



SPLASH! Newsletter of Worthing Swimming Club

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CHRISTMAS BREAK



The last Club session at the Aquarena will be Thursday 11th December (Fun Night). Club sessions at the Aquarena will recommence on Tuesday 6th January.



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CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

Four event records fell in this year's Championships with two going to Rachel Gilbert in the 11 years events, one to Fraser Gilbert for the boys 14 years 100m Breaststroke and one to Christine Pilcher for the 17 years 100m Freestyle.

For the girls, Karen Chan, Emily Moore, Rachel Gilbert, Daisy Todd, Madeisha Birdine, Zoe Yeandle, Jade Tate, Louise Gibb and Loiusa Eames all won their Freestyle and Butterfly events. And the boys, Kevin Chan, Ziggy Tate and Lawrence King all won

their Backstroke and Breaststroke events.

CLUB TRACKSUITS

These are available to order. Prices are according to size £35.00 for the child size and £45.00 for the older child/adult size. The price includes the Club badge, personal name and Club name on the back of the tracksuit. A £10 deposit is required.

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TOP COUNTY HONOUR FOR CLUB CHAIRMAN



Club Chairman and Secretary Peter McCallum has been selected as President elect of the Sussex County ASA for 2005. A panel of County Past Presidents unanimously nominated Peter at their meeting in September and was formally announced to the County Executive Committee, at their meeting on the 12th November. Peter will become Vice President of the County for 2004, at the County Annual Council Meeting

(ACM), to be held at Crawley on the 6th December, and will be installed as President at the County ACM in December 2004, which will be held in Worthing.

Peter will become the first President from Worthing since Les Parsons held the office in 1977. Previous post war Presidents from Worthing were Vera Pelling (1974), Marjorie Bowley (1970), Minnie Wingfield (1967), Les Bowley (1960), Wilfred Rees (1955) and George Wingfield (1947). 'I consider it to be a tremendous honour, not only for myself, but more importantly for the Club, especially when I look at the list of Past Presidents in recent years' said Peter.

The role of President includes attending all County meetings, visiting clubs, attending County events for all disciplines, accepting invitations to attend annual dinners hosted by the Presidents of the other counties in the Southern Counties ASA and hosting the Sussex County Dinner and Dance in Worthing.

Peter has been an active member of the Club since 1991 taking on the roles of Press Secretary, Club Captain and currently Secretary and Chairman. He was also elected President of the Club for a 2 year term in 1997 and 1998. Away from the Club, Peter is President and Life Member of

two other sporting organisations in Worthing and has experience of 32 continuous years of committee work.

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PLAIN DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday, 13th November, Worthing once again hosted the Sussex Plain diving competition. This proved to be very popular and was attended by the President of the Sussex Amateur Swimming Association. There were 41 entries and thanks go to the swimmers and water polo players for allowing us to intrude on their time. There were successes for Worthing. Emma O'Shea finished 3rd in the girls U/13 event and Samuel Milner-Smith finished 2nd with Sebastian Peninston-Bird finishing 3rd. in the boys U/13. Phillippa finished 1st in the girls U/17 event and 3rd in the Open event. Phillippa's sister Megan finished 6th in the U/17 event and 4th in the open. Fraser Gilbert finished 3rd in the boys U/17



Club President John Dommen with Alan Putland County ASA

President and members of the Worthing Squad.

This has been a busy time for divers at Worthing. Back in September 3 of our divers represented Sussex in the inter-counties competition, which was held at Crystal Palace, Polly Simon, Katie Hamilton and Charles Milner-Smith. Phillippa Warrington was also selected but could not attend. All dived really well with Polly finishing 4th in the Juniors and Katie was diving in the 5metre event, only the 4th time she had been off the board as Sussex have no 5metre platform.

The following week, the trials for the finals of the National English Schools event were held at Southampton. Polly for the 3rd year in a row won her age group and was once again the only diver to represent Division 12 that was not part of the Southampton Diving Academy team. The finals were held at Leeds on the 15th November and Polly did exceptionally well to finish in 5th place.

All our divers should be congratulated on all their achievements.

Hilary Wrighton

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FUN NIGHT & CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A variety of prizes will be available. For tickets, priced at £1

per strip, please see James Drage. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 9th December at 8pm.

Fun Night will take place on Thursday 11th December, please see club notice boards and website for further details.



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KINGSMILL SPORTS KIT PROMOTION

Kingsmill are running a promotion that will enable local sports clubs to get free equipment. If you are collecting any tokens please can you hand them in to Phil Hart.

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POST CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Club's annual Post Christmas dinner will take place at The Bull Inn, Goring on Saturday 3rd January 2004 at 7:30pm.

Please see Rowland Gibson or John Dommen for further details



CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTATION

The Club's Championship Presentation will take place at the GSK Club on Saturday 31st January at 7:30pm. Tickets priced at £1 for award winners and £2 for adults/non award winners will be on sale in the New Year. The price includes food and a disco. There will also be a raffle. Tickets available from the pay desk.

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FUNDRAISING



Hello – my name is Jade Tate. I am the fundraising organiser for the Club and I have a number of ideas to raise money, which will be split between St Barnabas/Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice and the Club. Some of my ideas are:-

- Weekly lottery bonus ball – Cost of £1 per number with a weekly £20 prize.
- Smartie challenge – Each child will receive a tube of smarties and in return they will be asked to bring it back filled with any mixture of 1p, 5p or 20p coins. They can

then take another tube and repeat the process. There will be a monthly prize for the child filling the tubes with the most amount of money.

- Colouring competition – For ages 8yrs and under, 8-11yrs and 12yrs and above. Design and colour a Christmas card or calendar. Prizes will be given for girls and boys in each age group. £1 entry.

We will be starting the smartie challenge immediately, with the first prize given at the end of January. Smarties will be available from the Club shop.

I will be coming around the balcony area of the Aquarena to ask people to support these activities. Please help me to help St Barnabas and your Club. Anyone, who would like to help or have any suggestions, please look for Carol Tate or me.

Many thanks.

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SWIMATHON 2004

The 6th annual Mayor's Charity Swimathon will take place on Saturday 13th March, between 5:00pm and 8:45pm.

Three charities are being supported. The main beneficiary will be St Barnabas Hospice, the other two are The Stray Cats Youth Centre and The Maybridge Community and Youth Development Project. Sponsor forms and information packs will be available in the New Year

For further details please see Rowland Gibson.

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DIARY FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Saturday 6th December, Open Meet, Havant & Waterlooville SC

Saturday 13th December, Speedo League – Round 3,

Sunday 14th December, Open Meet, Bognor Regis SC

Saturday 24th January, Puffin Junior Gala, Haywards Heath

Saturday 24th January, Championship Presentation, GSK Club.

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AND FINALLY!!!!

The Club would like to wish all its members a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2004

