



Bottisham Swimming Club

Newsletter January 2009

Happy New Year to all Swimmers, Supporters and Coaches.

The winter break has brought a major reorganisation to the Swimming Club. While some changes can be unsettling, many of these have been unavoidable. We feel that this will leave the club with a strong foundation to build upon.

Coaching

Mark Lavers has informed the club that, due to pressure of work, he has to resign from the club. Mark will formally resign at the AGM in January. I would like to thank Mark for the huge contribution that he has made to the club over many years, as Head Coach, Coach, Team Manager and Talent Scout.

Chris Loughlan has agreed to take over as (interim) Head Coach. Chris has helped to coach the younger swimmers through 2008 and is developing a new training plan for the entire club. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing both Mark and Chris the very best for their respective endeavours.

Swimming Times

Due to low attendance at the early sessions on Sunday and Wednesday, these sessions had become unviable. We have taken this opportunity to rearrange the swimming session times and groups.

We have merged the Junior group with the Intermediates to make Session A. This session is extended to an hour on Sunday and Wednesday. By eliminating the early session we will reduce our costs and stretch the Juniors a bit more. The Advanced swimmers remain in Session B and by moving it a bit earlier will allow us to promote some of our Intermediate swimmers into it. As a result all of the Juniors and Intermediates will get increased pool time opportunities each week.

If you have any queries or concerns about the new arrangements please email one of the committee, or discuss it with us on poolside.

		Session A	Session B	Squad Session
Sunday	Impington	5.00-6.00pm	6.00-7.00pm	
Monday	Impington		8.00-9.00pm	
Tuesday (Alternate)	Impington			7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	Bottisham	6.45-7.45pm	7.45-8.45pm	

Fees

With the small reduction in pool time **we plan to hold the fees at 2008 levels for 2009**. This is in spite of increases in pool costs and a significant increase in our ASA fees.

However, the costs for the Tuesday Squad sessions cannot be covered and will be charged at £2 per session attended and will be collected at the end of each term.

AGM and Prize Giving

The AGM will be at IVC at 4pm on Sunday 25 January. We would like to encourage as many Parents and Supporters to attend as possible. It will be followed by the Prize giving for the Club Championship. Please return the trophies to Christof or other committee members ASAP, before 18 January at the latest.

The Prize giving will be followed by a mini-Club Gala (at ~5pm) for all swimmers.

Poolside Help

With the new training plan we would like to get one helper on each lane for every session, these will be supervised by the session Coach. It is not arduous, you may get wet from time to time, and it is much more rewarding than reading email on a Laptop (well usually!!!) or reading a book. **It can make a huge difference to motivating our swimmers.** So rather than sitting watching the swimming please get involved. All poolside staff have to be CRB checked but this can be done by the Club. So please take your shoes off and see Chris or one of the other 'Pool Siders'.

Interim Committee

With the restructuring we are putting in place a new committee for 2009. Many posts have been filled so far, but if you have some time and would like to see the Club grow and swimmers to thrive, please offer your help.

Ashley Johnson	Interim Chairman
Chris Loughlan	Interim Head Coach
Christof Schwiening	Membership Secretary
Mark Nunn	JFL Team Manager
Kate Haydock	Secretary
Jo & Ben Pulford	Publicity and Communication
Chris Johnston	Senior Fenland and Anglian League Team Manager
Mechelle Clarke	Child Protection Officer

Galas and External Competitions

Junior Fenland League

ROUND 1	7 FEBRUARY 2009
ROUND 2	25 APRIL 2009
ROUND 3	13 JUNE 2009
ROUND 4	11 JULY 2009
ROUND 5	12 SEPTEMBER 2009
FINAL	17 OCTOBER 2009

Senior Fenland League

ROUND 1	4 JULY 2009
ROUND 2	19 SEPTEMBER 2009

Anglian League

ROUND 1	14 FEBRUARY
ROUND 2	18 APRIL
ROUND 3	27 JUNE
ROUND 4	26 SEPTEMBER

Cambridge Open

Sunday 19 July

Ashley Johnson (Interim Chairman)