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January Age Group Gala

The January Age Group Gala has been delayed a week due to the Teachers Course that we are running. This means that the gala will take place on Thursday, 4th February.

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

Due to the gala being moved, the trials, which normally take place on the first Thursday in February, will be brought forward a week to Thursday, 28th January. Please pass this information on to anyone who wants to join the swimming club.

Helpers Required

We would like volunteers to offer their services to the desk before the start of the Age Group Gala on Thursday, 4th February. 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.

Presentation Round-up

On Saturday, 12th December 2015, we held our Annual Presentation and Disco on the coldest night in December. The rest of the month was a bit wet, if you remember.

The Presentation was held 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 Kaysie Mulligan and Maisie Rebanks, who both started the year in the small pool and have progressed to the second class in the large pool.

The **John Dobbin Memorial Trophy** was presented to Ruby Starkie, who was unable to put her face in the water earlier in the year, she overcame her fear and is now progressing quickly through the Club.

The Betty Petty Style Trophy was presented to Jac Smith-Shelley and Maria Massie.

This was followed by the presentation of the trophies won at the Championship

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Financial AGM

This years Financial AGM will take place on Wednesday, 2nd March at the Pendle Leisure Centre. The meeting starts at

All members are allowed to attend but it is only fully paid up members over the age of 18 who are allowed to vote.

The monthly committee meeting will start once the Financial AGM has been concluded.

Birthdays January 2016

2nd Ben Wilson 3rd Steven Hickey 5th Tiago Cedron 8th Holly Whittaker 12th Philip Croxall 13th Miranda Bower 19th Stephen Smith 21st Kian Noon 25th Max Harper 27th Amelia Dugdale 29th Lewis and Owen **Bottomley**

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2nd Jac Smith-Shelley 12th Rhys Hunt and Isobel Beechey 18th Olivia Taylor and Alice Hodgson 20th Maria Massey and Alex Horne 23rd Abbie Hampshire

Forthcoming Events:

11th January Start of Teachers Course

23rd/24th January Carlisle Masters Meet 2016

28th January

End of Teachers Course

28th January

Swimming Club Trials

3rd February

Committee Meeting. Pendle Leisure Centre

4th February

January Age Group Gala

20th February

North West Masters Distance and Sprint Meet 2016

2nd March

Financial AGM. Pendle Leisure Centre

3rd March

Swimming Club Trials

6th March

Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

20th March

Home Micro League Fixture.

Would parents please note that once your child's swimming lesson has clubmark longer responsible for their welfare.

Would all Members please note that Colne Swimming Club will not be held responsible finished and they are off the pool for any injury caused to a swimmer failing to side. Colne Swimming Club is no 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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Galas, and this included the announcement of the winner of the Spot-On Competition. The winner this year was Andrew Danson who was Spot-On as he matched his submitted time. Eleanor Fuggle was 2nd within 0.04 of second and Amelia Redfearn was 3rd within 0.19 of a second of her time.

The **Two Alberts Trophy** was presented to Mark Ennis 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 2016 were announced as James Barker and Nicole Baxter, with the 2016 Junior Captains being Ben Wilson and Mia Dodman.

The whole night was enjoyed by all.

Trophies

We need to know the state of the trophies presented to the swimmers as we have heard that names are falling of some trophies and others that are in need of repair.

If you have one of these trophies that has seen better days, then bring it along to a Club night so that someone can take a look at it.

Thank you.

Micro League

The fixtures for Division C of the Micro League of the North West will be added to the Clubs website and notice board once they have been ratified. This year there will trips to the Salt Ayre pool in Lancaster, West View Leisure Centre in Preston and Fleetwood. There will be coaches provided for these galas.

The Junior Club Captains for this seasons campaign are Ben Wilson and Mia Dodman.

The provisional fixtures for the forthcoming Micro League Season are as follows.

Fixtures

Sunday, 20th March Pendle Leisure Centre, Colne

Warm-up 3:30pm

Teams: Colne, Kirkham A, Lytham A and Prescott A

Saturday, 24th April Salt Ayre Sports Centre, Lancaster

Warm-up T.B.C

Teams: Carnforth B, Colne, Blackpool B and Lytham A.

Saturday, 14th May Fleetwood

Warm-up T.B.C

Teams: Garstang A, Leyland B, Preston B and Colne.

Sunday, 26th June West View Leisure Centre, Preston

Warm-up T.B.C

eams: Preston B, Carnforth B, Colne and Prescott A.

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.

Friendly League

The fixtures for the forthcoming Friendly League season will be discussed at the Friendly League AGM which will be held on Tuesday, 2nd February.

At this moment in time we don't know which division we will swimming in, as there was no swimoff held last year. As we finished last in Division One, we could be in Division Two for this season.

Once the fixtures are known, they will be displayed on the Notice Board and the Club website. They will also be included in the next edition of the Club newsletter.

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.

Teachers Course

On Monday, 11th January, a Level 1 Teachers Course was started, which will run over the next few weeks until Thursday, 28th January. This will affect all lessons in the Large Pool on Mondays and Thursdays, and the Small Pool on Thursdays.

The aim of the course is to get more qualified teachers on the poolside. Something that we have been lacking over the last couple of years.

During this period it would be appreciated if all swimmers listen carefully to what the potential teacher is saying to you and fulfill the instructions to the best of their ability.

With the Teachers Course running until Thursday, 28th January, the January Age Group Gala, which is normally held on the last Thursday in January, will now be moved back a week until Thursday, 4th February.

Club Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Following on from our successful trip to Lightwater Valley we are hoping to arrange another social trip, this time to Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

We are looking at Sunday 6th March as a potential day of fun. Wristbands are half price at £15 and coach price is to be confirmed but we're thinking approx £6 per person. This would involve booking your own wristbands online prior to going and just paying us for the coach.

If this is something you would be interested in could you please let Jason Dodman or Cheryle Turner know and also how many seats you would need.

Thank you.