

Aldershot Youth Swimming Club

A member of Rushmoor Swimming Association

Newsletter – Spring 2014



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Message from the chairman !

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter and especially if your child is one of the 23 new swimmers to join our club this term ! I plan on writing a short message in future editions of our newsletter to keep you all informed with our club news. This term will be the biggest number of swimmers our club has ever recorded and without the help of our volunteers we would not be able to achieve all that we do in teaching so many children this important life skill.

Back in October we were successful in receiving a county council grant which we put towards two Level 1 teacher qualifications. We wish Jess and Cameron good luck with their teacher courses that they are booked on to within the next couple of months.

Finally I have some sad news to report, after 4 years in the position of club treasurer, Heather Adam has decided to step down at the end of this term. I'm sure you all would agree Heather has done a fantastic job looking after the club finances and organising enrolment over the two test nights at the end of each term. This means we are now looking for a new treasurer. If you would like to get involved within our successful swimming club and would like to help us continue shaping our club for the future but prefer not to come on to poolside then you may be interested in reading more about this role and applying. Full details on how to apply can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.

I think that is everything to mention at the moment. On behalf of the full committee I hope your children enjoy their swimming lessons and I wish them well in their tests in March !

Chris Gillman FIOS

New style STA certificates !

The Swimming Teachers Association have rebranded their certificates and amended their 'learn to swim' scheme. Full details on the changes and the criteria for the courses is available on our website - www.aldershotyouthswimming.org.uk



Supervision on the Poolside

While our teachers are responsible for your children during their swimming lesson, we do ask for your help supervising your children before and after their lesson in the changing rooms and out on the

Swimming at Weekends

Please remember to take your children swimming at weekends to give them a good chance of developing their strokes and skills for their tests. A swimming lesson once a week is often simply not enough for your child to learn to swim and be confident in the water.

Online Questionnaire for Parents

We would love to get your feedback on how we are running the club and on your child's swimming lesson. There is now an online questionnaire available on the website. Please do take a couple of minutes to let us know your thoughts. Your feedback is appreciated and we welcome your comments.

Extra Clothing Required

Swimmers in Angelfish 2 and above are required to wear extra clothing for their lessons and their tests. Please check on the website as it is important your child gets practice wearing extra clothes while swimming in their lessons.

Pupils - Please Note

All pupils should use the toilet, blow their nose and shower before entering the water. Parents of younger pupils should ensure their children carry out these three actions.

Parents - Hygiene Overshoes

DC Leisure have asked us to ensure that parents and other spectators wear the blue overshoes provided when on the poolside. If the containers are empty on a Wednesday evening, then do speak to one of us and we will speak to the lifeguards to bring some more on to poolside to fill up the containers.

Many thanks to all Volunteers

Everyone involved in our club is a volunteer, I hope you can join me in thanking all those involved in our club. It is very much appreciated, thank you to everyone involved !

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Upcoming Important Dates

- 19th February 2014 - Half Term (Lessons running as usual)
- 26th March 2014 - 1st Test Night
- 2nd April 2014 - 2nd Test Night
- 9th April 2014 - Distance Swimming & Splash Time
- 23rd July 2014 - Summer Term Starts (12 Week Term)
- 27th April 2014 - Charity Distance Swim (Sunday Lunch Time)

Club Test Dates

At the end of each course we have two test nights. You can find out your child's test date & time on our club website and notice-board. You must ensure your child is available to be tested on the test night as we cannot guarantee that an alternative assessment date or time is available.

Summer Term Enrolment Fee

Parents are asked kindly to re-enrol their children after their test at the end of each term. This allows us plenty of time to create new class lists and produce the new pool plan. Our course fee for the summer term will remain at just £28

Milk Bottle Top Collection - Bumpys Fund

Natalie Boniface would be really grateful if you could start collecting milk bottle tops in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital which is treating a local ten year old girl with pancreatic cancer. Please bring them with you and drop off with Christine on our front club desk over the coming months - Many Thanks !

Summer Term Word Search

- Crawl Backstroke Breaststroke
- Freestyle Medley Flutter-kick
- False start Dolphin kick Butterfly

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Volunteering on Poolside

If you are interested in swimming then why not think about volunteering with us. Teaching swimming is so rewarding when you see our swimmers progress from beginners in to older improvers. There are always opportunities to complete teaching qualifications in the future. All new volunteers 16 + will be asked to complete a DBS (CRB) disclosure on joining our club.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

We allow young people to volunteer with us to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh's award. If you know a young person who is looking for a volunteer placement for this award then do point them in our direction. This can be good starting point to become a teacher in a few years time.

Treasurer Vacancy - April 2014

We are looking for someone who shares a passion with us to see children learn to swim and who wants to get involved in volunteering. The ideal person will be computer literate and able to use Microsoft Excel and be able to keep an accurate record of the accounts according to the statements and be able to assist us in budgeting for the financial year. The selected person will be needed at least over the two test nights, the last teaching week and the first week of the new term to collect enrolment fee's for the club.

If you are interested in applying, please write a short paragraph outlining what previous volunteering roles you have been involved in and any financial experience you may have. Please hand in to our club desk over the next four weeks. Closing date is the 5th February 2014.

Facebook & Twitter Reminder

As well as our website, our club also has a facebook page and a twitter account. We use these to publish information and changes to or club calendar and in the unlikely event of any pool closers. LIKE or FOLLOW us today to keep yourself informed on our club news.

