



NEWSLETTER - November 2007

Time is flying by and we're well into the current swimming season. Swimmers have already competed at three Open Meets, Speedo League has kicked off once again and we're looking forward to two weekends of Club Championships later this month

Team Events

Swimmers are reminded that the Club wishes to do as well as it can in all competitive events and that missing swimmers reduce our points scored. Please can any swimmers who are not able to attend an event let the Team Manager or Coaches know with as much notice as possible.

Many thanks to Sarah Young who stepped in at the very last moment to attend the recent Speedo league event in Derby and helped the team on its way to an excellent result.

Session Managers

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered their time to act as Session Managers at both Flitwick and Bedford. The system is working very well so far and hopefully parents are enjoying the sessions! We're still short of someone to do every third Sunday evening at Flitwick so let Jo Aatkar know if you can help.

Swimmer Representatives

The Committee has agreed that it would like to hear views of the swimmers to help in the running of the Club. The idea is to have one boy and one girl representative who could attend part of the monthly Committee meetings to raise any issues they wished to. Before volunteering, consider if you are able to attend the meetings at Flitwick one Sunday a month and are willing to take on the responsibility of canvassing all swimmers' views.

Representatives will be selected by their fellow swimmers, but as a first step would all those who are willing to stand for election please email the Club Secretary at roger.d.allen@tesco.net, or leave a note in Claire Allen's folder.

You have until the end of November to put yourselves forward.

Code of Conduct

After a recent incident at the Flitwick pool the Committee would like to ask all swimmers to re-familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct which must be adhered to at all times. Not doing so will **not** be tolerated by the Club.

Banned Substances

All swimmers should be aware that it is their responsibility to ensure they do not take any banned substances (either deliberately or inadvertently!). Guidance on this issue is available on the ASA website (www.britishswimming.org)

Club Championships - Help Needed

Note to parents: As you can imagine, the Club Championships cannot be run without parents' assistance so we will be looking for lots of volunteers to help out, both on poolside and "behind the scenes". If you'd like to be involved in any capacity, please leave your name at the desk.

Presentation Evening

Diary reminder - The Championships Presentation Evening/Disco will take place on Saturday 12th January 2008 at Flitton & Greenfield Village Hall.

County Championships

The Bedfordshire County Championships will take place on 23rd February (1500m only) and the weekends of 1st/2nd March and 15/16th March. Qualifying times are posted on the FDSC website and entries will be invited in the New Year. Swimmers should use the Club Championship as an ideal opportunity to gain or improve on qualifying times.

Well done

Aran Chamberlain-Clark, Simon Liddle, Rhiannyd Jones, Leah Neary, Simon Weighell, Toby Willson and Tom Winder were selected to represent the County, along with swimmers from other Beds clubs, at the National County Team Championships in Sheffield in October. All swimmers put in sterling performances against the best in the country!

Desk Duty

Could parents please check the rota to ensure they know their allotted time for desk duty. There have been one or two occasions when parents have not turned up and if this happens, either someone else has to take responsibility for the duty or there is no desk.

Reimbursement

Our Treasurer (Noreen Weighell) is proposing to change the system of reimbursement (e.g. for fees/out of pocket expenses) to make it more efficient. Unless there are any special circumstances (and prior agreement of the Treasurer), reimbursement will be made by bank transfer direct to parents' accounts.

And last but not least ...

Well done to Rose Tilbury on passing her ASA Timekeepers Practical exam.

Don't forget to check the website regularly for up-to-date details on fixtures, results and all other information about the Club - www.flitwickdolphins.com