

Solihull Splash Winter 2012



Issue 5

Club reaches milestone anniversary - Golden Jubilee 1963-2013



Formed in 1963, our Club will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee Anniversary next year. The Club has steadily grown over the years and has enjoyed many individual and team successes. It reaches its Jubilee year in excellent shape with both swimming and water polo sections performing extremely well (as can be seen in the reports in this newsletter). Throughout its history, the Club has been very fortunate to have a strong volunteer workforce of coaches, teachers, officials, helpers and administrators who have contributed greatly to its growth and success. Plans are already underway to stage various events during next year including a family fun day, a distance swim, competitions, and various other '50th themed activities. We wish everyone involved in the Club a very happy Golden Jubilee during 2013 and hope that you will participate in some of the many planned events.



Follow 'Solihull Swimming Club 50th Year Events Page' on Facebook for all the latest news and information on events and competitions coming up in the anniversary year!



Junior Club Captains:
Hannah Boot & Tom
Slater

Junior Club Vice-
Captains:
Aslan Lewis & Ellie Boot

Calling all budding artists.....

Would you like to see your creative skills immortalised???

Logo Competition

To celebrate the clubs **50th** anniversary we are offering you the chance to design a logo which will be used on all letterheads, banners, emails and club website as well as on a range of commemorative merchandise! The logo must be black on gold and related to swimming. Design your logo on a piece of A4 sized paper and put your name, number and swimming group on the back. Please hand your designs in to Kate Hill or email a copy of it to kate.ssc@hotmail.co.uk.

Logos will be judged by the Committee and if your design wins then it will be used on all Club merchandise produced for the 50th anniversary plus you'll win a £10 Touchwood gift card. All entries must be in by the 6th of January. Good Luck!

So what are Junior Club Captains anyway.....?

- they are swimmers and act as team representatives at open meets, galas and at training.
 - they are a point of contact and support for all swimmers.
 - they support the Head Coach and Assistant Head coach in coaching roles and at competitions.
 - they create the quarterly newsletter.
 - they organise the annual Children in Need fundraising evening.
 - Club Captains sit as non-voting members on the committee.
 - Club Vice-Captains support the club captains in all the roles above and step in should the Club Captains be unavailable.
- Junior League club captains are selected to represent the Leicester League and Nuneaton League junior teams.

Water Polo Success

Congratulations to all our water polo teams who have achieved a total of nine Championship and League titles this year which is a very impressive achievement. The men's team won all 12 of their matches in the British Water Polo League programme to gain promotion to Division 4. They are the only team across all of the men's and women's divisions to achieve a 100% winning record this season. Phil Powell deserves special credit for not only coaching the team but also being top goal-scorer with 63 goals.

Sheffield Open Meet

On the 17th November, 46 swimmers left Tudor Grange at 5.30am for the Sheffield Open Meet at Ponds Forge 50m pool. All swimmers swam brilliantly and there were some exceptional PBs as well as speeding tickets! Overall the club came 6th out of the 35 clubs present after achieving 3 1sts, 4 2nds, 11 3rds, 8 4ths, 5 5ths & 12 6ths. Well done to all! Next year's meet is on 16th November 2013.

*Join us,
it's a great day out!*



Remember the closing date for Warwickshire County Championships entries is: 15th Jan 2013

Performance Day

50 swimmers attended a Performance Day with Rugby Swimming Club on 1st December. There was a swim skills training session with Nick Gillingham MBE, 3 times Olympic swimmer & multiple record holder, land training with Solihull's Arj Thiruchelvum & a nutrition talk with Martin McDonald, nutritional advisor to the GB Olympic team. The day was a huge success with swimmers in all groups learning something new.



National Arena League

A team: The first round on 13th October took place at Stafford. Solihull came first by 62 points with 39 PBs! After a hard battle, again at Stafford, joint second place was secured by the A team in the second round. The final round was extremely tough with the A team finishing 5th in the top final of Division 2 with 36% of swims resulting in a top 3 placing. The A team finished 5th overall in the league compared to 10th last year, narrowly missing out on promotion to Division 1.

B team: The first round was at Rugby on 13th October. Despite coming 6th there were 50 PB's achieved! The second round was on 10th November at Cheslyn Hay where Solihull B triumphantly finished in first place! There were 21 first places and 14 second places. The final round at Bromsgrove resulted in 26% of swims in the top 3 positions. The final result of 6th place did not reflect the quality of swims but it is always more challenging for a B team to compete against A

Children in Need

On Friday 16th November we held a cake sale and pyjama swim in aid of Children in Need. In addition to various competitions, we also swam 120 miles, equivalent to the distance to the Olympic Aquatics Centre in London. **We managed to raise an astonishing £506.87!!!** Thank you all so much for your fantastic support & generous donation of cakes & cash. Competition winners were as follows: 'Where is Pudsey fundraising?', won by Mrs Knight (James & Beth Morris's grandma) with her guess of Windsor Castle, 'What is Pudsey doing?' won by Arj Thiruchelvum with his guess of a chilli eating contest & Ross Evans won the 'Guess how many sweets in the jar', with an astonishingly close guess of 432; there were 433 sweets!



WANTED: database expert!

The club membership database is in urgent need of an overhaul and update. If you have a good working knowledge of ACCESS or any other database suitable for managing membership records please contact Sandra Boot (sshelo@tiscali.co.uk) or Steve Prosser (secretary@solihullswimmingclub.co.uk).