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 Colne Amateur Swimming Club

Swim 21 Presentation

Colne Amateur Swimming Club was recently re-validated for the Swim21 Accreditation from the sports governing body, the Amateur Swimming Association. This means that Colne ASC can continue to provide a safe place for children to learn to swim from a team dedicated volunteers. The Swim21 Accreditation also means that the Club can also display the ClubMark logo on the website and any stationary.

The Swim21 process had to be done on-line which meant that we needed to acquire a new laptop computer, so a bid for submitted to the Colne and District Committee – Capital Programme 2013/14. This bid was for a new laptop and printer for the Swim21 submission and various teaching courses that we required for our teachers.

Thanks to a successful bid of £570 from the Borough of Pendle Council, where the councillors resolved to allocate half, with a request that Colne Town Council match the fund bid. This meant that we could buy a new laptop, which meant that the submission of the Swim21 could be done over Christmas. Then early in the new year had confirmation that our Swim21 application was successful.

The majority of the work for the on-line submission was done by Club Secretary Joan Croxall, who was assisted by the Club Chairman Philip Croxall.

Easter Holidays

This year Easter Sunday is on 20th April, which means that the pool will be closed on Friday, 18th April and Monday, 21st April. The pool is open on the weekend though.

The Club session on a Friday has been cancelled along with the main Club session on the Monday. The Thursday Club sessions on 17th and 24th April will be open as normal.

Micro League

We hosted our first Micro League fixture of the season on Saturday, 29th March at the Pendle Leisure Centre. The other three teams were from Blackpool 'B', Carnforth 'B' and Burnley Aquatics.

Colne stormed into the lead after a few races, but then lost their way as they reached 20 points after a quarter of the way. Blackpool had amassed 34 points with Burnley on 30 and Carnforth just behind on 28.

By the half-way stage Colne had hauled themselves back into contention with 56 points which included 4 consecutive races wins. Blackpool had stretched their lead to 68 with Burnley on 55 and Carnforth on 50 points.

Going into the final quarter of the gala, Blackpool had extended their lead to 100 points with Colne in second on 87 with Burnley on 81 and Carnforth on 78.

In the final quarter of the gala is was predominately relays, of which, Blackpool did better than the other teams, as they finished the gala on 139 points. It was much closer for 2nd as Colne held on with 107 points to Carnforth's 106 with Burnley finishing in 4th on 99 points.

The gala was held in a noisy atmosphere which pulled the best out of the young swimmers, with the Colne Girls setting 10 new personal bests and the Boys matching them with 10 of their own.

Our next fixture is on Sunday, 27th April at the West View Leisure Centre. The coach leaves the Pendle Leisure Centre at 12:00pm with the warm-up starting at 1:00pm.

Directions to West View Leisure Centre can be found on the Club website. The post code for the pool is PR2 9YA.



Club Secretary Joan Croxall and the Club President Mick Charldwood holding the Swim21 certificate. Between them is the laptop computer that was bought from the successful grant application.

Birthdays

March 2014

1st Harry McCourt
 3rd Andrew Croxall
 5th Isabelle Taylor
 10th Eleanor Holgate
 13th Jasmin Lahey
 19th Amelia Redfearn
 22nd India Kay
 24th Erika Mayo
 25th Olivia Taylor
 26th Alex Walton
 27th Colette Partridge
 30th Matilda Kenyon
 31st Lydia Kibble-Terry

April 2014

3rd Dalton Bracewell and
 Eva Garstang
 5th Thomas Holgate
 10th Livia Crocombe
 11th Grace Root
 12th Caitlin Noon
 15th Hannah McDonagh-
 Bond
 17th Alice Garstang
 22nd Charlotte Holmes
 28th Alex Dickinson
 30th Theo Rowan, Daniel
 Dawson and Molly
 Hesketh

Forthcoming Events:

2nd April

Committee Meeting. Crown Hotel. 8pm

3rd April

Swimming Club Trials

18th April

Good Friday. No Swimming Club

20th April

Easter Sunday

21st April

Easter Monday. No Swimming Club.

26th/27th April

Harrogate Level 3 Meet

27th April

Micro League Fixture. Away at West View Leisure Centre.

1st May

Swimming Club Trials

5th May

Bank Holiday Monday. No Swimming Club.

7th May

Committee Meeting

11th May

Micro League Fixture. Away at Palatine Leisure Centre.



Would parents please note that once your child's swimming lesson has finished and they are off the pool side. Colne Swimming Club is no longer responsible for their welfare.

Would all Members please note that Colne Swimming Club will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a swimmer failing to turn up on time for their lesson, and thus missing the vital warm-up part of the session.

Could anybody changing their address or telephone number please inform the Secretary.

If anybody has any stories, items of interest, or anything they think will be suitable for the newsletter, then you can email me at the following address: press@colne-asc.co.uk





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ASA NWR Masters Distance Meet

On Sunday, 23rd February, three member of the Colne ASC Masters Team travelled to Backpool to take part in the **ASA North West Region Masters Distance Meet**. Yet again they were using an age adjusted formula to determine the medal winners.

Swimming in the 45 to 49 years age group having moved up an age group this year was **Philip Croxall**. He finished 1st in both 400m Freestyle and 800m Freestyle events, but due to the age adjustments, he was ranked 7th in the 400 and 6th in the 800 event.

Swimming in the 40 to 44 years age group was **Bob Whittaker** who was also taking part in the 400m Freestyle and 800m Freestyle events. He finished 3rd in his age group for the 400, but was 18th overall, and he was 2nd in the 800, which left him in 8th place overall.

Swimming in the 35 to 39 years age group was **Daniel Dawson** who finished 5th in the 400m Freestyle event, which left with an overall placing of 17th.

Friendly League

The start to this years Friendly League Season has not gone as well as what we hoped for, as we lost the first four league fixtures.

On Friday, 28th February, we travelled to the pool at the Accrington Academy to take on Pioneer 79 in our first fixture in this seasons Friendly League. It was a closely contested gala which Pioneer won by 69 points to 51, yet despite this the Colne swimmers managed a huge 46 new personal bests between them, with the girls getting 27 and the boys 19.

On Monday, 10th March, we travelled to the Ribblesdale pool to take on Clitheroe Swimming Club. It proved to be a close contest as both teams traded wins, but it was the hosts, Clitheroe, that held on for a 61 points to 57 victory.

Despite the loss, the swimmers from Colne managed to record a further 15 new personal bests amongst the girls and 7 amongst the boys.

On Thursday, 20th March, we hosted our first fixture against Ramsbottom, who had brought a strong team. This resulted in a one-sided contest as Ramsbottom won by 69 points to 47. Despite the defeat the young Colne swimmers did not give up as they recorded 20 new personal bests amongst the girls and 11 amongst the boys.

Then on Monday, 24th March, we travelled to Padiham to take on Burnley Aquatics, who were last seasons champions. In closer contest than many expected, the young Colne swimmers took the fight to Burnley, but it ended in disappointment as we lost to Burnley by 57 points to 63.

Yet between the Colne swimmers there were a further 28 new personal bests, 16 for the girls and 12 for the boys.

After a hectic March, our next fixture is against Burnley on Thursday, 15th May, and this is a home fixture.

Easy Fund Raising

Have you heard about easyfundraising yet? It's the easiest way to help raise money for Colne Amateur Swimming Club! If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, Vodafone, eBay, Boden and Play.com, then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop!

So how does it work?

You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/casc> for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself.

How much can you raise?

Spend £100 with M&S online or Amazon and you raise £2.50 for us. £100 with WH Smith puts £2.00 in our pocket and so on. There's over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

Save money too!

Easyfundraising is FREE to use plus you'll get access to hundreds of exclusive discounts and voucher codes, so not only will you be helping us, you'll be saving money yourself.

We've raised over **£505** with easyfundraising so far but we need your help to keep donations coming in. Sign up at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/casc> and start making a difference...simply by shopping.

Thanks!

Preston Summer Spectacular

On the weekend of Saturday, 12th and Sunday 13th July, Preston SC will be holding their Summer Spectacular 2014 Level 3 Meet.

The gala will be held at the Darwen Leisure Centre.

The closing date for the gala will be on Thursday, 1st May.

Entry forms and gala information can be found on the Club website.

<http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/age-comps.php>

Please send entries to John Higginbottom on or before the 1st May.

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