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Newsletter:- Summer Term 2011

To all Swimmers & Parents (Please read)

The summer term is about to start and with all these Bank Holidays I hope you can remember when to come back. To help all of you the term start and finish dates are included in this newsletter.

As mentioned previously our membership numbers are still lower than required. A push has been made at all local schools and whilst we have seen a small increase this has not, as yet, produced sufficient new members. In order to stem the loss being made at the Sheredes pool lessons it is regretted that the fess will have to increase by £2 per term.

Some good news is that the John Warner fees are being adjusted again. Full details of all the fees payable are included within the newsletter.

There is a lot happening before the end of term and you will all need to read about it all and make sure you are available on the relevant dates as you will not wish to miss out.

Apart from several galas, which the Team Managers will advise you of, there is our Family Fun Day and all family members are welcome to attend. There will be no Triathlon, this year, with our good friends at Buntingford SC but they are looking at organising a swim/run event for both of our clubs to compete. When we have details we will let you know.

We are now getting ready for our Club Championships, which will take place in September/October. The format has all changed since last year so full details are inside.

Philip Hutchinson
Treasurer



Term Dates

The dates for the start of Summer Term are as follows:-

Thursdays:- 28th April

Fridays:- 6th May (As mentioned before, the late start is due to the Bank Holiday on the 29th April for the Royal Wedding)

Half term will be from 30th May to 3rd June and there will be no Thursday or Friday sessions. The Tuesday & Wednesday sessions will continue without a break.

The dates for the end of Summer Term are as follows:-

Thursdays:- 21st July

Fridays:- 22nd July

Tuesdays:- 26th July

Wednesdays:- 27th July

There will be no swimming during August as this is our summer break. Details of when we restart in September will be notified in later newsletters.



Term Fees

Please note the following term fees, which will need to be paid at the start of term. The fees for Sheredes swimming have increased slightly to the new amounts shown.

With regards to the John Warner fees, for those in the Gala Squad, there is a reduction in the amount payable. After increasing the pool hire charge last term by 35%, they have now decided to reduce the charge by 17% this term. This means that the increase of last term can be reduced by £5 this term and the new amount is shown below.

Width classes (Sheredes Thursday or Friday):- £35

Length classes (Sheredes Thursday or Friday):- £43

2 Nights Training (Sheredes & Gala Squad at John Warner):- £83

Wednesday Adults:- £50

The above appropriate fees **MUST** be paid within the first four (4) weeks of term, as failure to do so will prejudice the allocated swimming session. No payment can be made after the period mentioned unless by prior arrangement with the Club Treasurer.

If any family wishes to discuss difficulties with payment then please speak to the desk, confidentially, and we will do what we can to help your payment over the period of the term.

Do not run the risk of losing your place and ensure that all fees are paid promptly. Kindly have the **correct** cash when paying at the desk, or a cheque can be accepted payable to Broxbourne Swimming Club.



Herts Major League

This is a series of three galas between all Hertfordshire clubs, on a league basis, that the club competes in for the under 12 to open age groups.

The club is currently in Division 2 and this year we have been unfortunate not to have our full strength team available on all 3 rounds.

In spite of this the swimmers taking part have achieved marvelous results and we have managed to stay in Division 2 for next year. The final round was an extremely tense evening and with many swimmers having to swim up an age group they obtained a superb 4th place finish. On this round alone some 35 new personal best swim times were obtained showing the spirit shown through the event.

Those that were at Hitchin, on the night, would have seen our superb new club banner amongst the team. This will help all identify with the club and know who we are!

Well done to all who took part you have made the team managers and all involved with the club very proud.

The results of this gala and all other galas are always displayed on club nights after galas. If you take part in an event have a look at them and see how you swam and if you obtained a new PB.



Family Fun Day

We will be holding this popular event again on Sunday 10th July and it will be held at Sheredes School playing fields between 2.00pm and 5.30pm

Make a note on your calendar, as you will not want to miss this event, which is **free**. There will be a raffle so please support the club.

All swimmers and families are welcome to come along and participate if you want to, in the rounders, treasure hunt (for the little ones), bouncy castle and egg throwing. The tug-of-war will also be held, which is always popular with so many.

We are currently looking to see if we can organise the BBQ again and also have some drinks available.

Bring your own chairs and have a great afternoon, with other families of the club, sitting out in the open air whilst the children run around.



Club Championships

This year there are many changes in the format of our Annual Championships.

They will be taking place at John Warner Swimming Pool, Hoddesdon, over **two** Saturday Sessions **on 24th September & 1st October**. The start of each session will be **7.00pm, with the doors opening at 6.30pm**.

Some of the younger age group events will now be over shorter distances and the age groups for the medley events are now evenly altered allowing two more events to be competed for. **For this two new trophies will need to be purchased**. If any family wishes to purchase and sponsor either of these trophies then please let me know and I can discuss this with you.

The date of each event will be shown on the events list and this form along with the entry form will be available from 7th June and will need to be returned no later than

1st July 2011. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The championships are open to all members of the Club who have joined 90 days prior to the commencement of the Championships i.e. 27th June. Every swimmer of the club, who is competent to swim the distance and stroke for their relevant age group, is expected to enter as many events as possible and to turn up for the event. All competitors will also be expected to represent the club in competitive galas against other swimming clubs if requested to do so. Those participating in **Gala Squad** training/coaching are expected to enter as many events as possible. Non-participation will result in you losing your place at John Warner pool as these places are now urgently required for new swimmers who are progressing into the gala squad.

If you are unsure as to which events to enter then please ask your teacher/coach who will give appropriate guidance to you.

Further full details on “what to do at the championships” will be included in the newsletter sent out before the start of the Autumn Term.

It is hoped that swimmers will not look at events and decide that they will not enter just because they feel “*I can't win it*”. If we all took this attitude then we would never participate in anything. Enter every race you can and enjoy yourselves.



Club Shop

Do not forget that swimming costumes, goggles, hats, swim bags, shirts, track suits and hoodies, all with club name and in club colours, can be purchased from the desk on club nights. They are basically at just above cost and represent excellent value compared with items purchased in shops.

Don't forget to ask at the desk.



Lost property

I have a lot of items in lost property, which has been left behind in the changing rooms. This covers costumes, hats, goggles, coats etc. If you leave anything behind please check with the desk the following week and see if I have it.



Swimmer of the Month

Congratulations to the following recipients of our monthly award:-



January: Laura Medcalf



February: Jodie Fromage



March: Adam Cooper