

September 2005 Edition

New Season – Welcome back!

Welcome back to all Biggleswade Club members. Training starts in earnest at Saxon on Friday September 2nd but will **NOT** start at Henlow for the time being. (see below)

A new time-table comes into force so check the start times for your sessions.

A special welcome to any new members – we hope you enjoy training and competing with Biggleswade SC. Feel free to ask for information from your coaches and any committee members. Please remember that we are mostly parents of swimmers too – so we are not likely to eat you if you ask questions.

RAF Henlow have increased the amount they want to charge us for the Wednesday night use of their pool to levels that we cannot absorb within our current fee structure. We are negotiating with them, and looking at alternative venues. We WILL keep you as informed as possible about this.

Club Championships 2005

The second and third round of the Club Championships fall on 22nd October and 19th November.

Many of you have already entered those events you wish to swim, but some of you might want to add more or change your times in the light of recent results. New members are welcome to make first entries at this stage.

Entry forms and schedules will therefore be available from your coaches or committee members. **Please submit your entries by September 23rd**. Remember that the cost is £1 per event to a maximum of £10 – including those already swum in July.

Forthcoming meets

October

- 1st– Kay Hutton C gala at Dunstable
- 1st& 2nd - Robin Hood Open Meet (MBSS)
- 8th– Speedo Round 1 at home.
- 22nd– Club Championships
- 29th & 30th– MK long distance (MBSS)

November

- 12th– Speedo Round 2.
- 19th Club Championships.
- 26th & 27th East Region Championships at Norwich (MBSS)

December

- 3rd & 4th – City of Oxford or Nuneaton (MBSS)
- 10th Speedo Round 3.

- 17th BWSC Christmas Relay gala.
- 18th – speed awards and time trial night.

Recent results:

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed in the Midland District Age group Championships.

Special congratulations to Harriet Brettle and Hannah Raine who qualified for the National Age Group and Youth Championships and swam very well at Sheffield in August.

New!! Committee surgeries.

Each month some of the committee will be holding “surgeries” to answer questions and give information about the Club, competitions and so on.

We hope this will help new and existing members feel that we really do care about all our members. Martin Aust and Sonia Stokes have volunteered to be first in the stocks this month. Watch the notice board for details.

Social events

– BWSC Summer Ball

There are still a few tickets available for the Summer Ball to be held in September. This will be a great night out for parents and their friends. Apply to Lee Tavener for your tickets.

-Swimmers' Disco

Thank you to all who helped at the swimmers disco and made it a great night for all concerned.

Jordan's Scholarships

We hope to issue letters about these very soon!

Calling all swimming enthusiasts!

Last newsletter we asked about people thinking of joining the coaching team. We are especially looking for helpers for Junior Squad.

Another opportunity for both parents and swimmers to participate is by becoming an official.

Courses for Timekeepers, Judges, Starters and Referees are run by the County ASA – but can be local. Officials are necessary for any gala or Open Meet and becoming one keeps you involved in the sport.

Equipment sales on Sundays

Sue Mason and Sue Lee have volunteered to look after the Club Equipment stall on those Sundays they are around. Keep your eyes open for them. If they are not available – and

during other Club sessions you can ask a committee member to sell you kit from the Club Store.

Annual General Meeting

The Club's annual general meeting will be held in October. Please look out for Notices confirming the date and time.

Reminders

- Please remember to check your swimmers wallet in your Squad folder every week. Some of you are not collecting your paperwork regularly.
- Squad folders are kept in the club room in a green crate and if they are not brought

onto poolside for your session you should ask to see them.

- Lost property – as usual we have a vast stock of bottles, fins, pull buoys etc that swimmers have forgotten. Some of them even have names on! Please check that the kit you are carrying round IS yours and return any stray items you find to their rightful owners.