



# SPLASH!

 Newsletter of Worthing Swimming Club

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Welcome back! The Club would like to wish all its members a Happy New Year for 2004.

## CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our first social occasion of the year was the Club Christmas Dinner, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January at The Bull Inn, Goring. 22 people sat down to a delicious 3-course meal. We would like to say a big thank you to John Dommen, the current Club President, who organized what proved to be a most enjoyable evening. John is hoping that more members will come next year. If you are interested please see John.



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## IAN LAKER

Just before the Christmas break we said farewell to Ian Laker who has left after 3 and a half years as

Chief Coach. The Club expressed their thanks by presenting him with a watch. The presentation was made after the Speedo League Gala at Bognor on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, at Macdonald's, Arundel, where the gala squad were treated to their annual meal to thank them for their efforts during the year.

## ALLAN TATE

Following the departure of Ian Laker, the Club are pleased to announce the appointment of Allan Tate as Chief Coach from the 1<sup>st</sup> January. Allan and his family are popular members of the Club and we wish him well with the appointment

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## ASSISTANT TEACHERS COURSE

The Club are looking for parents who would like to help on the poolside. We are planning to run an ASA Level 1 Teacher Course after the Easter Holidays. If you are interested in helping please see Peter McCallum. Full help and training will be given.

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## AQUARENA CLOSURE

As members are aware, Worthing Borough Council is currently considering various options for making savings in public services. A consultation questionnaire has

been sent out to 3000 residents asking whether they would be prepared to pay another 35p a week to maintain public services at their current level. Among various proposals being considered by WBC is the early closure of the Aquarena with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004. If the Aquarena is closed, it will not only mean the loss of another public amenity but it will also mean the end of Worthing Swimming Club's 114 year history.

The Club are actively involved in the campaign to save the Aquarena and urgently require members support. You can help the Club save the Aquarena from closure by supporting S.W.A.N. (Save Worthing Aquarena Now), writing to your MP and WBC, signing the petition and filling out the questionnaire stating that you are willing to pay another 35p per week in order to maintain all public services at their current level. A decision will be made by the council on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, when S.W.A.N. will be presenting the petition.

It's down to you!

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## SWIMATHON

The annual Mayor's Charity Swimathon will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March between 5:00pm and 8:45pm. This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> year running that this event has been held and since 1999 it has raised nearly £19,000.

With the Aquarena's future uncertain, it may be the last for some time. Everyone who takes part will receive a signed certificate from the Mayor and a medal.

For details please see Rowland Gibson. Sponsor forms should be available in early February.

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### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

There are still unclaimed prizes from the Christmas raffle. If you hold one of the following drawn tickets, nos: 8 and 136 green, nos: 24, 42, 141, 224 orange, please claim your prize from the Club Shop by 12<sup>th</sup> February.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

To Thomas Mendes, William Hunt, Matthew McClumpha who having qualified for the Sussex County Championships & Age Groups have moved from the width classes to lengths. Well done!

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### VIDEO RECORDING DURING CLUB SESSIONS

Please note that forthwith the Club intends to use the Club's video camera to record swimmers swimming actions. Recordings will be made ad hoc during training sessions and galas. This is for training purposes only. The camera will be operated by registered dry Club members, only as requested by the Chief Coach Allan Tate or Executive Committee member. The recordings will not be retained, copied or archived unless members/parents specifically

request a copy. This activity has been blanket registered in the Club ASA Video/Photography Logbook. Any parents/members who wish to video/photograph their own child during Club sessions **MUST** register this activity.

Members/Parents not wishing (their child) to be videoed and equally those wishing to be specifically monitored by the Club camera should contact either Alan Tate or Phil Hart.

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### ADVANCE PAYMENT FEES

Advance Payment Fees are due on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. All swimmers in the learner pool, Width classes and Lengths 1 and 2 should have received letters giving details. If you have not received a letter please ask at the Pay Desk.

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### EASTER DRAW



An Easter Draw will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 8:00pm. Tickets priced at £1 per strip of 5 tickets will go on sale on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. See James Drage

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### CLUB TRACKSUITS

Tracksuits are available for loan to all swimmers in the gala squad for a payment of £20, £10 of which will be refunded when returned (In a good condition). Alternatively swimmers can

purchase the tracksuits. See Club Shop for details.

### SMARTIES CHALLENGE

This has proved very successful, to-date £80.00 has been raised. The most amount of money raised by an individual so far is £17.15; the most number of tubes returned is 8.

The prizes will be presented on a Thursday evening in early February by someone from St Barnabas Hospice. Please see the Club notice board for details.

### CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February: County Long Distance Championships, Bognor.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, County Championships & Age Groups, Crawley.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February: County Championships & Age Groups, Horsham.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March: County Championships & Age Groups, Crawley.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Mayors Charity Swimathon, Worthing.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Sussex League, Worthing.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Sussex League, East Grinstead.

There are a number of Open Meets coming up in the next few months. These should be of particular interest to the swimmers in Lengths 1 and 2. Please see the Club notice board, website or Dave Yeandle for details.