



Bourne End Junior Sports Club—Swim Section News

October 2014

Swim21 Success

We are proud to be able to announce that Bourne End Junior Sports – Swimming Section has been awarded Swim21 Accreditation by the ASA. It is testimony to the Coaching Staff, swimmers, club management, Lifeguards and all our volunteers that the ASA National Panel has recognised the hard work, systems and procedures that are in place within our club. Swim 21 also recognises the potential that is evident in the club to provide the best experience possible for everyone involved in the club.

As part of the Swim21 accreditation we have also been awarded Clubmark which recognises that we provide an environment which ensures the welfare of members and encourages everyone to enjoy sport and stay involved.

Our planning to achieve Swim21 accreditation started at the AGM in 2013 and was finally approved at the ASA National panel on 25 September 2014. For a small swimming club this was a significant effort which was only possible through the hard work of our coaches, committee members and all our volunteers.

Our thanks go to John Couves and his team for all their hard work in making this happen.

On this note John will be stepping down at the end of year so the Club is looking for a volunteer to take on the role of

Swim21 Administrator

This Committee Role is key to ensure we maintain the relevant files and procedures required for the Club to be Swim 21 accredited.

John Couves has set all of these procedures in place and will provide a full and comprehensive handover to the new incumbent.

The key elements will be:-

- Organise and oversee the annual audit and action planning stages of the Swim 21 process.
- Engage other club members to support collating evidence for Swim21.
- Liaise with the Regional Officers, Local Authority Sports Development Officer, Swim21 Club Committee and Club Members.
- Ensure that Club Members are informed of Swim21 courses and seminars.
- Liaise with the Treasurer and Committee with regard to funding the implementation of the Club's development plan.

COMMITTEE 2014

Chairman	Keiran Millard
Vice Chair	Vacant
Club Secretary	Tina Zychowicz
Finance	Tracy Highsted
Head Coach	Andy Ruler
Child Protection	Pat Ayres Miranda Pargeter
Membership	Alison Branch
Court Garden Admin	Claire Donlon
Newsletter Editor	Rachel Wroe
Club Champs Coordinator	Marleen James
Medals	Sandra Cox
Volunteer Coordinator	Wendy Healy
Swim Shop	Beverley Watson
Social Secretary	Morag Quinn
BEJSC Sports Club Official	Vacant
Life Guard Coordinators	George Hannaford/ Rick Pearce

NEW QUALIFICATIONS!

Congratulations to Wendy Healey who is now a qualified Level 2 Judge.

Well done Wendy and thank you for everything you do for the Club

Introducing our new Club Chair

Keiran Millard

I was honoured to take over the chair of BEJSC Swimming Club earlier this year and look forward to maintaining what is a fantastic, friendly, competitive sports club. Whether you are training for fitness or training for competition, BEJSC Swimming is there to bring out the best in young athletes. My daughter Ruby joined the club two years ago after completing a 'learn to swim' programme, and after being quite nervous at her first Club Champs (aged 8), now loves competing in galas whenever she can. I have always been an active sports player, completing my first half marathon aged 16 and being captain of the Leicestershire Junior Judo Team aged 17. I went on to win UK gold and bronze for Judo whilst at university and taught and coached Judo to children during the summer. However I now find swimming a more age-appropriate sport - that was until a couple of years ago when I took up figure skating.

All change on Poolside for the lifeguards.....!

The sharp-eyed amongst you will have noticed that lifeguarding at Handy Cross (HX) is not as it was. Since our return to weekend swimming after the Summer break, the new Service Provider at HX, Places for People, has mandated that only their trained lifeguards can do poolside cover during BEJSC sessions. Whilst this eases the burden on our lifeguard volunteers, it does not remove it completely, as we still have to provide cover at Wycombe Abbey (WA) pool on Mondays and Tuesdays. It also has a financial implication, with increased costs to the Club from the New Year, which the Committee will have to manage.

Fortunately, the level of lifeguarding cover required at WA is less onerous than at HX and the School has agreed that we can operate with a National Rescue Award qualified coach or poolside assistant present. This NRA equates to a 'lifeguard lite' qualification which requires just 12 hours training instead of the full 36 for a lifeguard. It is ideal for any parent sat poolside at WA who would like to do a little bit for their Club without having to give too much time. We have enough cover at the moment, but from the New Year we will need more trained people. We will therefore be running a NRA course this November (3x 4-hr Sunday sessions) for coaches and pool side assistants and would love to see some new folk in the team.

For more information, please speak to either Rick Pearce or George Hannaford or e-mail the Club Secretary with your details.

Club Champs

It's not too late to get your application in for the Club Champs on 8th and 22nd November. Marleen is accepting entries up until half term.

If you are able to help please volunteer at either of the Champs, there are lots of opportunities available and both evenings are only made possible by the volunteers who give their time.

If you can help please either catch Wendy Healy poolside or drop her a mail

(tandwhealy@aol.com) stating the role you're interested in and dates you're available to help.

Stop Press:

The Club will be offering an Officials Course during November if anyone is interested in training to become a Judge. Please speak to Wendy Healy if you would like more information.