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NEWSLETTER—*July 2008*

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WELCOME

Welcome to the July issue!

The full colour version of this newsletter is available to down load from our website: www.southeastswimming.org.

If you have any comments, questions or articles for the next edition of the newsletter, please send them to the Regional Office: office@southeastswimming.org

ADULT LEARN TO SWIM KICKS OFF IN WOKING

Everyday Swim has launched a fantastic offer for adults who can't swim. They are able to take advantage of four lessons for just £5 as part of the drive to increase the number of people taking part in aquatic activity. So far, over 100 people have registered to take part and the first round of lessons started at the end of June.

SWIMMING NUMBERS UP IN WOKING

Everyday Swim in Woking has been working hard for the last 18 months to improve the number of people swimming at Woking's Pool in the Park. A large number of initiatives have been designed and some didn't even make it off the drawing board. However, all the hard work seems to be paying off as recent figures show that swimming attendances, or throughput, is up by over 12%. That's an extra 9,000 attendances in five months!

YMCA PARENTS GROUP

Another Everyday Swim project in Woking has teamed up with Woking YMCA to encourage young parents to have a dip once a month. The Young Parents group meets every Thursday at Woking YPOD and through excellent partnership working the Everyday Swim project has offered to relocate the meeting once a month to Pool in the Park. The parents were delighted to have the opportunity to have a swim as part of their normal group and turned up buggies and all to the first session. Of the 11 parents, four had not swum in the past year and four had not swum in the last four weeks. What's more, at least, two of the babies had never been in a pool before.
Following on from this great work the Everyday Swim Coordinator has been approached by another Young Parents group in Woking to see if a similar scheme can be launched for them.
For more information contact:
james.barter@woking.gov.uk

ASA SER ANNUAL GALA AWARDS & DINNER 2008

Details have been finalised for the ASA South East Region Gala Awards and Dinner 2008 at the Grange Hotel, Bracknell. Presentations to Swim21 clubs, and Aquaforce Regional Award winners will take place during the dinner followed by a disco until midnight.
More information and a booking form are now available to down load from our website www.southeastswimming.org
Tickets cost £30 per person and booking forms with a cheque for payment must be returned by Saturday 16 August.
Contact: em.lyne@tinyonline.co.uk

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

We are now taking bookings for the pool session with **Steve Parry** and a series of workshops that are part of the Conference to be held on Saturday 13 September at Windsor Leisure Centre. Programme details of the day and booking form can be down loaded from www.southeastswimming.org > about the region > aims and objectives. Deadline for bookings is Sunday 30 August . Don`t delay in booking your place!

The Annual Council Meeting will take place at 13.30 and all who are attending the Conference are encouraged to attend it to find out what has been happening in the Region and to have the opportunity to influence the future. Each club is entitled to send 1—3 delegates to the meeting, depending on the size of the club. In order to speak and vote at the meeting, you need to be one of those delegates; if you are interested in being a delegate contact your club secretary.
For any queries please contact: joan.massie@swimming.org

EDUCATION UPDATE

The following courses will be run throughout July in the South East Region:

UKCC Teaching Aquatics level 1 - Wantage, Milton Keynes, Margate, Camberley, Carterton and Hastings
UKCC Teaching Aquatics level 2 - Didcot, Cranleigh and Milton Keynes
12th - Flip n fun, Eastbourne
12th - Mini Polo, Stoke Mandeville
13th - Child Protection, Brighton
20th - Fun/comp, Reading
20th - Child Protection, Alton
26th - Mini Polo, Sevenoaks
If you are interested in attending please visit www.britishswimming.org for more details and booking information.

Any queries regarding Education please contact Jenny Norvill our Education Officer on:
jenny.norvill@swimming.org.

REGIONAL DIVERS SELECTED FOR BEJIING

The Region is pleased to announce that the following divers have been selected for Team GB at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games:
Stacie Powell, Peter Waterfield and **Blake Aldridge** all from Southampton Diving Academy
www.southeastswimming.org/diving

SWIM21 CLUB DEVELOPMENT EVENINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

After June's successful round of Swim21 Club Development evenings the next set of dates released are as follows:

Thursday 4 September **Kent** Clubs - Black Lion Leisure Centre, Gillingham,
5.30 – 9pm

Monday 8 September **Berkshire** Clubs - Wokingham Waterside Centre,
5.30-9.30pm

Tuesday 9 September **Sussex** Clubs - University of Brighton, Falmer, 5-9pm

Thursday 11 September **Kent** Clubs - Kings School Canterbury, 6-9pm

Thursday 11 September **Buckinghamshire** Clubs– Stoke Mandeville Stadium, 6-9pm

Monday 15 September **Sussex** Clubs - Summerfields Leisure Centre, Hastings, 6-9pm

Thursday 18 September **Surrey** clubs - Spectrum Leisure Centre, Guildford,
6-9.30pm

Thursday 18 September **Oxfordshire** clubs - Kidlington and Gosford Sports Centre,
6-9pm

Thursday 25 September **Hampshire** clubs - Trojans Rugby Club, Eastleigh, 4-9pm

Clubs can book by contacting: M.A.Collier@bton.ac.uk

DOVER LIFE GUARD CLUB GAIN SWIM21 ACCREDITATION

Working towards Swim21 Accreditation has meant that Dover LGC has become more focused and structured in all aspects of running the club. They have closed loopholes in the administration that the club wasn`t even aware were there.
The club is run entirely by a dedicated group of volunteers and they are beginning to spread the work load, involve more members and provide training opportunities for them. This can only result in a better club for all members. For more information about Swim21 contact:
natalie.cunningham@swimming.org or karen.woolland@swimming.org

SER JUNIOR WATER POLO PLAYERS GAIN NATIONAL SELECTION

Joel Abbott and Scott Martin of Worthing SC, played in the qualifying tournament of the European Championships in Sofia. Jack Waller of Hailsham SC and Alex Tollefson of Sevenoaks SC played in the older age group qualifying tournament in Skope, Macedonia. All gained national selection this summer. The team has successfully qualified for the finals which will be held in Istanbul in Turkey at the beginning of September.
Sarah Tollefson also Sevenoaks SC has been selected for the GB girls youth squad and will play in the European Championships in Hungry. These athletes have worked incredibly hard to gain selection and the Region wish them every success in their tournaments. For more information about Water Polo in the region visit :
www.southeastswimming.org/waterpolo

ALISON FRANKLAND GAINS MBE

Alison Frankland of Beau Sejour Barracudas swimming Club has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday honours list awarded with an MBE.
Alison was honoured for voluntary services to swimming in Guernsey. An emotional Alison said "I was overwhelmed and would never have achieved so much without support from my family and friends." Wanting her two boys to learn to swim Alison became a founder of the Beau Sejour Swim School. The school started with a hundred pupils and now sees 1,700 a week from babies to OAP's. When they decided to swim competitively the Barracudas Team was born.
Alison said "I've been lucky to work with such committed athletes. I have shared their joy and their heartache. I just can't stress enough how grateful I am for this award."
Club contact:
www.barracudas-sc.org.gg

TOP UP PROGRAMME SUCCESS

Following the success of the Top Up programme which has run from 2005-2008, further national funding of £8.25m was announced by DCSF (Department of Schools and Families) to continue to assist Key Stage 2 pupils reach the required national curriculum attainment.
The funding now termed as the School Swimming Support Grant, will be allocated to the School Sports Partnerships (SSP) through the PDM (Partnership Development Manager) who will be responsible for the programme. The PDM, with their network of schools, then decides how the funding is best utilised in their area, specifically targeting pupils in Key Stage 2 who are unable to reach the KS2 attainment. The aim is for the funding to assist the current school swimming provision, through improving quality of delivery and overcoming barriers such as transport, which make swimming a challenge for schools.
For more information on school swimming please contact the coordinator for your area:
suzanne.philpot@swimming.org (Surrey, Sussex & Kent) or
sarah.tamone@swimming.org (Bucks, Berks, Oxon, Hants & IOW).

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING OLYMPIC DUET DISPLAY

You have an opportunity to see a sneak preview of the Olympic duet display before Beijing as Jenna Randall and Olivia Allison will be demonstrating their 'Olympic Technical Avery Duet Display' at the Aldershot Garrison Pool on 23 July between 11.30am and 12.30pm. Just come along as all are welcome to watch!

UPDATE REGIONAL AQUATIC STRATEGY 2009-13

Following Sport England's announcement of their priorities and the government's commitment to provide free swimming from 2009, the Region is considering the impact of these initiatives on its strategic priorities for 2009-13.

The next draft of the Regional Aquatic Strategy will be produced in August with the final version to be submitted to Sport England for their consideration in September. It is expected that the sport will hear about its funding level for the period of 2009-13 by December 2008.

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