

DX General News 18 – July 2009

Intro...

There has been a lot of potential change recently, so picking the “right” time for a newsletter has been difficult.

Committee Corner

Dear parent’s members and swimmers

Firstly, a formal welcome to the new head coach, Andi Manley , who joined us ahead of schedule on Saturday 6 th June. Thanks go to Keith Bewley for the interim period as well as the Kim Hill, Keith Kelly and the other coaches who have helped over the past six months.

The committee is working hard on the day to day general running of the squad, as well as contributing to the pathway review. This process is still ongoing; take the opportunity to have your say at any consultation events also through the DASA electronic forum.

A big thank you to all of you for your feedback and comments given so far as part of the consultation process. This is an interesting time for Derbyshire swimming and we are working with DASA and Derbyshire Sports to establish a structure for the performance pathway that will encompass DX and secure the funding and support needed to take DX forwards. The performance group met on 28 June and we will be giving an update at a session which will immediately follow the DX AGM on Tuesday 14 July. Please take the time to attend; DX needs and values the support of all its members. The commitment and input of parents, helpers and committee members is absolutely vital; take the time and opportunity to support and contribute in any way possible.

We especially need to consider as members how to develop external fund raising and ideas would be gratefully accepted especially if it comes with an offer to take the idea and make it a reality.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Rob Hignett – chair

From the Head Coach

I am extremely positive about the future of the Squad and am relishing the prospect of developing all DX swimmers to achieve and exceed their own personal goals on both the national and international stage. After just 2 weeks as Head Coach, I can see so many great attributes throughout the squad and have been made to feel very welcome. I am looking for all swimmers to keep the highest levels of focus leading into the final competitions of the season so that we end this season on a real high.

Up until the Nationals, the coaching/training timetable will remain unchanged. That is, with me attending the sessions that were previously coached by Keith Bewley.

After Nationals and after any re-structuring of DX that may result from the current consultation process, we will be able to advise you of any changes to the coaching timetable. Monday and Friday evenings will typically be half an hour land work at the start and finish of the session, giving two hours of pool work. This may vary with meets and other instances.

Squad meetings are planned for Thursday 2nd July at 8:00pm (North) and Friday 3rd July at 7:30pm (South). These will take place at our usual training venues and both swimmers and parents are asked to attend. **Andi**

Open Meet 2009

Although it may seem some time ago, many thanks go to the parents and supporters who donated or arranged sponsorship for the races. *Seamers were again proud to be associated with DX during a most successful meet and would like to congratulate all the swimmers, their hard work and dedication produced some excellent swims during a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.*

Many thanks go to the companies, swim clubs and individuals who sponsored the individual races. Particular mention to:

Advanced Vending Services

J Seamer & Son Ltd

JTC Design & Build

Womersley Fine Foods

Adrian & Alison Jones	Angela Carter
Belper Marlin Swimming Club	
Bourne & Co	Buxton Woodworks
Byron Evans	Commonside Motors
David & Pauline Jones	
Derby Phoenix Swimming Club	
Dr & Mrs M C Anderson	Dronfield Dolphins
Fairfield Builders Supplies	
Geoff & Judith Latham	Ian Chuter
J J Steeples & Sons Ltd	Jackie & Chris Goodall
Janet & John Goodall	Jayne & Derek Cranage
John & Angela Hidle	Joyce & Barry Helliwell
Kieran Mullin Ltd	Len & Ann Jones
Long Eaton Swimming Club	
Meredith Marketing	Mirage Ceilings & Partitioning
Mischa Menzies	On Track Flooring
Paul Webster	Peter Graves
Peter Smith	Phil Aspinall
Richard & Helen Latham	
Simon Fleet Associates, St. James’s Place	
Simon Thomas	Solar Press
Venture Photography	Versatile Ceramics
XPD Painting & Decorating Services	

Derventio eXcel Swim Squad

Open Meet 2010, 2011, 2012 ...

The 2010, 2011 and 2012 Open Meets may not be on your radar yet. However, provisional dates have been set and it would be a good idea to make a note now so that they can be taken into account when planning future holidays: 2010: April 3 / 4 2011: April 2 / 3 2012: April 28/29. Planning is underway for 2010...

Website, E-news and News

Many thanks go to Simon Mounsey for keeping the web site up to date. Keep an eye on it for recent news and messages.

As part of the future ongoing development of DX, all future 'Global Correspondence' will be sent from the following contact dxinfofx@yahoo.co.uk. Any requests for communications to be distributed can be passed directly to this contact.

Protection, Welfare and Performance

Any swimmer or parent with any concerns about Child Protection issues can contact Paul or Lesley Webster, by email (paul.webster13@ntlworld.com), phone (01332 691825) or in person.

Pool News

The latest information at the **Ripley** pool suggests that the new pool will open in early July 2009. **Etwall** – on progress for Summer 2009... However, the demise of the existing pool means we are not at Etwall for the next few weeks. A revised schedule is on the website.

Parents and swimmers in the North are being kept informed separately about progress on this key matter.

Summer Training 2009

There will be a 2 week summer break from training. The last sessions of the season will be on Friday 31st July with the new season commencing on Monday 17th August. Further details will be provided nearer the time for exact arrangements during National Championships and the start of the new season.

2009 Long Course Swim Camp ...

There are no current plans for a long course swim camp in the October holiday. As the restructuring plans unfold, then this may change. However, there is the intention to run a Warm Weather Overseas Squad Camp around the February half term / British Championships in 2010. It is anticipated that the British Championships will be used as part of the qualifying for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi as well as the 2010 European Junior Championships, so DX are looking at the best possible preparation for this event.

Further details will be released when known with an expected launch towards the end of August.

Scotland

Many thanks to Tristan, Rob, Sue K and Andi for the successful trip north to Glasgow.

Success Stories

Midland Youth: Sat and Sun 2 / 3 May saw the usual congregation of parents and swimmers in Coventry... Over the two days, 30 DX swimmers made finals with medals being won by Chris Steeples, Livvi Sefton, Zichen Liu and Michael Glossop. The Boys made three National relays entries.

Midland Age Groups: The two week ends in Coventry saw some excellent swims by DX with several medal wins and finalists. Overall Ben Goodall and Connor Smith both came third in the BagCat awards in their respective age groups.

Apologies for not mentioning them all for space reasons, but medal winners included Ben G, Connor, Catherine W, Oliver Davidson, Tom Matthews, Molly Renshaw, Matthew Mounsey, etc. The boys made two National Relays, while the girls earned three places.

Glory Board

It must be remembered that Derventio eXcel encourages swimmers to succeed at their appropriate level, and this will vary from swimmer to swimmer. However, the National stage is one arena where the club will be given a high profile and provides an easy benchmark to acknowledge. So far, National Qualifying Times have been obtained by: Emily Allsopp, Sophie Critchlow, Oliver Davidson, Sam Franklin, Ben Goodall, Tilly Gray, Robert Guest, Kane Haggett, Gabrielle Hignett, Rebecca Jones, Evie Keane, Zichen Liu, Tom Matthews, Matthew Mounsey, Molly Renshaw, Olivia Sefton, Connor Smith, Chris Steeples, Scott Tovell-Coleman, Sarah Vasey, Kevin Wallbank, Harry Webster, Jessie Westnidge, Catherine Williams

Other achievements are welcomed and news of any school, triathlon, open water or other related activities is welcomed for the newsletter.

AASE Programme

This qualification recognises excellence in a specific sport. Jo Reeks, Livvi Sefton and Chris Steeples are all just finishing their first year of the AASE programme. As it says on the British Swimming website:

"AASE is a Government funded initiative that has been designed to meet the needs of young people (aged 16-18) who have the realistic potential to achieve excellence in their sport and are seeking to perform at the highest level as their main career goal, whilst continuing with their education. Notionally taking two years to complete, the AASE framework will provide ... a structured national training and development route ... for talented young athletes, many of whom may go to represent their country on the world stage. The apprenticeship is to offer elite and potentially elite athletes proper recognition of the skills, knowledge and understanding they are developing/gaining in their quest for excellence."

DX Swimmers Rebecca Harrison and Emma Smithurst have both been through the programme.