

NEWSLETTER



Chapelton & District Amateur Swimming Club

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January 2012

The last year was not an easy one for CASC with a number of big challenges to meet. We enter 2012 in better shape and a growing sense of optimism and excitement. Overwhelmingly, that the club ended the year better than it began, it is down to the efforts of our current Chair, Lynne, and the parents and helpers who have put in such a devoted and industrious year of work to keep our swimmers busy and happy in the water. Our head coach, Bob, has had his own challenges as well and it is great to see him on top form on our return from the New Year break. It is not a great secret that Bob is over the moon with the performance of the Barnsley Minors League team who won their division of the 2011 league and gained promotion. The new season starts soon (see below and on the noticeboard) and we face some tough competitors from clubs as big as Wakefield, Barnsley and Rotherham. BML events tend to be the most exciting of all for both swimmers and spectators with much vocal and moral support raining down from the galleries to the churning lanes below. Only the annual schools gala, put on by CASC for local primary schools, has such excitement.

Don't miss this year's Annual General Meeting!

This year's AGM is being held on Thursday 16th February. It is in the upstairs meeting room at the baths and starts at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited to attend and play their part and have their say at the AGM. This is your chance to nominate people for election to the club officer posts – and to put yourselves forward as candidates (please do this in advance if you can). Thanks from the outgoing committee to those who have already offered to help and take on important roles.

The AGM is also the place where significant amendments to the constitution or other big decisions can be talked through and voted upon. There is also a chance to get to know one another even better and share memories of the year gone by and to anticipate the year ahead.



Hot off the Blocks!

This edition emerges with the realisation of the efforts of our secretary and her supporters in successfully attracting grants from Sheffield City Council. One of these is to purchase equipment for the swimmers' benefit – to enhance training and to provide even more varied approaches and techniques to ensure everyone can do the best they can – and have some fun on the side. Also, we have a grant to provide opportunities to local children and young people – including in particular those whose family finances or circumstances might be a barrier to swimming. Look at for news on all this in the coming weeks and months. And well done to Tracy on leading the application processes.

Training times

Sorry for any confusion just lately about training times. The new times are now on the noticeboard – please feel completely free to ask Lynne or other coaching team members if you want to make sure or have any questions. The times are:

Monday	Teaching / Intermediate	7:30 - 8:30pm
	Junior / Bronze / Silver / Gold	7:30 - 9:30pm
Tuesday	Teaching / Intermediate	7:30 – 8:30pm
(Concord)	Junior / Bronze / Silver / Gold	7:30 - 9:30pm
Wednesday	All Squads	8.00 - 9:30pm
Thursday	Teaching / Intermediate	7:30 - 8:30pm
	Junior / Bronze / Silver / Gold	7:30 - 9:30pm
Friday	All Squads	6:30 - 7:30pm

Welcome to new swimmers

A big welcome to our new swimmers (and some not so very new) - Alice Buckner, Chloe Draper, Anna Barowski, Neamh Davison, Amelia Eyre, Anna Fiddler, Jade Fuller, Georgia Grayson, Jessica Hutchinson, Hannah and Nathan McCormack, Jessica Munn, Emily Oliver, Hannah Pollard, Keelie Quinn, Liberty Royles, Danielle and Michal Soloman, Anna Trask, Samuel Bromley, Tom Calverley, Nick Davison, Jonty Goodwin, Matthew Hawksworth, Farley Hutt, Nathan Knowles, Sam Marsters, Alfie Myers, Alexander Page, Ethan Roberts-Cutts, Jacob Skelton and, returning to her favourite club, Laurie Monaghan.

Enjoy your training and welcome to the team one and all!



Upcoming galas and events

The 2012 competitive events calendar will be available shortly as we try to match available galas and events with our squads' needs and ambitions. For now, we are about to take part in the January Rotherham gala and are putting in our entries for the Yorkshire Annual Championships. Watch the notice board for more news in coming weeks.

Date	Event	Entries closing date	Notes
19 January	Interhouse Gala	All swimmers can, and should, swim	7.30pm start – arrive in good time. Interhouse Galas are an opportunity to achieve times to progress to higher squads, and to gain points for your house. Please bring t-shirt, drinks bottle and towel for poolside. Parents and other supporters are always asked to help out – including as timekeepers/judges
23 January	Assessments for Teaching and Intermediate squads	All Swimmers in Teaching or Intermediate should attend	Assessments are essential if you wish to progress to higher squads. Please bring t-shirt, drinks bottle and towel for poolside
4 February	BML first round	Team to be posted on notice board	NB other dates listed below
18 th and 19 th February	Yorkshire County Championships	Entries in	St Charles Centre for Sports, Leeds
25 th and 26 th February	Yorkshire County Championships	Entries in	St Charles Centre for Sports, Leeds
17 th March	Yorkshire County Championships	Entries in	Ponds Forge

BML dates!!

Saturday 4 th Feb	Rotherham (Maltby 4:30pm Warm Up)
Saturday 3 rd Mar	Barnsley (Dearnside, 4pm Warm Up)
Sunday 9 th Sept	Wakefield (Normanton, 12:30pm Warm Up)
Sun 23 rd Sept	Chapeltown (2:30pm Warm Up)

Can swimmers please keep these dates free as they may be selected for the team



Presentation night and special awards!!

The presentation night was one of the best in recent years with an impressive and enthusiastic turn out of swimmers, parents, families, friends and supporters. It was well run and provided a great chance to socialise and have some fun. Of course, a club as old and established as ours has quite an impressive array of trophies and awards to pass over to new holders, covering all the swimming strokes and events, as well as diving. Despite the formalities of the presentation, the evening soon progressed to games, dancing and chat.

There are always a small number of very special awards made on the night, with some handsome trophies. These include the impressive shield for the club's outstanding swimmer for 2011 as decided by the poolside coaches and team managers. This year, very deservedly, the trophy went to someone we can, as one, applaud and respect – **Megan Hobson**. A great decision and a great honour for Megan.

Always awaited annually with anticipation is the presentation of the **Bob Grayson Trophy**. As always, not a soul knows who is going to receive this until Bob makes his end of year and presentation speech. This year the award went to a person who is not only an inspirational swimmer, but a stanchion of the club as a whole – well done to **Lynne Dawson**.



Swimmers begin to gather for presentation night awards



Presentation Night Pictures



Billy Chapman proudly takes the mike as her mum's efforts are given recognition.



Molly Walker won the girls 'Golden Jubilee' event.



Brodie Benson won the brand new 'Golden Jubilee' event for the club's 50th anniversary.



Lynne Dawson, 'Chair and Inspiring Swimmer'.



Megan Hobson, here with her free style silver, was awarded the top 'Outstanding Swimmer' Shield for 2011.



Dolphins at the races

Just two swimmers decided to enter the Sheffield and District Championships at the start of January. Thomas Calverley swam very impressively in the 50m breaststroke and 400m freestyle as well as the 200m individual medley. Good experience in the full 'long course' 50m pool and a full set of personal best times (PBs) – with massive leaps made in the two longer events. Well done there Thomas! Lynne Dawson swam in a

Funds: please support your club

We are continually trying to find ways to raise funds for the club and, in particular, have to prepare always for increases in the costs of pool hire (our major outgoing as we have no paid staff/coaches whatsoever). Please let us have your bright ideas for raising money and your help and support.

