

Middlesbrough Amateur Swimming Club

Winter Newsletter – January 2017

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2017 – we hope you have had a good festive break and are refreshed for the up and coming events.

Another Star in the Making....?

A big congratulations to Evie Dilley who has broken Aimee Wilmott's club record for the girls 10 years 100m backstroke with a new time of 1.15.66s in the Christmas Gala – not only that Evie broke two other club records for both the 50m and 200m back stroke with times of 36.18s and 2.39.06s respectively . Well done Evie and keep it up 😊

Middlesbrough ASC Christmas Gala

The Club's Christmas Gala was held 10th/11th December with 17 clubs involved, 431 competitors and 81 MASC swimmers achieving 42 Gold, 54 Silver and 65 Bronze medals. A very big thank you to all officials, helpers, volunteers, coaches, parents and Neptune staff for an excellent weekend of racing

Manchester Parameet

A well done to Jamie Blott who won a gold medal in the 100m breaststroke in the SB5 category in a time of 2mins 24 secs and Joshua Grob who came away with three medals : 1 gold 400m freestyle and 2 silvers for the 50 and 100m freestyle in the S8 category....all that hard work is paying off guys, keep it up.

New Events

Middlesbrough ASC Competition Calendar for March to August 2017 is now available on the web-site and the Neptune Centre notice board – get your application forms.

Junior Diddy League AGM

We are hosting our time trials for all children eligible for the JDL at the Neptune Centre on Sunday 15th January between 4 - 7pm. Swimmers from ALL squads including the Academy can swim in these trials as long as they are between 8 – 12 yrs old. Just turn up on the Sunday... it's a fun afternoon!

Schools Swimming Gala

This annual gala will be held at the Neptune Centre on Thursday 26th January 9:30 – 12:00 pm. This is aimed at Y5 and Y6 children and your school could be involved. Hopefully your PE teacher has been in touch and we will see you there.

Half Term Camp

The Club will be running a half term swimming camp during the February half term. Swimmers will be selected from Council and School Swimming Lessons. If you would like to be involved and help out, please speak to Joe Richards.

New Look Middlesbrough ASC website

The new MASC website is now up and running at the same web address – check it out and let us know what you think!

Keep Warm...Remain Healthy

With the cold mornings and evenings, it is essential that swimmers keep wrapped up warm when travelling to and from the pool. This will avoid illness....also if you are unlucky enough to be poorly or struggling with a virus, please ensure that you only return once fully recovered...no-one else wants those bugs!

Club handbook

The MASC club handbook is available on the website to review. Please read and digest....quick note from Stuart Willmott for the Junior Dev Squad...Stuart would like each swimmer to achieve a minimum of 60% attendance per week, that is 3 out of 5 sessions...sounds like you're are getting off lightly there 😊

Swimmers of the Month - December:

National Squad – Cade Derby
Potential Squad – Millie Bozbayir
Performance Squad – Flora Finlay
Jnr Development Squad – Amelia Potter
Junior Sprint Squad – Chloe Melville

Christmas Gala 'Raffle & Tombola'

MASC Supporters section organised a raffle at the recent Christmas gala and raised £407 for the club funds from your donations – thank you for all your goodies. In addition, the tombola stall at the gala raised £131.50 for Everyone Active's chosen charity – the Anthony Nolan Trust – a worthwhile cause, so a big thank you to all involved.

With this in mind, the next MASC home gala will be on 11/12th February and we would like to hold the same stalls, so if you've got any unwanted Christmas pressies or any other donations, it would be great if you could either hand them to Alison Bradley or to your Squad Managers and we'll see if we can beat December's totals!

Fundraising

To date we have raised over £8,500 – a huge thank you to all involved. However, we still have a long way to go to reach our target of £25,000. With this in mind, we are continuing to look for sponsorships to assist with this target and we are looking to use the home gala in February to offer advertising space for

anyone you know who has a business who would like to get involved. At the moment we have three options to choose from:

- 1) Lane end sponsorship - £500 and the business' name / logo will be advertised at end of a lane for all races.
- 2) Placement of advertising banners around the pool - rates negotiable and are dependent on size
- 3) Advertising space in the new look gala programme – rates negotiable and again dependent on size

...and for families, you can get involved too. You can help raise funds by the following:

- 4) Family Sponsorship - £150 and you nominate the races you would like to represent in the Gala brochure
- 5) £10 'Shout Out' Club - There will be a 'Shout Out' section in the new look programme and for a donation of £10 you can include anything you want to shout out about... well wishes for racers, birthday wishes etc., as long as it's appropriate for the audience attending.

Any enquiries, please get in touch with me on the e-mail address below or on 07973 359071 or alternatively Sue Campion. The closing date for inclusion into the programme will be Thursday 2nd February 2017. Please get involved,

Thank you

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