



Bromsgrove Swimming Club

Welcome to our May Newsletter, please read it through as there is some important information this time.

Sponsorship

The club are very pleased to announce that we have been sponsored this year by - GH Design Ltd, Chase Norton Construction Ltd, Thomas Vale Construction Ltd, J Turner & Associates and Ascon Industrial Roofing Ltd.

County Championships

Well done to all those who swam in the counties, as a club we did very well, with a tally of 12 gold (including a junior county champion), 15 silver, 11 bronze and a further 16 top six placings. Very well done to everyone, as a result of these superb performances we now have 5 swimmers in the county development squad this year.

Worcester Winter League

Although we finished 6th in the final gala, we made it into the top final and had some very tough opposition. Well done to all who took part.

Nuneaton and District Junior League Round 1

Well done to all who took part, we came a very creditable third place. The next round is here in Bromsgrove on 12th May, so we need plenty of support on the night.

Ross Junior League

The junior team had a long journey to Oxford for this gala, but made the most of it by gaining 3rd place on the night.

Nuneaton and Bedford Friendly Gala

A second team travelled to Nuneaton on the 26th May. With the junior squad at the Ross Gala, many of our younger swimmers were represented the club here for the first time and did very well against much more experienced swimmers from the other (larger) clubs. Well done!

AGM

This years AGM will be on Monday 18th June 2007 in the old café area of the Dolphin Centre at 7:00pm. At this meeting we will be voting on the new club constitution as well as voting on the new committee, and you will see from the article below that some new faces are required. Remember that the club only runs because of the people who volunteer to help on the committee, at galas and with fundraising.

Committee Posts

The club is run by a small committee of volunteers. To safeguard the future of the club additional helpers are required and we would urge as many parents as possible to consider becoming involved.

In addition, several of the current committee are to step down at the AGM including the President, Secretary and Treasurer. We need to replace these as a matter of urgency. No specialist skills are required for any of these posts, merely a willingness to help the club – although knowledge of basic bookkeeping would be beneficial for the new Treasurer.

If you are interested please feel free to approach any committee member to find out more.

Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Checks

Under ASA regulations anyone setting foot on the pool side has to be CRB checked. This even includes parents standing on poolside to talk to their child or their child's coach.

As a Swim 21 accredited club, Bromsgrove has decided that to help comply with this regulation, it will work towards obtaining a CRB check for one parent/guardian of all swimmers under the age of 16. This is a free process which requires you to provide certain forms of ID (bank statements are NOT required). We will begin this process as soon as practical, starting with parents of competitive swimmers.

It is an obligation of the club that helpers are provided at county galas. This task has previously fallen to CRB checked committee members and a few willing parents. We need more parents to put themselves forward for such duties and also to help out from time to time at time trials, home galas etc. With a few more willing helpers we can ensure the efficient running of all such events.

Fundraising

There are two bag pack weekends coming up. The first on the 26th/27th May at Morrisons. The club is in desperate need of funds to buy equipment to help the coaches and to help with the general running costs of the club which have this year increased to a level above fee income received. We will be there from 10am – 2pm, so make sure that you are there to help during those 4 hours.

Also to raise funds for both Otto's challenge and for the club, we have decided to hold a sponsored swim (I bet you didn't see that coming) on Wednesday 27th June at the Dolphin Centre. We are aiming to "Swim the channel" in one evening, with the whole club getting involved. The distance works out at 1,382 lengths of the Dolphin Centre, with the swimmers swimming in a series of relays. Plenty of diving practice!

More information on Otto's challenge is on www.ottoschallenge.co.uk

Shoes on Poolside

We have a general rule about people wearing shoes on poolside. No-one should have shoes on poolside, while this only applied inside; some concern has been expressed by a parent watching children wearing 'heelie' shoes (the shoes with wheels in). The wet floor in the changing rooms and even outside the building may be slippery and we wouldn't want any of the children to slip.