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Annual Presentation

On Saturday, 13th December 2014, we held our Annual Presentation and Disco at the Nelson Cricket Club. Club Coach Andrew Croxall was the MC for the night, with musical support from DJ Ed Munday. Andrew presented his review of the Clubs year before commencing with the presentation of the trophies.

The **Bramhill Memorial Trophy** was presented to Emily Massey.

The **John Dobbin Memorial Trophy** was presented to Lewis Naughton.

This was followed by the presentation of the trophies won at the Championship Galas, and this included the announcement of the winner of the Spot-On Competition. The winner this year was Hannah McDonagh-Bond who got within 0.31 seconds of her time. Eleanor Fuggle was 2nd within 0.38 of second and Danielle Baxter was 3rd with 0.42 seconds of her time.

The **Two Alberts Trophy** was presented to John Higginbottom for his services to the Club.

The age group winners of the Christmas Sprint Gala were given their awards including the winners of the Parent and Child races.

The Club Captains for 2015 were announced as **James Barker** and **Nicole Baxter**, with the 2015 Junior Captains being **Toby Green** and **Hannah McDonagh-Bond**.



January Age Group Gala

This years January Age Group Gala is taking place on Thursday, 29th January. The warm-up will be from 6:50pm with the gala starting about 7:10pm.

This gala is important as we need times from the swimmers to work out the teams for the forthcoming Friendly and Micro League competitions.

Also if you did all four strokes last June you will qualify for the Most Improved Swimmer award, but you also need to do all four strokes this time.

Helpers Required

We would like volunteers to offer their services to the desk before the start of the Age Group Gala on Thursday, 29th January. You may not be required but your offer will be appreciated.

We require the following:

- 6 Time Keepers
- At least 2 team organisers/chaperones
- At least 1 marshal
- At least 2 turn judges

No experience is necessary, but must be patient with the kids all wanting to know if they are swimming.

Clipboards, pens, stopwatches and drinks will be provided.

NOTE: If we don't have enough people helping, then we will have to cancel this gala.

Age Group Competitions

The following list contains some of the age group competitions that are going to be targeted by the Club.

Lancashire County Championships at the Manchester Aquatics Centre. 28th February/1st March and 21st/22nd March.

Harrogate A/B Grade Open Meet on 26th/27th April.

ASA North West Region Age Group Championships at the Liverpool Aquatics Centre on 23rd/24th May, 30th/31st May and 6th/7th June.

ASA North West Region Youth Championships have now been grouped with the Age Group Championships

British Summer Nationals 2015 at Ponds Forge, Sheffield from 28th July until 2nd August.

ASA National Summer Championships (50m) 2015 at Ponds Forge, Sheffield from 4th until 9th August.

Details of these competitions will be placed on the Notice Board and the Club Website. A post will be placed on Twitter and Facebook when entries are opened for a particular competition.

Birthdays

January 2015

2nd Ben Wilson
3rd Steven Hickey
5th Tiago Cedron
8th Holly Whittaker
11th Francesca Bracewell
12th Philip Croxall and George Connolly
13th Miranda Bower
17th Charlie Hesketh
19th Steve Smith
21st Kian Noon
25th Max Harper
27th Amelia Dugdale

February 2015

2nd Jac Smith-Shelley
5th Elliott Waddington
10th Leon Hebel
18th Olivia Taylor and Alice Hodgson
20th Alex Horne
23rd Abbie Hampshire
25th Molly Stevens

Forthcoming Events:

29th January

January Age Group Gala

4th February

Committee Meeting. Crown Hotel. 8pm

5th February

Swimming Club Trials

22nd February

North West Open Masters Distance Championships.

28th February/1st March

Lancashire County Championships

11th March

Financial AGM. Crown Hotel

14th March

Micro League Fixture. Away at St. Peters, Burnley.

21st/22nd Month

Lancashire County Championships

28th March

Micro League Fixture. Away at Salt Ayre Sports Centre

Would parents please note that once your child's swimming lesson has finished and they are off the pool side. Colne Swimming Club is no longer responsible for their welfare.

Would all Members please note that Colne Swimming Club will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a swimmer failing to turn up on time for their lesson, and thus missing the vital warm-up part of the session.

Could anybody changing their address or telephone number please inform the Secretary.

If anybody has any stories, items of interest, or anything they think will be suitable for the newsletter, then you can email me at the following address: press@colne-asc.co.uk





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Micro League Fixtures

The fixtures for Division C of the Micro League of the North West have been added to the Clubs website and notice board. This year there will be a new venue we have to travel to Stretford in Manchester, along with a trip to the Salt Ayre pool in Lancaster, there will be coaches provided for these two galas. The other gala is at the St Peters Centre in Burnley, which does not require the use of a coach. Including our own home fixture, all galas this year will be taking place on a Saturday.

The Junior Club Captains for this seasons campaign are Toby Green and Hannah McDonagh-Bond.

Fixtures

14th March St. Peters Centre, Burnley

Warm-up 5:15pm

Teams: Burnley Aquatics, Kirkham A, Garstang A and Colne.

28th March Salt Ayre Sports Centre, Lancaster

Warm-up 4:15pm

Teams: Carnforth B, Colne, St. Annes and Trafford.

18th April Stretford Sports Village, Chester Centre, Manchester

Warm-up 4:15pm

Teams: Trafford, Blackburn A, Colne and Burnley Aquatics.

20th June Pendle Leisure Centre, Colne

Warm-up 3:30pm

Teams: Colne, Blackburn A, Garstang A and Blackpool B

Directions for all of the venues are on our Directions page on the Club website.

Details of team selection will be via email, as well as, a list posted on the Notice Board and displayed on the website.

Easy Fund Raising

Turn your online shopping into donations for Colne ASC.

Do you shop online? Did you know that every time you buy something you could be raising money for Colne ASC?

That's right, over 2,700 well known retailers, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay and Tesco will donate a small percentage of what you spend to Colne ASC to say thank you for shopping with them.

Just visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/casc> and follow the simple steps to sign up.

Easyfundraising has already raised over £7 million for over 55,000 good causes across the UK. So what are you waiting for? Head to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/casc> to fundraise for Colne ASC now. Already registered? Spread the word to family and friends to let them know just how easy it is!

Do you use a search engine like Google every day? Why not switch your searching to easysearch and raise money?

Every time you search the web using <http://www.casc.easysearch.org.uk> instead of your usual search engine, you'll raise half a penny for Colne ASC. Search just 15 times a day and you can raise around £25 a year.

Over the years that Colne ASC has been registered with Easyfundraising, we have received **£607.42** with **£474.93** from shopping and **£132.49** from using Easysearch, and that is just from **19** supporters.

Last quarter we raised **£38.25** from Easyfundraising and **£5.34** from Easysearch.

So a big thank-you to those that use Easyfundraising, and to the ones that don't, then why not?

Rotherham A/B Graded Meet

There were 6 swimmers from Colne ASC that travelled to Sheffield on Saturday, 17th January to take part in the Rotherham Metro A/B Graded Level 3 Meet.

Toby Green (11), Maria Massey (10), Mia Dodman (10), Saskia Daly (10), Elliott Barker (12) and James Barker (15) made the journey to Sheffield through the snow and ice.

A full report will appear in the February issue of Shark Bytes.

North Lancs Level 3 Meet

On the weekend of the 10th and 11th January, two swimmers from Colne ASC took part in galas 1 and 2 of the **North Lancs Level 3 Meet 2015** at the Palatine Leisure Centre in Blackpool.

Miranda Bower (15 years) finished 6th in the 100m Backstroke, 7th in the 50m Freestyle, 9th in the 100m Breaststroke, 12th in the 400m Freestyle, 18th in the 200m Freestyle and 21st in the 50m Butterfly.

Abbie Hampshire (14 years) finished 13th in the 100m Backstroke and 17th in the 50m Freestyle.

The 3rd and 4th galas will take place on the weekend of 24th and 25th January.

New Lane Ropes

Some of you may have noticed that there are some new lane ropes at Colne. That is because we had a successful grant application to the Town Council for three new lane ropes. A further two lane ropes will be purchased towards the end of the year, which will be funded by our Sponsored Swim.

Thanks to the efforts of Joan Croxall in creating the application and Steve Craig who attended the meeting at the beginning of December.

Donate Unwanted Gifts

If you have received any unwanted gifts that you think would be suitable for a raffle prize, then donate them to the Club.

We are always seeking raffle prizes for the Club Galas and League Fixtures.

Competition Ages

The age group that you will swim at will depend upon the competition you are involved in. For instance, all Club competitions are age as at the 31st December of that year. So it doesn't matter if your birthday is in February or December.

National competitions also use age as at 31st December. So does the Friendly League.

The Micro League was going to use the same age criteria, but they are now defining the age as at the final gala of the year. For this year, that is as the 29th November. This means if you are 10 in July you will compete as a 10 year old, but if you are 10 in December, then you will compete as a 9 year old.

Also for external competitions the minimum age is 9 years old. You are not allowed to compete as an 8 year old unless it is a league competition.

