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Colne Amateur Swimming Club



Top Boy

Jacob Taylforth was presented with a trophy for being the Top Boy swimmer for this years Micro League of the North West. He amassed 31 points over the course of the year, which was one more than his nearest challenger in Division 'C'. Also he is ranked in the top 10 nationally for both 50m and 200m Breaststroke.

Sponsored Swim

There were 26 boys and 25 girls who took part in the sponsored swim on Thursday, 10th October.

Can those who took part bring their sponsor monies to the Club as soon as possible.

Trophies Need Returning

Can those swimmers who won trophies last year return them as soon as possible. Please make sure they are in a **clean** condition. They can be returned to Janice Smith-Shelley or Joan Croxall.

Championship Galas

The Championship Galas are on Monday, 11th and Thursday, 15th November with the warm-up starting at 6:50pm and the first race about 7:05pm.

Entry forms are now available from Mrs. Croxall or can be downloaded from the website. Alternatively you can use the on-line entry which can be found on the website.

The age groups are split into 8 and under, 10 and under, 13 and under, 15 and under and 16 and over, but you are allowed to swim up one age group. For instance a 7 year old can swim in the 8 and under and 10 and under events, whilst a 14 year old can swim in the 15 and under and the 16 and over events. Also any swimmer can do the Senior Championship and 200m IM events which are open to all, and anyone 15 and under can do the Junior Championship event.

So come on have a go it's **free** as you've already paid for entry as part of your subscription to the Club.

Annual Presentation

The Annual Presentation and Disco will be taking place on Saturday, 14th December at Nelson Cricket Club.

The doors at the venue will be open from 7:00pm with the presentation starting at 7:30pm. After which there will be a buffet and some fun and games, and a disco.

Tickets will cost £5 for adults and £2 for children.



Betty Petty Style Trophy

The Betty Petty Style Trophy will take place on Saturday, 16th November starting at 3:00pm until 5:00pm.

This competition is open to everyone that is 15 years and under and it is not about speed but a demonstration of your technique and ability.

You will be assessed on Backstroke, Breaststroke and Frontcrawl over two lengths, with starts and turns included.

So it doesn't matter if you are fast or slow, it is the person with the best stroke and technique that wins.

You can enter on-line, fill in a form or just turn up at the Pendle Leisure Centre just before 3:00pm. Oh and it is **free**!



The Spot-On competition will take part on Thursday, 14th November and will take place as event 11 on the programme.

This competition will cost £1 to enter as there are cash prizes of £20, £10 and £5 for the winners.

The aim of competition is to swim two lengths in the stroke you have nominated and try to match your submitted time. The winner will be the swimmer that gets closest to their submitted time.

This competition is open to **ALL** including parents and teachers.

There is a closing date of 3:00pm on Thursday, 14th November and no late entries will be accepted.

Birthdays

October 2013

1st Callum Bottomley
2nd Haydn Taylor
3rd Ella Purvis
9th Ben Havers-Strong
11th Georgia Taylforth
13th Chloe Akrigg
16th Maddy Duffy
21st Kian Noon
22nd Keira Crocombe
27th Libby Fisher
30th Joan Croxall

November 2013

1st James Barker
3rd Eleanor Root and Natalie Bashir
4th Jacob Taylforth
5th Millie Davies
6th Lewis Fenwick
8th Freya Marsden
9th Ruairi Sweeney and Sarah Wilson
11th Toby Green and Marcus Bower
16th Joe Pickles
18th Thomas Bjork
26th Edgar Zelinskij

Forthcoming Events:

17th October

Friendly League. Home to Great Harwood

25th-27th October

ASA National Masters

6th November

Committee Meeting

7th November

Swimming Club Trials

11th November

1st Championship Gala

14th November

2nd Championship Gala

16th November

Betty Petty Style Competition

4th December

Committee Meeting

5th December

Christmas Sprint Gala

14th December

Annual Presentation & Disco

19th December

Last Club Session of 2013

6th January 2014

First Club Session of 2014

30th January 2014

January Age Group Gala

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

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Blackpool Lights

On the weekend of Saturday, 21st and Sunday, 22nd September, thirteen young swimmers from Colne ASC took part in the **Blackpool Lights Open Meet 2013** competition held at the Palatine Leisure Centre, Blackpool. Between them they managed to win 13 golds, 8 silvers and 14 bronzes.

Lewis McKenna (12) finished **1st** in 50m Butterfly, **2nd** in 100m Butterfly, **3rd** in 200m Individual Medley and 50m Breaststroke, 4th in 100m Freestyle and 200m Freestyle

Danielle Baxter (11) finished **1st** in 50m Breaststroke, **3rd** in 200m Breaststroke and 200m Backstroke, 4th in 100m Butterfly, 100m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly, 5th in 50m Backstroke and 200m Freestyle, 6th in 200m Individual Medley and 100m Freestyle, 7th in 50m Freestyle

Nicole Baxter (13) finished **1st** in 50m Freestyle, **2nd** in 100m Butterfly and 50m Backstroke, **3rd** in 200m Breaststroke and 200m Backstroke, 4th in 50m Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley and 100m Freestyle, 5th in 100m Backstroke, 6th in 200m Freestyle, 7th in 100m Breaststroke

Miranda Bower (13) finished **1st** in 100m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 200m Breaststroke and 100m Freestyle, **2nd** in 200m Freestyle, 4th in 100m Backstroke

Zak Smith-Shelley (11) finished **1st** in 200m Freestyle, **2nd** in 50m Backstroke, **3rd** in 50m Butterfly, 5th in 50m Freestyle

James Barker (13) finished **1st** in 50m Butterfly and 50m Breaststroke, **2nd** in 50m Freestyle, **3rd** in 100m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 100m Backstroke

Mia Dodman (9) finished 9th in 50m Freestyle, 10th in 200m Freestyle, 12th in 50m Butterfly, 13th in 100m Individual Medley and 50m Backstroke, 18th in 50m Breaststroke

Olivia Taylor (9) finished 4th in 200m Breaststroke, 10th in 50m Freestyle, 11th in 200m Freestyle, 14th in 100m Individual Medley, 17th in 50m Breaststroke

Finley Sibson (10) finished **1st** in 50m Freestyle, 5th in 200m Freestyle

Eleanor Root (11) finished **3rd** in 50m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle and 50m Freestyle, 6th in 50m Backstroke, 10th in 200m Breaststroke

Caitlin Noon (11) finished 11th in 200m Freestyle, 12th in 50m Freestyle, 13th in 50m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke

Abbie Hampshire (13) finished **1st** in 200m Backstroke and 50m Backstroke, **2nd** in 200m Individual Medley and 100m Freestyle, **3rd** in 100m Backstroke, 4th in 200m Freestyle

Isabel Redfern (9) finished 11th in 50m Backstroke, 12th in 50m Freestyle

North East Masters Championships

On Saturday, 21st September, three members of the Colne ASC Masters team travelled to Stanley in County Durham to take part in the **ASA North East Region Masters Championships**. This year they combined all the age groups together to determine the individual event winners by using an age adjusted formula.

Philip Croxall swimming in the 40 to 44 years age group started off well by finishing **3rd** in the 400m Freestyle, but it then went downhill as he finished 15th in 50m Breaststroke, 23rd in 100m Freestyle, 7th in 200m Individual Medley, 9th in 100m Breaststroke, 6th in 100m Individual Medley and 14th in 50m Butterfly.

Bob Whittaker also swimming in the 40 to 44 years age group finished 13th in 400m Freestyle, 6th in 200m Backstroke, 33rd in 100m Freestyle, 9th in 100m Individual Medley, 14th in 100m Backstroke, 10th in 200m Freestyle and 18th in 100m Individual Medley.

Tony Catterall in the 65 to 69 years age group finished 5th in 400m Freestyle, 11th in 50m Breaststroke, 4th in 200m Backstroke, 17th in 100m Freestyle, 8th in 200m Individual Medley, 17th in 50m Freestyle, 6th in 100m Backstroke, 12th in 100m Breaststroke, 10th in 200m Freestyle, 7th in 50m Backstroke, 14th in 100m Individual Medley and 5th in 200m Breaststroke.



Water Fun

What is it with kids and water ?
Like a magnet to my son and daughter.
A cry of please, the wanting look,
That facial expression you can read like a book.
The smile on their face when they're dripping wet
Melts my heart – I have no regret.
It captures a memory, a picture for me,
A moment in time for me to see.
Shivering, chattering, a gasp and a splutter,
Saturated clothes once again I mutter.
Oh, what the heck, they are having fun
Wet clothing peeled off and hung in the sun.
It's inevitable, staying dry wouldn't last -
If only they'd go to bed just as fast !

By Lynn Baker

The AGM Report

This years Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 9th October at the Crown Hotel.

It was a disappointment to the committee that no new parents turned up, and we had one of our lowest turn-outs, with only eight people present.

The committee was elected and remains the same as last year apart from Philip Croxall who is now the Chairman and Tim Redfern who is the Welfare Officer.

Due to rising costs it was decided that the Annual Subscriptions would raise by £5 across all categories. There will also be a log book given to all swimmers upon payment of subscriptions.

We hope in future that more parents take an interest in how the Club is run, as without a Committee there will be no Club.

Friendly League

After the summer break and pool closures, we finally held our first home fixture in this seasons Friendly League. So on Thursday, 19th September, we were hosts to Ramsbottom ASC.

The gala turned out to be a close contest as both Colne then Ramsbottom took it in turns to dominate the gala, but it was the visitors Ramsbottom who managed to hold out for victory by 64 points to 55.

Our second home fixture quickly followed on Monday, 30th September, as we were hosts to Burnley Aquatics.

Unfortunately for us Burnley brought a very strong team which resulted in them dominating the gala. Burnley were comfortable winners by 71 points to 47.

Despite the loss the young Colne swimmers managed to record 15 new personal bests amongst the girls and 14 amongst the boys.

Our final fixture is a home gala on Thursday, 17th October against Great Harwood.