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Newbury District Swimming Club

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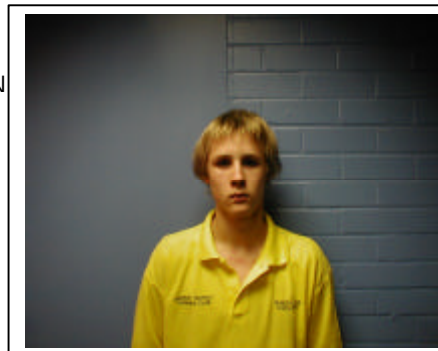
MELISA
MASON



Hi, my name is Melisa Mason and I am your new senior club captain. I have been swimming at the club since I was 6 years old. I started in Janet's teaching programme and I am now in A1 squad. My best stroke is butterfly (I know how all you fly swimmers feel!) and my worst stroke is breaststroke. I have competed at the Southern Counties for the last 3 years and also at the Counties. I hope to achieve a national time soon. I have a brother in the club, Aaron, who trains with Challengers. I am 14 and attend Park House School where I am studying for my GCSE's in both my chosen subjects and the compulsory subjects. I have chosen Physical Education, French and Food Technology. Even though swimming is my main sport I also run for Newbury Athletics Club and compete in biathlons. This year I was lucky enough to go to Sheffield to compete in the National Biathlon where I finished 29th. In my spare time (not much of that) I like to go shopping and spend time with my friends. So that's enough about me. I hope that you all do your best this year and achieve new PBs, reach your goals and keep up the training.

BOYS
SENIOR
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DARYL
PAYNE



Hi, my name is Daryl Payne. I am 15 years old and currently studying in year 11 at Kennet School. I'll be taking my GCSEs in the summer.

I joined Newbury District Swimming Club approximately 5 years ago, working my way up to A2 squad. When I am not in the water I can be found on poolside helping Jane and Mark coach the Cruiser and Sprinter squads. I hope this experience will assist me in qualifying as an assistant teacher during the summer.

With the little time I get away from school and swimming I like to go out biking with my friends.

Christmas swimming times

All swims as normal this week up to and including Kennet and Northcroft on Thursday 22nd December.

Additional swims have been arranged for A/B and Challenger squads as follows:

- 29th December and 30th December – 2hr 3 lane sessions from 4-6 pm.

Swimming resumes on

- 3rd January at Downe House and Kennet
- 4th January at Northcroft and Hungerford
- 7th January at St. Barts

Aldershot 50m training has been booked for 15th January 8-10 am for Challengers and A/B squads.

Swimmers of the Month

October

Cruisers – Zara Ryan
Sam MacBroom

Sprinters – Hannah Bolton
Jake Jezzard

November and December

(At the time of going to press I didn't have the names of the swimmers of the month. My apologies, their names will appear in print in the next issue.) **Ed**

68 swimmers and a few mad adults enjoyed a Christmas trip to the Aquadrome in Basingstoke on 17 December. Much fun was had by all. Many thanks in particular to Tracey Davies for organising this successful event and to her Christmas helpers.

Speedo League Round 2

The 2nd round of the Speedo League took place at Bracknell on 12th November with NDSC competing against 5 other teams for a place in the December final.

Strong competition from hosts Bracknell and close rivals Beau Sejour (Guernsey) continually denied the Newbury swimmers the top two placings. However, strong performances by Louise Neal (13) in the 100m fly, the unbroken success of former club captain Emma Harris in the 100m open free and a relay team of Sam Walker, Georgia Marriott, Rebecca Harris and Laura Mangan in the 15 yr age group claimed first places. Points throughout the evening were extremely close with Newbury, Alton, Hamble and Slough having only 1 mark between them at the halfway mark.

With only the cannon relays to swim, Newbury were holding 3rd place by 11 points and thanks to two experienced relay teams held onto that for the final position. An unexpected result but well deserved as we were missing swimmers through injury.

Well done to all swimmers who took part and a special mention to Brett Harmse who swam in his first league gala.

Final scores: Bracknell 265, Beau Sejour 217.5, Newbury 158, Alton 141, Hamble 138.5, Slough 125.

The 3rd round of the Speedo League has taken place and Newbury came 4th. Report to follow next year!

Future events

January 7th – Thames Valley League Round One at Northcroft. Swimmers aged 8-11 who will be selected by the coaches.

January 14th – Bracknell B/C gala

January 21st -Presentation Evening. An evening of awards and cups for swimmers who have achieved a lot this year. Details soon from your club reps.

January 28/29th – Windsor Level 2 meet

January 28th – Bracknell level 3 meet

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

