

## **BECKENHAM SWIMMING CLUB: WEEKLY UPDATE: FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2010**

### **PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF TRAINING CANCELLATIONS DUE TO THE INCLEMENT WEATHER**

#### **CLUB MATTERS**

#### **Beckenham Rising Stars Meet – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Many thanks to Claire Ockwell for running an excellent meet last Saturday. This was Claire's first attempt at promoting a meet and despite the weather conditions inside the pool (rather than outside) did a great job more than ably mentored by Patricia Ogunfeibo. Also many thanks to all the officials and helpers with particular thanks to referee Diane Gamble who despite not having any swimmers at the Meet helped us all day. Without her, the meet certainly would not run as smoothly. Also a big thank you to all the swimmers and the spectators for coping with conditions which were far from ideal but unfortunately completely outside our control. For the results please see the Results Section below.

Claire our Promoter has also has me to put the following in the Newsletter

*"I would like to take this opportunity to send my gratitude to all the volunteers, that helped to make my first gala that I promoted, run as smoothly as it did. Without your help this meet would not have been possible.*

*Thank you to John, who organised the officials and timekeepers.*

*Lastly, a huge thank you to Patricia, who guided me from the outset through to the end."*

#### **Christmas Presentation Disco – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Email Invitations to the Presentation Disco have been sent out by the Squad Reps but in case you haven't seen it here it is

*Beckenham Swimming Club invites you to The BSC Presentation Disco on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at The Beckenham Rugby Club Balmoral Avenue, BR3 3RD*

*Doors -7pm, Trophies- 7.45 pm Finish -11pm*

*There will be a Pay Bar and Buffet*

*Entry is strictly by ticket only, (there is no charge) please could you indicate to your Squad Rep the number of tickets your family requires by 27<sup>th</sup> November .We will then distribute the Tickets at training during the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> December.*

*We hope people will bring a dish for the buffet table, a list of suggestions will be circulated via email and at training. Please could you indicate what you might like to bring so we don't end up with too much of the same thing.*

*It would be greatly appreciated if a few dads could put themselves forward to do a short shift on the door through the evening .We would also be grateful for a hand clearing up at the end of the evening, last time this happened very swiftly as a good number of people helped out.*

*Finally this is a great opportunity to get together as a Club for some well-earned Festive Cheer and to celebrate the achievements of the last year.*

## **Starts and Turn Clinics for Silver and Gold Squads - 22/23 December**

Following the success of clinics earlier in the year, Tony has agreed to run two starts and turns clinics, one for Silver and one for Gold. The cost is £10 per swimmer. The Silver clinic is on December 22 from 8am-10am at the Spa; the Gold clinic is on December 23 from 8am-10am at the Spa. Anyone wishing to sign up for either clinic should contact Fiona Pearson direct on 07885 442258 to book a place. They are going fast and each clinic is limited to 20 places

## **Beckenham International Meet 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

The Club holds its annual Level 1 Open Meet at Crystal Palace in early May. This is the Club's major fundraiser and next year we are going international. We anticipate entertaining a swim team from Sweden at the Meet. We will need parents to help us out both before and on the day – as they say many hands make light work. We will also need raffle prizes so please put this date in your diaries and all offers of help and of prizes to Patricia Ogunfeibo please..

## **Publicity**

We would like to increase awareness of the Club throughout Bromley and the surrounding Boroughs through placing articles on the Club and its swimmers' achievements in newspapers etc. We should be grateful if any of you could supply details of what free papers are distributed in your area such as the News Shopper. Please respond to Hilary Moore email [john@hamo6055.plus.com](mailto:john@hamo6055.plus.com)

## **Officials**

If you are interested in officiating please contact John Handley on [john@hamo6055.plus.com](mailto:john@hamo6055.plus.com). Many thanks to those who have already volunteered! John now has forms for those want to officiate to complete so please contact him (if he does not see you at training).

## **GALAS**

### **RESULTS**

#### **Beckenham Swimming Club Rising Stars Open Meet**

Despite the sub-Arctic Conditions on poolside our swimmers competed exceptionally well in all the races with many podium finishes as listed below (with apologies for any omissions) and numerous top 6 places and PBs

9 year Boys Joseph Kibblewhite 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Backstroke:

10/11 Boys Edward Langley 1<sup>st</sup> 100m IM and 50m Breaststroke 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Backstroke; Freddie Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Backstroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m IM; Kie Ren Lau 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Breaststroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Freestyle

12/13 Boys Oliver Kent 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Butterfly; James Gillie 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Backstroke; 14/15 Boys Jack MacDonald 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Butterfly.

9 year Girls Kate Grant 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Freestyle, 100m IM and 50m Freestyle 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly; Katja Biggs 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Butterfly 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Freestyle, 100m IM and 50m Freestyle; Isobel MacPherson 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Breaststroke; Faith Ockwell 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Backstroke; Sophia Grammatikopoulos 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Freestyle.

10/11 Girls Sophie Lewis Ward 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Backstroke and 100m IM; Lucy Grant 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Breaststroke 100m Breaststroke and 100m IM 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Backstroke; Tamara-Elise Elliott 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Backstroke 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle and 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m IM; Natasha Hainsworth 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle; April Ockwell 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Breaststroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Breaststroke; Ruby Waters 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Butterfly.

12/13 Girls Erin O'Hara 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Butterfly 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle; Zoe Pope 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m IM Open Erin O'Hara 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle and 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Butterfly; Sophie Lewis 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Butterfly

Well done all swimmers

## **THIS WEEK'S GALAS**

Good luck to all the Club's swimmers competing in one of three Meets this weekend. The largest contingent will be at the Northampton Swimming Club Winter Festival Open Meet at Corby East Midlands International Pool on Friday Saturday and Sunday. We have another half dozen entered in the Thanet Open Meet at Kingsmead Pool Canterbury on Saturday and Sunday and finally we have entrants in the Greenwich Borough Championships on Saturday at the Eltham Centre.

## **UPCOMING GALAS**

3/4/5 December	Northampton Swimming Club Winter Festival Open Meet (Level 1 Meet at Corby East Midlands International Pool)
4 December	Greenwich Borough Swimming Championships (Eltham Centre)
4/5 December	Thanet Swimming Club Winter 200 Open (Kingsmead Pool Canterbury)
11 December	Arena League Round 3 (A Team at K2 Crawley B Team at Trinity School Croydon)
13 December	Beckenham Swimming Club Championships Session 5 (Beckenham Spa)
18 December	Guildford City Swimming Club Long Distance Open Meet (Levels 1 and 3 at Surrey Sports Park Guildford)
18/19 December	<b>Hillingdon Swimming Club Winter Open Meet (Level 1 at Hillingdon Sports &amp; Leisure Complex)</b>
<b>2011</b>	
<b>7/8/9 January</b>	<b>City of Canterbury &amp; Dover Lifeguards Icebreaker Open Meet (Level 3 at Kingsmead Canterbury)</b>
<b>15/16 January</b>	<b>Burns Open Meet (Level 1 at Ponds Forge Sheffield)</b>
<b>15/16 January</b>	<b>The Tom Handley Twenty Seventh Age Group Meet (Level 2 at Prince Regent Centre Brighton)</b>

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.

## **MASTERS**

### **Calling all parents**

Why leave it to just your children to get fit. Why not come along to the Masters session on a Monday evening from 9.00pm – 10.00pm. We have 6 lanes graduated from slowest to fastest, so there are no excuses! Phone or e-mail Peter Sutherland (the Masters secretary) if you want more information. Details are on the website. [http://www.beckenhamswimmingclub.com/Masters\\_Swim.html](http://www.beckenhamswimmingclub.com/Masters_Swim.html)

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**“At the Rising Stars Meet there were timing pads and an electronic scoreboard operating - why did the times on the Scoreboard not always agree with the times given in the results.”**

Where electronic timing (Automated Operating Equipment in the parlance of the Swimming rulebook or colloquially known as “AOE”) is being used at a Meet the official time given to each swimmer will be the time recorded by the AOE provided the AOE is operating properly. The primary AOE system automatically starts the clock the moment the starting signal is given. There is no need for any of the timekeepers to push anything connected with the AOE at that point (other than start their own manual stopwatches). The primary system clock is stopped on each lane the moment the swimmer in that lane touches the timing pad. However not all systems are infallible and sometimes there is a malfunction in the pad or the system or some other reason which means that the primary system has not recorded a time – most often with young swimmers it is because they have barely touched the timing pad although there is no need to hit it particularly hard as one sometimes sees swimmers do. In case of the primary AOE does not record a time the timekeepers press a button connected to the AOE which records a “back up” electronic time as well stopping their stopwatches the moment the swimmer touches the wall..

If things are working well both the primary and back up times are recorded and the referee receives a print out after each heat showing the positions of the swimmers in that heat and their primary and back up electronic times recorded. Usually the referee will only query the times on the sheet if they disagree with placings recorded by the finish judges and the referee or if there is a significant difference between the primary and back up times. In that case the referee will ask the Chief timekeeper to find out the manual time recorded by the timekeeper on the relevant lane. The referee may or may not adjust the official time recorded by the swimmer to take account of the placings recorded by judges or of the back up or manual times. Sometimes the timekeeper will mention a significant difference between the time on the scoreboard and the manual time he has recorded and again the referee may look into this and adjust the official time.

### **REMEMBER –**

Please do continue to view the website as it is regularly updated at [www.beckenhamswimmingclub.com](http://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](mailto:david.grant@talk21.com)

Please send news and comments to John Handley on [john@hamo6055.plus.com](http://john@hamo6055.plus.com). The deadline for inclusion in the weekly newsletter is Midnight on the preceding Wednesday.