



Nottingham Leander Newsletter February 2004



SWIMMING FEES HAVE YOU REPLIED AND AMENDED YOUR PAYMENT????

It was agreed at the AGM that swimming fees will go up on the 1st March 2004. Fees will go up by £2 for Full Membership making it £16 a month and Junior Membership under 9's will go up by £1 making it £10.

It has been necessary to implement the increase due to an increase in the hire of pool charges, ever increasing administration costs, ASA registration increases and coaching costs.

The necessary paperwork has now been sent out to everyone. If you haven't received it please contact Dawn who will gladly send some out to you. We would like to thank everyone who has already sent their S/O amendment form or Telephone/Internet Bank slip back, we appreciate your help in this matter. If you have still to reply could you do so **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** as this will ensure you will not have us on your back asking you to do it.

Once again **THANK YOU** to everyone for your co-operation in this matter.



WHERE IS YOUR CHILD?

Do you know where your child is? The executive committee would like to remind parents/guardians that you are fully responsible for your child/children when attending training sessions. The coaches are at the pool to coach the children in the water and not to look after them when they are not in the water.

ARE YOU LEAVING THE CLUB?

If you decide to leave Leander could we ask you to send a letter of resignation in so we can keep our records updated. Without this letter you will be liable for your fees and probably find you are being chased for them if you stop paying.

We would appreciate your help in this matter.



NEW YEAR DISCO

Thank you to everyone who attended this years New Year Disco. We had an excellent turnout and everyone seem to enjoy themselves.

The feedback regarding the Venue and Disco were all positive so we have decided to rebook for next year. For those of you with next years diary the disco will be on January 8th 2005 at David Lloyd Leisure Centre on Aspley Lane, Aspley and is 7.30pm – 11pm. Dancing is to Mick Gee's disco. So come and join us and finish your Christmas celebrations off with a bang!!!!!! Or dance or two.



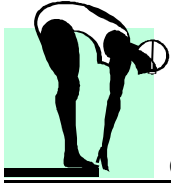
IS YOUR CHILD 9 IN 2004?

Could we please remind you that the year your child becomes **nine years of age they are** classed as a Full Member which means their fees will be £14 a month instead of £9 from the 1st January, increasing to £16 a month from 1st March. Paying full membership means your child can swim as many times a week as they want and are not restricted to once a week. If your child still only swims once a week we are very sorry but there is no reduction.

For swimming purposes a Childs age is what their age will be on the 31st December.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Any queries on this please contact Pat.



OPEN SPRINT MEET

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE - LEANDER OPEN

The 18th Nottingham Leander Open Meet took place on Sunday 18th January 2004, at the Beechdale Swimming Centre.

It was a long day - 7.30am to 7.30pm for everyone involved and a little hectic at first, but once the first race was underway, everything just seemed to fall into place. The new electronic timing system even managed to behave itself!

Those of you who were there, will have spotted many familiar faces amongst our band of helpers, either in green and yellow t-shirts (kindly supplied by Paul Johnson - ABC Group) or in their official 'whites'. Our resident DJ 'Funkmaster Feast' aka Ken Feast, did a fantastic job, once again, keeping everyone entertained and informed as to what was happening throughout the day. The music went down a treat with the swimmers and spectators, and quite a few of the Coaches could be seen, 'strutting their stuff' in between races. I think the only ones who might have preferred things a little quieter were Pete, Dave and Paul on the computers - we may have to invest in some earmuffs for them next year!

Despite entries being down on last year - this year we had 160 swimmers competing from 26 Clubs, there were still a lot of familiar faces amongst those who were poolside, as well as some new faces, who incidentally said how much they enjoyed the day and would definitely return next year in larger numbers!

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed - they all swam brilliantly. Many of them reached finals and went home with more trophies to add to their collections. Numerous PB's were set throughout the Meet and

it was great to see so many swimmers enjoying the day. The day was quite obviously a success for the Club as a whole and we should all be very proud of what we achieved.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the Leander parents and members (past and present) who helped, both before and on the day itself. Thank you to our sponsors - ABC Group; Sabre Sports and Speedo (UK) and last, but by no means least, to Terry Taylor and the Officials from the Nottinghamshire ASA, for their contribution. Without this loyal band of volunteers, the gala would not be able to take place.

Everything now starts again in preparation for next year, 2005 - so beware all those willing helpers. As you know many hands make light work!!!

A full set of results can be found on our website (www.leandersc.com).

The Top Boy/Girl awards and Top Visiting Club award were presented, as follows:-

Top Boy

10 yrs - Kyle Walton (Arnold SC)
11 yrs - Liam Smith (Nottingham Leander SC)
12 yrs - Joshua Phillips (Nottingham Leander SC)
13/14yrs - Craig Message (South Lincs SC)

Top Girl

10 yrs - Lucy Bratton (Phoenix Youth SC)
11 yrs - Joanna Bold (Nottingham Leander SC)
12 yrs - Sasha Matthews (Arnold SC)
13/14 yrs - Helena Thornton (Nottingham Leander SC)

Overall Top Boy

Craig Message - South Lincs SC

Overall Top Girl

Sasha Matthews (Arnold SC)

Top Visiting Club

Phoenix Youth SC



EASTER AND MAY BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Please note there will be no Swimming over the Easter weekend Friday 9th to Tuesday 13th April inclusive. Swimming will resume on Wednesday 14th April. Rushcliffe and Lenton will be closed for the two weeks of the Easter holidays and the week of the Whit week. There will be no swimming on Sunday and Monday 30th and 31st of May.



CLUB KIT

Remember that incentive scheme vouchers can be put towards all purchases of club kit (one voucher is equivalent to £1.)

The following kit is currently in stock but other items can be ordered with discount from the Allens of Kingsbury brochure (see www.allensswimwear.co.uk). If you want to order any items either from the brochure or from stock please contact Dawn.

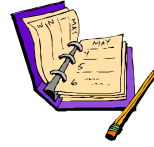
Bags	£17.50
Girls leader back (high leg) Speedo costume with club logo	£15.50
Girls splash back (low leg) Speedo costume with club logo	£12.00
Boys Speedo brief with club logo	£9.50
Club T-Shirt	£3.75
Silicone swim cap with club logo	£4.00
Maru floats	£7.50
Maru Pull Buoy	£5.00
Adidas Water Bottle (0.75L)	£3.00
Adidas Water Bottle (0.5L)	£2.00
Maru synthetic sports body towel	£6.00

To purchase club kit please contact **Dawn**.



WEBSITE

Please note we have changed our website address, it is now www.leandersc.com



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: -

2004

Tues March 9th
 Tues April 6th (Note not the 2nd Tues because of Easter)
 Tues May 11th
 Tues June 8th
 Tues July 13th
 Tues September 14th
 Tues October 12th
 Tues November 9th
 Tues December 14th



MASTERS NEWS

Masters report: Day trip to Sheffield.

"Who' s idea was it to enter a gala in mid-January after the Christmas excesses, and no training?" we cried. Nobody seemed to know.

Nevertheless, a team of eight keen Leander Masters swimmers braved the icy conditions, and entered Rotherham Masters. It may not sound impressive, but it was at Ponds Forge, one of the best pools in the country. It was the first time that some of the team had swum long course, and 50 metres looks a long way, especially when the curvature of the earth means you can' t see the far end!

Seven of us entered individual events, and between us we managed to enter eight relays. Rachel Howard bagged medals in all four individual events staggering away with a gold, silver and two bronzes (not many people swim in the B-group). Blaise Ford, true to form, bagged gold in all three of his individuals. Jo Bullock and Mike Brett (aka Ed) swam some excellent times coming away with three golds and a bronze, and a gold and two silvers, respectively. Colin Robbins was excited to see that he could still swim the same times as ten years ago (and win a bronze medal), and now wonders if he turns up to training now and again, will he be able get a few golds instead? Maxine Robbins and Mick Kingsbury have

the misfortune of competing in C group (fiercely competitive) so despite some very good swims (including PB's) Maxine only had one bronze medal at the end, and Mick had none. However, no one went home empty handed, we had a fantastic showing in the relays, winning 7 golds from 8 races (in many cases the competition appeared to have stayed in bed, literally). Maggie may eventually forgive Rachel for the flier that lost the eighth gold medal (is that a little pink pig I see flying over there?).

All in all, we had a fantastic time. Next year, I am sure we will forget how painful it was to swim in January (and in time I'm sure I will forget how painful 200 metres was, I think it took three years last time....).

Please could you let us know if you change your contact details so we can keep up to date records.



AWARDS

We are still looking for someone to oversee this incentive scheme so that we can get it up and running properly. Are You That Person????

Interested please contact Pete Whiting or Sue Davis

Swimmers are to get tokens for PB's in Junior Galas and Club Champs which can then be saved up to exchange for an item of Club Kit eg 2 tokens for a hat etc.



Club Champs 2003

We have just completed the Club Championship Events for this year, which had been organised slightly differently with the intention of raising the profile of this competition to encourage more members of the club to participate. I consider that the Club Championships should be one of the high lights of the club-swimming calendar, a prestige event, with the opportunity for all our swimmers to compete against each other in a friendly environment. In order to encourage our swimmers, personal invites were sent to all and we also introduced 'Club Records' this year to give swimmers a target to aim for. The records were started using last year's results as a base. We also introduced a points system for all those who competed in the events with additional points for placing, giving overall winners of each age group. This gives the swimmer who enters more events, a greater opportunity of winning overall swimmer of the year, rather than someone who enters and wins a couple of favourite races. There is a copy of this years results attached.

In total this year only 90 swimmers entered the competition with a staggering six swimmers over

the age of 14. Pretty poor for the twelfth best Senior Speedo club in the Country. I along with many of the younger swimmers and parents were looking forward to watching our County, National and International standard swimmers showing us the results of years of training and hard work, giving an incentive to the youngsters to keep swimming.

WELL DONE to the eighty under fourteens who swam this year. There were 190 PB times swum with some really good improvements by many individual swimmers. Of the new 'club records', there were 71 new records set. There is a copy attached so you can start planning your goals for next year.

If anyone has any comments on the organisation of this year's events or suggestions to improve for next year, please contact Mick Dean.

The Executive Committee would like to wish all
Leander members and their families a Happy
Easter