



Gold Medal for Kim!

Congratulations to Kimberley Colton on winning Gold at the 2009 British University Championships held at Ponds Forge. Kimberley who is currently studying at Nottingham University was competing as a member of the University swim team. Kim's gold medal performance came in the 200m individual medley and narrowly missed the championship record.

Kim also competed in the 400m individual medley where she won silver with a massive personal best time.

Mansfield's youngsters are going from strength to strength. A fantastic performance was achieved at the final of the Minor Gala held at Water Meadows on Saturday 28th March 2009. Mansfield finished 2nd overall in the competition and 2nd in the final, beating CABS, Carlton Forum, Arnold and Worksop along the way. The final points totals on the night was as follows:-



1 st	Leander A	226pts
2 nd	Mansfield A	181pts
3 rd	CABS	175pts
4 th	Carlton Forum	156pts
5 th	Arnold	145pts
6 th	Worksop	122pts

Mansfield enjoyed 5 1st places with Philippa Staff in the 12u 50m Breast, the 11u girls freestyle quartet of Emily Canavan-Taylor, Sophie Cann and Shannon Brown, Ben Canavan-Taylor in the 50m Fly, the 12u boys freestyle quartet of Conor Parkin, Ryan Walton, Chris Baguley and Ben Canavan-Taylor, and Shannon Brown in the 11u 50m freestyle all achieving maximum points. The club also managed 12 2nd places, 10 3rd places, 12 4th places, 6 5th places and 3 6th places with no DQ's, which all added up to a superb team performance.

Coming 2nd was a notable achievement, especially considering at one point we were 10 points behind CABS, but the team spirit and competitive nature of our swimmers never diminished and we battled our way past CABS after event 33 and never looked back.

This round of Minor Gala's is for swimmers up to the age of 13, so I must thank Katie Banks, Oliver Hemsall and Ethan Tindall for their invaluable contribution throughout their Minor Gala careers. This was the last time they were allowed to represent their club in Minor Gala's and I only saw it fitting that they collected the 2nd place trophy on the club's behalf.

I now fully expect the youngsters to consolidate their position in the autumn and look forward to seeing them progress and make the club, their parents and themselves proud.

Swimming Fees – At a recent committee meeting it was agreed that the club will delay an increase in the nightly swimming fees, however the fees will be reviewed in September. The club concluded that with the membership fees having risen this year for the first time in a long time and with the current financial climate the club would provide a small subsidy in order to delay an increase.

2009 County Championships – The 2009 County Championships have come to an end. A massive thank you and congratulations to the swimmers, coaches, volunteers and parents who made my 1st championships as coach a most memorable one. A full results service will be drawn up shortly but I wanted to write a few words in advance.

To the swimmers who participated, you did yourselves and the club proud in the way you conducted and acted in and out of the pool, and I am privileged to be associated with such a group of individuals. There were numerous PB's, County, Midland and National Qualification times achieved which gives me confidence that what we are trying to achieve at the club in our training regime is transferring itself into faster swims within the water. This is down to the hard work and commitment shown by the swimmers and coaching staff, and I believe this is just the start. If you didn't perform as you would have liked, then don't be too disheartened. This has been a particular hard winter and lots of coughs, colds and viruses have been doing the rounds and this could have undoubtedly affected your performances. If you were disqualified, you need to learn from your mistakes, move forward and ensure you are better prepared for next time. It is important not to dwell on the past but have a positive attitude towards the future.

I hope you all have your own precious memories of the championships. I have many, but the two I will share with you are as follows: 1) observing the warm up's where we had lanes full of swimmers wearing Mansfield hats, focused, prepared and raring to go. 2) Our relay teams throughout the age groups competing well with the best the county has.

I look forward to making next years championships even more memorable and the hard work starts immediately.

Barry

Congratulations – February Birthday Competition Winner Reece Colley

Social Event Volunteers – we are looking for volunteers to help with the organization of events for this year including the presentation evening in July and Christmas party in December – please contact Claire Allison.

Adult Helpers – Can we please remind you that you must fill in a membership form or add your name to your child's form as we need to register you with the ASA for insurance purposes. Thank you.

Dates to Remember – 2009

April

4.4.09 Sports Centre League Round 2 – 9,11,13,15, Open
11.4.09 Falcon Walter Crisp Trophy Gala
25.4.09 Sports Centre League Round 3 – 9,11,13,15, Open

May

9.5.09 Spring Competition Round 3 – 10, 12, 14, Open
10.5.09 Loughborough 50m Training (see Barry)
23.5.09 Falcon Ashfield Cup Trophy Gala



Happy Birthday!

March – Christopher Baguley, Lucy Bamberough, Abbie Binch, Rebecca Bowskill, Luke Brown, Lauren Buchanan, Emily Butcher, Elliott Dudley, Philippa Gray, Jamie Harby, Michelle Hayes, Joseph Hemsall, Sarah Hennell, Katie Jones, Jack Kiff, Benjamin King, Adele Lee, Libby Pincott, Penny Randall, Louise Savage, Dominic Torr, Bethany Torr, Emily Tuska, Jennifer William.

April – Tamara Allcock, Pauline Anthoney, Charlotte Bagguley, Liam Best, Aimee Binch, Lauren Bloor, Claire Catton, Tamara Davison, Alison Dinning, Gabrielle Dodds, Timothy Gallagher, Jack Giles, Aarron Glover, Sarah Hankinson, Mark Harpham, Elaine Hennell, Chloe Henton, Elizabeth Jones, Liam O'Keefe, Emily Page, Madeline Page, Amy Porter, Emma Pritchard, Ryan Radford, Patrick Ryder, Lauren Smith, Phillipa Staff, Charlie Stevenson, Gary Taylor, Paige Tindall, Thomas Turner, Bronwyn Ward, Bradlee Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Anna Worsley.



Who wants to win a box of chocolates? The first member from the birthday list above who emails me with their name and membership number will win a box of chocolates. Winner will be announced in May's newsletter.

And finally.....

We all have the ability. The difference is how we use it.

