

CITY OF LIVERPOOL SWIMMING CLUB



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Chair's Report 2021

As we reach the end of 2021 the club is returning to more “normal” operations, having come through three unprecedented years of challenges. In 2019 training schedules were disrupted due to the closure of the Aquatic Centre for major repairs. Nevertheless at the end of that year the club became the British Swimming “Club of the Year”. In March 2020 the first Covid lockdown began followed by the second in November. With many restrictions remaining in place April 2021 saw the resumption of squad training at the Aquatic Centre, followed by Everton Park in September.

The squads have also seen the arrival of two new coaches with Rachel Jones, swim skills, and Jack Roberts, county & regional joining the team.

Swimming competition, without spectators, returned at the end of July with the SE North West “Festival of swimming” in Manchester and the Bolton Metro Comeback meet in September. I would like to thank Suzanne Gaskell and Maria Dunne for volunteering to assist at Bolton. Congratulations to Fiona Byrne and Tyler Melbourne-Smith on gaining places on the England Talent Diploma and on Tyler being ranked GB number one on 200m and 400m front crawl.

Water polo players again achieved national and international recognition, as Holly Rooney, Izzy Rob and Holly Toone returned to competition in August with their selection for the GB Junior Women's team at the European Junior Championship in Croatia. Other competitions began in September when Liverpool also hosted a Mini Polo Festival with teams from teams from Radcliffe, Chester, and Warrington

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.

Welcome to new committee member Jon Thompson who has taken on the role of kit manager.

The club membership fee for the year remained at the reduced rate of £10.

The club like any organisation constantly needs to recruit new volunteers to bring in fresh thinking and skills. If you are interested in getting involved as a poolside helper, event team member, or committee member please contact any member of the committee or coaching team for further information. All training costs are met by the club.

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. at: colscwelfareofficer@gmail.com

The club undertook a full SwimMark re-accreditation process in December 2020 and a SwimMark health check is presently underway.

Swimming

Thanks to the coaching team of Mike, Peter, Rachel and Jack and to gala secretary Neil White, all members of the events team and volunteer.

Congratulations to Holly White on gaining a scholarship to Cleveland University and Gabrielle Melbourne-Smith gaining one to Swansea University.

Congratulations also to Fiona Byrne and Tyler Melbourne-Smith on gaining places on the England Talent Diploma and on Tyler being ranked GB number one on 200m and 400m front crawl.

Planning is now underway for next years Level 1 Spring Meet on 23rd & 24th march 2022.

The information below has recently been provided by Neil White:

October 2021

Liverpool & District Championships: 23rd & 24th October

This is NOT COLSC targeted meet – Entry is through your local club

November 2021

North West Regional Championships – Short Course 6th & 7th November

COLSC Targeted Meet - Entry is open to anyone with Qualifying Times

December 2021

National Short Course Championships: 3rd, 4th & 5th December

COLSC Targeted Meet - Entry is open to anyone with Qualifying Times

Swim Wales National Meet: 17th, 18th & 19th December

COLSC Targeted Meet - Speak to Mike Roberts before entering this meet

January 2022

City of Derby Long Course Meet: 15th & 16th January 2022

COLSC Targeted Meet - Entry is open to anyone with Qualifying Times

Lancashire County Championships: 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th January 5th & 6th February

This is NOT COLSC targeted meet – Entry is through your local club

Cheshire County Championships

This is NOT COLSC targeted meet – Entry is through your local club

COLSC would like you to support & represent your local clubs at the Cheshire County Championships. If you wish to swim at Lancashire's please speak to your local club coach.

Swim Camp 2022

A booking has been made with the Best Centre, Majorca, for half term in October 2022.

The 2020 swim camp was cancelled and all participants 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 2022.

The deposit paid by the club for flights in 2020 where not refunded by the airline.

Water Polo

An application for COLSC to join Liverpool & District Swimming and Water Polo Association was approved by L&D. This means that COLSC water polo can compete in L&D competitions, however COLSC has not and will not enter L&D swimming competitions.

An application for COLSC to join Bolton & District Swimming and Water Polo Association was rejected by B&D.

Thanks to Gordon Dacre for the following water polo review.



G.B. Junior Women

European Junior Championships: Holly Rooney, Izzy Rob and Holly Toone were selected to play in the European Junior Women's tournament in August in Croatia

G.B. Senior Women

Danube League: Emily Pyper (joint captain) and Molly Boniface Ashton both played for G.B. in the first round of the Danube League. Milly Wordley is also in the squad



England Youth Women

EU Youth Championship: Amelie Cornell and Izzy Robb have been selected to play in the EU Nations Youth Championships in Brno in the Czech Republic in October.



British Water Polo League started with the Water Beatles progressing from the Qualification Tournament for the League at the beginning of September.

All three teams, Lizards, Liver Birds and Water Beatles played their first round matches at Sheffield's Ponds Forge in September.



Liverpool hosted a mini polo festival for new young players with invited teams from Radcliffe, Chester, and Warrington at the end of September.

Masters

Masters swimmers returned to training in April with reduced sessions of 1 hour on Monday and Friday. On a positive note numbers have increased with more tri and open water swimmers. In July Steve Wall secured additional time and sessions, which now provides 4 x 50m lanes at the LAC on Monday and Wednesday and 4 lanes at Everton Park on Thursday.

Masters competitions are also returning with Northern Counties at Blackpool in September and the National Short Course Championships at Sheffield in October.

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 competitions and events, and hope that in 2022 we really can return to normal.

Thank you
Peter Blood