

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Annual Reports

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I have been very privileged to have held the office of Hampshire County ASA President this year. A year in which a large number of aquatic athletes, some now residing elsewhere, but who have been trained in County Clubs represented their home nations in the Commonwealth Games.

ENGLAND

Darren Mew Peter Waterfield, Gareth Jones, Gary Hunt, Julia Beckett, Katy Sexton, Stacie Powell, Olivia Allison, Jenna Randall, Lauren Smith.

SCOTLAND

Chris Jones, Monique McCarroll.

JERSEY

Liam Du Feu, Daniel Halksworth, Simon Le Couillard, Alexis Militis.

GUERNSEY

Gail Strobridge, Thomas Hollingsworth, Jonathon Le Noury, Benjamin Lowndes, Ian Powell, Ian Hubert, Jeremy Osborne.

I congratulate them all for their personal performances and representation in their chosen aquatic discipline.

This year has been one of my busiest attending functions and galas, as well as officiating, but both my wife, Laura, and myself have enjoyed the experiences afforded us. We would like to thank all those who invited us to events, have shared their time with us and made us feel welcome.

Changes have been necessary for the County to be able to play a major role in the new ASA structure and I am glad to report that again we have had some very strong representation at Regional and National levels, from personnel within Hampshire. We believe that as a Sub-Regional body of ASA South East Region, we have again shown the way to others.

Whilst I appreciate change is often seen as a major issue, I am sure that when all the teething problems are resolved, we will have a sport that is fit for the 21st century with supported coaches and athletes all aiming for higher goals, including Olympic representation in the 2012 games.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the County Management Committee for their work and continued support to the sport, especially our Secretary (& her husband) for going the extra mile and our Treasurer for ensuring we have "balanced" County coffers.

To the officers who have retired from their positions - Brian Ridler, Hilary Essam and Gail Henry – thanks.

And although somewhat early, may I offer our readers Season's Best Wishes and a Prosperous New Year (2007) to everyone, especially the incoming President, Dr John Davies.

George Adamson
Hampshire County ASA President (2006)

General Secretary's Report 2006

The Management Committee began its year by organising a Special General Meeting to update the constitution in line with recommendations from SE Region, made necessary by a decision made at the Annual Council Meeting. Fortunately, the changes were agreed at the Special Meeting, along with a decision to add the Open Water Organiser in the members of the Management Committee. Having the extra member

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not only added Dave Harman's expertise and experience to our meetings, but also made it a little easier for them to be quorate!

We have worked this year on our Communication Policy; as in many organisations, communication proves to be more difficult year by year. The decision has been made to make more use of the Internet, both through the Website and through email. Chris Lambert, our Webmaster, has made it possible for selected people to update areas of the website – a facility used regularly by some, such as Water Polo, but less by those of us who find these things more difficult! However, help is at hand with a set of 'foolproof' instructions almost ready!

The use of email is a little simpler. We have collected email addresses for at least one contact in most clubs and have used this method of sending out information whenever possible. For this year's ACM, it has meant a reduction in postage of well over 50%. Not only is this a financial gain, but we are also able to reach far more people directly.

Once again the Management Committee has worked closely with the Region, having meetings with the Regional Director, Eli Karlicka-Cook and with the RDO, Alex Message. We are grateful to both for their input and especially to Alex for her help in organising the County Operational Plan – a little late, but nevertheless, almost up and running. We feel that this is a learning curve – not only on our part, but also on the part of the ASA professional staff; at times we have been asked to produce information to a timescale that is not possible when most of us also have full time jobs to consider. However, we have made this point several times and I feel the message may be hitting its target!

Our Partnership Swimming Development Officer, Helen Beckley, has also had a great influence in the County this year. We are all aware that funding for her post is coming to an end, but we all feel that she has contributed so much to the running of swimming in the County, that we have agreed to contribute to funding her position over the next few years. We are now waiting to see if sufficient offers have been made by other sources to make it possible to continue with the post next year.

You will see that the Management Committee is recommending a new Constitution this year. John Davies has made us aware of the ASA's recommendation that Sub-Regional bodies should use its model constitution. John, together with George Adamson, Dave Harman and, to a lesser extent, all other members of the Management Committee, has worked hard to prepare the version that is put forward today.

This year, we had a large number of nominations for the H A Napier Trophy, which is presented each year to the Hampshire swimmer who has accomplished the best single performance during the year. The Management Committee voted to award the trophy for the second time, to Peter Waterfield for his outstanding performance at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, where he was sensational in taking silver, just missing out to Olympic silver medallist Matthew Helm from Australia and beating Alexander Despatie into third! This performance was some 40 points better (out of 540 points total) than his win in Manchester in 2002, so demonstrating the vast improvement he continues to make.

Congratulations also go to Janet Selley, who was this year's recipient of the President's Plate for her contribution to Synchronised Swimming in the County over many years.

I have recently been informed that Betty Butterfield, President in 1969, is suffering from dementia and is no longer able to make use of information sent on behalf of the County. I have replied to Betty's daughter and sent our best wishes.

The Management Committee is, with one or two exceptions, standing for another year. We do, however, have a vacancy in the County for a Trophies Organiser. This post has been advertised over many months, to no avail. Please look within your clubs for a suitable volunteer for this very important job. It does not involve attending meetings, but is one that is of huge benefit to the swimmers.

Sue Lambert,
Hon General Secretary

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SWIMMING TECHNICAL OFFICIALS EXAMINATIONS

This has been an extraordinary year for Swimming Officials Examinations, being the first year in which the Judges, Starters, Race Referee's and Referee's exams have been held twice in a year, April & November.

This year there has been applicants to take exams from across the County, including a large volume from Guernsey & Jersey, and although there still appears to be some apathy in some County clubs, numbers continue to be healthy.

There have been a large number of courses, for the 'on-demand' timekeepers, which have been held in Portsmouth, Southampton, Basingstoke, Alton and Farnborough.

We have also run a 'special' timekeepers course for the Royal Navy PT Qualifiers course, with 15 candidates.

We have not yet had any candidates taking the on-line exam, although there could be a possible 11 Timekeepers to do these in the very near future.

Applications for exams have been:

Referee	2
Race Referee	2
Starter	5
Starter / Judge	2
Judge	19
Judge / Timekeeper	3
Timekeeper	70
Including 'On Demand'	

We have also changed the way in which we undertake practical assessments for all level of candidate, undertaking these whenever possible, at an appropriate gala anywhere in the County. However, we still assess the vast bulk of candidates at County Championships or County Development Competitions but are now looking towards Open Meets run within the County to do more assessments. To those promoters that have allowed this – thank you.

The change in practical assessments, particularly for Timekeepers, has been necessary to meet the flow, from 'On Demand' or 'On-line' theory exams. No doubt, with the possible future changes to the levels of official and more on-line theory exams for all levels, this will become a greater pressure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Tutors, Invigilators and Practicals Examiners for their continued support. They have all done an excellent job.

We always need more of these assistants, so step forward if you're interested.

Particular thanks to Margaret Ostler, for her continued assistance/guidance whilst I sorted my self out during this initial year, which also coincides with my Presidential year.

I would also like to thank Basingstoke Bluefins, Mike Lambert, for training a number of ARES21 operators and although they are not technically Technical Officials, they are valued volunteers without whom the County could not function. We hope to run other courses, for "non- examination" officials in the near future.

George Adamson
Swimming Officials Examinations Secretary.

Swimming Committee Report 2006

Standard of Swimming

The overall standard of swimming in the County remains high. The number of swimmers achieving County and Regional Qualifying times continues to increase year on year.

However, Hampshire swimmers did not achieve the same level of success at National Level this year. This can largely be attributed to a number of top swimmers moving to clubs in other counties during the year. Some of these movements were linked to changes of school and progression to University; others were forced on swimmers by the loss of several Level 4 coaches from Hampshire clubs in the period. [Swimmers on the ASA World Class program are required to train under a Level 4 coach].

This was discussed at length by the Swimming Committee and the development of coaches in the County was seen as a high priority. Because of the cost of living, it is increasingly difficult to attract top coaches from elsewhere in the country to work anywhere in the South East of England.

Competition

County Championships

This year's event was very successful. The same format will be adopted next year.

Confirmed dates for 2007:

March 3rd/4th	Waterlooville
March 10th/11th	Waterlooville
March 17th/18th	Southampton

Entry times for swimmers up to age 14 are set at more or less the same level as in 2006; times for older swimmers have been relaxed a little to encourage more swimmers to enter (in line with ASA strategy to keep older swimmers in the sport).

As from 2008 entry times for the Hampshire County Championships must be set in a Licensed Competition. Clubs should consider licensing their club championships at level 4 in 2007.

Development Competition

This was extended to 4 days for the first time this year. Feedback from the first weekend was extremely positive, so we will retain the same format in 2007.

This year we were able to re-introduce older age groups, and 100m swims and we did not have to reject any valid entry because we were oversubscribed.

Planned dates for 2007:

June 30th/July 1st	Waterlooville
July 7th/8th	Waterlooville

Inter-County

The county sent a team to compete in the annual Inter-County competition in Sheffield on the 22nd October. The team finished in 9th place in Division 1, an excellent result given the loss of a number of top swimmers to neighbouring counties during the year.

Athlete Development

The County has run development programmes for two groups of swimmers during the year. We target swimmers who are ranked in the top 20 nationally on Olympic events and who are not included in ASA national development programmes. In 2006/7, the number of swimmers involved has increased by 6, another indicator of the overall standard of swimming the county.

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The Athlete Development programme is supported by Hampshire County Council and includes intensive training camps and individual orientation and training days.

Coach Development

We have not succeeded in arranging coach development sessions this year, because we have not had anyone volunteer to carry out the administration. We are now planning a different approach, making more use of administrative resource available within South East Region, and the recently appointed South East Region Education Officer.

Co-operation

There is increasing co-operation between HCASA, the ASA Regional Development Officer and the Hants and Isle of Wight Swimming Development Officer. We are working to a common plan for the development of swimming and the commitment of the professional staff means that we are making significant progress in many areas, including

- Getting more clubs SWIM 21 accredited
- Improving the links between Schools and Clubs
- Training for Swimming Teachers

The funding for the Hants and Isle of Wight Development Officer is under threat. This post is so important to the County ASA that we have decided to partly underwrite continuation of the position from County ASA funds.

Mike Lambert,
Swimming Secretary

Disability Swimming Report 2006

- Hampshire swimmers swam at the SE Regional Gala on Saturday 30 September at The Quays and the Nationals in Sheffield on the weekend of 3-5 November.
- PESSCL work is taking place on the Isle of Wight. Mainstream and special schools were invited to a series of swimming taster days at West Wight Pool on Fridays from 29 September. Information was provided on local opportunities encouraging them to join clubs. This resulted in a very successful Gala on Monday 13 November with 42 swimmers taking part.
- Basingstoke Bluefins ran a local special schools gala at the Aquadrome on Friday 6 October. This event, organised by the club and its own volunteers, took place for the second year running and is an excellent tool for feeding swimmers into the Bluefins disability section.
- On Friday 17 November The Quays, Eddie Read Swimming and Diving Complex, hosted its third Sport Hampshire and Isle of Wight Schools Disability Gala. 94 swimmers entered the event with support given by local students and ASA officials.
- A meeting took place on 20 November to start planning PESSCL work in Rushmoor. The partners involved will be Rushmoor Royals, Rushmoor Mallards, local school sports partnership, Rushmoor Borough Council and Sport Hampshire and the Isle of Wight County Sports Partnership.

Peter Hull MBE
HCASA Disability Committee

Masters Swimming Annual Report 2006

The season started very well for Hampshire Master swimmers when a strong and enthusiastic team were joint winners, for the first time, of the SCASA Tony Warn Memorial Trophy at the **Inter-County Masters competition** in November 2005.

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The event, hosted by Hampshire Masters, was somewhat controversial as the rules state that the event should be Short Course. A last minute change made by the management of the Aldershot Pool from 25m to 50m, meant that times for the Southern Counties would be slower than those of the all the other competitors taking part in this nationally collated event! It would have been impractical if not impossible to have found an alternative, suitable pool at this late stage. Nevertheless, all the criticism, stress and worry were soon forgotten and Hampshire was placed 5th county nationally, much of their strengths being in the relay events making it a really good team event. 11 swimmers were awarded County Masters Badges. Hopes are high for the first Southeast Region Inter-County Masters on November 18th at K2 Crawley, again with a strong team including many younger masters in the 19-24 age group.

The year has seen some extremely good results abroad at the **11th World Masters Championships** at Stanford, California. **Diane Ford and Geoff Stokes**, both Rushmoor, won two gold and a bronze apiece:- Diane 100m and 200m breaststroke with a new British Masters record in both, and Geoff the 800m and 400m freestyle, in which he holds the British records.

Tara Hutt, Havant and Waterlooville, won silver medals in 4 events: 50, 100, 200 freestyle and 50m backstroke.

Bronze medals were won by the **British Armed Forces** team, which included 3 relays in the 100-119 years. Individual medallists were **Stuart Mantle** silver 100 back and **Ben Rooker** 50 back. **Ian Fairhurst** was one of the bronze medal winners in teams.

Four Masters Open Meets are held within the county throughout the year at the Isle of Wight and Guernsey, both attracting over 200 competitors who take part in a varied programme over a weekend. Basingstoke Bluefins host two further meets, one of which has in recent years included the Masters County Championships. However it is likely that this may change in 2007 and discussions are to take place to find an alternative date and venue. **Hart** were again the winners of the County Cup and 27 new county best times were recorded. Swimmers have also successfully taken part in many other meets around the country. At Gloucester Masters **Geoff Stokes** made it a hat trick of British freestyle records adding the 200m. Many more swimmers were successful at the Southeast Region Short Course Championships in September, while in the London Long Course Championships at Crystal Palace 12 swimmers won 40 medals, many with Championship titles.

Long Distance swimming is also popular both indoors and out, including Postal swims in which Isle of Wight masters won several medals.

Open Water competitions have included the Southeast Region Championships at Southsea and local events at Calshot, the Isle of Wight Sandown to Shanklin swim and Portsmouth Northsea's Pier to Pier. Most successful swimmer was **Lindsey Shenton** 48 Isle of Wight, who won trophies at three of the events.

**The most recent event, the ASA National Masters Championships at Sheffield over the weekend of October 27-29th, again saw their own records lowered by Jo Corben 200 back British and European and Diane Ford 100 breast, British record.

Natalie Thomas Andover age 19 was thrilled to win her age group in the 1500 freestyle in her first National Masters Championship.

Masters swimming in the county is very active at 387 registered swimmers, 100 more than any other county in the region. 75% of Hampshire clubs have masters' participation. More ways of attracting a larger number to enter the County Championships are to be sought and to increase awareness of Masters swimming and it's benefits generally.

Jenny Ball
Hampshire ASA Masters Secretary

**At time of writing, full results of the ASA Masters Nationals were not yet displayed on the website. There were many more champions and medal winners than listed in this report.

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HCASA Diving Annual Report 2006

Along with other minor disciplines diving is struggling to maintain County Competitions. This is due to the fact there is currently only one club competing within Hampshire and there is a very busy competition timetable. This problem also affects the higher-level South East Regional Diving Competitions. In fact, Hampshire divers won all the Regional Senior/Junior Championship and Junior Elite competitions unfortunately this was due to no other sub regional bodies entering these competitions. To overcome this issue it is planned to combine with the ASASW region next year to ensure a good level of competition. The Region will also be encouraging the Counties to bring their conditions and competitions in line with the requirements of the Regions so that the County competitions can be run as closed events within the regional competitions.

The major achievements of divers from Hampshire are:

Commonwealth Games – 5 of the British Diving Team were divers who train in Hampshire. Peter Waterfield won Silver on 10m platform individual and came 4th on 1m springboard, Gary Hunt and *Callum Johnston* came 3rd on platform synchro but were denied a medal as there were only four teams competing. Stacie Powell & *Tonia Couch* came 4th in the woman's 10m platform synchronised diving event.

Eight divers based in Hampshire have dived for GB at Fina Grand Prix and European Cup events with Peter Waterfield winning silver on 10m Platform and Monique McCarroll bronze medal 10m synchro.

Hampshire divers claimed 8 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals at the Summer Nationals held in Manchester followed by a gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze medals at the Junior Elite Competition in Sheffield. Notable performances from Max Brick (13) and Emily Alderman (14) both qualifying to represent Great Britain at the Junior World and Junior European Championship.

At the Junior European Diving Competition in Majorca, Emily took 4th, only 6 points off a medal position and Max took 7th place both on platform. This was followed by the 16th FINA World Junior Diving Championships in Kuala Lumpur. Emily came a creditable 16th in the Girls B Platform and Max was placed 24th again both on Platform.

Pupils from over 40 schools in covering a wide variety of catchment areas in Southampton and the surrounding area took part in the fourth Southampton Schools' Diving Competition held at the Quays Eddie Read Swimming and Diving Complex on Saturday 17th June. In all there were over 70 entrants from children in school years 1 – 8.

After the Schools Competition there were 2 diving displays the second of which was a celebration for Jan & Alan Alderman to recognise their contribution to diving over the last 30 years.

In the National Age Group and National Novice Events, which were held back to back in Leeds in July divers from Hampshire won 5 Gold, 6 Silver and 5 Bronze medals.

Masters - Tony Hunter went to the Fina World Master Championships in California and came 6th on 1m, 9th on 3m springboard and 3rd on Platform in the 45 to 49 year age group.

In the 15th FINA Diving World Cup, Changshu (CHN) Gareth Jones, Blake Aldridge and Stacie Powell represented diving in Hampshire. Stacie came 4th in the Women's Platform Synchro event and Gareth/Blake were placed 10th in the Men's event. Gareth was placed 6th in the individual Platform event.

Frank Clewlow,
Diving Secretary

Synchronised Swimming report 2006

Synchronised swimming has had a difficult year due to the changes made nationally in restricting the amount of competitions swimmers can take part in, the changes in the skill levels, the regional changes and the introduction of Recreational and Competitive strands. There being no designated county competitions this year, the Aggregate Trophy has been awarded to Rushmoor Synchronised Swimming Club on their results for the South Eastern Region age group championships held in October. Rushmoor won three of the four team events and gold medals went to Portsmouth Victoria in the 13/14 figure event and the 13/14 duet and to Rushmoor in the 15/16/17 Duet competition, and this was without all the clubs top swimmers who were competing elsewhere.

Portsmouth Victoria organised one of the South Eastern Region novice competitions and the Hampshire medals at this level were awarded at this competition with wins for Rushmoor. The novice county trophy was awarded at this competition but no other individual trophies have been awarded this year.

The National Championships and National Age Group Championships will be on the 3rd & 4th December, and on the results from the South Eastern Regional Championships, hopefully there will be a good haul of titles for Hampshire Clubs.

On the international scene Hampshire have proved throughout the year that they are the strongest county in the country for synchronised swimming.

Three swimmers from Rushmoor represented England at the commonwealth Games, Jenna Randall, Olivia Alison and Lauren Smith. Jenna went on to win the Silver medal in the solo event, but the duet just missed out on the medals in 4th place. The same trio represented Great Britain at the senior European Championships where Jenna was 12th and the duet was 13th. An excellent result as Jenna and Olivia are still juniors.

Great Britain also entered a team in the Junior European Championships and of the ten swimmers who attended the event six were from Hampshire, Jenna, Olivia, Asha Randall, Natasha Lau, (Rushmoor) Rebecca Macenri & Eleanor George Portsmouth Victoria. The same swimmers have just returned from China where they represented the country in The Junior World Championships. The team was placed 13th, Jenna was 14th and the duet of Olivia and Jenna was 12th.

Aware that swimmers were finding the changes in synchro difficult this year and good swimmers were retiring, the Hampshire Management committee supported the decision of the synchro working party to organise a week long summer residential camp. Appreciating that Hampshire already have some of the best synchro coaches in the country, it was felt that a coach from another country should lead camp who would not only coach the girls but also coach coaches. Claire Dias from Canada (former Commonwealth Champion and Olympic Bronze Medallist) was approached. Previously she had come and coached both Rushmoor and Portsmouth Victoria with great success. Her knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport soon rubbed off on the swimmers and coaches alike and all the swimmers learnt so much during the week in a fun environment. All the swimmers want to repeat the venture next year and everyone agreed the it had regenerated their interest in the sport. A routine that they worked on during the week will be appearing the Rushmoor's 40th Anniversary show in February. Grateful thanks must go to Julie Andrews, Jan & Emma Mattinson (Rushmoor) and Tina Hinks (Portsmouth Victoria) who contributed to the success of the week.

Hopefully next year county competitions in a minor form can be reintroduced but these will be dependent on guidance from the ASA synchro committee.

In all a difficult year for Synchro in Hampshire, but they have risen to challenge.

Janet Selley
Synchro Secretary

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Hampshire Water Polo Report 2006

Hampshire League

Final League positions 05/06

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	PTS
City of Southampton	10	8	1	1	93	51	27
Basingstoke	10	7	1	2	109	71	25
Weymouth	9	7	0	2	62	48	23
Bournemouth	10	2	0	8	45	85	14
Andover	9	2	0	6	39	55	12
Southampton Uni	8	1	0	7	54	81	10

The 06/07 league has just started with Portsmouth fielding a team for the first time in a few years. Pauline Lipscombe shall be league secretary for the coming year. Gerry Lay continues in a supporting role and is focussing his energy on junior water polo.

Lady Richmond Brown Tournament

League 1

City of Southampton 4-0 Portsmouth (13:00)
 Bournemouth 1-2 Andover (13:30)
 City of Southampton 3-0 Andover (14:00)
 Bournemouth 2-5 Portsmouth (14:30)
 City of Southampton 6-0 Bournemouth (15:00)
 Portsmouth 2-5 Andover (15:30)

	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
City of Southampton	3	0	0	13	0	13	9
Andover	2	0	1	7	6	1	6
Portsmouth	1	0	2	7	11	-4	3
Bournemouth	0	0	0	3	13	-10	0

League 2

Weymouth 0-3 Basingstoke (13:15)
 Hants U/19 0-7 Southampton Uni (13:45)
 Basingstoke 2-2 Southampton Uni (14:15)
 Weymouth 7-3 Hants U/19 (14:45)
 Basingstoke 8-1 Hants U/19 (15:15)
 Weymouth 0-7 Southampton Uni (15:45)

	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Southampton Uni	2	1	0	16	2	14	7
Basingstoke	2	1	0	13	3	10	7
Weymouth	1	0	2	7	13	-6	3
Hampshire U19	0	0	3	4	22	-18	0

Play-Offs

7th v 8th - **Bournemouth** 5-2 Hampshire u19 (16:00)
 5th v 6th - **Portsmouth** 2-1 Weymouth (16:15)
 3rd v 4th - **Basingstoke** 6-2 Andover (16:30)
 1st v 2nd - **City of Southampton** 6-1 Uni of Southampton (16:45)

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Women's Water Polo

Hampshire hosted a women's tournament at Basingstoke during 05/06 and plan to host a similar tournament this year. There are a number of women taking up water polo across the county. Basingstoke has formed a complete team and participates in the London Water polo league.

Women of all ages are encouraged to take up the sport and contact details for local teams can be provided. Hampshire fully supports the participation of women at the development sessions.

S.E.C.A.S.A. Inter-County Competitions

Hampshire could not field a team for the U19 tournament in April. There were not enough players of a suitable age available for selection.

Hampshire fielded a young team in the U16 tournament in October. Full results have not yet been published, but Hampshire finished in 4th place. The players were:

Alex Short, Win Coll,
Jacob Dunning, CSSC,
Leo Blackman, CSSC,
Christian Perress, CSSC,
Joffy Heib, CSSC,
Oliver Joost, Win Coll,
Greg Soper, WPSC,
Miles Wood, CSSC,
Cameron Runcie, CSSC,
Manraja Lamba, Win Coll,
Conrad Griffin, Win Coll

Tommy Noyce was coach and team manager.

Development

Basingstoke has developed a strong junior (U14) polo section in the last 12 months. Combined with Southampton, Winchester College, Portsmouth and Andover this will provide a strong basis for the Hampshire teams in the coming years.

Continued efforts are being made to build up a regular county training session. An alternative avenue is to run a number of training camps at appropriate times of the year.

Southampton, Basingstoke and Portsmouth are supporting the Hampshire national league squad centred in Basingstoke. Additional support comes from Cranleigh. A good run last year resulted in Basingstoke finishing 5th in division 3 at the end of 2005.

Hampshire teams are supporting the South East Regional Leagues.

Coaching courses are still not available from the ASA. They will start to become available in early 2007. There may be an opportunity to host a level 1 course in Hampshire if all clubs combine for a week.

Referees courses are being run annually by the South East Region and these are being supported by Hampshire.

Web Site

The revamped Hampshire website has been fully operational for most of 2006. The water polo section is maintained by the water polo secretary. At the recent Water Polo Annual Fixtures Meeting it became apparent that the teams did not know about the availability of the site.

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The appropriate information has now been fed to the club secretaries to pass onto the club members.

Please visit www.hampshireswimming.org/waterpolo

Summary

Hampshire water polo continues to provide a fun and friendly set of competitions aimed at the level of the people involved. The goals of Hampshire water polo continue to be getting people to play water polo and enjoy it.

Trevor Jones
Water Polo Secretary

Open Water Swimming 2006

Hampshire athletes have been busy – albeit in small numbers – across the country and overseas this year.

The weather could not have been better for Open Water swimming – or post-race sunbathing – than we have seen during this Summer, the combined ASA South East Region and HCASA Championships in July took place in glorious weather – as indeed did events in London and Weymouth.

A number of Hampshire swimmers stand out for their participation and success:

Claire Hayward, the U/14 from Eastleigh, 6th overall in the ASA National Age Groups 1.5km OW Championships at Holme Pierrepont in August, rounding off her successful swims in the SER/HCASA 1.5km at Southsea and the Southern Area/SW Region 1.5km at Weymouth, both in July.

Chris Atherton from Andover was 3rd overall in the SER 3km at Southsea, and the first Hampshire swimmer to finish.

Sarah Buck, swimming for the Royal Navy, achieved 5th overall in the ASA Open Water Grand Prix, having swum at Weymouth (South), Bosworth (Midlands) and at the Grand Prix Final at Holme Pierrepont.

Sarah also, notably, swam in the British 10km Championship in Albert Dock, London in June – joining her for that event was John Dedman of Beau Sejour, Guernsey – its great to see Hampshire swimmers once again in these major Open Water events.

Masters swimmers have also been active in the discipline, with Peter Stephens from the Royal Navy, Jane Dodd and Jenny Ball from IOW Masters all achieving success at the ASA 3km Masters Championships, also at the Albert Dock in June. In Weymouth we saw Mick Smith of Solent SC in the 1.5km ; and Chris Hunt (Waterlooville), Lindsay Shelton (IOW) and Rosalinda Hardiman (Southampton) all swam in the SER/HCASA Championships at Southsea. San Francisco also saw Mark Franklin (Royal Navy) competing in the 5km World Masters OW Championships.

Overall, well done to all who have swum “outdoors” this year.

Dave Harman
Open Water Organiser

Financial Statement for the Year 2005 - 2006

The County's finances remain very strong, although this year shows an excess of expenditure over income of about £6400. This brings the total assets of the County to about £56,000.

All of the disciplines have remained basically within budget once again.

The Business Base Rate Tracker Account continues to be a useful source of income, about £740 during the year, with still the last quarter's interest to be added.

The continued successes of our swimming competitions are once again the main source of our revenue. The figures, which will appear to show a fall in excess, rather hide a number of important details: the extension of the Development Meet to two weekends incurred costs of about £3300, the provision of the electronic timing equipment cost £4000, the provision of a coaches seminar cost about £500, and the provision of the new white officials polo shirts cost £2800 (although there is still a substantial stock in hand). Swimming remains in a healthy state.

Accounting for the medals centrally has hidden the costs to the separate disciplines and I propose reverting to account for them separately in future.

The transfer of the money from the Centre of Excellence is responsible for a good deal of the rest of our excess, particularly as the County Grant covered most of the costs of the new Youth & Potential Squad Training Camps.

Last year's Dinner made a small profit and it is hoped that this years will keep up this improvement.

It is a little unclear exactly how we will fare in recouping monies from ASA SER, it does not appear to be as easy to arrange as was the case with SCASA, only time will tell.

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Hon Treasurer