

# ASA SOUTH EAST REGION

## NEWSLETTER—January 2008



### WELCOME

Welcome to the January issue. The full colour version is available on-line at [www.southeastswimming.org](http://www.southeastswimming.org).

If you have any comments or questions, please send them to the Regional Office.

### ASA ANNUAL SWIMTASTIC AWARDS

The ASA Annual Swimtastic Awards were held at the Stratford Holiday Inn in 2007 to celebrate grass roots achievement. Some of the country's best swimming stars from all the different aquatic disciplines joined this year's Swimtastic Winners for fun and games in the Local Swimming Pool before recognising them at the celebration dinner in the evening.

The Swimtastic Awards are aimed at swimmers of all ages and abilities that have achieved through the Kellogg's ASA Award Scheme. The 2007 Event was in fact the biggest held so far with winners recognised across 10 different categories from Young Swimmer of the Year to Community Project Award.

The day started with fun and games in the swimming pool, where the elite athletes joined in with the winners of the awards to have a series of races. The children were placed into six teams; each had elite swimmers in their groups. Members of the ASA Business Team, each trying to out do each other with cheers, shouts and chants for their individual teams, captained the groups from the poolside. South East Regional Business Manager Anne-Marie Slade captained the Yel-

low Team which consisted of Olympic Bronze Medallist David Davies, Life-saver Karen Denning, Synchro Star Lauren Smith and Water Polo Goal-keeper Ed Scott. They joined Alex Cridland, Megan Pashley and Elinor Bird to win most of the events and races, much to the delight of the team captain.

The children and some parents then spent the afternoon gaining autographs from the 25 elite swimmers who had lent their support to the event.

An appearance from Tony the Tiger delighted all on the poolside and in the autograph signing room. He then joined us in the evening for a dance to Tiger Feet.

The Awards Presentation Dinner then followed this in the evening where the winners were awarded for their success in their each individual field. Chipping Norton Lido in Oxfordshire won the Community Project Award; the Lido is one of the few remaining open air swimming pools left in Britain. It was saved from closure by local campaigners and today is managed by local people on behalf of the community. Chipping Norton Lido was nominated for the award by Claire Jarvis who is a trustee of the lido, because it is a community run pool with a social conscience, a real social enterprise success story.

A mention must also go to Ken Norman, also from the Chipping Norton Lido, who narrowly missed out on the Fundraiser Award behind Otto Putland.

A disco rounded off the evening before people retired to their rooms.

Nominations will open shortly for the 2008 event, so get nominating.

### ADAM WINS BBC AWARD

Adam Harrington (Crawley SC) has just topped off an amazing 2007 by being crowned BBC South Young Sports-person of the Year.



Adam, who was also awarded ASA South East Region Athlete of the Year in September, is currently in Australia on the British Swimming End of Season Tour so was unable to attend the ceremony but when told said 'It was a great feeling hearing I won, its such a big award'. 2007 has seen numerous highlights for Adam from breaking 29 County records,



smashing Liam Tancocks 200m Backstroke British Short Course record and culminating in his selection to the British Swimming offshore centre in Brisbane, Australia. Adam will be back in the UK for the Christmas break but then returns to Australia on 11th January to start his two year programme including studying for Australia's equivalent to A levels

### **NATIONWIDE DSE NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS**

The Nationwide sports awards took place on December 5 at Manchester United Football Club. In the regional category swimming claimed 2 out of the 3 awards. The region would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sue Barker for winning the South East Region Volunteer Award. Regional Disability Manager and the Regional Disability Sports Events are just some of her roles within the region. We would also like to congratulate Rosie Bancroft who won the South East Region Sports Person Award. Rosie who earlier this year got selected for the English Talent Programme only began concentrating on swimming earlier this year!! These are great achievements and we are very pleased that Sue and Rosie got the recognition they deserve.

### **EDUCATION**

Institute of Swimming are now a 'Train to gain' Training Provider. South East Education officer is underway with the first round for up to 50 learners from employers across the South East. The project trains their staff up to NVQ Level 2 in Coaching, Teaching and Instructing (swimming). This project is the first of many to come we hope, as this is the envisaged route for funding in the future. We also hope to have more European Social Funding spaces for Learners in the new year.

Education courses continue to be booked across the Region. See the course document at [www.southeastswimming.org/education](http://www.southeastswimming.org/education)

### **ASA CLUB AND COUNTY**

#### **CONFERENCE 2008**

The Club and County Conference takes place on the 9 + 10 February 2008 in Leicestershire. This conference is aimed at Volunteers from all disciplines and through seminars and sharing ideas is the ideal place to gain new information and ideas to take back to your club. Everyone who attends the conference will be eligible for CPD points. This year the conference is also the host for the ASA Aquaforce National Awards gala dinner where we will celebrate the achievements of the regional volunteer winners and announce the ASA Aquaforce winners. If you would like a place at this conference please download a form from [www.britishswimming.org](http://www.britishswimming.org) or call 01509632266

#### **YOUNG AQUATICS ORGANISERS AWARD**

This award is aimed at young people aged between 14 and 19 who are looking to become volunteers within Aquatic sport. It aims to give them the confidence and knowledge to organise their own Aquatic event and enable them to do a voluntary work placement within a Swim21 club. We are currently looking for people who would like to become presenters of this course to come forward and take the 2 hour training course provided by the region on the 21 January at the Spectrum in Guildford. This training is completely free and will enable you to run The Aquatic Organisers course in your local area or club. For more information please contact the regional Development officer Helen Beckley, [helen.beckley@swimming.org](mailto:helen.beckley@swimming.org)

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Regional DSE gala is taking place on the 9 February at the Quays in Southampton. We are looking for people who would be willing to officiate or lend a hand on the day. Warm up is at 3.00pm. If you are available please contact Sue Barker [gosport-sue@hotmail.com](mailto:gosport-sue@hotmail.com)

### **WE NEED YOUR VIEWS**

The Region is seeking your views on the main priorities it has identified for 2009-13. During the months of January and February, the Region is undertaking a consultation with members and external partners on the *Draft Regional Aquatic Strategy 2009-13* available on the regional website. [www.southeastswimming.org/](http://www.southeastswimming.org/)

You can influence what the Region is going to focus on by giving us your responses to four questions on each strategy theme summarised for you in the *Consultation Document*, which along with the questions (*Your Comments*) can be downloaded from the regional website. You can also request the documents from the Regional Office. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **HAMPSHIRE FUNDING WORKSHOP**

On the 29th November Sport Hampshire hosted the first of many club funding workshops in association with 'Fundsport UK'. The workshop was aimed at supporting local swimming clubs to access extra funding to support the fantastic work currently being delivered.

The first of these workshops saw 8 clubs attend, all of which are looking to complete applications for 'Awards for all' bids with the specialist support of Mark Craddock and Roger Betts. Each club will be applying for up to £10,000 to support the work the clubs are currently engaging in.

Lee Spindlow, Swimming Development Officer, commented that 'this was an excellent opportunity for all the clubs that attended and hopefully future workshops will help offer the continual support for our hard working volunteers.'

For more information Contact Lee at [lee.spindlow@hants.gov.uk](mailto:lee.spindlow@hants.gov.uk).

If you have an article for the next edition of the Newsletter, please email them to [helen.beckley@swimming.org](mailto:helen.beckley@swimming.org) by the 21 January 2008.