



Diary Dates:

Sat 29 March:

Micro A Team at Chorley.

Sat 5 April Swim League

Rays at Southport

Sat 26 April Swim League A &

Rays at Palatine.

North Lancs

This was the best year for some time for our club. Our swimmers achieved 107 podium positions - 47 first places, 37 second places and 23 third places. In the Bagcat and other wards the following swimmers were successful: Gabriella Kerr, Bradley Yates, Annalicia Bowden, Savanna Cairns and Sarah Lucas 1st. Zoe Walker, Tony Lucas, Decia Mortimer and Keleigh Spector 2nd. Ryan Kerr & Rebecca Rimmer 3rd. Well done everyone.

Lancashire Championships:

Again there were some successes at Manchester. Ryan Kerr, Sarah Lucas, Rebecca Rimmer, Decia Mortimer, Annalicia Bowden, Savanna Cairns and Gabriella Kerr all finished in the top six of their overall ages. Well done to all who swam.

Swim 21

We have now received our second revalidation. Thank you to all coaches, teachers, committee and volunteers who help in any way to make our club run successfully.

Andrew's Progress:

Whilst most people were tucking into their Xmas chocolates on Boxing Day Andrew Hodgson was setting off to a training camp in Charlotte, North Carolina for a month. Together with the Swansea Performance Group Andrew had three weeks training with his American counterparts at their Olympic preparation camp. He has said this was a great experience - very hard work but great to be able to train in such an environment. For the fourth week the group flew to Los Angeles to compete at the prestigious Toyota Long Beach Grand Prix Meet. Competing against the best in America this was the first time Andrew had competed in a short course yards meet. He had outstanding results coming 5th in the 200yds backstroke, 8th in the 100yds backstroke and collecting a silver medal in the 4x200yds freestyle relay. Andrews' next competition was in Sweden at the Grand Prix in March. Andrew won the 200m Backstroke and won bronze in the 100m Backstroke. It is now the big one, the Olympic Trials at Sheffield in April. Let's hope he continues making great progress and who knows!!!!

We are all proud of Andrew's achievements and wish him the very best at Sheffield.

Schools Galas:

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help at all the schools' galas. Your support is very much appreciated.

Meets:

It is hoped to select some meets for the club to attend at different Levels. It is always good to have more support on poolside and from the spectators. Watch for details.

Volunteers:

If you would like to be a volunteer at our club please see Garry Whittle or any member of the committee.

Bi/Triathlon:

The National Biathlon Qualifier is on 6 April. Good luck to all those competing. The National Biathlon is on Sunday 18 May at Macclesfield. This is the day after the Swim League Rays final gala at West View so the team should not be affected in any way.

Team News:

Three swimming teams have been in action so far. First off was the Micro Rays team who swam at Leyland in a very closely fought gala. The Rays finished in a very creditable 2nd place, one point behind Garstang. The Swim League Rays also swam their first gala at Leyland and in a close gala finished first ahead of Garstang, Leyland B and Kirkham. The Swim League A

Team swam at Leyland and again in a very close gala were pushed into second place by two points. All the galas look like they are going to be close so it is important that the team managers have swimmers available as far as is possible.

Reminder of Team Fixtures:

Micro A :

Sat 29 March at Chorley
Sun 11 May at Leyland
Sat 21 June at Palatine
Sat 12 July at Pioneer 79

Micro Rays:

Sun 15 June at Padiham
Sat 21 June at Palatine
A gala to be re-arranged.
Watch for details.

Swim League A:

Sat 26 April at Palatine
Sat 10 May at Salt Ayre
Sat 28 June at Chorley

Swim League Rays:

Sat 5 April at Southport
Sat 26 April at Palatine
Sat 17 May at West View

Please be available as far as is possible for the fixtures. We do ask for team commitment. Whether you have one swim or several swims you are part of the team. Without your help and understanding it would make the job much harder. Sorting the fixtures is not an easy task and there may be some clashes with other sporting disciplines. We ask that you inform the team managers asap if you are unavailable.

Emails:

It is important that we keep in touch with everyone and so we are asking you to provide
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your email address so that any information and correspondence can be sent directly to you. If you have already given your email address thank you. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Teacher Qualification:

Several of our poolside helpers and older swimmers are taking the ASA Level 1 teachers course. We wish them well and look forward to having them in the teaching and coaching team.

Club Timekeepers:

A new ASA course is now available for those wishing to become timekeepers. Candidates need to be 14 years old. The course involves approximately 1.5 hours of theoretical tuition followed by a short practical examination. We would like to encourage our young members to think seriously about this. If you would like to book a place or are interested please see Garry Whittle (Tel: 393967). We already have a few names for the course.

Welcome:

We would like to welcome to our club any new members. We are pleased that you have joined Newton Hall Blackpool ASC and hope that you will be happy with us. If you are unsure of anything please just ask!

Publicity:

Any items you would like to be published in the Gazette should be handed to Ashley Looker.

We do need to make sure our club gets the publicity it deserves. Team reports, individual successes, meet results etc, all need to be publicised. Please make sure you hand any information to Ashley so that he can contact the Gazette.

Wednesday Morning Session:

The Palatine morning session on Wednesday 2nd April is cancelled due to work at the pool. Other sessions as usual.

Micro Session Wednesday:

Please note this session is extra to your normal sessions. There is no charge but it is not an alternative. The session is run to help the Micro swimmers with starts, turns etc. For details please see Carole Smith or Jane Whittle.

The Big Event - Sun 22 June:

The event, a sponsored swim, is at Palatine pool and is being organised by Gallica (Jeff Spector). How many lengths can you swim in 20 minutes, 12 seconds - 2012!! Jeff will be getting you to join in. We encourage you to take part in this event which will help raise funds for all clubs participating. See Jeff for more details.

Speedo Dates:

Please note the dates for Speedo are as follows:
Saturday 11 October,
Saturday 8 November
Saturday or Sunday 13/14 December.

Newton Hall Blackpool Website:

www.newtonhallasc.co.uk
Contact Paul Rimmer with any information.