



MASC Newsletter

Dec 2024- Jan 2025

Welcome

As 2024 draws to a close, we hope you are enjoying your Christmas break and would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy new year and welcome the opportunities that 2025 has in store for our swimmers and the club. We have exciting plans for a big fundraiser to support new lane ropes for the club, County Championships, and the return of Diddy League. As always, we want to thank you, our volunteers, whether that is poolside as an official, helping at a gala or stepping up for a role on the committee for all of your incredible support. We really could not do any of this without you.

Dates for your diary



- > Sunderland New Year Meet - 18th-19th Jan
- > Tynemouth Shrimp - 26th January
- > N&D Weekend 1 - 31st Jan - 2nd Feb
- > BUCS Nationals - 14th-16th Feb
- > N&D Weekend 2 - 15th - 16th Feb
- > Diddy League R1 – 23rd Feb
- > N&D Teams - 2nd March.
- > MASC March Gala - 8-9th March.



Membership Renewals

Invitation to renew your Swimmers MASC membership will be landing in your inbox this month. As part of this renewal process, we intend to move members over to the Sports Engine app (Team Unify) this will allow you to view your swimmers timetable and pay your monthly fees online. If you intend on standing for a committee role, want to submit a resolution, or vote then you must be a member of the Club with an associated Swim England membership therefore your renewals must be submitted by 23:59 on Thursday 20th January 2025.

Invitation regarding the clubs AGM and nomination forms for roles on the Committee will be sent in a separate email.



Winter Nationals



MASC are incredibly proud of the eight swimmers who qualified for the National Winter Championships held at Ponds Forge on 5th- 8th December.

Ryan Mills
Thomas McDermott

Edward Redshaw
Will Hewitt

Robert Shipley
Owen Reed

Sydney Dearlove
Annabelle Kneale

Well done to Anabelle Kneale, Sydney Dearlove, Robert Shipley, Will Hewitt & Owen Reed for qualifying for their first national event.

Congratulations to Ryan Mills who qualified for finals in the 50 breast, 100 breast and 100 IM. Ryan also set 2 new clubs for the 50 & 100 breast events and also secured a new Northumberland and Durham County record for the 16/17 age group for his 50-breast time. Annabelle Kneale also set a new 14yr old club record times in the 50,100 & 200 back events.

Club Records

<u>Swimmer</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Prev Record</u>	<u>Last Held</u>
Annabelle Kneale	50 Back	29.68	31.60	Evie Dilley - Nov 2019
Annabelle Kneale	100 Back	1.04.18	1.06.99	Holly Brettle - May 2007
Annabelle Kneale	200 Back	2.19.32	2.20.78	Holly Brettle - May 2007
Ryan Mills	50 Breast	29.32	30.21	Liam Bollands - Oct 2016
Ryan Mills	100 Breast	1.03.45	1.05.24	Daniel Johnson - Oct 2011

With thanks to Coach Marcin and our team managers who supported our swimmers during this prestigious event. Swimmers who did not PB at Nationals set their PB within four weeks prior to Nationals during NERs and Nova gala. Here is a summary of the results.

Day One

Ryan Mills 100 Breaststroke 1:03.98 **PB**
Thomas McDermott 50 Fly 25.88
Anabelle Kneale 100Fr 59.19
Owen Reed 400Fr 4:17.90
Edward Redshaw 200Bk 2:10.17
Ryan Mills 100IM 58.69 **PB**
Thomas McDermott 100IM 58.84 **PB**
Owen Reed 100IM 1:00.46

Day One finals

Ryan Mills 100 Breast **PB**
Ryan Mills 100IM 59.67

Day two

Owen Reed 200Fr 1:57.32
Anabelle Kneale 100Bk 1:04.18 **PB**
Sydney Dearlove 100Bk 1:05.04
Ryan Mills 200Br 2:25.39 **PB**
Thomas McDermott 50Bk 25.75

Day three

Anabelle Kneale 50Bk 29.68 **PB**
Owen Reed 200IM 2:12.88
Edward Redshaw 100Bk 59.09 **PB**
Thomas McDermott 100 Bk 57.87

Day four

Owen Reed 100Fr 54.09
Edward Redshaw 400IM 4:45.99
Ryan Mills 50Br 29.32 **PB**
Will Hewitt 200FL 2:15.48
Robert Shipley 200FL 2:15.67
Anabelle Kneale 200Bk 2:19.32 **PB**

Day four finals

Ryan Mills 50Breastroke 29.55





County Camps



MASC swimmers have had record attendance at Northumberland and Durham County & Regional camps. The first Super Camp held at Sunderland Aquatic centre celebrated over 200 swimmers in comparison to previous years camp is usually restricted to the top 36 age group swimmers. However, Swim England turned this into a super camp aiming to educate and inspire everyone involved in the athlete's journey. 2024 was the first time 4x age groups (200+ swimmers), 4x teams of coaches & team managers, 4x industry specialists were invite to the same venue on the same day. Opening up more opportunities to celebrate the talent we hold in the Northeast and celebrate more of the hard working young people grinding it out in clubs across the Region as well as recognise the efforts their biggest supporters (coaches & parents/families) endure so were all invited along for a memorable day. The following MASC swimmers attended:-

Robert Shipley, Jacob Nixon Lydia Shipley, Ethan Reddivari, Austin McKenna, Jacob Redding, Edward Redshaw, Sydney Dearlove, Will Hewitt and Owen Reed.

Well done to all we hope you all got lots out of the event and enjoyed swimming with your peers from other clubs for a change.



Jessica Chaytor and Dylan Mills headed to the Northumberland and Durham County swim camp. They were joined by MASC Coach Michelle who joined a team of Coaches from across the County for a fantastic afternoon at the swimming development camp. Swimmers experienced land and pool-based exercises. This camp is a mixture of in face and online content and swimmers qualify by being in the top 25 ranked 12-year old's for 200IM.



Be Part of the MASC Team!



Are you interested in becoming a swimming official?

At each of our home galas we require at least 18 qualified officials to run the gala and ensure that we have enough officials to meet the requirements for the licence that is granted to us by Swim England.

We do not have enough of our own officials and therefore rely on officials from other clubs coming to help this means as a club we incur expenses, which reduces the amount of money that we make at the gala. Gala income helps us as a club to survive, therefore ideally, we need to be able to run the gala with as many of our own officials as possible!

The first qualification (Judge Level 1) involves some online training followed by poolside sessions which can be carried out at a range of galas (including our home galas). If you would like some more information, then please contact Gillian on the following email address.

Gillian.smith@middlesbroughasc.org.uk

MASC would like to wish the following members happy birthday for their upcoming celebrations:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January: R Li, A Janousova, O Townsend, B Dalton, M Martin, D Mills, N Rice, J Nixon, K Pink, O Smith, R Keetley, M Taylor
February: J Law, D Silva-Higham, H Nimmo, R Leadbitter, S Klonis, M Hall, H McKenna, R Bailey, A Hamel-Smith, A Law, P Ayre, A McDonagh, J Young, W Robinson, I Nowak, M Cooper.

MASC Swimmers at School



Congratulations to Ethan Reddivari, Jake Reddivari and Maia Olbrich who swam at the ISA National Swimming Finals at the London Aquatics Centre, Olympic Park.

Ethan Reddivari - Year 9/10 50m individual fly - 4th
Year 9/10 medley relay, 4th

Jake Reddivari - Year 7, 50m individual fly - silver
Gold in the medley team and freestyle relay.

Maia Olbrich- Year 8 50m individual fly - Gold
Gold in the medley relay team.

North Schools team won overall, well done to all involved from MASC.



Well done to Seb Dalby, Dylan Mills, Pearl Lightwood and Harvey Qin who represented Yarm School at the English Schools National Team Finals in November at the Sandwell Aquatic centre, Birmingham. The junior boys' team that included Dylan and Seb came an impressive 12th and Pearl in the Senior Girls team came 13th well done to all that took part.



MASC Fundraising



A new committee has been set up specifically to deal with monies held in the club's supporter's fund. The purpose of this committee is to put control of the fundraising monies back into the hands of the swimmers and swimmer's parents.

The committee currently is Chaired by the Clubs Vice Treasurer Nick Wright. Acting as a go between the MASC committee and the supports fund committee he is joined on the supporter's fund committee by Stephaine McDonald, Stevie Leeming and Alison Dumphy-Brook. We are looking to recruit two further members in February 2025. If you are interested in the role please contact Nick Wright via email at nick.wright@middlesbroughasc.org.uk

In January 2025 MASC have secured a brilliant fundraising opportunity via the Tesco blue token scheme via in the following stores running from Jan – March 2025.

Tesco Redcar - TS10 2AA	Tesco Express Roman Rd TS5 6DX	Tesco Express Marton Rd TS4 2PT
Tesco Express - Hemlington TS8 9JH	Tesco Express Acklam Rd TS5 7HL	Tesco Express Corporation Road TS1 1LJ
Tesco Express - Parliament Rd TS1 4JF	Tesco Express Normanby TS6 0NH	Tesco Express Linthorpe Road TS1 4AT
Tesco Express Longlands Road TS4 2JR		

This has been organised by Stevie Leeming with the sole purpose of helping to support our parents' monetary contributions towards bus travel to events such as Arena League and Diddy League. This scheme could raise £1500 so if you are in store don't forget to drop a blue token in the box for MASC.

In 2024 the supporters fund paid for and supported the following: -

- Contributions towards buses for the Arena League, Diddy League, and N&D teams.
- 5 stopwatches for the coaching team.
- T-shirts for Swimmers who qualified for national events.
- 30 Pull Buoys for the academy by use of a Allens of Kingsbury Swimwear voucher

We couldn't do any of this without you. Thank you for baking cakes, donating prizes for our games stall and raffle. We accept donations all year round so if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, please bring them in and hand them to your squad manager or coach as we are always grateful for all donations.

Huge thank you to Leanne Dearlove and Stevie Leeming for organising the fun and inventive games we have on offer at each gala.



The National Arena Swimming League



Our team of 32 swimmers from across 4 squads attended the National Arena Swimming League premier division one final in Blackpool on Sunday 15th December. MASC finished 6th out of 50 teams in the first season in the premier division with 221 points. Special mention to Sydney Dearlove who despite an ankle injury did not give up and continued to compete to secure every single point for the team, but the whole team went above and beyond supporting teammates and tried their absolute best in every single swim, often fighting in upper age groups. Special mention to our 9–11-year boys who won 46 out of the available 48 points in their races. Thanks to team managers and coaches who supported our swimmers.



Squad News and Socials



MASC would like to welcome Paivi Peltokangas who has joined our amazing team of squad managers as the new competitive development squad manager.

Our team of squad managers has been busy over the festive period organising Christmas socials and secret Santa exchanges. Comp B went to Level X and enjoyed crazy golf and go karting. Youth Potential went to Inflatospace. Junior Potential and Development swimmers have theirs booked in for January. Whilst an activity for our academy swimmers is in the planning stages.



MASC members also had a fantastic time at our Christmas Social at the Dormans Club on Saturday 21st December. The event was organised by Leanne Dearlove and Stevie Leeming. Swimmers enjoyed pass the parcel in teams with challenges in between each layer, party games and karaoke. It was a fantastic evening and a nice change to be together away from the pool.

