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Friendly League Fixtures

The Friendly League fixtures are now out, but we are now in Division Two courtesy of finishing last in Division One and missing the end of season Swim-Off. Last year Burnley Aquatics were unable to fulfill their fixtures and have now withdrawn from the league. So in order to keep two divisions, Pioneer '79 will be having two teams, red and black. They will be joined by Ramsbottom and Clitheroe, who finished top of Division Two last year.

In Division Two we are joined by Accrington, Darwen and Great Harwood. There may be two more fixtures as Todmorden were still undecided about re-joining the league this year. Plus there will be an end of season gala in November.

Our first fixture this season will be against Accrington on Monday, 29th February and this will be at the Hyndburn Leisure Centre. Our first home fixture is on Monday, 21st March, which will mean that all lessons will end at 7:30pm so that the warm-up can commence for a 7:45pm start. Our other home fixtures are on a Thursday.

The start of all fixtures will be 15 minutes after the warm-up has started. All the home fixtures commence at 7:30pm along with one away fixture. The other two have a 7:15pm warm-up

2016 Fixtures

Monday, 29th February	Away	Accrington	7:15pm warm-up
Monday, 21st March	Home	Accrington	7:30pm warm-up
Monday, 16th May	Away	Great Harwood	7:30pm warm-up
Thursday, 16th June	Home	Darwen	7:30pm warm-up
Monday, 11th July	Away	Darwen	7:15pm warm-up
Thursday, 29th September	Home	Great Harwood	7:30pm warm-up

Details of team sheets will be displayed on the Notice Board and Club website nearer the events. If you are selected to swim and you cannot attend the fixture, then let Andrew know as soon as possible.

Remember there is no I in team. Good luck to all those who are swimming.

Most Improved Swimmers

The presentation of the Most Improved Swimmers was made the week after the January age group gala.

The winners, Max Harper who received his award from Club Secretary Joan Croxall, and Dominica Taylor who received her award from Club Coach Andrew Croxall.

The results from the gala are on the website.

<http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/age-times.php>



Financial AGM

This years Financial AGM will take place on **Wednesday, 2nd March** at the **Pendle Leisure Centre, Colne**. The meeting starts at 8pm.

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.



Teachers Course

Congratulations to all the teachers who took part in the Teachers Course in January, as they all passed.

This means that we now have a lot more qualified teachers on the poolside. So over the next few weeks the lanes will be assigned to the new teachers. This will also mean lane re-assignment for some of the swimmers.

The newly qualified teachers are Deryn Ashby, Davina Barraclough, Richard Baxter, Nicole Baxter, Ashleigh Dibb, Andrew Higginbottom, Tim Noon, Francesca Roberts and Lucy Green.

Well done to you all.

Birthdays

February 2016

12th Rhys Hunt and Isobel Beechey
18th Olivia Taylor and Alice Hodgson
20th Maria Massey and Alex Horne
23rd Abbie Hampshire

March 2016

3rd Andrew Croxall
4th Ruby Starkie
5th Isabelle Taylor
9th Madeline Sutcliffe
10th Eleanor Holgate
12th Amelia Blakey
19th Amelia Redfearn
20th Emily Fenwick
25th Olivia Taylor

Forthcoming Events:

29th February

Friendly League Fixture.
Away at Accrington.

2nd March

Financial AGM. Pendle Leisure Centre. 8pm

3rd March

Swimming Club Trials

6th March

Blackpool Pleasure Beach

13th March

March Madness Meet. Sheffield

19th March

Micro League Fixture. Pendle Leisure Centre. 6:15pm

21st March

Friendly League Fixture.
Home to Accrington.

25th March

Good Friday

27th March

Easter Sunday

26th March

Easter Monday. No Swimming Club

1st-3rd April

British Masters Championships. Sheffield.

6th April

Committee Meeting.

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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Shark Bytes

Colne Amateur Swimming Club



Rotherham Metro A/B Graded Meet

On Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, 24th January, a team of 7 swimmers from Colne ASC took part in the **Rotherham Metro A & B Grade Long Course Meet 2016** at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield. There were only **Maria Massey** and **Saskia Daly** who achieved A Grade times.

Maria Massey (11 years) finished 32nd in the A Grade 50m Freestyle, 9th in the B Grade 50m Backstroke, 18th in the B Grade 100m Freestyle, 19th in the B Grade 200m Freestyle, 24th in the B Grade 50m Breaststroke and 27th in the B Grade 100m Backstroke.

Saskia Daly (11 years) finished 33rd in the A Grade 50m Freestyle, 12th in the B Grade 200m Freestyle, 15th in the B Grade 50m Butterfly, 16th in the B Grade 50m Backstroke, 20th in the B Grade 100m Freestyle, 21st in the B Grade 50m Breaststroke and 31st in the B Grade 100m Breaststroke.

Mia Dodman (11 years) finished 4th in the B Grade 100m Freestyle, 5th in the B Grade 50m Freestyle, 8th in the B Grade 200m Freestyle, 10th in the B Grade 50m Butterfly, 14th in the B Grade 50m Backstroke and 16th in the B Grade 100m Backstroke.

Danielle Baxter (13 years) finished 5th in the B Grade 50m Freestyle, 7th in the B Grade 50m Breaststroke, 7th in the B Grade 100m Butterfly, 8th in the B Grade 50m Backstroke, 12th in the B Grade 100m Breaststroke, 12th in the B Grade 100m Freestyle and 13th in the B Grade 200m Freestyle.

Emily Massey (13 years) was swimming in the Multi – Disability category finished 7th in the B Grade 50m Freestyle and 1st in the MD category, 12th in the B Grade 50m Backstroke and 1st in MD category, and 15th in the B Grade 100m Freestyle and 1st in the MD category.

Eleanor Root (14 years) finished 1st in the B Grade 50m Freestyle, 4th in the B Grade 100m Freestyle, 5th in the B Grade 50m Breaststroke, 8th in the B Grade 200m Freestyle, 9th in the B Grade 200m Breaststroke and 12th in the B Grade 100m Breaststroke.

Grace Root (10 years) 1st in the B Grade 50m Breaststroke and 4th in the B Grade 100m Breaststroke.

Lancashire County Age Group Championships

On the weekends of 23rd/24th and 30th/31st January there were the four days of the **Lancashire County Age Group Championships** which were held at Manchester Aquatics Centre. **Miranda Bower** swimming in the 16 years age group was the sole representative from Colne ASC.

Miranda finished 1st equal in the heats of the 100m Backstroke but ended up finishing 5th in the final.

In the 100m Freestyle she was 12th in the heats and missed out on the Final.

In the 50m Breaststroke she was 1st in the heats and maintained that position as she won the final.

In the 50m Backstroke she was 5th in the heats, but declined as place in the final to concentrate on the 100m Breaststroke.

In the 100m Breaststroke she was 1st in the heats and maintained that position by winning the final.

Easy Fund Raising

I'm here again going on about Easy Fund Raising. I know it's boring, but please do not ignore this, as it is a great way for the Club to raise money from big business without costing you any extra.

At the moment we have **20** supporters registered with Easy Fund Raising and between them they have raised **£722.20** with **£41.15** just from the last quarter, with **£111** raised in the last 12 months.

Do you buy things from the internet? Do you use Amazon, Boots, Marks & Spencers, Speedo, etc, then shop through the Easy Fund Raising website and raise funds for the Club. It will not cost you any extra. Did you know you can book holidays and buy train tickets? So if you are not signed up, why not?

To register just follow instructions from the Club website.

<http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/easyfundraising.php>

Please don't ignore this message, because if more people register, it can help keep your annual subscriptions down.

For example, if you want a new pair of racing goggles from the Speedo website, the Speedocket Mirror Goggle costs £27. Then shopping through Easy Fund Raising will raise 4% of that sale for the club, which would be £1.08. Speedo pay this not you.

Carlisle Masters Meet

On Friday, 22nd and Saturday, 23rd January, a sole representative from the Colne ASC masters team took part in the **Carlisle Aquatics Masters Meet 2016**.

Tony Catterall who returned to competition this year, competed in the 70 to 74 years age group and took part in 13 events, in which he finished 1st in 11 of them and was second in the other two.

They were the 800m Freestyle, 400m Individual Medley, 200m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Individual Medley, 200m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 200m Individual Medley, 200m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke. The other ones were the 50m and 100m Freestyle events.

He ended up finishing as the top male swimmer for the meet.

Micro League

The dates and times of the Micro League fixtures have now been ratified.

There has only been one change in that the third gala is now at Palatine Leisure Centre, instead of Fleetwood.

Gala 1	Saturday, 19th March	6:15pm
	Pendle Leisure Centre.	
Gala 2	Saturday, 23rd April	4:15pm
	Salt Ayre Sports Centre, Lancaster	
Gala 3	Saturday, 14th May	2:30pm
	Palatine Leisure Centre, Blackpool	
Gala 4	Saturday, 25th June	3:15pm
	West View Leisure Centre, Preston	

Details of coaches will be on the Notice Board and Website nearer the time.

