

BLACKPOOL AQUATICS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2010



The past few months have been very busy with many swimmers participating in Licensed Swim Meets, Club Championships and Biathlon & Triathlons. The club has also lost its two head coaches and at the AGM in November, new committee members were elected.

Head Coach

Sadly, both our head coaches, Kath Turner and Alan Harper, have resigned from the club. The Committee is actively seeking a suitable replacement and they ask for your understanding at this time. In the meantime, our current coaches have been covering all the sessions and doing a fantastic job. Thank you, coaches.

Moor Park Closure

Moor Park will be closed as of 13th December for the next four months. All sessions will be moved to Palatine Pool so please see notice boards and website for session times and days.

Christmas Closure

Sessions will be as normal at Palatine up to and including Thursday 23rd December. Normal sessions will resume on Sunday 2nd Jan 2011. Sessions will be on between this period but please check the notice boards, your email and the website for session days and times.

Micro Swim Off

These were held on Saturday 11th September at Palatine Pool. In the Division 1 swim off the A team placed **third** overall and congratulations to the B Team for winning their swim off and being promoted to Division 2. A big thank you to the Micro Coaches and Micro Team Managers.



Club Championships

These were held on Saturday 9th October for the 8 year olds & under. The championships were a great success and it was good to see our younger swimmers in action.

The older swimmers competitions were held on the 11th, 14th and 16th November. This was very well supported with many swimmers gaining PB's. This is a Level 4 Licensed Meet so all swimmers times will be ranked with the ASA. It has been taken on board that the evening sessions were very late for the younger swimmers and hopefully it will be rectified next year, possibly by having them all on a Saturday & Sunday.

Licensed Swim Meets

Over the past few months many of our swimmers have participated in a number of meets with great success. Blackpool Aquatics participates in meets throughout the year and any swimmer 9 years and over can participate. Emails are sent to members regarding forthcoming meets and if you are unsure of the criteria please see your coach for guidelines. Young swimmers are encouraged to participate and the more meets you compete in, the more experienced and confident a competitive swimmer you become.

Blackpool Aquatics swimmers have competed at the following meets:

Workshop Dolphins Level 3, Ponds Forge, Sheffield 4th & 5th September.

Thomas & Jack Clifton, Britney-Anne Dagger (1st place overall 10 year old girl), Adam Fawl (2nd place overall 15/over), Joanna Fawl, Joseph Naylor, Aimee (3rd place overall 10 year old girl), Owen Rawcliffe, Toa Smith, Adam Scott, Kenan Yeung (1st place overall 9 year old boy).

North Lancs Level 3, Palatine 2nd & 3rd October

This was very well supported by our club with swimmers too numerous to mention. Blackpool Aquatics had the highest number of entries at this event. Many swimmers gained speeding tickets, PB's and times which will give them entry into higher licensed meets including County and Regional. The attitude of the swimmers was good and this reflected in the results.

Harrogate Junior Open Meet

23rd & 24th October

Britney-Anne Dagger (3rd place, 10 year old girls Bagcats), Kenan Yeung (3rd place, 10 year old boys Bagcats) - a great achievement as Kenan had only just entered this age group.

Joseph Naylor, Callum & Kyle Preece, Toa Smith & Camryn Spector.



Stockport Metro Open Meet, Level 2

27th & 28th November

Adam Fawl had a fantastic weekend winning gold in his age group in the 50 Fly, 100 Fly & 200 Fly. He came 3rd in the open age final of the 100 Fly.

This was a very competitive meet which resulted in many PB's for the swimmers.

Anna Bowden, Stephen Marshall, Britney-Anne Dagger, Keleigh & Camryn Spector.

Warrington Warriors Meet

4th & 5th December

Thirteen swimmers took to the pool at Warrington for this Level 3 meet. There were some good swims with swimmers gaining PB's and speeding tickets as well as medals. Those who competed were Laura & Jacques Bonsell, Hannah Carroll, Charlotte Crabtree, Lisa Law, Shane & Matthew Looker, Joseph Naylor, Jessica & Katie Palma, Rebecca Terras, Rachel & AJ Wood.

Next Meet, North Lancs

Jan 22nd & 23rd, 5th & 6th Feb

Information for this meet is available from our website www.blackpoolaquatics.co.uk, from the North Lancs website www.swimnorthlancs.org or from the club desk. Please make sure you have a time within the upper and lower times set. If you are unsure speak to your coach. This is a great meet for our young swimmers as it is on our doorstep. It would be great if Blackpool Aquatics had a massive entry.

Arena League

We have two teams participating in the league. The galas were on the 9th October and 13th November. The last one was held on 11th December. The teams suffered from illness which affected many swimmers, particularly those in the B Team. Both teams competed with swimmers who were not well. The B Team only had 20 swimmers but swam fantastic and came third. This was a wonderful achievement. The A Team swam well but it was a tough, closely fought gala and the team finished in 6th place. Certainly illness and other absences played a great part. It was disappointing for those who swam their hearts out. Team managers had a hard job selecting the team as so many swimmers were ill and others were not available or did not wish to swim.

A big thank you to the swimmers for their great effort, to the team managers and to the spectators.

It is important that everyone does note the dates for galas. Arena dates were available in April as they are set weekends. There will be notes for team protocol in 2011. Swim League and Micro teams will be selected in January and February. There will be time trials for Micro so please watch for details.

Biathle World Championships

This was held on the 29th-31st October in Dubai.

The club is very proud that three members of the club represented Great Britain at this prestigious event:

Barbara Holmes, 1st place Masters, Female Category B.
Samuel Matthews, 9th place, Youth, Male Category D.
Adam Weightman, 6th place, Youth, Male, Category B.

Bi's & Tri's

An excellent 2010 for Blackpool Aquatics in the biathlon and triathlon events. A wide range of competitors from all ages competed extremely well and behaved impeccably. There were some fantastic individual & team performances with a total medal haul for the year of 79 out of 5 biathlons and 5 triathlons. This included 18 team golds and 8 individual golds. Thank you to John Webster and Ivor Cooke for all their help this year. Blackpool Aquatics has become the number one club in the Northwest for these events, so why don't you come along and see what a fantastic day we have at these events.

Advanced Apprenticeship In Sporting Excellence

Many congratulations to Adam Fawl who has been accepted into the AASE programme. This is a two year structured national training programme that is designed to meet the needs of young people between the ages of 16-18 who have a realistic potential to achieve excellence in their sport and are seeking to



perform at the highest level as their main career goal. Well done Adam.

Mark Foster Activity Day

British International Swimmer, Mark Foster hosted this successful and enjoyable event on Friday 29th October at Palatine Pool.

Team Photos

Apologies that these have taken so long but they are now available to view at Palatine Pool. If you would like to purchase one or more photos please give your order and payment to the Club Desk before 31st December. The cost is £2.50 per photo.

Poolside Helpers

If your child is interested in helping the coaches poolside, then North Lancashire Swimming will be conducting courses, free of charge, for those between the ages of 14–16 years old. The course is usually held for six hours on a Sunday. You must be ASA registered. Please contact Janice Whittle on blackpoolaquatics@hotmail.co.uk if you are interested.

Micro Trials

Is your son or daughters birthday between 1st Dec 2001 – 30 Nov 2002? Do you know anyone who is in this age range (not already at club) and is keen to compete? Please encourage them to join our club. Assessments are available and time trials will take place early in 2011.

By Invitation Only

New Micro Session – Wednesday 6pm commencing in January (date tbc). Those of you who will be a part of this session will be notified.

Fundraising

Watch out for details regarding a Bag Packing Day and a Bingo Night.

AGM

On 23rd November our AGM was held and the following have been elected:

Executive Committee

Paul Lucas - President
Garry Whittle - Chairman
Paul Wilkinson-Vice Chairman
Janice Whittle – Secretary
Sue Burrows – Treasurer

Working Committee

Liz Bonsell, Samantha Bowden, Carl Cooke, Maureen Crawford, Mark Fawl, Tracey Hoyle, Gareth Jones, Clare Looker, Sue Marshall, Simon McMurdo, Andrea McNab, Jim Noble, Linda Ormerod, Karen Poole, Carole Riches, Gail Rogerson, Elaine Spector, Paul White, Sean White and Sandra Wood.

Presentation Night

This was held on a freezing Friday 3rd December at Newton Hall Country Club. The cold weather did not stop a great number of our members turning up to enjoy a fun evening. Anyone who competed for a team in 2010 and has not received their trophy should see Mark Fawl or ask at the desk.

Communication

In future, downloads for meets, notices and session cancellations will be via our website. We are trying to make sure that we do communicate to all members. We communicate via email, website and notice boards. If you are not receiving (or seeing) information please let us know. The club email address is blackpoolaquatics@hotmail.co.uk and the website is www.blackpoolaquatics.co.uk

Public Relations

Members, please be reminded that if you have any interesting or newsworthy information please forward to elaine@spector.me.uk or sam_bowden@sky.com

*The Club would like to take this
opportunity to wish you all a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Prosperous 2011.*