



REDDITCH SWIMMING CLUB



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DIARY DATES

January 2011

8 - RSC Diddy Gala (9-12)
9 - Crystal Open Meet, Wolverhampton
15 - Leamington Relay Gala (9-12)
15 - Winter League Rnd 1
23 - WCSA Development Day
29 - Nuneaton Junior A Gala (9-11)
29 - Ross PGL Rnd 1 (9-14)

February 2011

5 - RSC Diddy B Gala (9-12)
12 - Nuneaton Harvey Novice Gala (8-12)
19 - Winter League Rnd 2
20 - WCSA County Champs (800m)
26 - Stratford Sharks Junior Gala (9-12)
27 - WCSA County Champs (1500m)

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NATIONAL ARENA LEAGUE RND 2

After a fantastic result in Round 1, the Olympic pool at Coventry beckoned for round 2 of the National League. Against tough competition from the home team, Coventry B, and Birmingham-based Boldmere B, RSC produced a sensational result winning by 16 clear points. This result placed us in 2nd spot in Division 2 after the first 2 rounds. Once again County qualifying times were achieved in 28 out of the 34 individual races - a truly remarkable result. We had a number of 1st places, these included the 10/11 yrs girls' taking a clean sweep (Caitin Britt 50m back & 50m breast, Issy Griffiths 50m fly and Poppy McGourlay 50m free). Other winners were Braiden Hartles 13 yrs 100m back, Adam Watson 13 yrs 100m fly, Lucy Corden 15 yrs 100m back, Sophie Bridgman 15 yrs & Open 100m fly, Dan Ruckwood Open 100m back & 100m free, Paul Wilkes Open 100m breast & 100m fly, Laura Cranshaw Open 100m breast & 200m IM.

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REDDITCH SWIMMING CLUB CLUB NEWS

Dear Members

As 2010 draws to a close, this newsletter covers events covered during November 2010. Once again it was another busy month and provided a number of PB's, County qualifying times along with some early Midland District qualifying times.

The month kicked off with our Trophy Gala at Droitwich. It was another chance to gain some County times and a total of 15 swims were within the required standard. We were up against very strong opposition from Stourbridge who took the trophy with a 14 point margin.

Daniel Noke (9 yrs 25m back), Tom Page (9 yrs 25m breast), Poppy McGourlay (11/u 50m free), Ollie Thomson (12/u 50m back) and Millie Tompkin (12/u 50m breast) were our individual winners. We picked up great points in the relays with seven 1st places, nine 2nd places and three 3rd places - 3rd being our lowest position in the relays. A total of 24 PBs were recorded as well.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RND 2 Continued

Our winning individual 10/11 yrs girls' were joined by Olga Hall in the relays and they proved they are a force to be reckoned with, storming to 1st place in both the freestyle and medley events. Not to be outdone by the younger girls, the boys' 13/u team of Adam Watson, Braiden Hartles, Ricky Monk and Zac Gill won both relays. Further relay wins came in the 10/11 yrs boys' medley (Will Moss, Tom Savage, James Coward & Jack Harding), 15 yrs girls' medley (Lucy Corden, Clara Parker, Sophie Bridgman & Lydia May) and Open girls' medley (Lucy Corden, Sophie Bridgman, Lydia May and Laura Cranshaw). A great result.

BOLDMERE OPEN MEET

Our City of Birmingham swimmers (plus Tyler Hartles) attended the annual Boldmere Open Meet on 20 & 21 November. The main objective of this meet was to attain Midland District qualifying times and improve any existing County Times. Our swimmers achieved 100% success with every swim being within the County standard. Hard work and dedication paid off for Issy Griffiths who achieved a remarkable 7 MDQT's - an amazing feat some seven months before next year's competition. Further MDQT's were gained by Caitlin Britt (3), Megan Moss (2), Franca Phillips (1), Will Moss (1) and Braiden Hartles (1). An incredible result by all swimmers which means we are well on target to surpass this year's qualifiers.

SWIMMER OF THE MONTH AWARDS

NOVEMBER

Megan Griffiths
Development squad

Ben Lewis
Junior Competition squad

Marcus Langmead
Senior Competition squad

NORTHGATE PB BUSTER OPEN MEET

A team of 14 swimmers represented RSC in the first Northgate 'PB Buster' open meet held at Wolverhampton Central Baths on Saturday 27th November.

The open gala attracted 16 swimming clubs with the main objective of gaining improved personal best (PB) times. At the end of the gala the Redditch swimmers certainly did that, achieving no less than 30 PBs and 30 qualifying times for next year's Worcester County Championships.

In the competition for top visiting club at the meet, Redditch finished in second place, behind Rushden SC - a fantastic performance considering that some of the other clubs fielded much larger teams. As usual, Redditch shone throughout the gala with 17 gold medals, 12 silver medals and 8 bronze medals.

The gold medallists were: 9 year olds - Daniel Noke 200m breast, 200m IM and 50m fly.

10/11 year olds - Oliver Thompson won all the backstroke races 50m, 100m and 200m and then took the 200m IM for good measure. Olga Hall won the 100m back, 100m fly and 50m free.

12/13 year olds - Jake Rowland 50m back, Adam Watson 100m back and 200m fly, Zac Gill 50m and 100m fly, 50m and 100m free.

Silver medallists were Olga Hall (3), Oliver Thompson (3), Laura Cowley (2), Tom Page, Lauren Hughes, Thomas Savage and Jake Rowland.

Bronze medallists were Laura Cowley (3), Thomas Savage (2), Tom Page, Oliver Thompson and Jake Rowland.

Others representing the club were Leah Daines, Harriet Smith, Rebecca Winn and Jordan Miller - who all achieved good new PBs.

COVENTRY OPEN MEET

Abby Humphreys and Millie Tompkin competed at the recent City of Coventry Open Meet. Between the girls, they swam 14 events on 27th November and they achieved 12 CQT's and 2 PB's. Well done girls.

MIDLAND WINTER CHAMPS, CORBY

Over the weekend of 6-7 November, three swimmers travelled to Corby to compete in the Midland Winter Short Course Championships. Between Dan Ruckwood, Sophie Bridgman and Lucy Corden, they swam in 17 events and all were good enough to qualify for 2011 Midland District Youth Championship. Dan won a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke and qualified for the Nationals next year.

WORCESTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CAMP

10 RSC swimmers also attended the 2nd of the Worcester County Development camps at Malvern College on 28th November, coached by Mark Rose of City of Manchester Aquatics - the British Swimming Coaches Association's new 'Youth Coach of the Year'.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

The annual club championships are now over and once again there were a number of exceptional swims including long-standing records broken and numerous County Qualifying Times. A massive thank you to all those who helped out ensuring that the events ran smoothly and was a great success. Thank you all once again.

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 07/01/11.

MORE IMPORTANT DATES



The Annual Club Awards Evening will be held on 11th February. Please contact Sandra Hartles for your tickets



SUPERMARKET BAG PACKING

Following this year's successful fund-raising bag packing, two dates have been fixed for 2011. These are:

26th February - Morrisons
3rd September - Sainsburys

Please make sure you keep a note of these dates. The more volunteers we have to man the tills, the more funds we raise for the club.

On a final note, Redditch Swimming Club has had one of its most successful years with the juniors winning the PGL League, Division 1 Diddy League finalists and National Arena League Division 2 winners (report on Rnd 3 in next month's newsletter).

Well done to all the swimmers - you've been a credit to RSC and special thanks to the coaching staff and helpers who generously give up their time to make our club so successful. One last thank you to all the parents for their continual support.