



Dronfield Dolphin News

Summer 2007



Pool Closure Update

We have received information regarding the closure of Dronfield Sports Centre. The Sports centre will close on the 16th of September to allow refurbishment to take place.

The Coaches and Committee have been busy liaising with the Sports Centre management to reschedule training for our Club so we can carry on with training at the same level. It is important that we meet the needs of our Swimmers and Learners to develop their skills. Therefore we can now confirm that Saturday and Sunday training for Learners and Squads will move to Eckington. We have been given similar times to avoid more disruption.

Ponds Forge training on Thursday & Fridays will remain the same, and will include the Swimmers who normally swim at Dronfield on a Thursday night. The Senior Coaches are working on a timetable for all Swimmers and will communicate them once finalised. We are looking at further sessions for the upper Squads to replace Monday & Wednesday training, and again this will be communicated once finalised.

Eckington Pool has a Learner Pool for our beginners and a six lane pool for Squad Swimmers. Maureen Hirst will be taking over from Pam Felton as Senior Coach for the Learners, assisted by the Level 1 Teachers. Maureen is busy organising and restructuring her Lessons, and will communicate with Families as soon as she has got systems in place.

The Club now has an increasing ratio of Coaching Staff with another batch of Level 1 Teachers joining the Staff role. We are in a great position to move this Club forward despite the disruption of the Sports Centre closure. We are aware that Swimmers families may have to travel a little further, but with good communication between families, car sharing could be an option. When you get your timetable, liaise with other families to organise car sharing to minimise travel costs.

Lesley is looking at carrying on the Swim Shop at Eckington and if we get the go ahead, equipment will be available as usual on Sunday nights.

I hope you will join me in thanking the Coaches and Committee for all their hard work in reorganising these sessions.

There will be no Notice Board facility after the Centre has closed, therefore it is important you visit our Web Site on a regular basis to receive up to date news, team selection etc. We will communicate via paper as much as possible for those who are not on E-Mail, and we will probably ask Lesley if we can use the shop facility to be a central point for Swimmers to pick up Newsletters and other important information.

Club Captains

In September, we will be asking the Swimmers to vote for the Captains & Vice Captains for the year 2007-2008

Club Captaincy runs from September to September. Voting will take place at Dronfield on Sunday 9th & Monday 10th September. Your Child will be asked to vote for their chosen persons by selecting from a list of Candidates. The lower Squads vote to elect a Vice Captain. Eligible candidates for Vice Captaincy are Swimmers who will have their 12th Birthday during the year 2008. Captains are elected from A1 & A2 Squads. These are elected by the upper Squads and will serve for the 2007-2008 Swim year.

May we take this opportunity to thank the retiring Captains and Vice Captains for commitment to their duties.

Forthcoming Club Galas

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Rachel Bennett Trophy Gala  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
10,12,14yrs & Open Age Group  
(Eckington)

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Leslie Seymour Trophy Gala
Saturday 15th September
9,11,13,15yrs & Open Age Group
(Queen's Leisure Centre, Derby)

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Matlock Novice Gala  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
9,10,11yrs Age Group  
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Team Selection on Notice Board at Dronfield & Web Site shortly

Summer Programme

Our Summer programme is well under way and can be viewed on our Web Site. All the training during this period is swam at Dronfield.

Please note the following:

There will be NO Training for any Squads from Friday 17th August to Wednesday 29th August inclusive.

Normal Programme resumes Thursday 30th August

Any Queries please see your Child's Coach or a Member of the Committee