



National Arena League B Final

We came, we saw and we swam our hearts out. Last Sunday morning saw the Beckenham A team and their band of militant supporters descend on Ponds Forge in Sheffield. We were there to battle for glory in the Arena League B Final. It was noisy, it was hot, it was a great atmosphere and a wonderful experience for all involved. We finished in 7th place, a great achievement. Congratulations to Michael Gunning who picked up the male 15 year-old swimmer of the meet award and well done to all of the swimmers, Tony, Di and Sarah the coaches, Tony, Kathy and Catherine our officials, the Gunnings for organising us and the barmy army in the stands.

The full results are on the website www.nationalswimmingleague.org.uk. Those that may be interested, a memento of the gala on DVD is available for sale via the website.

Training

The Gold Clinic to be held on June 2 at the Spa is full, but spaces are still available - though going fast - for the Bronze/Silver clinic on June 1 and for the Club/Platinum clinic on June 3. Anyone wanting further details or wishing to book a place should email Fiona on fionamgorman@aol.com.

We do not foresee major changes in the timetable this term: we will continue with land training at St Joseph's for Gold and Platinum on Thursdays, which seems to be going well and is proving popular. But we keep this under review according to changes at the school. The changes we have introduced there in our training timetable seem to have diminished the breathing difficulties that swimmers were experiencing.

Water Polo

Sean King has been selected in the GB team for the European A qualifiers to be held from 30th April to 2nd May in Oradea, Romania. They will be up against Romania, Russia and the Netherlands. Good Luck.

Good luck to the ladies team in the first round of the London League at Whitgift School on Sunday!

London Region Swimming Championships

The London Region Swimming Championships kick off this weekend with the Youth Championships at Crystal Palace, on Saturday and Sunday. Best of luck to all of you involved especially to those of you who are chasing national qualifying times.

Kent Primary Schools Finals

The Kent primary schools final took place on Saturday 24th April at Gillingham. Lucy Grant (Gold squad) and Henry Maxwell (Silver squad), both swimming for Balgowan Primary school reached the final for their event, with Lucy coming 2nd and Henry coming 5th in the 50m freestyle. Clodagh Kelsh (Silver squad) reached the 50 m Breaststroke final coming 5th for Bromley High School. Clodagh, along with Tamara Elliott (Silver squad) managed a great win in the Medley relay for Bromley High and Francesca Conroy (Silver squad) helped Oak lodge to a 2nd place in the freestyle relay ahead of the Bromley High girls in 3rd. Natasha Hainsworth (Gold squad) swam in the 50m fly, gaining 11th place overall. Those swimmers in the top 3 places are selected to swim for the Kent schools against Surrey on Friday 30th April, so good luck Lucy and the girls in the relays. Go Kent Go! Full results on the Kent schools website www.kssa.org.uk

Edenbridge Piranhas Relay Gala

This was a good turn out for Beckenham and out of five teams we came in a much deserved third place. All of our swimmers supported each other and there was a good team effort. Some of the older swimmers Emily McClymont and Regina Chrisholm supported and helped the younger swimmers at the shallow end of the pool. A big thank you to Cilla as team coach, David Spencer Boyce for judging and Lloyd Ockwell for timekeeping.

Beckenham Open

If you have any unwanted (small) items at home that we can use for our Tombola at the Open meet, please give them to Linda Deane (Gold/ Top) asap. Thank you.

We are still looking for help. Please email the organiser Patricia Ogunfeibo at Patricia@EmployeeLawyers.co.uk and be part of the team!

A warm welcome to our new members

Following a trial on Saturday 17th April, 23 swimmers have accepted their place in several of our squads. We wish you all a warm welcome and a happy and successful time as a member of Beckenham Swimming Club. Thank you to the Coaches, Di Manley and Susie Goold, for helping the trial run smoothly at the end of a hot spring day!

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place on Wednesday 9th June at 7.30pm in the bar at The Spa.

Nominations for election of members to any office or for the membership of the Management Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder to the Secretary not later than 11th May. The nominee shall be required to indicate in writing on the nomination form his willingness to stand for election.

Notice of any resolution proposed to be moved at the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Secretary not later than 11th May.

The Secretary, Kathy Hook, can be contacted at 32 Oakwood Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 6PJ or on kathy.hook@beckenhamswimmingclub.com

Website

Don't forget that the Club website is a wonderful way of keeping up to date with what is happening. The address is: www.beckenhamswimmingclub.com.

Please send news and comments to Kathy Hook on kathy.hook@beckenhamswimmingclub.com