



REMINDERS

- **REGISTERS** - for all swimmers safety, we are required to fill out attendance registers at each session. Could you please remind all your swimmers that they must register before they enter the water. Thank you to all the volunteers who take responsibility for the registers at each session.
- **LEARNERS**— could we remind all parents/carers that all swimmers in the learners group should go to the toilet **BEFORE** their swimming lesson begins. Thank you.
- **POOL CLOSURES** - please look at website or notice-board for details of pool closures over Easter

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Happy New Year - do you think we can still get away with saying that in February? Well, we just did! Only two months into 2010 and yet we have lots of news of success in the pool and other matters. Well done to all swimmers who have turned up for training despite the prolonged wintry weather - we can see the fruit of your labours. It's also great to see some old faces returning - welcome back - it's good to see you again!

Congratulations for individual triumphs

In mid-January, Jamie Dowling competed in a city of Coventry open gala and was first place in the BAGCAT ratings for 14yr old boy. This was even more impressive seeing as Jamie was our only representative.

At the end of January, Aoife Doherty and Megan Richter competed at the regional disability swimming championships in Bristol. Both girls performed brilliantly, gaining 2 gold medals each as well sharing couple of silver and bronze medals. They both qualified for the national championships which take place in Sheffield on the first weekend in March. Good luck girls!

On February 14th, a staggering 18 swimmers from Orion took part in the Phoenix Youth open at Wolverhampton. Many swimmers achieved personal best times, and there were individual event wins for Luka Novovic(50m free), Mollie Wilson(50m breast; 100m breast) and Claire Hession (200m IM; 100m free) - Claire's victory in 100m free was achieved in a new meet best time.

The efforts of all the swimmers contributed to Orion being placed 5th in the Club points ranking out of 22 clubs competing. Well done to you all—fantastic club effort.

Swim kit sale

On

Thursday 18th March from 6.30pm

In Committee room at KE boys school

Please come along to our kit sale where you can buy items from our swim shop including our new "hoodie", swim hats, etc.. Coaches will be on hand to offer advice on equipment requirements, and there will be goggle fitting advice. DR sports from Harborne high street will also be present with a selection of related equipment.

All swimmers representing Orion SC will be required to wear a hoodie and a club swim hat from now on. However, they no longer need to wear our specific club swimming costume/ trunks.

ASA membership forms.

It's that time of year again, when we are required to renew every swimmers ASA membership. Our membership secretary has worked very hard to simplify this process for all, and each swimmer will be receiving a letter in the imminent future outlining what you need to do next. Please return these forms and the required payment ASAP. We need to have all forms returned by the end of March.

Thank you to Dianne for all her hard work in making this so much simpler this year.

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Fixtures 2010

March	6	Warwickshire county championships	Coventry
	13	Warwickshire county championships	Coventry
	20	Warwickshire county championships	Coventry
April	2-5	City of Birmingham open	Stechford
	17	Nuneaton & district (diddy) league round 1	Tamworth
	18	Worcester winter league final	tbc
May	8	Nuneaton & district (diddy) league round 2	tbc
June	26	Nuneaton & district (diddy) league round 3	tbc
July	4/5	Boldmere Water Carnival	Stechford
October	9	National Swimming league round 1	
November	13	National Swimming league round 2	
December	11	National Swimming league round 3	

Gala news

National swimming league round 3 - In the middle of December in Leamington, Orion SC had a memorable victory finishing 28 points ahead of teams who had beaten us in previous rounds. From the moment that Claire Hession won the first race, all the team rose to the challenge and our fate was sealed. We finished with an astonishing 21 victories from 50 events including 5 relay wins. There was a fantastic team spirit fostered by Tom, Andy and Ed, and added to by our supporters.

What a brilliant way to end the year.

Worcester Winter League

Round 1 - 16th January at Droitwich. Having had training disrupted by the snow, Orion put in a very creditable performance. We finished 4th in the end, although we narrowly missed out on being 2nd (from a bizarre DQ). It was good to see swimmers who do not always get the opportunity to represent the club making valuable contributions. Special praise must be given to Luka Novovic who effectively swam 2 swimmers races by swimming in both his own and a higher age category, and still managed 2 individual first places.

Round 2 - 20th February at Halesowen. Orion were up against some very tough opposition in the form of Halesowen, Worcester and Stourbridge, but still managed a good performance. Looking at the league table after round 1 < Orion were the lowest placed team taking part in this gala so we didn't have high expectations. However we comfortably finished in 5th place with one race win (to Alice Miller) and 3 second places.

For more detailed gala reports including details of race victories and also times, please look on the website

Congratulations

Competitive start awards—Aliya Mukadam; Supriya segal

25m distance award - Evie Roe; Sienna Deo

50m distance award - Joe Wrigley; Bridget Pantalong

200m distance award - Eoin Azaz

400m distance award—Jude Wilson

And finally...

Please take a look at our website. It is updated regularly, and is the best place for finding information such as pool closures, gala reports, swimmers times from galas, championships etc. On the front page there is a lovely group photo taken at our presentation evening in November. Details of last years swimmers awards are also on the front page.

Good luck to all our swimmers taking part in the county championships in the next few weeks, and to Aoife and Megan swimming in Sheffield. Happy Swimming.

Any contributions are always welcome - please send to orionscnews@btinternet.com