

BECKENHAM SWIMMING CLUB: WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 30th JULY

CLUB MATTERS

Membership Renewals – update

Jackie Elliott, our Membership Secretary has thanked those members who have renewed their membership. Just a reminder for those who have not done this already, but you **must e mail Jackie** jcelliot@btinternet.com **to confirm or change the details** the Club holds for you on the squad membership form which was sent to all members via e mail. This e mail **confirms that you wish to renew your membership.**

Payment of club and ASA membership needs to be paid by **13th August** either by cheque or direct with your bank. Please let Jackie or Jenny Knight jenny.knight@beckenhamswimmingclub.com know if you have paid this direct with your bank.

If you do not intend to renew your/your child's membership, please let Jackie know ASAP as we need to get squad registers ready for the 1st September and Jackie would like to enjoy the August break!

Club Championships 2010

Entry forms have now been sent by e mail. The form is also on the website. <http://www.beckenhamswimmingclub.com/Fixtures.html>

Club Champs are for all swimmers in Blue squad and above and swimmers are expected to enter as they are a great chance to get experience in competition.

Entry forms need to be back by **13th September**. If you unsure what events to enter, please check with your coach.

Beckenham Rising Stars Meet

The Club will be holding its popular Rising Stars Meet on Saturday 27 November 2010 at Trinity School Shirley Park Croydon. Details of the Meet will be on the website soon. At this stage please could all swimmers and parents put this date down in their diaries as we will need a lot of parental volunteer help particularly on the day to deal with such things as ticket sales, raffles etc., as well expecting a large representation of swimmers from the Club.

Reminder about Cheques....

The Club's Bank is insisting that they will only accept cheques in favour of the Club with the Club's full name on it. Consequently please would parents write all cheques in favour of the Club to **"Beckenham Swimming Club"** and not "BSC" or "Beckenham SC" in case the bank rejects them.

Officials

If you are interested in officiating please contact John Handley on john@hamo6055.plus.com. We hope to run training courses in the autumn. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered!

"Our Club"

"Our Club" is the Club's bi-monthly newsletter edited by Hilary Moore. There will be a bumper issue in September. Swimmers please send in your articles about swimming and in particular any galas you may have swum in since May. Articles can be as short or as long as you like. Also there is a competition for the best photograph (in the opinion of the Editor) of members in Beckenham apparel on their holidays. So remember to take your teabags or polo shirts on holiday and get snapping. Not only will the best

photos be in the next Edition of Our Club but there will be a prize for the winner. Hilary can be e-mailed on john@hamo6055.plus.com.

Hilary is very grateful for recent contributions all of which will be included in the September issue. The closing date for contributions for the September issue is **Wednesday 8th September**

Frequently Asked questions

We intend to answer periodically in the weekly newsletter some of those questions you might want to ask particularly if you are new to the Club or competitive swimming such "as what is a PB?" or "what do Licensed Meets mean" – so if you do have any questions please email me on john@hamo6055.plus.com and we will try and answer them.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The ASA Youth National Championships start on Tuesday 3rd August and run until Saturday 7th. This is for boys between the ages of 15 and 18 and Girls between 14 and 17. The Meet takes place at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. As with the Age Group Championships merely reaching these Championships is a major achievement for any swimmer as the qualifying times are very stiff. This year we are represented by Michael Gunning in the Boys' events and by Rachel Bull, Fearn Cook, Olivia Handley, Steffi King, Georgia Phillips, Sophie Simpson, Lauren Walton and Rebecca Walton in the Girls'. Steph Denny also qualified but is unfortunately unable to take part due to illness. In addition the Club has qualified in the Girls' 4 X 100m and 4 X 200m freestyle relays. We wish them all the very best of luck next week. Live results can found on the British Swimming Website although the link is not yet available.

GALA NEWS

RESULTS

ASA NATIONAL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results can be found on the British Swimming website - <http://www.swimmingresults.org/archives/swimming/results/2010/NAG10/index.htm>. Congratulations to the swimmers on their terrific performances on the first two days of completion. In the 13 Years 100m Backstroke Archie Mitchell finished 11th (and was first reserve for the final) and Kunmi Ogunfeibo was a very creditable 15th. Luke Gunning (12) made the finals in both the events he has so far swum finishing an excellent 4th in the 200m Butterfly and 9th in the 100m Freestyle. The 4 X 100m Boys relay team finished 25th out of the 30 entrants.

HASLEMERE OPEN MEET

The results for this Meet are now on Haslemere Swimming Club's website <http://www.haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk/files/hscopenmeets/Summer%20Meet%20Results%202010.pdf>. Well done to all the swimmers at what is usually (and was no doubt again this year) a well run and fun meet for many swimmers to finish their competitive season.

THIS WEEK'S GALAS

As previously mentioned the ASA National Age Group Championships conclude on Sunday and the ASA National Youth Championships start on Tuesday 3rd August as do the Welsh ASA Summer National Championships in Swansea.

Please let us know if you or your child/ren have entered a Gala and we can try and publish a link to the results after the Gala

UPCOMING GALAS

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| 3 August – 7 August | ASA National Youth Championships (Ponds Forge Sheffield) |
| 3 August – 8 August | Welsh ASA Summer National Championships |

18 August – 21 August	British National Championships
2 September – 5 September	UK School Games (Sunderland Aquatics Centre)
4 September	White Horse League (Venue to be confirmed)
11 September	Kent Junior League (Beckenham Spa)
11 September	Kent ASA and South East Region Open Water (Portsmouth) for entry details see the Kent ASA website http://www.kcasa.org.uk/OpenWater/OpenWaterIndex.htm – closing date for entry 20 August 2010
18 September	Brighton Sprints (Level 3 Meet at Prince Regent Centre Brighton) - the date for return of entries through the Club has now passed
25/26 September	Maxwell Open (Level 3 Meet at Aquavale Aylesbury) this is not a Meet in respect of which the Club is making an entry so there will be no Coach
29 September	Club Championships Meet 1 (Beckenham Spa)
2 October	White Horse League (Eltham Centre)
3 October	Crawley Long Course Opportunity Meet (Level 3 Meet at K2 Crawley) - the date for return of entries through the Club has now passed

Queries regarding entries to Open Meets (only) should be directed to our Gala Secretary Sarah McClymont

Details of these galas and other forthcoming galas can be viewed on the fixtures page of the Club's website.

OTHER SWIMMING AND SPORTING RELATED MATTERS

ENGLISH SCHOOLS SWIMMING ASSOCIATION: INTER DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Trials for Selection for this Competition, which is held in late October, take place in September.

Swimmers who go to schools in London (this is limited to Inner London Boroughs such as Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham, and Greenwich) should go to the Division 9 website for information: <http://www.essa-schoolswimming.com/div9.htm>. The closing date for entry is 6th September.

Swimmers who go to a Surrey or Kent school (this includes outer London Boroughs such as Bexley, Bromley, Croydon and Sutton) should go to the Div 11 website <http://www.essa-schoolswimming.com/div11.htm>. The closing date for entry is 13th September

REMEMBER –

Please do continue to view the website as it is regularly updated at www.beckenhamswimmingclub.com and pass on any questions, feedback or requests for information that might be useful to David Grant our webmaster at david.grant@talk21.com

Please send news and comments to John Handley on john@hamo6055.plus.com. The deadline for inclusion in the weekly newsletter is Midnight on the preceding Wednesday.

IN VIEW OF THE HOLIDAY PERIOD THIS MAY BE THE LAST WEEKLY NEWSLETTER UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER BUT PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE MEANTIME AS THERE MAY BE FURTHER UPDATES BEFORE THEN.