



Preston Swimming Club - Newsletter January 2011

All, I write this newsletter to bring you up to date with activity, success and issues within the Club since October. My thanks go to Steve Heaps for his updates.

Success

I am delighted to report that Preston have qualified for the National Arena League Final to be held at Pond's Forge, Sheffield on Sunday 17th April 2011. I believe this is the first time in our long and proud history we have qualified for the A final and I am absolutely thrilled for the whole club. This is a result of hard work from everyone and shows what can be achieved when the "TEAM" works together. My congratulations to the whole club on this wonderful achievement.

I am absolutely thrilled to inform you that our Disability swimmer Jack Bridge has just been promoted through the ranks of disability swimming. Jack has been moved up from the World Class Talent Programme to the World Class Development Programme. Jack has worked extremely hard to achieve this and I am absolutely delighted he has been chosen by British Swimming for this next stage. It will start getting tougher for Jack now as he try's to secure a place on the World Class Podium Programme for 2012. His 1st target however is the 100m Breastroke British Record (currently just 0.6secs outside) which we have identified as a major target at the British Championships in March.

As you are all aware Preston Swimming club is currently merging with Gallica. This year's British championships which takes place at Manchester on 05 - 12th March 2011 will see Preston very well represented indeed. Louise will be there with her performance based swimmers and I will be attending with 3 of our youngsters who have done remarkably well in qualifying. Swimmers currently attending from the performance group are Georgia Barton; Megan Davis; Lucy Davis; Jordan Theaker; Daniel Sliwinski; Jessica Chadwick; Tony Lucas.

Swimmers currently attending form A Squad are Cameron Austin has 3 qualifying times in the 100 & 200 Butterfly and the 400 Individual Medley. Cameron's younger sister Shauntelle has qualified in 6 events the 100 & 200 back; 100 & 200 Butterfly and the 200 & 400 Individual medley. Last year they both qualified for the 200 butterfly so we have seen a huge improvement from both the Austin kids. We also have Jack Bridge competing in the disability class in the 100 Breastroke; 100 Butterfly and 200 Individual Medley.

Consultation Meeting

A public consultation regarding the use of the swimming pools at both Fulwood and West View was held by the Council on the 7th December 2010. This was well attended by members of PSC and I thank those who did. It was a good meeting for us. A further meeting will be held at Fulwood, on a date to be confirmed, which I hope will be as well attended by members. We need to be there to make our position clear as members of the Preston community and ratepayers. I will circulate the date when it is set.

Minutes from the meeting can be/will be seen on our website.

Club championships

The Club championships were held on Friday the 19th and Sunday 21st of November 2010, and were a great success. What pleased me most were the new faces of the volunteers on poolside and assisting with the running of the gala.

All swimmers who are in squads must compete in the Club Championships during 2011, as part of the criteria to be a member of a squad.

Volunteers

PSC is run by volunteers and we are in need of more. If anybody is interested in becoming a poolside helper, swimming coach or teacher, could you please contact Steve Heaps on 07899994337.

If anybody wishes to assist with the desk at Fulwood on a Sunday or in the general running of the club please contact me on the email below.

Membership fees

As you should be aware it is time to renew your membership of the club and that of your children. Preston Swimming Club has a rule that at least one parent/responsible adult, of a swimmer must be a member and every swimmer.

Renewal forms are being circulated now and members will be at the desk in Fulwood every Sunday between 5pm and 6.30pm from now until February 6th, to process your membership forms. **If you do not complete the forms your child will not be allowed to swim**, as they will not be covered by the ASA insurance.

Each member must pay to the ASA, Regional and Area membership fees. The fees are set by the three committees and we have to pay them. In addition we as a Club have to pay Membership fees to register the Club. The individual membership fee within PSC covers the Club fees and coaches/teachers fees as they are volunteers and give their time up free to teach your children. The current fees and the increases for 2011 are shown below:-

- Category 1: For swimmers born on or after 1 January 2002 and any swimmer who is first claim to another Club. Fees will increase from £22 to £24 for 2011.
- Category 2: For swimmers born before 1 January 2002 and Water Polo. Fees will increase from £32 to £34 for 2011.
- Category 3: (Non swimmers) remains at £17.00 for 2011.

Fees

As stated in the October newsletter our monthly fees have had to rise. Since October we have been informed that the Council will be increasing our fees per hour by 5% which means we have to pay approximately £2,500 more over the course of the year.

It is essential that you increase your standing order in January to reflect the below increases. Anybody who does not do this will have to pay the difference in cash or cheque to cover the time period until your standing order is updated.

PSC is a non-profit making organization and we rely on your fees for 99% of the funding to meet our outgoings, without the correct fees being paid in a timely manner we will not be able to exist.

A Squad:	from £30 to £35
C Squad:	from £28 to £31
D Squad:	from £23 to £26
MDS:	from £20 to £22
Pre MDS:	from £14 to £16
B Competitive:	£28.00
B Non Competitive:	£25.00
Teaching:	from £14 to £16
Water Polo/Senior	£20
Water Polo/Junior	£15

Please note that anybody with a 3rd child or more swimming within the squads will pay 50% of the lowest fee applicable for that child(ren).

Whilst we have had to increase the fees in all but two areas from January 2011, it still provides excellent value for money. Even with the increases we are still one of the cheapest competitive unaided (financially) swimming clubs in the country.

If you want to discuss any issues regarding Preston Swimming Club please contact me on my email pete@masonhouse.co.uk

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