



## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009

Welcome to the November 2009 edition of the Pentaqua Newsletter.

### **New Members**

No new members this month. However we are actively seeking new members for the club. We are particularly looking at the 8 or 9 years age group, boys and girls. We prefer that any prospective new members have completed stages 8 or 9 in swimming lessons and have attended a Development type squad to work on techniques etc (not necessarily the one at Stocksbridge but just one that teaches the same things). If you know anyone or are aware of anyone who is looking to join a competitive club then please let David or Howard know.

### **Swim Report**

#### **Forthcoming Galas**

There are a number of galas currently available. Please see Jayne Neal if you want to enter any galas. Details are posted on the Notice Board in the Clubroom. Jayne will happily advise on the right gala for you.

### **Galas**

Our swimmers have competed in the following galas in November 2009

#### **Jnr/Snr North Easterns – 7/8 November @ Durham**

Alice Lilley entered this event. Results:

50m Freestyle: 30.18

100M Freestyle: 1.06.11

### **Cressie Award Winner**

The September winner of the Cressie Award is: **JEMMA BYE**

The October winner of the Cressie Award is: **TODD SHAKESPEARE**

Congratulations and well done on being chosen.

### **Club & Squad Structure**

After much deliberation and discussion and several meetings we have finally come up with what we believe is a workable solution. You will have received some information for you to take a look at and parents meetings have been arranged for **Tuesday 8 December at 7.30pm** and **Monday 14 December at 7.00pm**. If we could ask you to look at the information sent out and bring any questions you have to the meetings please.

### **Land training Cancelled 14 – 18 December 2009**

The Leisure Centre have informed us that due to work taking place on the corridor outside our Gym we will need to cancel all land training sessions between Monday 14/12/09 and Friday 18/12/09 inclusive.

### **Swim Camp**

The swim campers have now returned. Apart from a bit of a nasty tummy bug which laid a few of the swimmers and one of the chaperones low, an excellent time was had by all. Hopefully those that attended will reap the benefit over the coming months.

I have sent out information already regarding next years camp and we have 14 names at the moment. Camp will be in October half term week 2010, probably Torremolinos in Spain. We would need to know ASAP if you are interested in attending. We haven't got any exact costings at the moment but we would probably looking at approx £600 (ish). However please bear in mind that this years camp was subsidised by fundraising for approx one third of the cost. We would be hoping that this would be the same or maybe even better for 2010. If you are interested please can you let Silke Fraser know as soon as you can.

## **AGM – 4 November 2009**

Just to say 'thank you' to those parents who attended the AGM. I was sorry to see such a small attendance again but I understand that everyone has busy lives to lead. I will put a copy of the AGM reports in the clubroom for anyone who would like to read them.

For your information the following were elected for a further year:

<b>Chairperson</b>	:	<b>Tracy Crossland</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	:	<b>Howard Brooke</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	:	<b>Kathy Wright</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	:	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Coach</b>	:	<b>David Wright</b>
<b>Competition Secretary</b>	:	<b>Jayne Neal</b>
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	:	<b>Sharon Brooke</b>

You will note that the Treasurers position is currently vacant. Our current Treasurer Jacqui Hutton has indicated that she is unfortunately unable to carry on with the position due to personal commitments during the coming year. On behalf of the club I would like to thank Jacqui for the excellent job she has done over the past years. She has done a fabulous job of keeping meticulous very comprehensive records, and has always ensured that everything is kept up to date at all times, no mean feat when money comes in from all over the place! A job very well done, her skills will certainly be missed.

We therefore find ourselves in the position of looking for a new Treasurer. So, is there anyone out there who would be willing to take on this role? Jacqui has said that she will show the incoming Treasurer 'the ropes' so it won't be expected that anyone picks up the role without some assistance. If you are interested please feel free to have a word with Jacqui, me or Tracy.

## **Committee**

Your committee now consists of the following:

Tracy Crossland, Howard Brooke, Kathy Wright, David Wright, Jacqui Hutton, Jayne Neal, Sharon Brooke, Pete Lilley, Rob Lenthall, Fiona Dewar, Julie Humphrey, Tricia and Peter Fitzgerald, Jon Shepherd, Alana Gillott, Christine Jepson and Lisa Bye.

Meetings are held monthly (with the exception of August) on the second Wednesday of the month. If anyone has anything they wish to be discussed by committee please see Kathy Wright with the details.

At the meeting on 11 November 2009 the following positions were agreed:

Landtraining Staff: David Wright, Chris Jepson, Howard Brooke, Pete Lilley, Simon Jones, Martin Bye, Alison Lenthall, Michelle Bailey, Trevor Fowler.

Cashier: Tracy Crossland, Sharon Brooke

Fundraising: Tricia & Pete Fitzgerald, Lisa Bye

Drinks/Sweeties: Tricia & Pete Fitzgerald

Costumes/T-shirts/Bags: Jayne Neal, Jacqui Hutton

Raffles/Webb Ivory: Jayne Neal, Jacqui Hutton

Swim Committee: David Wright, Howard Brooke, Alana Gillott, Jayne Neal

Gala Officials: Jayne Neal, Jacqui Hutton

Trophies: Sharon Brooke

Newsletter: Kathy Wright

ASA Reps: Kathy Wright, David Wright

BML Reps: Kathy Wright, Chris Jepson

Publicity: Fiona Dewar, Pete Fitzgerald

Swim 21 / Joint Venture Reps: David Wright, Jayne Neal, Jacqui Hutton

Website Manager: Tricia Fitzgerald

Swim Camp Organiser: Silke Fraser

So if you need to approach anyone on committee about specific issues, the information above will hopefully help you to speak to the right person. However if you have any queries at all about the club please feel free to approach any committee member and they will be only too pleased to help you, or point you in the direction of someone who can.

### **Club Gala**

We had a really good club gala with a number of Club Records being broken. Please see below:

		<b>Old Record</b>	<b>New Record</b>
Girls 9&U 50m Freestyle	Casey Ryan	37.30	35.64
Girls 9&u 25m Butterfly	Zoe Humphrey	19.18	18.88
Girls 10 yr 50m Backstroke	Darcy Deakin	41.08	40.74
Girls 10 yr 50m Butterfly	Darcy Deakin	38.77	38.09
Girls 12 yr 100m Butterfly	Megan Hudson	1.15.84	1.15.34
Girls 12 yr 100m Breaststroke	Megan Hudson	1.24.00	1.25.16
Girls 13 yr 100m Backstroke	Jennie Knowles	1.14.71	1.13.47
Boys 13 yr 100m Freestyle	Alex Lenthall	1.03.43	1.00.98
Boys 13 yr 4 x 1 IM	Alex Lenthall	1.12.41	1.12.32

Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to the swimmers above who broke club records. Well Done!

### **Club Gala Photos**

Also you will note that Pete Fitzgerald was taking photos of the trophy presentations, if anyone would like a photo we are selling them at £2.50 each (all proceeds to club finds). Please see Tricia or Pete if you want to have a look at any of the photos with a view to purchasing one.

### **Annual Subscriptions**

Just to remind everyone that annual subscriptions are due no later than the **31 January 2010** please. These are £45.00 for competing members and £20.00 for learners and non-competing members. We would prefer not to have to 'chase' members for their annual subscriptions so if think you may have any difficulty paying by 31 January please let Tracy or Sharon know sooner rather than later. Thank you.

### **Monthly Swim Fees**

Again can I please remind everyone that your monthly fees are **payable in advance** and are due on the **1<sup>st</sup> of each month**. The cost of monthly pool hire has to be met by the club whether we have your fees or not, this is approx £16,500 per year – so not a small amount. Please can you always ensure that your fees are paid as close as possible to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month. If at all possible we would prefer that fees are paid by Standing Order, easier for us and for you. Please see Tracy or Sharon for our account details if you want to set up a Standing Order. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

### **Training**

Congratulations and well done to the following who have recently qualified:

Mike Neal – Judge 1

Angus Dewar Fowler, Nicola Fraser, Victoria Hutton, Joshua Hutton & Rebecca Neal – Young Officials Club Timekeepers

### **Pentaqua Contact Number**

Just to remind you that you can text information to the following number: **07826 737837**. The phone doesn't have a voice mail facility but any information regarding swimmers not able to train, attend galas, etc can be text through to this number. Also during club training sessions there is usually someone on hand in the clubroom who will answer. For swimmers attending galas you should be given a contact number for whoever is going to be team managing, so you should also let them know.

### **Club Captains**

You will shortly all be receiving voting slips for club captains for the coming year. You will need to complete these with your choices and put them in to the container in the clubroom. Results will be announced at the Awards Evening.

### **Awards Evening**

This will be held on **Saturday 19 December 2009** at the Peggy Tub in Stocksbridge. Tickets will be available in early December at a cost of £1.00 each.

### **Christmas Fun Session**

This will be held on Tuesday 22 December. Please can I remind everyone to start saving their 1p/2p, etc for the annual Penny Dive.

### **Christmas Closure Dates**

The club will be closed from **Wednesday 23 December 2009** and swimming will recommence on **Monday 4 January 2010**. Last swimming session will be Monday 21 December, fun session on Tuesday 22 December. No land training on Wednesday 23 December. Ponds Forge will be closing early on 24 December. So this will be a decent break for everyone.

### **Parents Night Out**

The night out at the Dogs for parents will now be organised for late January 2010. All are welcome. We left it a bit late for pre-Christmas and though it would give us something to look forward to in the New Year. I will let you have the date once it is booked.

### **Sheffield & District ASA Annual Do**

This is the usual Line Dancing and Pea & Pie Supper. It will be held at the Niagara Social Club on Saturday 14 January 2010. This is quite a good night and is enjoyed by all those who attend. Please see Kathy Wright if you would like tickets. Cost is approx £7.00 (ish) for adults with a slight reduction for swimmers. Sorry don't have the actual prices at the moment but will put up a poster in the Clubroom once it arrives.

### **Fundraising**

#### **Christmas Raffle**

We are having a smaller version of our Christmas Raffle this year, with the main prizes being the Chocolate & Drinks hampers. Tickets will be available in the Clubroom to club members and their families. If anyone would like to donate prizes for the Chocolate or Drinks hamper please feel free to do so – you never know you might win it back!!

Please see Jayne Neal for tickets. These will be sold at a cost of £2.00 per strip, or 50p per ticket, with all proceeds going to club funds. The raffle will be drawn at the Awards Evening.

### **New ideas**

We are looking for news ways of fundraising, does anyone have any ideas, so far we have had a Race Night or Casino Night suggested, a balloon race (which we will be doing in the new year), another car wash in the summer. Does anyone have any other ideas we could try? please feel free to let us know.

### **Rags are Us**

Just a request to start saving again please, will soon be time for that clearout of unwanted winter clothes!

The next Rags are Us date is: **Saturday 6 February 2010**.

### **Monthly update.**

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

We now have **21** registered supporters and have raised **£67.74** so far for club funds

I will keep reminding you that there are also lots of exclusive money saving offers for Easyfundraising members, it only takes a minute to register (just click the link above) and then you can raise funds for the club (and save money for yourselves!).

As we are coming up towards Christmas now is the ideal time to register, every time you shop online via Easy Fundraising you help raise funds for the club, at no cost to you **and** you get some really good discounts from some of the retailers.

Even if you don't intend to shop online, if you register you can even raise funds for us every time you search online by using the easysearch search engine. Just go to: [easysearch.org.uk](http://easysearch.org.uk) . The club gets 1p for every 2 searches, doesn't sound a lot but we have already raised **£11.40** with this.

That's all folks!