



REDDITCH SWIMMING CLUB



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Diary dates

July

- 10 - Mercian League Rnd 3
- 17 - Gavin Tipper Memorial Gala
- 24 - Morrisons Bag Pack

September

- 4 - Diddy Gala (8-11 yrs)
- 11 - Division 1, Diddy League Final
- 18 - Profab Shield Gala (11-14 yrs)
- 19 - WCSA Junior Sprint Meet

October

- 3 - WCSA Senior Sprint Meet
- 9 - National League Round 1 (9-open)
- 16 - RSC Girls Gala (9-open)

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PGL FINALS

The PGL league was a new competition for 2010. After 4 rounds, we qualified for the final and the team travelled to Gloucester on 12th June. What a result! The team returned victorious winning by 24 points over the 2nd placed team. We did not score points for 6 speeding ticket swims. Callum Yearby (9 yr) 25m back, Leah Daines (10 yr) 25m back, Anant Kapoor (11 yr) 25m back, Samantha Lindsay (13/14 yrs) 50m fly, Boys (12 yr) medley relay and Mixed (9 yrs) medley relay, all swam unbelievably quick and received speeding tickets! A total of 8 individual 1st places from Rosie Potter (9 yr) 25m free, Talia Mitchell (10 yrs) 25m free, Lucy Potter (11 yr) 25m fly, Jack Harding (12 yr) 25m back, Stefan Kalik (12 yr) 25m fly, Alice Fish (12 yr) 25m fly, Taylor Hartley (13/14 yr) 50m breast, Ricky Monk (13/14 yr) 50m free. 5 relay 1st

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REDDITCH SWIMMING CLUB CLUB NEWS

Dear Members

Welcome to the new Redditch Swimming Club monthly newsletter.

This newsletter aims to provide a regular forum of achievements, forthcoming galas and fundraising events to parents and swimmers of the club. June has been a busy month for the club with many exceptional performances both individually and as a team.

We kicked the month off with the Midland District Championships held at Coventry on the weekends of 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th June. We had a total of 11 qualifiers, 5 more than 2009. Top 10 finishes were achieved by Will Moss (10 yr) 100m back, Caitlin Britt (11yr) 100m & 200m breast, Braiden Hartles (12 yr) 100m fly, Poppy McGourlay (10 yr) 100m free, Lucy Corden (13 yr) 100m back. PB's from Caitlin Britt, Braiden Hartles, Poppy McGourlay, Will Moss and Franca Phillips. Congratulations to all our swimmers who took part.

places and a total of 23 PB's. A fantastic result for the club and the winner's shield is proudly on display for the next 12 months.

STRATFORD SHARKS GIRLS GALA

Our young ladies travelled to Stratford for the annual girls' gala on 19th June. We had to field a strong team to be in contention against Stourbridge, Nuneaton, Stratford and Leamington Spa. We fought hard and finished a credible 2nd behind a very strong Stourbridge team. Our 11 year olds, made a clean sweep in the individual events - a fantastic result - well done Abbie Humphreys, Caitlin Britt and Franca Phillips. We also retained the mixed aged breaststroke relay trophy. We took a total of 10 individual 1st places and 3 relay 1st places. Well done girls.

THREE COUNTIES INVITATION GALA, STAFFORD

Five of our star swimmers were selected to represent Worcestershire in the Three Counties Gala recently. Well done Will Moss, Poppy McGourlay, Lucy Corden, Millie Tompkin and Sophie Bridgman.

DIDDY LEAGUE ROUND 3

Redditch hosted the final round of the Nuneaton & District Diddy League on 26th June at Worcester. Only promoted this year to Division 1, we faced a monumental task against Halesowen, placed 2nd in the league after 2 rounds. All the swimmers were fired up and not to be outdone, a vocal group of RSC spectators took the roof off. The whole team raised their game and Redditch took an early lead with some truly brilliant swims.

DIDDY LEAGUE ROUND 3 continued

Our very young swimmers shone with Daniel Noke and Tyler Hartles having to 'swim up' a year as 10 year olds with Will Moss and Adam Beaumont in the Medley relay, the boys achieved a stunning 1st place. In the equivalent age group freestyle relay, Tyler and Tom Page swam up a year with Adam and Will, finishing in an impressive 3rd place. Our 9 and 10 year old girls, took double victories in the freestyle and medley relays; Laura Coward, Rosie Potter, Sally Monk, Rebecca Winn (9 years) and Megan Moss, Madeleine Hargreaves, Laura Cowley and Poppy McGourlay (10 years). In total we took 5 individual 1st places - Daniel Noke (9 yr) 25m back, Rebecca Winn (9 yr) 25m breaststroke, Poppy McGourlay (10 yr) 25m fly, Oliver Thomson (11 yr) 50m back and Jake Rowland (12 yr) 50m fly, 6 relay 1st places - Sally Monk, Laura Coward, Rosie Potter and Rebecca Winn (9 yrs) medley and freestyle; Ed Stone, Tyler Hartles, Tom Page and Daniel Noke (9 yrs) freestyle; Will Moss, Adam Beaumont, Daniel Noke, Tyler Hartles (10 yrs) medley; Laura Cowley, Megan Moss, Poppy McGourlay and Madeleine Hargreaves (10 yrs) medley and freestyle. We also recorded a remarkable 23 2nd places in the individuals and relays. 16 PB's were recorded.

After 28 events, we had a lead of 15 points, but Halesowen fought back to within 5 points after 42 events. Once again, like the first round against Nuneaton, there was one point between the clubs at the start of the last event, the cannon. We gave it our best shot, but Halesowen were just too strong for us, taking maximum points and leaving the teams level-pegging at 243 points in equal 1st place. The result was better than we could have ever expected and gave Halesowen a wake-up call that Redditch mean business. Well done to the whole team, parents for their support and the organizers/helpers who made the gala memorable.

On a lighter note, how do the kids' find the energy to run around at the Foxlydate Arms afterwards, having swam their hearts out; and earlier in the day taken part in the time trials at KES? The spectators were all extremely hot and emotionally drained!

MERCIAN LEAGUE ROUND 2, 12 JUNE

Unfortunately after much regret, the decision was taken to withdraw from this round due to the clash with the PGL final, Midland Districts and other factors (well at least there are no more distractions from the England football team!)

WCSA COUNTY RELAY GALA

Another exciting event for RSC, we were only able to enter 20 of the 26 available events due to lack of swimmers in certain age groups. Our men's open 200m medley relay (Dan Ruckwood, Billy Bott, Paul Wilkes, James Green) and girls' 9/10 yrs medley (Laura Cowley, Megan Moss, Poppy McGourlay and Madeleine Hargreaves) took gold. Both teams came close to the County Championship best performances in their respective events. It was a sweet victory for the girls as earlier in the day, they had been unluckily disqualified for a 'flyer' in the freestyle relay that only the judge had seen. The girls' had snatched 1st place from Halesowen in the last few metres, only to learn they had been deprived of their gold medals. In the masters section for ages 125+ years, we took four golds and two silvers. Some of the oldies did not want to be outdone by their minors and had squeezed into their new jammers and kneeskins in an attempt to shave off a few tenths of their PBs.

Welcome back Isobel Griffiths and Katie Fish after a spell out of the water on medical grounds. It's great to see you both back in the water again.



Morrisons bag pack Saturday 24th July 2010

This forthcoming fundraising event always produces fantastic results. On the last bag pack, we achieved an amazing £652.11 towards club funds.

Let's see if we can smash that figure!

Come on, let's help support and promote the club. If you can spare an hour or two on 24th July, please see Sonia Britt, Sandra Hartles or Liz Tompkin for further details.

TRAINING TIME CHANGE

Please note from Sunday 4th July 2010, Sunday training at Hewell Road will change to 12.00-13.00 for Development & Junior Comp and 13.00-14.00 for Seniors.

KES SUMMER CLOSURE

Last session at KES will be 17 July & re-open 4 September

CONGRATULATIONS

Caitlin Britt, Isobel Griffiths, Will Moss, Millie Tompkin, Braiden Harltes, Lucy Corden and Sophie Bridgman have been selected to attend a series of Worcester County Development Camps in the Autumn.

Do you have any old swimming kit thrown in the back of your cupboard - fins, club t-shirts, costumes etc that are too small? Advertise them here for sale. Please no ads for 'naughty children for sale'.

If you have any views, features/submissions you think should be included in next month's newsletter, please email Jane Winn at info@stevewinnautocare.co.uk by Monday 26th July 2010.