

Solihull Splash

The Newsletter of Solihull Swimming Club



Solihull Splash hopes to provide not only information about the workings of the Club, swimming terms and jargon, but also news items about gala/open meet successes, future meet dates, Swim Shop dates and other relevant Club news. We hope that you find this useful. Previous issues can be found on the Club website. Email sscparentrep@gmail.com to submit questions for future monthly issues.

Swimming Results

National Arena League

Round 1 – First places at the gala went to Laila Elfandi 11/u 50m Backstroke, Becky Kamau Open 100m Fly and 100 Breast, Deen Ahmed 11/u 50m Fly and 100 Free, Caitlin Hubbard 15/u 100 Fly and 100 Free. Second places went to Ben Kelly 11/u 50 Back, Elizabeth Aston 13/u Breast, Ben Davis 15/u 100 Breast. Third places went to Becky Kamau Open 200IM, Laila Elfandi 11/u 50 Fly, Ben Kelly 11/u 50 Breast and Sarah Warwood Ladies 100 Free. The relay teams of Boys 9/11 were 2nd and 3rd in both their relays and the girls 9/11 Team were 3rd in their Free Relay. The Ladies Open Medley Relay team came 2nd. Great swims by the team in a tough round.

Round 2 – was held on 14 November.

Round 3 – was held on 12 December.

WATER POLO SUCCESS:-

Congratulations to our under 16 water polo team for claiming this year's Midland Water Polo Youth League with a 100% record winning all 12 of their matches and scoring 176 goals against 56.

Top scorer was Alex Chapman with 58 goals followed by Finn Nicholas (43), Aaron Bach (33) and Gabriel McLaughlin (23) but special mention must also be made of Cally McLaughlin who had an outstanding season in goal.

18 players in total played for the team over the season which started back in March but most appearances apart from the above players were from, Ben Creaton, Connor Guard, Krishan Kaushal and Tilly Neal.

Well done to all of you and coaches Phil Powell, Pete Farkas and Jake Vincent.

The Club are currently looking for 9/10 year old boys and girls who would be interested in trying water polo. They train on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7-8pm at Solihull School. Junior water polo is open to anyone aged 9-12 and competitive water polo is mixed gender up to the age of 16.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

- Ben Kelly and Megan Nicklin who have been selected to join the City of Birmingham Development Squad.
- Matt Kelly who recently passed his Level 1 Coaching and Sam Eaves who passed her Level 1 Teaching.
- City of Birmingham swimmers, Becky Kamau and Caitlin Hubbard who competed for Team Warwickshire at the Inter County Championships in October at Ponds Forge in Sheffield.
- Deen Ahmed who has been selected to attend a 2 day West Midlands Regional Training Camp. The first day took place at the end of October and the second day will take place in January. 36 talented swimmers (boys and girls who were born in 2003/04) were selected from the ASA English Rankings from August 2014-August 2015.
- Dan Moore, Becky Kamau and Caitlin Hubbard who all recently took part in the Midland Short Course Championships – a great achievement.

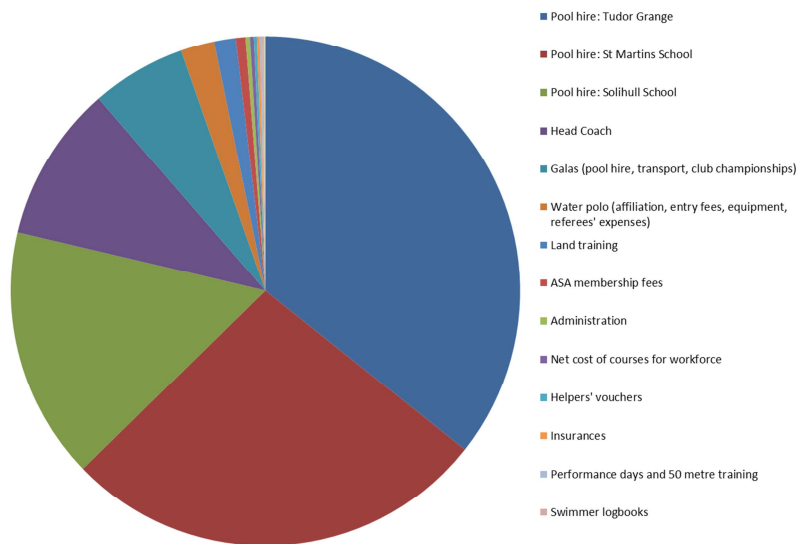
SHEFFIELD OPEN MEET – 21 NOVEMBER 2015

48 swimmers travelled to Sheffield's, Ponds Forge on to take part in Sheffield City Swimming Club's annual B grade open meet, the meet gives swimmers a chance to swim in an Olympic size pool and it was a 5.30am start for those travelling by coach !! The club enjoyed a very successful day gaining 67 awards, they amassed 35 Trophies for the swimmers that came top three in their events and then also gained another incredible 32 medals for the swimmers coming 4th to 6th. Many of the clubs younger swimmers took part aged just 9 and 10 and swimming in a meet in a 50m pool for the first time. Running simultaneously with the individual events was a Team competition, for every swimmer that achieved a top six placing they earned points for the team. SSC came an incredible 3rd out of 25 teams, just one point off 2nd place. With so many great achievements it is difficult to name everyone but congratulations goes to 14 year old Abdur Rahim Sharif who competed in 5 events and achieved top two places in all his events. Also achieving top 6 placings in all their events were 9 year old Imogen Kielstra, 11 Year Ben Kelly and 18 Year Old Junior Captain Rachel Davis.



Children in Need 2015 - Thank you to Amanda Pemberton for organising and thank you to all our swimmers coaches parents and everyone else who baked, donated prizes, bought raffle tickets and cakes and made pledges you all raised a fantastic £385 for Children In Need! A big thank you to Dean and Rachel for walking the plank!

Analysis of Expenditure 2014- 2015



The Club recently held their annual AGM – November 2015. One of the areas people are frequently interested in is where and how does the Club use the subscriptions collected. As you can see from the pie chart the biggest expenditure is pool hire.

The Club are always looking for volunteers but we particularly need at the moment a new Secretary (Job Description available) and also someone to annually complete an independent evaluation of the Club Accounts. If you would like to find out more or are interested in either of these positions please contact Nick Pemberton or Mike Beard.

Swim Shop Dates
Sunday 20th December
Sunday 10th January
Friday 22nd January
Sunday 7th February
Friday 19th February
Sunday 6th March
Friday 18th March
Sunday 10th April



The Club were saddened to learn that Ian Harker, who was a major figure and key volunteer at SSC for over 20 years, passed away in October.

Ian became involved in the club in the late 1980's when two of his daughters, Beth and Sam, joined as swimmers. He became Club Treasurer in 1989 and held this role continuously until 2009. Throughout his stewardship the club maintained sound finances and avoided any of the financial hiccups that are common-place in clubs elsewhere. He also officiated for many years at our galas and was qualified up to referee level. In the early 1990's Ian's wife, Sue, started the club swim shop which she ran until Ian stood down as Treasurer and their two daughters, Karen and Jo, are continuing in the family tradition and are now running the shop.

Future Open Meets 2016

Date	Gala/Open Meet	Location
January 16 th /17 th	Coventry SC Open Meet	Coventry
February 6 th	Coventry & District Team Races	Coventry
February - TBC	Rugby Peri Sprints	Rugby
February 20 th /27 th	Warwickshire Championships	Coventry
March 5 th /6 th	Warwickshire Championships	Coventry
March 12 th	Junior Trophy Gala	Tudor Grange
March 25 th – 28 th	City of Birmingham Open Meet	Stechford

Time Trial Dates 2016

Time trials take place at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre.

Each group will aim to complete at least 3 timed swims and the programme will rotate through the strokes and distances (each month will have a 200m IM (100m for Level 6 Teaching, Pre-Junior and Junior 1) 200m front crawl or 200m form, a 50m stroke and a 100m stroke). Extra swims will be accommodated at the end of each session time permitting.

10 th January	200m Form / 50m Fly / 100m FC
7 th February	200m IM / 50m Back / 100m Breast
6 th March	200m FC / 50m Breast / 100m Back
10 th April	200m Form / 50 FC / 100m Fly
8 th May	200m IM / 50m Fly / 100m FC
5 th June	200m FC / 50m Back / 100m Breast



We would like to take this opportunity to wish club members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.