



FEES

At our AGM in November the members present proposed and seconded the following changes in fees for 2008. This was carried by a majority vote.

Full Membership (9years and over, a child is classed as 9 the year they become 9) £20 a month

Junior Membership (swimming once a week and under 9) £12 a month.

Membership Only and Nova Swimmers £36 per year or £3 a month.

Students (living in Nottingham Term Time or Holiday Time only) £7 a month.

Every family should now have received the letter with a Standing Order Amendment form to change their Standing Order from 1st January.

Your co-operation in doing this would be very much appreciated. You can also change your fees by internet or telephone banking.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help further.

Sue Davis

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

The last session before we break up for Christmas will be on Friday December 21st and the first session back will be on Thursday 3rd January 2008. Please note the last session on a Monday at Noel Street will be on Monday



10th December due to the Fun Swim on Monday 17th December.

OPEN MEET

Leander Open Meet – January 20th 2008

Preparations are well under way for the Open Meet and we are looking to recruit a band of helpers. There are lots of jobs that need to be done on the day, so if you feel you could help please contact Louise Lambert

There is also an opportunity to become a sponsor and have a race dedicated to you. A donation of £25 will cover an individual event - relays are open to negotiation! Again, please contact Louise if you are interested.

COUNTY CHAMPS

All County Champ entry forms and cheques need to be with Tony Holmes for 24th December to give him time to collate the information submit it by the closing date to the Notts ASA.

LOST PROPERTY

A pair of blue pool shoes, make Sensi, size 38-39.

A white Umbro T-shirt size 30-32"

A blue shawl-type top from Eres size S/M

A pair of blue Speedo goggles

A multi-coloured towel complete with 9 swimming badges

A wooden clip board

A pair of Black Ski gloves in the car park at the High School that had fallen out of someone's car.

Please contact me if any of the above belongs to you.

Sue Davis

NEW LOOK WEBSITE

We now have a new look website with a “Members Only Area” The address remains the same but to access the Members

Only area you need the following passwords which we would appreciate you keeping within the club are available on request

IN MEMORY OF MADDISON AMI-LEE BIGNALL **BORN 11 JANUARY 1997, DIED 27 OCTOBER 2007**

As you know, our niece, and Hannah and Liam’s cousin, Maddison died recently at the age of 10. After various medical procedures and investigations over the previous 12 months, Maddi was diagnosed in April 2007 as suffering from a slow-growing brain tumour on her brain stem. Her consultant, Professor Grundy, could not operate to remove it, as an operation on her brain stem was deemed too risky. Maddi underwent a six-week course of radiotherapy over the summer, followed by a new and previously unused drug regime, which she started in October. It was hoped that the radiotherapy and the new drugs would shrink or at least significantly slow the growth of the tumour. However, Maddi was admitted to hospital on 21 October as she had lost a lot of weight too quickly and was suffering from a chest infection - the tumour was pressing on the nerves which controlled her windpipe and her foodpipe; and consequently some of the small amount of food she did eat travelled to her lungs instead of her stomach. Although she fought long and hard, the chest infection suddenly and unexpectedly developed into pneumonia and she died in the early hours of Saturday 27 October.

Throughout her illness (and she knew she was seriously ill) Maddi never complained and she was always smiling and cheerful – as those of you who saw her supporting Hannah when she swam for Leander in galas recently will know. In September Maddi even passed her Eleven Plus examination for admission to her local girl’s grammar school – what an achievement!

Our entire family miss Maddi terribly and want to do what we can to help prevent other families from experiencing the pain of the early and untimely death of a child. This is why, when we saw the poster for the ‘Million Metre Swim’ raising much needed funds for Professor Grundy’s team at the “*Children’s Brain Tumour Research Centre*” in Nottingham, we knew we had to get involved. We spread the word about the swim amongst family, friends, colleagues, every one we knew - and those we didn’t - through promotion on the Leander website and an article in the Nottingham Evening Post. We were truly astonished by the generosity shown – with almost £500 pledged by those attending Maddi’s funeral, as we stormed past our original fundraising target of £250 in a matter of days.

On the day of the Million Metre Swim, with many members of the Bignall family (and the Binks family!) cheering from the stand, Hannah, Liam and Richard took to the water. Hannah swam her mile quite easily in 40

minutes, Liam swam 21 lengths (far more than he had ever swam continuously before) and Richard just about swam through the cramp to reach his mile in around an hour.

The icing on the cake came when Alan Young offered on behalf of the club to split the money raised from the entrance donations, raffle and “Thrash A Coach” race pledges on the last night of the Club Champs between Children In Need and our fundraising for the Children’s Brain Tumour Research Centre. This money bumps up our total to over £2000, which is an absolutely staggering amount. We can’t thank the members of Nottingham Leander Swimming Club enough for their kind words and their generosity at such a sad time, it truly is much appreciated. It helps to feel that we can hopefully contribute something positive for others from such sad circumstances of our own and we couldn’t have done it without all our kind sponsors, so many, many thanks to you all. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

NICOLA, RICHARD, HANNAH AND LIAM BIGNALL

The grand total raised at the club champs is £610 (or £630 when Tony coughs up.....we know where you live!)

New Year Disco

Our New Year Disco will be on Saturday 5th January 2008 7.30 – 11pm and will see a new venue, well an old venue re-furnished to some of the older members of Leander. It will be held at The Sir Julien Cahn Pavilion (previously West Park Pavilion) at West Bridgford. The change has come about because David Lloyd will no longer have a function room.

Please join us it would be lovely to see you all.

We will be presenting all the trophies from Club Champs during the evening.

Records Broken by Masters at the National Masters Event at the end of October, four East Midlands relay records.

Mens 72+ Freestyle Relay
Nottingham Leander 1.36.02
Sheffield, 28/10/07

Mens 160-199 Freestyle Relay
Nottingham Leander 1.46.96
Sheffield, 28/10/07

Mens 72+ Medley Relay
Nottingham Leander 1.46.15
Sheffield, 28/10/07

Mens 160-199 Medley Relay
Nottingham Leander 1.59.58
Sheffield, 28/10/07

Individual records were broken by:

Mike Brett 40-44 group with a time of 56.55 in the 100 Freestyle.

Matthew Driscoll 35-39 group with a time of 17.17.72 for the 1500 Freestyle.

Congratulations to Daniel Moore who has been accepted onto Nova Development.

Last but by no means least congratulations to Tony Holmes who was made President of the Notts ASA on Saturday November 17th 2007. He will stay in office for a year.

If you know of anyone that should be mentioned in the Congratulations column please let me know. Contact Sue Davis.

DATES OF FORTH COMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

If you are a committee member or you would like something rising at the committee meeting please make a note of the forthcoming committee meetings date: -

2008

Thursday 10th January

Thursday 13th March

Thursday 8th May

Thursday 10th July

Thursday 11th September

Thursday 13th November

Thursday 11th December

DATES OF FORTHCOMING COACHES MEETINGS

2008

Monday 28th January

Monday 31st March

Monday 30th June

Monday 29th September

Monday 24th November

FIXTURES 2008

Fixture list for 2008 attached.

Results Report

(Full results available on the website)

Calling all Swimmers who are 9 in 2008 Fee Reminder

All Swimmers who become 9 years old in 2008 are required to pay the full monthly subscription of £20 from January 1st 2007. This is due to ASA registration fees paid by the club for swimmers eligible for competition. Full members are also able to swim at all available training sessions during the week at no additional cost.

As a competitive club, we hope this will encourage and enable our swimmers to enjoy their swimming, and to reach their full potential in the sport.

2008 Junior Galas

Next year we will be running four Junior Gala's as per the Fixture List. The first gala is on Sunday 27th January 2008 at the High School 1.30-4pm. Could you please contact Nicola Bignall if you are available to help on the day? A Junior Gala entry form is attached to the newsletter.

AMAZON

The club has decided to put a link to the Amazon shopping website onto our home web page. Doing your Amazon shopping through this link will not cost you a penny more, but will earn the club a small percentage of your purchase in the form of Amazon gift vouchers. The club will use these vouchers as raffle prizes, gifts, incentives etc.

Please tell your family and friends about the Amazon link on our website

www.leandersc.com

E Mail Address & Phone Numbers.

If you have recently changed your phone number or acquired an e-mail address could you let me know the details please? If you have given an e-mail address but have changed it please e-mail me the change. I have several addresses that messages keep bouncing back saying it isn't a valid address. This might be you if you haven't been receiving e-mails from us. Contact Sue Davis at your earliest convenience.

facebook

Are you on
[Facebook](#) on the Internet?




If so, we have created a Nottingham Leander Group, so we can share photo's etc. So far there is only one picture on the site – the Leander masters team at the World Masters event in 1996, copied in the right. You will have to log on if you want to be able to see who these people are – quite a few are current club swimmers!

Do you have any historic Leander pictures you could share with us? If so, please join the group and upload the pictures. (NB: uploading any indecent or inflammatory pictures will be considered a breach of Leander's code of conduct).

Joining instructions

To find the group and join, simply go to the on Facebook (www.facebook.com) home page. Here you will find a link to "Groups"

 [Groups](#) on the left hand side of the page.

On the next page type "Nottingham Leander" into the search for groups box

and press Enter.

Then on the next select "view group": [View Group](#) next to the Nottingham Leander pages. This will take you to the Leander group page.

Finally, if you are a Leander swimmer (past or present), then you can click the link

[Join this Group](#) on the right hand side of the page to join the group.

Look forward to seeing you all-online!

Your County And Club Needs You

There is a need for more people to come forward to officiate at our events. This year the County managed to get through the County Championships by a wing and a prayer. Leagues unfortunately, are not doing as well; if we cannot increase the number of independent officials available to officiate then the leagues could be in jeopardy. We have officials that come along and officiate for their clubs as per the requirement of the

leagues, however it is the starter and the two independent referees that we are becoming short of.

We would like to encourage some of our older (16 & over) swimmers to consider taking the timekeeping judges courses. In fact the Development League has been set up not just to develop swimmers, but also officials, and you are asked to bring a young person along who wants to try out timekeeping.

Many officials have been confused over licensing, but remember you do not have to be licensed to officiate at our league events.

WE NEED MORE OFFICIALS TO ENABLE THE LEAGUES TO CONTINUE AND LEANDER NEED MORE OFFICIALS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE OFFICIALS THAT WE NEED AT LEAGUE AND CLUB GALAS

Contact Sue Davis if you are interested in taking any officials exams.

Nottingham Leander would like to point out that all news and information in the newsletter is collected from individuals and to the best of our knowledge is the correct information at the time of going to print.



The Executive Committee would like to thank all Leander members for their continuing support and to wish members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.