



Bromsgrove Swimming Club

Welcome to our Feb/March Newsletter, please read it through as there is some important information.

Dolphin Centre Closure:

Thanks to everyone for bearing with us with the changes to the coaching programme made necessary by the Dolphin Centre Closure. Most sessions are working well. The Sunday senior session at Hewell Road Pool (Redditch) 7.30 to 8.30pm is popular with those that attend but certainly has spare capacity for any other seniors interested in extra training.

We are told that the Dolphin Centre will reopen on March 19th. Please watch the notice boards and website for up to date details.

Web Site/School pool closure:

The club's web site www.bromsgroveswimming.org is a vital link to the club and we try to post as much information on it as possible. The recent short notice closure of Bromsgrove School pool was highlighted on there. We were only notified on the day and although we tried to phone around most of the swimmers, it is a lengthy process and inevitably some were missed out – apologies for anyone who made a wasted journey on Thursday 31st Jan or Tuesday 5th Feb.

Committee Volunteers:

Most of you will be aware that BSC is a club run entirely by volunteers, and your committee put in a lot of hard work behind the scenes to ensure that the club runs smoothly. Like all clubs however, we can always use the skills of a larger number of people to help. As children move on, there is a steady turnover of committee members, volunteers and helpers, who are always difficult to replace. We would be very keen to hear from any parent, particularly of one of the younger swimmers, who could spare the second Monday evening each month to come to committee, plus some time and effort between meetings to help organise and run the club for the benefit of all. Please approach any committee member, any time, on poolside, or approach one of the coaches if you are not sure who we are, and offer your services. You don't have to take on a formal title, we don't bite, and the more of us there are, the less there is for each individual to do! Come along to the forthcoming AGM, to be advertised on the website and held at the Dolphin Centre. We even have fun sometimes!

Polite Request:

Please could we request that parents and swimmers do not turn up to Bromsgrove School sessions before

6.30pm on Tuesdays, as it conflicts with the school's recreational swimming session and school staff have commented that they do not like spectators at this time.

Pool Safety:

The club voluntarily employs lifeguards at the school pool for the safety of the swimmers. At a fun session before Christmas the lifeguard on duty was pushed into the pool. A fun session, by its nature, is more likely to have an incident requiring the services of a lifeguard than a normal training session and we do not want a repeat of this.

County Championships:

We have a total of 131 entries into the forthcoming county championships. This is a great number for a club of our size and we wish all our swimmers well in their events.

Fundraising:

Any fund-raising geniuses out there? Or even just a good idea the club could use to raise some money to keep the subs as low as possible? Please let a committee member or coach know, or better still come along to committee and tell us yourself!

Website:

Our website must be the envy of swimming clubs the world over (www.bromsgroveswimming.org). Everything you could need to know about the club is there, team selection, constitution, records, gala details and so on. You can also opt for e-mail notification any time the website is changed, which avoids the need to remember to check for important changes.

Presentation Evening:

Thanks to everyone who came to the presentation evening. The committee thought that the event went well and that the venue was very good. Thanks to everyone who attended and of course congratulations to all the trophy, medal, pennant and certificate winners.

A huge thank you to Alan Baker and DIRECT KITCHEN SALES for sponsoring the evening.

If you have any comments about the evening please make them to any of the committee members.