

BIRMINGHAM MASTERS

September 2012 Newsletter

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Coaching

We wish Flora every success in her university course starting next month, though we will be very sorry to lose her from the coaching team. We hope Flora will come back to do a few sessions during the university holidays.

However we are also delighted to announce that Ian has agreed to take on Flora's sessions and is already drawing together a training calendar to guide us through the different stages of the competitive year. Andrew continues to take Sunday sessions. On a different note, if you know of anyone interested in coaching opportunities in the Kings Cross area of London, the club there is desperate, as their coach left during the summer. Harriet Moss (harrymoss@yahoo.com) has further details.

KE Pool Closures and Parking restrictions

As previously notified, there will be no training at the King Edward Pool on the following dates:

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| • Friday 28 th to Sunday 30 th September | Midlands Championships meet |
| • Saturday 6 th October | KES Open Morning |
| • Wednesday 10 th October | KES Founders Day |
| • Friday 26 th to Sunday 28 th October | Short Course Nationals, Sheffield |
| • Saturday 17 th November | KES Open Morning |

There will be no access to the main school drive on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September. This is due to a large crane inhabiting that space, and there will not even be pedestrian access. Access to the pool will be via the Sports Hall entrance.

Parking on school site

The Chief Master has specifically stated that under no circumstances should any person park their vehicle on the double yellow lines throughout the site, at the Ruddock Performing Arts Centre and most definitely not on the grass verges.

When no parking is allowed on the main school drive, club members may park at:

- Sports hall
- Parking bays leading up the Chief Master's drive (but not in front of the CM's house and garage)
- Playing field off Bristol Road (please remember although it may look like the gate is closed, it is not)
- Birmingham University car park, Edgbaston Park Road (next to the Gun Barrels), Saturdays and Sundays and after 4pm Monday to Friday

Forthcoming Meets

The Club is targeting the Midlands Championships (Leamington) - Friday 28th to Sunday 30th September 2012. The deadline for entries has now passed. Competitors are invited to come along to "Ask" restaurant in Leamington after the end of the afternoon session on the Sunday, as has been recent tradition.

National Short Course Championships (Sheffield) – Friday 26th to Sunday 28th October 2012

Closing date: Wednesday 3rd October, noon

Web site for entries:

<http://www.swimmingresults.org/events/asama12/index.php>

Pauline is arranging accommodation once again and a booking form is attached. Please get it back to her or Sue Cramb by 24th September. The hotel is ideal – very close to the pool – and Pauline has negotiated some terrific rates for sharing, especially as a "three", so it's time to make some friends!

Keith is also sorting out relays, so please inform him (keith.ingram99@yahoo.co.uk) of your availability as soon as possible.

If you will be in Sheffield on the Friday evening, a large group will be going to "Mama's & Leonies" for dinner. Email Harry (harrymoss@yahoo.com) if you wish to partake. Details of the Saturday evening meal in the hotel are on Pauline's accommodation booking form.

Other galas, that many BMSC members may be interested in, are:

Etwall Eagles Meet (Derby) – A Saturday in late November

Closing date: TBC

Web site for entries:

<http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/calendar/event/etwall-eagles-masters-meet>

Details of meets around the country are available at:

www.swimming.org/britishswimming/calendar/view/list - just filter for Masters Competitions. Open Water events can be found at the website of the Long Distance Swimming Association, at www.bldsa.org.uk/ and there are further details on the "Great Swim" series of events at www.greatswim.org/.

If you are entering a meet, please inform Luke Swain (swainl@pbworld.com) or Claire Potter (claire_j_potter@yahoo.com), who will arrange relays if there are enough swimmers available.

Kit sales

Jim has secured a supplier of some very smart T- and polo shirts, produced in Neoteric textured fabric, which gives great wickability, for comfort on the poolside. More info on the Neoteric range can be found at <http://www.justcoolbyawdis.com/>. Also look at the entire range that Jim can order at www.joolz.eu, and let Jim know your requirements. He can do bulk or individual orders, with the club logo. You can email Jim at:

jim.p.hunt@birmingham.gov.uk

Please note that Jim will not be able to give out any kit without receiving the money upfront - even just a hat at a swimming meet. No money - no kit!

Christmas Dinner

We have a change of venue for the annual Christmas Dinner. This year it will take place at Harborne Hall, on Saturday 8th December. The change of venue gives a little bit of variety, has enabled the event to be held a little closer to Christmas itself, and will keep the costs down. Further details to follow.

Meanwhile, Harry is in the process of compiling records of all the awards given out at Christmas dinners through the years. She asks that any members who received such awards to email her (harrymoss@yahoo.com) with the details. We will later come back to all members to see which gaps other members could plug.

Newsletter mailing list

To respect the privacy of members, the newsletter will in future be sent out "BCC", so that each recipient does not receive the email addresses of everyone else in the group. If you have a message you wish to send out to all the membership, please email Steve at stevelangford@blueyonder.co.uk, who will then forward the message to everyone in the club database.

Sponsorship

We are keen to develop further sponsorship. If you know any company that wants to become an official sponsor of Birmingham Masters Swimming Club, please direct them to Sue Cramb (suecramb@hotmail.com). For as little as £50, Sue is able to negotiate a package including advertising space on the website and in the newsletters.

Open Water 1500m at Barnt Green Reservoir - a meet report from Luke Swain

Two Birmingham Masters took to the chilly water for the third and final open water swim in this new swim series organised by Urban Fitness GB. Laura Bayliss swam superbly well to win the female race in a time of 22 minutes. Luke Swain managed a third in the Men's race in a time of just outside 20 minutes. Strong swims from both swimmers and hopefully we can get more members down to this local event next year.