

Daventry Dolphins Swimming Club
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East Midlands Region & Northamptonshire
ASA
Swim at: Daventry Leisure Centre NN11
4FP

President: Mrs Lesley Sharp

Dear Swimmers/Parents

What a fantastic season of swimming it has been this year for the club. Since my return in September 2009 to the club in a coaching capacity the swimmers and the club have come on leaps and bounds. I have taken great pride and pleasure to be part of a growing club, which has a lot of talented athletes within our setup.

Many thanks go to my dedicated team of lane helpers/coaches who have done an excellent job in assisting me in producing the results that we have achieved this season. Also thanks go out to our poolside helpers for galas and open meets, who have provided swimmers with a calm and relaxed environment to compete in.

Competitions

The club has gained remarkable results in every competition that we have competed in, from our own club development gala's right through to midland regional level events. There have been a tremendous amount of personal best times achieved over the course of the year, I hope for the up and coming season that the same trend follows.

Counties 2010

At the county championships, we were by the far the most improved club, and this was not only proved statistically by the amount of medals, trophies, and top 8 placings, but also from swimmers, parents, coaches from other clubs around Northamptonshire who had complemented us as a club for how skilful, and how good our swimmers look in the water.

Noticeable performances were:

Darren Barber – who was in the only male in the county in the Top 8 for all 50m sprints and 100I.M. Achieved Gold in 50m, 100m, 200m Breaststroke (all of which he set new P.B.s).

Joseph Iacovides, Jack Bond, Daniel Osborn, Emily Sharp, Harry Ballman, Joshua Sullivan, Darren Barber – these swimmers were ranked Top 8 overall for the championships.

Joshua Sullivan – Winning Gold on the 50m Backstroke becoming both Junior and Senior Champion

We have definitely set precedence for 2011 championships where I am hoping (well more than certain to be honest) that we will have a greater number of athletes qualify for the champions in a greater and wider range of events.



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Midlands

We had 3 swimmers gain qualification to either the Midland BAGCAT championships (Joseph Iacovides) or the Midland Youth Championships (Darren Barber and Joshua Sullivan), although only Joseph and Joshua competed in their respected competitions. A number of swimmers marginally missed out on qualification, which is encouraging for next season.

Noticeable performances were:

Joseph Iacovides – 4th and 5th for 100m fly and freestyle.

Joshua Sullivan – Marginally missing out on making finals.

For our swimmers the midland regional events are the next of competition for our developing swimmers to achieve, and as with counties, I hope that we can take more swimmers to the competitions next year, and again in more events.



Swimmers at the end of the 3rd round at Hinckley

Junior League

I have decided to save the best till last. The Junior League team this year have been sensational, and have grown in confidence with each gala that we competed in. Gaining 3rd places in the first two rounds (which in itself is an achievement in itself), but in the final round taking an illustrious victory.

This was a proud moment for me as a coach, and my feelings of joy even surpassed those in which I had when I had a swimmer gain their first national time. I was lost for words on the evening as I knew there and then what a big achievement this was. Previously the club hadn't been overall winners in a competitive gala for around 12 years (the last time this happened I was part of the winning group of swimmers), this made winning extra special.

I would like to congratulate everyone involved with the team, swimmers, parents, helpers, timekeepers, judges, and coaches, in making the team successful.

Over the coming weeks a new fixtures list will be placed on the board, and on our web-page for swimmers and parents to view.



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New Members

Since the start of September we have had a high number of new swimmers that have fitted in with the club really well. I would again like to welcome these swimmers as well as the parents to our club and hope that they spend many years with us as a club.

Kit for next season

Can all swimmers in each of the squads please have the following kit ready to use for September, as well as the usual, costume/trunks, hats, goggles etc etc.

Bronze

Kickboard
Pullbuoy
Fins



Silver

Kickboard
Pullbuoy
Fins

Gold

Kickboard
Pullbuoy
Fins
Hand Paddles
Skipping Rope

**Above and Below—Kimberley Mann—
competing at the Tulip Meet.**



Junior Olympic/Olympic

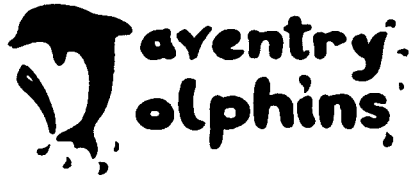
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Left—Kiefer Ergo Paddles—Perfect size and shape (and cost) for paddles.



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County Development Squad 2010/2011

We have more than doubled the amount selected for this seasons county development squad compared to last year. Taking our swimmers from 3 last year to 7 this year.

Swimmers selected are:

Joseph Iacovides
Alex Gibbons
Jack Bond
Sophie Iacovides
Emma Bond
Kimberley Mann
Rachel Sullivan



The County Development squad is a fantastic opportunity for our swimmers to increase their watertime alongside our home programme, to help these swimmers push towards midland regional's and nationals. This is something all of our swimmers should be aspiring to in the future, to aid in their development. Myself and all of the coaching staff would like to congratulate all of the selected swimmers, and hope they enjoy the experience.

Moving Forward for September 2010

As with everything moving forward is crucial, how we do things as a club to develop our swimmers will play a fundamental part in how we advance.

I want to give one piece of advice to ALL swimmers, I want swimmers to think about what they do, I think that swimmers taking “**ownership**” of their swimming, and then physically and mentally thinking about what they do on a daily basis will make a massive difference to each swimmers approach to what we do in training and competitions. This can be done by engaging swimmers brains in the sessions that we do, rather than just turning up for training. We now have the building blocks to surge forward as a club, and I feel we are “**investing in excellence**” with our athletes, not necessarily just from a financial point of view, but more importantly from the investment in time and effort from people that devote time to not only bring their children to the club, but also to dedicate time to the running of the club.

Again, thank you for such a fantastic season of swimming, and best wishes for a hot summer.

Rob Sharp
Head Coach



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Fantasy Football Fundraiser

With the new Premierleague season looming, Davenport Dolphins will be hosting a fantasy football league to raise some money to go towards club kit.

To sign up, go to www.premierleague.com — to sign up to the site is free, however to enter our league, named DDSC Fundraiser we are asking for £1 per team entered. The winning team at the end of the 38 gameweeks will win 50% of the total money raised.

For example 30 teams entered, winner receives £15.

The entrance code for the league is **203000-110625**

There are only a couple of rules for the league.

1. Players can enter more than 1 team
2. Payments for each team must be received before the 31st August (or teams will be removed from league).

Please feel free to ask family, friends or work colleagues to enter the league, and to collect money from them to pass on to either Rob or Lesley with a list of names and team names, so we can keep a tab on people who have paid.

Rob and Lesley



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