

# CITY OF LIVERPOOL SWIMMING CLUB



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## Chair's Report 2022



Gordon Dacre

August brought news of the passing of Gordon Dacre the Water Polo Head Coach. Gordon was a major figure in the development of the sport locally and in the wider water polo community. He was responsible for the development of many players enabling them to progress to national and international levels. Gordon leaves a proud legacy and is greatly missed.

### Liverpool City Council Swim Training Programme

The Local Authority reaffirmed their support for the training programme and recently appointed Angela Hyland to join Chief Coach Mike Roberts, Pete Barton and Rachel Jones as a member of the coaching team.

Squad admin and Direct debit enquiries should be sent to: [rachel.jones19@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.jones19@liverpool.gov.uk)

### Committee & Governance

I would like to thank committee members for their contributions, 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 members Kate Hytner and Matthew Rushton and Joanne Mountfield who has taken on the role Water Polo Secretary..

The AGM will see Neil White retiring from the Committee. Neil's contribution as Gala Secretart has been immense. He has organised and managed all aspects of club meets from applying for licences to sorting out on the day issues. Thank you Neil.

### Committee Vacancies

Gala Secretary

Membership Secretary

Officials Secretary

Nomination forms available from [www.colsc.weebly.com](http://www.colsc.weebly.com)

Training is available.

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 cost 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](mailto:colscwelfareofficer@gmail.com)

The club completed a SwimMark health check at the start of the year and a full re-accreditation process is presently underway.

## **SENW**

Lynn Stuttard has been appointed as the club delegate to the Swim England North West Board.

As a measure towards continued good governance, Swim England North West have made the decision that Regional Staff will pay unannounced visits to clubs around the Region, not only as a form of compliancy check, but also to offer on the spot advice and targeted support for clubs.

## **Swimming**

Thanks to the coaching team of Mike, Peter, Rachel and Angela and to gala secretary Neil White. Thanks also to Chris Smith and all members of the events team and volunteers.

Congratulations to Tyler Melbourne-Smith on his selection for the British Swimming team at the European Junior Championships in Bucharest in July.

Congratulations also to the 17 swimmers who qualified for Nationals.

**Lancashire County Championships:** 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 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:** The camp took place at the Best Centre in Majorca, during October half term. Thanks to Mike Roberts, Caroline Ashcroft, Pete Barton, Neil White and Kate Drewitt, who stepped in at the last minute, for organising, coaching and chaperoning throughout the week. Congratulations also to Amy Coy and Joshua Patino who were awarded "Top Girl" and "Top Boy" of the week by the coaching team.

## **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.

The following information is from Gordon Dacre's monthly Water Polo reports:

**England Juniors:** Hannah Pyper, Hannah Giles and Amelie Cornell travelled to the Czech Republic to play for England and Great Britain against South Africa, Lithuania, Ireland and the Czech Republic

**G.B. Junior Women:** Rachel Tibke was selected to captain the Great Britain u19 women's team which will play in the European junior Championships in Israel in the summer.

### **British Championship**

The Liverpool Lizards team travelled to Coventry in May having qualified for the Champions Cup by finishing second in the British League Super 5 competition. This is the first year that the revised Champions Cup competition has been held due to Covid restrictions in the last two years. The team played against Coventry in the semi-finals and won 11-4 and then went on to beat Manchester 11-10 in the final. As the overall winner the team qualifies to play in the LEN trophy in Europe. Unfortunately it is likely that the expense of playing in Europe will mean that the team will not be able to take part.

**M6 League:** This new water polo league is up and running and will involve matches for men, women, and juniors.

### **Masters**

The following information has been provided by Masters Secretary Steve Wall:

Prospects for Masters Competitions are looking promising for the coming.

The first 'local' meeting is the North West Championships at Blackpool 26<sup>th</sup> February, which has a closing date of 18<sup>th</sup> February

### **Training**

Weekly sessions are now available as follows

Wavertree LAC - Mondays and Wednesdays 20.30 - 21.45

Everton Park - Thursdays 19.00 - 20.45

Following a survey of Swimmers Fridays at LAC have been dropped in favour of Thursdays at Everton Park. Attendance levels at Monday and Wednesday sessions are good however Thursday is presently low.

### **Competitions.**

A number of the Squad have entered the North West Masters Championships to be held in Blackpool on 26<sup>th</sup> February. It is hoped COLSC will compete in some of the team events.

### **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.

Thank you  
Peter Blood