

CITY OF LIVERPOOL SWIMMING CLUB



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Chair's Report 2020



CLUB OF THE YEAR 2019

The club had a difficult year in 2019 due to the closure of the Aquatic Centre for major repairs. Having started to get back to normal at the beginning of 2020, everything changed in March as we moved into unprecedented times and challenges far beyond the disruption experienced in the previous year.

Nevertheless as we move towards "lockdown 2" there are a lot of positives to look back on in swimming, water polo and masters earlier in the year. Starting in 2019 with the SE Winter Championships in December, the Lancashire Championships in January/ February. The Liverpool Aquatic Centre re-opened in February with the COLSC Splash & Dash, which was followed by the COLSC Spring Meet in March.

In water polo national and international selection was achieved at senior, junior, youth and academy levels by a number of our women and girl players.

Whilst in February a strong master squad had a very successful Northwest Championships.

Committee & Governance

I would like to thank committee members for their contributions during the year, and recognise the club is fortunate in having dedicated people committed and able to manage its activities and take necessary decisions.

The club constitution updated and approved by last years AGM. Amendments include two new none role specific committee positions which are available for nominations to this years AGM. Nomination forms are available with the AGM Notice and the club website.

The club is investing in "Swim Manager" to automate membership and management systems. Permission has been sought from members to migrate existing membership data to "Swim Manager". All members who have consented will be transferred to Swim Manager after renewal of next year's memberships.

I would like to thank Steve McQuilliam, who has moved on, for his contribution as club strength and conditioning coach. Richard Armstrong is now taking on this role

The club has also appointed a nutritionist and information with regular updates on nutrition and home training is available on the club website and facebook.

Thanks to Pat O'Connor, the Club Welfare Officer, who operates independently dealing with all club welfare issues. Her work can be demanding and for reasons of confidentiality goes on unseen by others. Incidents occurring during a training session should be reported to the centre duty manager at the time and incidents occurring during club activities, galas and other events should be reported to Pat.

The decision to move the end of the financial year from October to August has again been deferred due to the current situation.. This will be done to accommodate Swim England requirements for the earlier payment of fees and to move this expenditure away from the busy christmas period.

The club has undertaken a full SwimMark re-accreditation process this year. During the coming year the club will assess it's readiness to apply for "Performance" level accreditation.

Swimming

Thanks to the coaching team of Mike, Peter, Ian Dave and to gala secretary Neil White.

A full report of the year has been provided by Mike and I will just mention a few events and highlights.

ASA Winter Championships 2019 - Congratulations to all who qualified for this meet.

Rhodri Williams, Tyriese Smith, Ellis Cleworth, Tyler Mellbourne Smith, Gabrielle Smith, Holly White

Finalists:

Rhodri Williams, Tyriese Smith, Gabrielle Smith, Holly White

Medallists:

Rhodri Williams- Junior Silver Medals in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke.

City of Derby Meet 2020 - Congratulations to swimmers on their first long course meet of the season, as they gain experience, transitioning from short course to the long course season:

Oliver Durney-Knight- 3rd, 10 Years Age Group

Joni Dunne- 6th, 10 years Age Group

Luke Curryn- 12th, 12 Years Age Group

Madison Rens- 1st, 12 Years Age Group

Jamie-Leigh Tyson- 11th, 13 Years Age Group

Tyler Melbourne-Smith- 9th, 14 Years Age Group

T'Neesha-Benet Smith- 9th, 14 Years Age Group

ESSA

Congratulations to Holly White, Tyriese Smith, Ellis Cleworth and Madison Rens on their participation and success at the English Schools Swimming Association.

Newham and East London Level 1 Meet – After last years succesful meet where the club finished second in the points table, the club again entered this year.

Unfortunately the meet was cancelled.

All who entered have had their fees refunded.

Swim Camp 2020 – The camp was cancelled.

All participants have had their deposits for flights and accommodation refunded by the club.

The deposit paid to the Best Centre by the club has been rolled forward to 2021.

The deposit paid by the club for flights remains at risk as the airline has not made a repayment.

Thanks to all who assisted in the preparation for the camp.

Water Polo

A full review of the water polo year is available in Gordon Dacre's report and I will just pick out a few highlights from this years curtailed programme.

Development sessions for boys and girls have been held at the Aquatic Centre and at the new NW Satellite Training Centre in Speke which provides additional development for young players who aspire to reach the England Talent Pathway. The sessions are coached by Liverpool senior women players; Alice Byrne, Emily Pyper and Katie Hesketh.

Inter-Regional Youth (2005) Championship - Hannah Pyper (captain), Lily Ireland, Abi Slater and Isabella Smithson, were selected to play for the Swim North West u14 team in the national inter-regional championships in Walsall at the beginning of December. The team finished third overall.



GB Senior Women – We currently have five players in the squad; Katie Hesketh, Lauren Tasker, Milly Wordley, Molly Boniface-Ashton and Emily Pyper but the international competition programme is very limited at the moment and we need to keep looking for additional ways to provide international experience for players who reach this level of performance.

GB Junior (2002) Women - Katie Bowater and Lucy Mills were selected to represent Great Britain in u17 European Championships in Volos in Greece. Also part of the training squad, where Annie Holt, Becky Scott Davies and Emily Ireland.

GB Youth 2003 Women - Rachel Tibke and Kelsey Evans (vice captain) were selected to play for England in Brno in the Czech Republic in the EU Nations Tournament. It is not clear when the competition will now be held.

Masters

COLSC had a Squad of 10 Masters swimmers competing at the Northwest Championships in Blackpool in February achieving 36 medals including 21 Gold.

Mel Sayed achieving 6 first places including a number of PBs.

In the Team Races COLSC gained two first and two second places.



And finally

I would like to thank all the dedicated members of the committee and volunteers who assist in all areas of club activities and ensure the smooth running of our competitions and events, and hope that at some point in 2021 we really can return to normal.

Thank you
Peter Blood