 length **BK: Andrea Cass 28.91; Kofi Osei 30.97. BR: Sarah Thornton 31.57. FLY: Jodie Leresche 27.31. F/S: Hope Weaver 23.70; Lydia Bell 23.30; Kirsty Rostill 25.48.**

2 lengths **BK: Clark Hands 60.71; BR: Emily Paterson 57.70; FLY: Ian Cooper 62.85; F/S: Matthew Green 52.13; Charlotte Parker 49.84.**

10.4.99 Round I Junior League - Walsall (36²/₃ yds.)

Solihull 267, C/Hill 159, Walsall 152, Newcastle 131, Nuneaton 127, Coalville 120

This was it - we were at Walsall for the first round of the league. The date meant that we were without some swimmers, but this probably applied equally to all of the teams. We were also without our leader, **Anne Lee**, but had, as usual, prepared our campaign meticulously and we were ready for the fray. It is so important to get a good result in round I, but after 12 events we were in 4th place. Were we going to have another season struggling to avoid relegation? The troops rallied, however, and by event 25 we were well behind Solihull, but 6 points clear of Walsall and Nuneaton and succeeded in holding our position for the rest of the gala. Team behaviour was good although the 'Can I get changed?' syndrome immediately after the questioner's race was as irritating

as ever. Everyone tried hard, with our best swims coming from **Laura Heeley**, FLY 50.91 and **Sam Baker**, BR 1.02.63.

11.4.99 Oswestry Meet - Wolverhampton (25 m.)

We had a lot of average swims at this Meet, but, as always, there were some encouraging results. FLY Ian Potter 1.03.89; **Trevor Clark** 1.05.34; **James Sumner** 1.07.18. F/S Justine Clark 1.12.67; **Michael Bourne** 1.10.43. BR Sophie Heeley 1.38.31. BK Carl Reed 1.15.97; **Michael Bourne** 1.20.21.

17.4.99 Hardwick Trophy Gala - Bridgnorth (25 m.)

This was the first time for several years that we had competed in this 4 lane deck-level pool. The parents found the spectators' gallery cramped and lacking in seats, but that did not dampen their enthusiastic support for what proved to be a winning team. The 9 yr. girls maintained their success story with maximum points from individual and relay events. The 9 yr. boys were not to be outdone, and also won all their races. It was encouraging to see young FLY swimmers **Jodie Leresche** and **Daniel Greaves** leaving the opposition trailing.

Other good swims included **Theodora Manassier**, FLY 42.20 and **Melita Bown**, F/S 41.36. **Sam Baker** took 3 secs. off his 50m. BR to record 44.92 and **Michael Christie** did even better, knocking 4 secs. off, 53.58.

A.L.

17th/18th. 4.99 Wolverhampton Meet

Gem Hinds was the 'Swimmer of the Meet' with several wins including 200 FLY, 2.22.09, 400 IM 5.05.73 and F/S 59.56. Other good swims: FLY Andrea Cass 45.07, **David Haynes** 1.05.36 - there is still hope - it's up to him. **Aaron Sumner**, F/S 36.87, **Hannah Freeman**, BK 1.27.68, **Ewan Martin**, 400 IM, 5.21.16 and good swims from **Ian Potter** included 200 FLY 2.16.79.

The same weekend - Coventry Junior Meet (50 m.)

Jonathan Sheasby and **Lucy Lloyd-Roach** were the most successful of our small group of entrants. **Jon** won the F/S, 58.30, and placed 2nd in the 200 m. 2.05.89, while **Lucy** was 2nd in the 200 FLY, 2.27.55.

24.4.99 Inter-Club Chase (Cheslyn Hay 25 m.)

C/Hill 285, Broadway 223, Chase 201, Fox Hollies 193

We accepted this match at short notice. All events were over 50 m., with the exception of some useful 25 m. races for the 9 yrs.

Good swims: F/S Alastair McKenzie 32.38, **Nicola Sheasby** 27.56 CLUB RECORD. BR Ian Potter 32.97, **Nicola** 35.81, **Ben Howell** 33.24, **Kerry Wyse** 38.86, **Andrew Weedall** 37.20.

FLY R.Baker 21.52, **James Sumner** 30.26.

Leeds Masters

Trevor made his annual visit to the Leeds Masters, returning with 2 Golds including 200 FLY, 2.45.74, one Silver, F/S 1.02.14, and a Bronze.

1st/2nd May '99 Midlands Long Course - Coventry

We had quite a mixed bag of results over the two days. **Jon Baker** won the 50 FLY after having to qualify for the final from the first heat (late card posting). **Gemma Hindson** swam a good 200 F/S 2.10.65 and placed 3rd and 4th respectively in the 100, 1.05.91, and the 200 FLY, 2.24.28. **Hayden Wakeling** actually swam 5 times, including F/S 56.48. It's difficult to comprehend how he refuses to race 50's although he is usually leading at that stage of 100 m. races. **Georgina Lee** was only present for two sessions. Tackling a heavy programme, she won the two FLY events and was 2nd and 3rd in hard working 800 and 400 F/S races in addition to the relay swims. Yet again our Women's team, **Lucy Lloyd-Roach, Nicola Sheasby, Gemma** and **Georgina**, sent us home happy with 2nd place in the F/S, 4.05.06 and 3rd in the Medley, 4.30.33 (long course best) a mere 0.36 secs. behind the winners. Thanks also to **Jo Potter** and **Leanne Sheasby** for turning out to provide cover for the relay heats.

Junior League - Round II - 8.5.99 Tudor Grange (33¹/₂ m.)

Solihull 202, C/Hill 156, Phoenix Youth 145, Cheadle 142, Rugby 129, Perry Beeches B 121

This was another good result for our Junior team, and should mean that we are well placed in the league table going into Round III. This will be swum on June 19th, so please make sure you are available for selection.

10 yr. olds **Alyson Wicklen** and **Kofi Osei** got us off to a good start, both coming second with p.b.'s for 1 length F/S. **Michael Christie** followed that with a 2 sec. p.b. for the BR, 31.86. **Michael Bourne** swam an excellent 2 length BK, coming first in 52.03, but found the going understandably harder in the FLY shortly after. **Timothy Sheasby**, trying hard and behaving well, won the BR, 57.47, came 2nd in the F/S and swam several good anchor legs, the best being 18.91. The 11 yr. boys worked hard, deputising for 12s in some races. **Sam Baker** managed a legal 2 length FLY after **Peter Knight** was disqualified for faulty FLY arms in the medley relay. Some stroke judges appear not to know the law very well. **Matthew Green** swam a good 2 length BK and managed a creditable 2 length F/S with his goggles full of water. Better turns would have improved both times. The 9 yr. girls continued their winning ways, with **Hope Weaver**, F/S 23.01, and **Natalie Griffiths** 24.90, both p.b.'s. **Richard Baker's** BR, 33.52, was a 2 sec. improvement.

A.L.

7th/9th May '99 Midlands Masters Championships - Leamington (25 m.)

While our 9/12 yrs. were doing well at Solihull, our Masters swimmers were in fine form at Leamington. **Hayden Wakeling**, at last persuaded to try this different, but no less keen aspect of our sport, came away with 9 individual golds (& 1 non-posted card!) in the 25/29 yr. group. Close to him, in the 45/49 yrs. was **Trevor Clark** with 8 golds while **Karen Reeve, Phil Baker, Norman Stephens, Claire Duffy, Kate Chase** and **Melanie Easter** (20/24 yrs.), also won medals.

In addition to our British Record in the Men's Medley, our 160-199 F/S team, **Trevor, Alan Cooper** and **Alex Knibbs** did well to beat Kenilworth by 0.11 of a second.

All of our 7 relay teams came away with medals including **Anne Bourne, Lynn Clark & Jackie Fraser** (but not as fast as **Ruth**). I hope I've mentioned everybody, and regret that we were unable to find a 4th swimmer for the second team - my thanks and apologies to those who had made themselves available. Many thanks to **Kate Chase** for coping with the organisation - anyone interested in:

Wolverhampton Masters 10th/11th July?

English Masters, Sheffield, 23rd/24th October?