



REDDITCH SWIMMING CLUB



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DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER 2011

17 - Stourbridge Profab B Gala
24 - RSC Club Sprints
25 - Drop off slot for Bag2School
26 - Drop off slot for Bag2School
28 - Bag2School collection

OCTOBER 2011

1 - WCSA County Development Meet
2 - WCSA Senior Sprints
8 - National League - Rnd 1
15 - Gary Winn Memorial Gala
16 - RSC Club Championships
17 - RSC Club Championships
21-23 Worcester SC Open Meet
29 - RSC Club Championships
30 - RSC Club Championships
31 - RSC Club Championships

**CLOSING DATE FOR CLUB CHAMPS
3 OCTOBER**

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

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NUNEATON JUNIOR LEAGUE RND 3

Continued

We took four 1st places in the individual events, these came from Daniel Noke, Will Moss, Caitlin Britt and Issy Griffiths. In the relay section, a great team effort saw 5 wins from our 9/u girls, free and medley (Olivia Hall, Lauren Hughes, Alice Oliver, Hollie Richmond, Megan Griffiths), 10/u boys medley (Will Smith, Tom Page, Daniel Noke, Tyler Hartles), 11/u boys free (Tyler Hartles, Daniel Noke, Tom Page & Will Moss) and 11/u girls free (Laura Cowley, Maddie Hargreaves, Megan Moss, Rebecca Winn). We eventually finished in 2nd place behind Northampton, with Enderby 3rd, Leamington 4th, Coventry 5th & Ledbury trailing in 6th. As it turned out results from other galas did seal our fate and we missed a place in the final by the narrowest of margins, just 3 gala points. The whole team should be congratulated on their fantastic team effort.

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REDDITCH SWIMMING CLUB CLUB NEWS

Dear Members

Welcome to the latest edition of the Redditch Swimming Club newsletter, No. 14 which covers the final six weeks of competition before the summer break in August.

Probably one of the most eagerly awaited events was the 3rd round of the Nuneaton Junior League (Diddy) at Nuneaton on 25 June. In what can only be described as a nail-biting evening, our team of youngsters knew they had to perform against strong opposition from two of last year's finalists Northampton & City of Coventry; along with great teams from Leamington & Enderby 'A'. Like in many league competitions, results from other galas would also play a pivotal role in our fate. The team pushed unbeaten Northampton and jostled for 2nd place with Enderby.

THREE COUNTIES GALA, GLOUCESTER

The day after the diddy thriller, 9 RSC swimmers met in Worcester to catch the County team bus to Gloucester to take part in the annual Three Counties Gala.

Under competition rules, each swimmer is allowed to compete in one individual event. Several of our swimmers gained wins in their age group, and four recorded PBs (Daniel Noke, Will Moss, Ollie Thomson and Rebecca Winn). Our other county representatives were Braiden Hartles, Rosie Potter, Caitlin Britt, Abby Humphreys & Millie Tompkin.

Sophie Bridgman, Lucy Corden and Poppy McGourlay were also selected but unable to swim. Worcestershire were easy winners against Gloucestershire and Staffordshire.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL CHAMPS

Two RSC swimmers travelled to Tollcross Park, Glasgow between 30 June and 3 July, to take part in the Scottish National Championships. Sophie Bridgman (15) took part in 7 events with a top 20 finish in the 800m free and Lucy Corden (14) also swam in 7 events with a top 20 finish in the 200m back. Both were in the open age group.

BOLDMERE WATER CARNIVAL

A small team of 5 swimmers attended the lively Boldmere Water Carnival on 2-3 July 2011. The majority of swims were PBs and although no medals were won all swimmers were well placed. Hollie Richmond 50m back & 50m fly 5th place, 200m back 7th. Olivia Hall 50m, 200m free, 50m fly 8th, 50m back 11th, 200m back 5th, 50m breast, 200m breast 6th, 100m IM 7th, Amy Green 50m back 8th, 50m fly 9th, 100m breast 11th, Sam Green 50m back, 50m fly, 100m breast 9th.

SWIMMER OF THE MONTH AWARDS

JULY
Tilly Anderson
Development squad

Ben Lewis
Junior Competition squad

Poppy McGourlay
Senior Competition squad

GLOUCESTER OPEN MEET

Another 4 swimmers entered the Gloucester Open meet, which took place on the same weekend as the Boldmere Open. 9 year old Alice Oliver continued to produce excellent results, with 3 speeding tickets and PBs in 200m free, 50m fly and 200m IM. She also finished 7th in the 50m breast. Not to be outdone by the youngest member of the group, Sally Monk picked up 2 speeding tickets in 50m back and 200m IM and an excellent 2nd place in the 100m free. Sally recorded PBs in all three events. Brother, Ricky Monk took gold in the 100m breast and silver in the 200m breast. Stefan Kalik won silver in the 100m fly and finished 6th in the 400m free.

MERCIAN LEAGUE ROUND 3

The Snowdome in Tamworth was the venue for the final round of the Mercian League. The team produced a solid performance, with 6 individual first places from Ollie Thomson (12/u 100m back), Millie Tompkin (14/u 100m breast), Zac Gill (14/u 100m free), Lydia May (Open 100m breast) and James Green (Open 100m fly & 100m IM). Just one 1st place in the relays from James Green, Zac Gill, Taylor Hartley, Sumant Kapoor (Open boys' free). PBs were recorded by Amy Green, Laura Coward, Sally Monk, Laura Cowley, James Coward, Zac Gill, Lydia May and James Green. The final result was Coventry 1st, Stratford Sharks 2nd, Haden Hill 3rd, Redditch 4th, Lichfield 5th and Tamworth 6th.

MIDLAND OPEN WATER CHAMPS

Sophie Bridgman and Braiden Hartles took to open water at Bosworth on 10 July to compete in the Midland Area Open Water Championships. Both swimming 1.5 kilometres and competing in the 12-16 age group, Sophie finished in 12th and Braiden in 18th.

GAVIN TIPPER MEMORIAL GALA

A strong team travelled to Wolverhampton on 16 July to take part in the annual Gavin Tipper Memorial Gala. This event does not follow the normal format with demonstration swims from 8 year olds and back and breast relays too. RSC finished well in 2nd place behind Stourbridge. A large number of PBs were recorded and 7 individual 1st places from Tom Page, Tyler Hartles (2), Laura Cowley, Poppy McGourlay, Ollie Thomson & Braiden Hartles. 11 first places in the relays with special mention to our 9 year old girls who swept the board in all 4 relays (Megan Griffiths, Olivia Hall, Hollie Richmond, Alice Oliver). Our 8 year old demonstration swimmers who all did brilliantly were Joe Hamilton, Tommy Smith, Will Smith, Matthew Stanley, Katie Mellors, Leah Cassell & Luke Weller.

ASA NATIONAL AGE GROUPS

This year saw 3 of our age group swimmers competing at the very top level, the British Gas National Age Group Championships at Ponds Forge, Sheffield between 21 - 25 July. Issy Griffiths (11 yrs) led the way qualifying for 6 events and finishing 9th in the overall BAGCat awards, which included a swimmer from Ireland and one from the UAE, pushing her up to 7th for British swimmers. Issy was a finalist in the 200m back (8th) and 400m free (7th). In the HDW 800m free, Issy finished 7th. Issy's other events were 100m fly 18th, 200m fly 12th, 400m IM 11th. Abby Humphreys (12 yrs) qualified for the 200m back, finishing 17th, and 400m IM (14th). Abby also represented City of Coventry SC in the girls' 4 x 200m free final. Caitlin Britt, also competing in the 12 yrs age group, qualified for the 200m breast final, finishing in 10th place. Well done girls!

ASA NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Shortly after the Age Group Championships, the Youth event took place at Sheffield between 27 - 31 July. Dan Ruckwood (18) was a finalist in the 200m back (9th), a semi-finalist in 100m back (15th) and also swam in the 100m free (30th). Lucy Corden (14) qualified for both the semi-finals in the 100m and 200m back.

OTHER NEWS.....

Richard Murphy competed for Britain in the Special Olympics 2011 World Games in Athens. Richard won 2 golds in the 100m & 200m and a silver in the 4 x 100m in the athletics.

Abby Humphreys & Caitlin Britt have both been selected for the England Talent Development Programme following their swims at the ASA National Age Groups. They will attend two training camps at the 50m facility in Coventry.

CLUB SHOP VACANCY

Volunteer/s are still needed to run the club shop. Anyone interested, please speak to one of the committee

FUNDRAISING - BAG 2 SCHOOL - 28 SEPTEMBER

Please remember to sort out your unwanted items for the recycling scheme to raise funds (clean clothes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, belts, handbags, paired shoes).

Bags are available from Jane Winn, Sonia Britt, Tina Green & Lisa Oliver.

You will be able to drop your bags off to **HEWELL ROAD TRAINING SESSIONS ON SUNDAY 25 AND MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER ONLY.** Dave Hemming will be on site with his van to take the bags away for storage.

This is an easy way to help the club raise much needed funds and have a good clear out.

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 5/10/11