

GSC Newsletter



Dates for your diary

March 6th	Committee Meeting
March 10th /11th	Counties Long Distance
March 17th /24th /31st	County Championships
March 20th	EGM
April 1st	Club swimarathon
April committee meeting date to be decided	
April 14th/15th	C.O.P.S Open Meet @ Peterborough
April 28th	Junior Fenland League @Grantham

Help Desk

You may have received your newsletter from our new help desk. This is a new trial for GSC to provide a place for members and parents/guardians to ask questions, buy kit, catch up with club news. Sharon Musson and Dawn Waugh have offered their time to “man” the desk every Sunday from 5pm and it should relieve some of the pressure from the signing in desk as well. So if you have any queries please pay them a visit.

Website

Many of you will have noticed that the website has a new look. Dave Rees has worked hard to create a new and user friendly website that not only our members but other swimmers can enjoy. The site has all the up to date information from the club as well as a new forum so please try and pay the site a visit at www.freewebz.com/granthams

The club is also hoping to “help the environment” by using e mail to send information to you. A number of e mail addresses are already held by the club and we will be using them whenever possible but if the club does not have yours and you would like us to add you to the list, please pass it to Sharon or Dawn at the helpdesk.

Counties

As you can see from the diary dates for March they are dominated by the county championship. This year the club has 39 swimmers who will be competing. So, good luck to all of them. We are hosting the gala on March 24th and will need plenty of volunteers so if you are willing and able please speak to EmmaJane Perkins or see the sign on the club board.

Tracksuits

The club tracksuits have proved to be very popular with over half of the subsidised jackets already sold and on order. However that doesn't mean it is too late to order one so if you are interested in this latest fashion icon, just speak to anyone at the help desk or to Vicky Gould.

Kit

As well as tracksuit jackets the club also has club t shirts (£8.50), hats (£3.50), drag shorts (£15.50-£17.50) and finger paddles (£2.25) for sale.

Swimarathon

This year the swimming club entered 7 teams into the Rotary Club Swimarathon who all swam well to raise money for them. It has also been decided to run a swimarathon to raise funds for GSC which we hope you will all support! Plans are underway to make this an evening of fun for all the swimmers and more details will be sent out nearer the time. We also want to encourage as many parents and family members to come and support this evening and look forward to your support for this exciting event.

Grantham Journal

Helen Dowd has volunteered to be our Press officer and has been busy writing articles to go in the Grantham Journal. This will not only

keep all our members updated with the successes of GSC at galas and local leagues but also increase awareness of our Club in the local community. So please turn to the sports pages and read these.

collecting prizes and selling raffle tickets and we are always looking for keen parents/grandparents/aunties or uncles to help out. If you think you could spare the club a little of your time please let someone on the committee or at the desk know, and we will endeavour to “drag you onboard” maybe not immediately but at some point in the future.

New Members

GSC is always looking for new members so if you know anyone who may be interested in joining please tell them to contact Karen Warner on 01476 578433 or pop down to the club on Sunday nights at 5pm for a trial.

Open Meets

Many of you may have seen the notices on the board for Open Meets and wondered what they are. In brief they are a gala that is open to any ASA category 2 registered member of GSC. The swimmer can enter as many or as few events as they wish enabling them to gain new times/pbs while making new friends or just spending time with their old ones. Don't worry if you are not category 2 registered, just go to the signing in desk where the forms for this are available. All the children who go to these say that they enjoy them because they are relaxed and friendly so why not give one a try.

Social Events

Swimming is a serious business for our young members and over the past year they have excelled themselves which is clearly shown in the recent gala results.

However, we also recognise that all work and no play can eventually dampen the spirits of even the most enthusiastic athlete. So...this year we have formed a small sub committee to focus on creating a Social Calendar for both the swimmers and parents.

Although still in the planning stages, there are a number of exciting ideas taking shape so please keep an eye on the noticeboard for these events as they will be a great way of getting to know each other and building a strong social side to our club.

Help!!!

Your club runs on time given voluntarily by parents or family members of swimmers and there are many “behind the scene” jobs that go on at GSC from helping on poolside to