



#### Dates for the diary

7/8 April- Cosaacs meet @ Fenton Manor

14 April- Junior League R1

28 April- Mercian League R1

12 May- Junior League R2

19/20 May- Nova Centurion Level 1 meet

25/26/27 May- Derventio Level 1 meet

Hello and welcome to March's newsletter. Spring is well and truly in the air and with the recent clock change it's great that the lighter nights are back again! Heres hoping that you are all having a lovely Easter break too!

#### **Welcome to Alex Thom**



This month the committee are delighted to announce that Alex Thom will be joining Bilston in a coaching role. Alex is currently working as a Development Squad coach at City of Birmingham Swimming Club and was previously Head Coach at Stourbridge. He is hoping to support sessions at Bilston 4 times per week. The committee and coaching team are pleased to bring someone into this role with the experience and attributes that Alex has and will offer him all the assistance and guidance they can.

#### **West Midlands Championships 2018**

Congratulations to all swimmers who have qualified for the West Midlands Championships which are due to commence at the end of April. Entries must be submitted electronically by 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to ensure swimmers are entered. Due to a problem with the website at present we are unable to run the report that obtains qualifiers and their events as we have done in previous years. Therefore, please provide details of the events you wish to enter and your ASA number to Debbie Baddams by 10<sup>th</sup> April. You can do this by email to [dlbaddams.bilstonsc@gmail.com](mailto:dlbaddams.bilstonsc@gmail.com). Good luck to those swimmers who are still chasing qualifying times. Swim fast!



#### **Preloved shop**

We are hoping to set up a preloved shop which will run once per month at the club desk on either a Tuesday or Friday evening. If you have any items of swimwear or equipment that are new or nearly new, in good condition and are no longer being used please hand them into the club desk or to Becky Burrows. Once we have collected enough items a further announcement will be made about when the shop will operate.

#### **New swimmers join Junior Development**

Congratulations to the 9 new swimmers who have moved from Barracudas to Junior Development this month. The Swim School continues to provide the club with lots of young, talented swimmers and this is testament to the hard work executed by June Hodges, Gary Cattell and the volunteers both on pool side and behind the scenes in the Swim School. Also a big well done to Pavan Johal from Swim School, who has recently passed her Level 2 teaching qualification.



## **Swimmer of the month**

Congratulations to our March swimmers of the month:

**Seniors-** Beth Tetsill, for excellent attitude and performance both in training and at the recent Crystal Open Meet. Well done Beth!

**JP2-** Georgia Hubble, who is always positive, cheery and gives 100% in every session. Georgia has really settled in well into JP2 and is starting to show excellent progress. Keep up the good work Georgia.

**JP1-** George Darling, for having made an excellent transition into JP1. Kim says that George has a fantastic attitude and always gives 100%. Great work George!

**Junior Development-** Lucas Moore, for having a great attitude and much improved focus during swim sessions. Well done Lucas!

Each swimmer will be entered into a prize draw which will be drawn at random at the end of the season.

## **In other news**

We are still short of volunteers for the club desk. You would only need to spare a couple of hours once or twice per month. Duties include taking the Swim School registers, accepting payments and greeting swimmers. If you are interested please speak to Becky Burrows, June Hodges or Lisa Pegg.

A reminder when filling in open meet forms- please ensure that all fields are filled in correctly. If you haven't got an entry time for a particular event please speak to your child's coach who will be able to offer guidance. Missing information delays the club submitting entries and may mean the difference between the entry being accepted or not.

We are still missing around 20 or so membership packs that were issued to all swimmers at the end of December. If swimmers haven't returned their completed forms they won't be listed on registers and may not be able to swim for safeguarding reasons. Membership packs are available at the club desk on Tuesdays and Fridays.

There is still time to enter the Nova Centurion Level 1 meet and the Stourbridge junior sprint meet. Forms and payments are due in by 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and can be found by following the following links should you wish to print them at home.

[https://clubbuzz-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/pro/documents/16898/Nova\\_Long\\_Course\\_Open\\_Meet\\_May\\_2018\\_Entry\\_Pack.pdf?1510405384](https://clubbuzz-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/pro/documents/16898/Nova_Long_Course_Open_Meet_May_2018_Entry_Pack.pdf?1510405384)

<https://uk.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?returnPage=%2FEventsCurrent.jsp%3Fteam%3Dwmrbsbc&iid=695155&team=wmrbsbc>

