

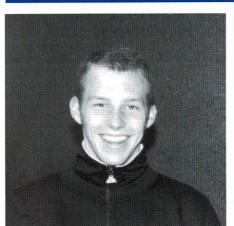
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Bryan Morgan

THIRD TIME **LUCKY**

ritish Youth internationalist 17year old CARNEGIE swimmer BRYAN MORGAN set a new Scottish Senior Record in the 50m freestyle twice on his third attempt at the British National Winter Championships in Sheffield 11 -14th December. Bryan did not just break the record but annihilated it. The record stood at 23.89 secs and in his heat Bryan swam 23.40 to knock half a second off. In the final which was televised by BBC Bryan was up against ex World Record Holder for this event Mark Foster and twice Olympian Mike Fibbens and Olympic finalist Sien Brinn from Jamaica. Bryan had already been disqualified twice for false starts in two finals in the 50m backstroke and 100m freestyle so this was his third final so he was a little slower off the start - but did he make a race of it, finishing in bronze medal position in a new Scottish Senior Record of 23.30 to beat Olympic finalist Sien Brinn and just behind Mark Foster. Bryan's time gives him an automatic qualifying time for the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia in September later this year. Bryan who qualified in first place in the consolation final of the 100m freestyle in a time of 52 24 will be out to break the Scottish Senior Record of 51.83.

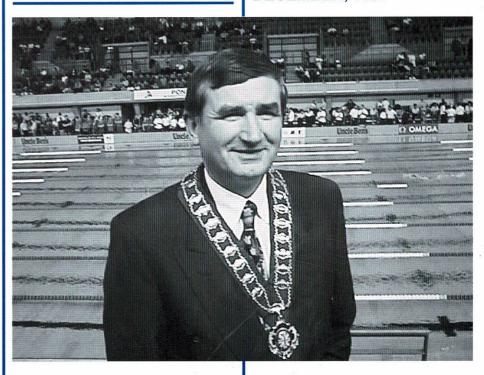
arnegie's second British Youth Internation alist 16 year old Lynn McLaren had a magnificent swim in the 50m butterfly heats to qualify for the 'B' final in a time 29.95 in 6th place. In the final Lynn stormed out from the start, to finish in 1st place only 7 /100ths of a second outside the British Junior record of 29.24 to finish in 29.31 Lynn also qualified for the Grand final in the 50m freestyle in 6th place in 27.20, but in the final Lynn was not up to her own usual high standards to finish again in 6th place in 27.05, Lynn won the silver medal for the British junior 50m butterfly and also silver in the 50m freestyle.

oung Scottish Youth Internationalist STEVEN KIDD returned back to some of his old form when qualifying for the 'B' final of the 200m backstroke in 2:10.43 only four tenths of a second outside the Scottish Junior Record And one second outside the British Junior record. Steven could not better his time finishing in 4th place in 2:10.83. Steven picked up three medal with silvers in the 100m backstroke Juniors in 1:01.40, silver in the 200m backstroke and bronze in the 50m butterfly in 27.54

Garrie Roberts. Head Coach Carnegie SC



UNCLE BEN'S BRITISH WINTER NATIONALS -SHEFFIELD 11-14 DECEMBER, 1997



Ian Mason. Chairman of the board of management of Scottish Swimming was present at Sheffield in his capacity as Chairman of the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain and was on hand for the medal presentation ceremonies. lan said; "I was delighted to be able

to attend the British Winter Nationals in my new role as Chairman of GB and I hope that during my year in office that I can be a positive influence on the development of excellence in British Swimming."



SCOTTISH YOUTH SQUAD 1997/1998 FIRST WEEKEND



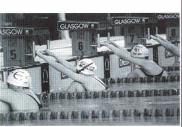
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MARTYN WOODROFFE MOVES ON

It is with regret that the Association announces that Matyn Woodroffe has decided not to renew his contract as Director of Swimming when it expires at the end of May 1998.

Martyn has decided that as the Association comes to the end of its four year development plan the job to be done in the future will not be the same as he is now doing and he has decided to move on.

Ian Mason. Chairman of the board of Management said; "It is a great disappointment to loose Martyn at this stage as he has played a pivotal role in the success of our first four year development plan. "Martyn's work in setting up the partnership agreements with clubs and local authorities has resulted in a network of professional appointments dedicated to developing excellence in Scottish Swimming. "On behalf of the Association I would like to thank Marytn for outstanding contribution over the past four years and I wish him success in whatever he decides to do next."

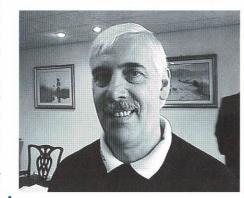
It is hoped that, although Martyn's contract expires in May he will be able to stay on until September to complete the commonwealth Games cycle and to hopefully provide a transition period for his successor.

The task of finding a new Director of Swimming begins immediately and adverts for the post will appear in March.

WORLD CUP TEAM 1998

The following swimmers will be competing in the GB World Cup leg at Sheffield on 14 - 15 March and then travelling to Malmo, Sweden to compete there.

Kirsty Thomson
Lynn McLaren
Beverley Robertson
Teresa Davies
Daina Borland
David Leith
Forbes Dunlop
Louise Coull
Mervyn Fassen de Heer
Ian Edmond Swims in Paris.
Bryan Morgan and Richard Hope
travel with the GB Team.



OBITUARY



t is with very great regret and sad ness that we record the sudden death on Monday 5th January 1998, in hospital in Edinburgh following a stroke, of Mrs. Helen McLeod-Bain aged 70 years.

Our very deepest sympathy is extended to Alec McLeod-Bain and to their son Colin at this very sad time. A very well known and much respected Life Member of the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association, Helen was also a Past President and Life Member of both the SASA East District and, of Heart of Midlothian Swimming Club. A breaststroke swimmer of repute in her day, Helen had also been a teacher and was a registered swimming technical official.

Born in Dunfermline, where her mother had a small shop at that time, Helen, (nee Adamson) first became involved in swimming through the school. As a talented breaststroke swimmer however, she was to form a lifetime association with Heart of Midlothian Swimming Club during the 1930s. This early association was only very slightly interrupted, due to the outbreak of war in 1939 when many swimming clubs were forced to close, and Helen sought

temporary membership with Portobello ASC. A post war return to Hearts was later to see her emerge as East District ladies 200yds breaststroke champion three years running and, to her becoming the first lady in the East District to break 3 mins for 200yds. Over the following years, Helen was to occupy every elected position of office within the Hearts club, respect for which was shown by a life membership and, her position as club president during Hearts centenary in 1985. A representative delegate since 1960, Helen has served the East District with no less commitment. From 1966 until 1973 she took on the then dual role of championships convener and district records keeper. Although the two positions were then separated in 1973, she continued to maintain the district records for a total of thirty years through until 1996. As a member of the district swimming committee from 1980 to 1985, she acted as a chaperone to both district and teams and, as VIP hostess on a number of occasions. Paramount however, to a successful conclusion of all swimming events in these days before the use of computers, were recorders. Long will we remember the excellent service which Helen and her team provided over some 13 years at national and international events held at the RCP. The introduction in 1968 of examinations for swimming technical officials saw her as an early candidate. Helen officiated at the Commonwealth Games held in Edinburgh in 1970 and 1986. In 1984 she was successful in obtaining her SASA referee certificate. During 1985 and 1986 Helen served as district president and member on the SASA Council.

In recognition of their each separate and considerable contribution to swimming, the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association in 1996 awarded both Helen and Alec McLeod-Bain separate life membership of the Association.

In 1996 also, Helen and Alec with their many friends were pleased to celebrated their Golden Wedding.

The great esteem with which Helen was held, was reflected by the very large number of family, friends and colleagues from all over Scotland and abroad, who attended at the funeral service which was held at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh.

Peter Syer

Scottish Long Course Ranking Lists Top Ten December 1997

Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the Scottish Long Course ranking lists which has been produced in conjunction with ASFGB and SportSystems.

As this is still in the experimental stages it may not be entirely correct and I would ask you to contact Bob Dyett with any ommissions, comments or suggestions.

The results infromation has come from a list of Long Course Meets meets within GB for which computerised results were available. Listed below are the most likely meets from which the Scottish lists come from.

If a particular result does not appear in the list then it may be:

- The meet not being included as results were not available.
- b The swimmer was entered with details which did not exactly match the SASA registration data base.
- c The swimmer is not "Scottish"
- d The swimmer's registration is not up to date.

In future it will be the responsibility of meet organisers to ensure than the meet results are sent to SASA for inclusion in future ranking lists. The preferred format is SportSystems, but details are available from the District Swimming Conveners of a neutral file format which can be used to transfer results from meets run using bespoke software or proprietary database or spreadsheet packages. The responsibility for the conversion rests with the meet organiser It should also be noted that from now on the club codes must be the new four character codes, e.g. WCGX for City of Glasgow, and full dates of birth are required in the following format - dd/mm/yyyy. In 1998 we plan to issue Short Course ranking lists so meet results from Short Course meet can also be submitted

List of Meets Included

(not the complete list) ASA Long Course Championships ASA National Age Group Championships British Grand Prix Final Best of the West - Millfield Canadian National Championships European Junior Championships European Youth Olympic Days **Furopean Championships** World Student Games Scottish National Open Scottish National Youth Championships East District Time Trials **British Winter Nationals**

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FIRST AQUATIC SWIM TEAM New Midland District Club Coach: Billy McGoldrick

Secretary: Mrs Linda Dickerson

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Angus DD11 9EQ Tel: 01241 872957

The Club is based in Angus and requests that information about future competitions should be sent to the club secretary above.

Steve Tapley

Public Relations Manager

LEARN TO SWIM RESEARCH

The Scottish Amateur Swimming Association is currently supporting a Research project that is being carried out by Win Hayes as part of her work at Moray House Institute of Education. This is also being supported both in principle and financially by the Scottish Office Education Department and Team Sport Scotland.

The research is about Learn to Swim Provision in Scotland. It is obviously of great importance to us as an association to have a clear picture of what is happening all over the country with Learn to Swim. This is important not only in relation to our own plans but also in relation to helping make a case for more swimming provision in areas where it is lacking and in relation to advising on appropriate schemes of work and good teaching practice.

The research is in 2 phases:

- 1. A survey of how much Learn to Swim is currently going on and factors that affect it. (during the first half of 1998)
- 2. An evaluation of a selection of different programmes of Learn to Swim to ascertain "best practice". (late 1998 and early 1999)

Currently questionnaires are being sent out to -

- · All primary schools
- All swimming clubs
- · All swimming pools

These have to be returned by 20 Feb 1998

If you are involved in any of these agencies please ask about the survey and see if you can help to ensure that your agency responds. The better the level of response the more useful the research will be. As an added incentive to those responding promptly from each of the above categories there is entry into a draw for 2 bottles of quality champagne.

Please help to make this a really complete survey of Learn to Swim Provision in Scotland by ensuring that any agency that you are involved with is represented.

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SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

EASTER SWIM SCHOOL 1998

Courses leading to the following certificates will be run at the 1998 Easter School:

- ASA COACH (Swimming)
- ASA CLUB COACH (Swimming)
- ASA TEACHER (Swimming)
- ASA ASSISTANT TEACHER (Swimming)
- ASA HELPER (Swimming)
- ASA TEACHER (Aquafit)
- ASA ASSISTANT TEACHER (Disabilities)
- ASA ASSISTANT TEACHER (Synchronised Swimming)
- ASA ASSISTANT TEACHER (Water Polo)
- CONVERSION COURSE TO NEW ASA TEACHER
- LAND TRAINING FOR SWIMMING
- WEIGHT TRAINING FOR SWIMMING

For further details and an application form please contact Community Activities Dept., Moray House Institute, Cramond Road North, Edinburgh, EH4 6JD Tel: 0131 312 6506

ISTC SEMINARS

In view of the importance in the future of teachers attending seminars in order to keep themselves up to date with current trends and new developments the attached schedule of seminars has been produced to enable people to plan ahead. These seminars will be valid for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes and the necessary attendance certificates will be issued.

Further details and application forms for each seminar will be available approximately 3 months before the date of the seminar. The venues stated are approximate and intended to give an idea of the area in which the seminar will be held rather than the specific place.

1998

March District Stirling
Back crawl/starts/turns

April (late)National Butterfly/Water Polo Central belt

May District

Inverness

Sept District

Back crawl/starts/turns

Dumfries

Front crawl/starts/turns

Inverness

Sept District Front crawl/starts/turns

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Oct (late)National Breaststroke/Diving

Central belt

1999

March District Greenock
Butterfly/teaching method

May District Aberdeen;-Butterfly/teaching method

April (late)National Central belt Back crawl/ Parent & Child

Sept District Dundee Breaststroke/Beginners

Sept (2 days)District Shetland Front Crawl / Back Crawl / Breaststroke / Butterfly Teaching Methods

Oct (late)National Front crawl/Aquafit

Central belt

Winnie Ferguson



BUCKIE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB MINI MEET

The Buckie Mini Meet was held on the 22nd of November 1997 at Buckie swimming pool and was of a particulary high standard. The host club Buckie acquitted themselves very well indeed winning 6 of the 8 "Best of Age Group Trophies" - quite an achievement!

Trophies Best Boy

Age 8 Dean Clark Buckie
Age 9 Nikki Smith Buckie
Age 10 Craig Cowie Buckie
Age 11 Ross Stewart Buckie

Trophies Best Girl

Age 8 Hannah Miley Garioch Age 9 Jenna Sopel Deveron Age 10 Rebecca Cowie Buckie Age 11 Alana Duncan Buckie

< The swimmers with their trophies.

CLACKMANNAN DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB Viv steps down after 20 years.

Clackmannan District Swimming Club is following the Scottish proposals to merge into vast City or Regional teams and will be acting as a 'feeder' club into the top Stirling ASC. Nine swimmers have already been training with Stirling and a further team of young age groupers are almost ready to make their mark at West District level for Stirling ASC.

For almost 20 years former British and Scottish internationalist Viv Alexander has catered for children of all abilities, at all levels - whether competitive swimmers or simply, youngsters who enjoy the sport. After retiring from competitive swimming which involved her in the top clubs with the top coaches - Carnegie, Falkirk Otters, Stirling, Cumbernauld and Beckenham - Viv took up swimming teaching and then was persuaded to embark on a coaching career by the dedicated entrepreneur Mr. Tommy Nelson at Stirling ASC.

The setting up of Clackmannan District Swim Club in 1987 lead to the emergence of some brilliant age groupers and Scottish Age Group Champions. For nine years Viv always had a swimmer in Scottish squads. Stuart Wallace, a great rival of Paul Latimer and Dominic Shiels. Lisa McLuckie (now with City of Glasgow), Ben Harkin (now swimming at Warrington), Claire Alexander also with City of Glasgow. In 1995/96 Viv took the above swimmers plus Linda Devlin (Scottish Youth Champion 1996), Alasdair Currie (Scottish Schools Champion 1997) to the English ASA National Age Group Championships and achieved 5 finalists out of a squad of 15 and a club of 40 swimmers.

Viv took her young proteges to meets all over Britain during the nine years - 42 trips to England gaining the much needed top age group competition.

Her most enjoyable year was 1996 when Lisa, Ben Alasdair and Claire all won Scottish Schools titles and Linda taking the silver. The local Alva Academy relay team won gold too. At the Scottish National and Open Championships Ben was Scottish Breaststroke Champion and bronze medallist in the Open category in breaststroke and individual medley. Lisa took bronze in the Women's 50m Freestyle, Linda gold in the Youth 200m Breaststroke with Claire just being pipped in the 100m and 200m butterfly having to settle for silver but with the consolation of having achieved Scottish Youth Squad times. Finally, Ben took the Scottish Short Course 200m individual title in Aberdeen beating Michael Cole in a good time of 2:09.00. Ben was only a "coat of nail varnish" behind lan Edmond with a superb 1:04.00 to take silver

Clackmannan District Swim Club will not be affiliating directly to the SASA West District in 1998, and will operate via Stirling ASC. All swimmers qualifying for the West District Championships will progress through the Stirling Development

Viv says "Everyone at our club is excited about the new challenges ahead and is keen to impress Alan Lynn - it is certainly the only way ahead for the 'District Club' swimmers if they are going to meet the rising standards in Scottish swimming and matching the much bigger city teams, Tayside and Highland regions"

Due to ongoing illness Viv will eventually take a back seat but will remain with the Clackmannan youngsters - hopefully helping some new budding young coaches with all the experience she has gained as a successful swimmer and coach.

1997 Club Champions:

Back L to R: Andrew Pates; Jill McLuckie; Fiona McGregor; Laura Daniels; Kirsty Alexander; Donal Kellock; Middle L to R: Ashley McDowall; Julie Daniels; Peter Swift; Gregg Hobbs; Front L to R: Rowena Bell-Scott; Lauren Heddleston; Ross Stephenson. Donaldson Construction have sponsored the Club Championships for 10 consecutive years. (Photo courtesy of: Wee County Publishing Ltd. Alloa.)



SWIMMING TECHNICAL OFFICIALS



ongratulations are extended to the following technical officials who Comreceived their Certificates of petence during November and Decem-

STARTERS.

Monica Linklater	West
Raymond Christie	North
Jani Ellis	North

TIMEKEEPERS:

Nigel Grant	West
Carol Stewart	North
Jessie Milne	North
Joanne Hall	West
Anne Page	North
Martin Flett	North
Susan Overstone	North
Mary Kelly	West
Gail Connell	North
Janice Campbell	North
David Wilson	North
Helen Williams	West
Jennifer Spinks	North
Stewart Chalmers	North
Milly Hutchison	North
Morag Hughes	North
Lilian Boyd	East
Margaret Barron	North

JUDGES:

Olive Macleod	North
Anne Bancroft	Midland
Andrew Evans	North
Doreen Thomson	North

RECORDERS:

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Linda Orr	East
Lindsay Aitken	West
Christine Rees	Fast

SWIMMING TECHNICAL OFFICIALS REGISTRATION -1999

Il swimming technical officials who are registered for the current year 1997, should now have received from the SASA Office their individual invitation to re-register with the Association for 1999.

Registration fee is £5.00.

SASA Life Members, who are technical officials and who wish to register, pay no fee but, should complete Part 2 of the registration form before returning same to the SASA Office.

Registration cards for 1998, together with updated copy of the present STO Regulations, are planned to be sent out during January.

Holders of a "Records of Pondside Duties Forms for Timekeeper", will be registered automatically for the current year, on completion of the specified probationary duties undertaken and return of the forms to the SASA.

SASA REGISTERED TECHNICAL **OFFICIALS**

National Convener Ed Adam confirmed the following numbers of technical officials had registered during 1997.

East	151
North	214
West	119
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Midland Total 583

SASA MILEAGE RATE 1997/98

The Board of Management has agreed that the mileage rate payable on SASA official business will be 28p per mile, effective from 1 December, 1997.

ASFGB FINA NOMINATION **SWIMMING REFEREE**

GB Swimming Committee have confirmed the nomination of Peter Syer to the FINA Swimming Officials List as a

SASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **FEBRUARY 1998**

Ed Adam will retire as STO National Convener at the forthcoming SASA Annual General Meeting, which is to be held in Livingston, West Lothian on Saturday 28th February, 1998.

The STO Committee are pleased to support the nomination of John Bruce for the position as STO National Con-

SASA TECHNICAL OFFICIALS EXAMINATIONS NOVEMBER 1997

The STO Committee have announced the following number of PASS results in the examinations which were held in November

Refe	ree Starte
North	6
East	2
Midland	1
West	<u>0</u>
	<u>9</u>

Judges Recorder Timekeeper

North	9	6	54
East	2	0	5
Midland	1	0	1
West	2	0	2
	14	6	62

November saw the last written examination for Timekeepers under the new STO Regulations where, in future ALL timekeeper candidates will now be trained and assessed as Club Timekeepers in the first instance

Candidates who wish to progress to full SASA Timekeeper status can make application through their respective District STO Convener accompanied with the current of £3.00.

A Record of Pondside Duties form which specifies the probationary service to be undertaken shall then be issued to each applicant by the STO National Convener.

District Conveners have reported the following numbers of candidates successful in Club Timekeeper assessments during 1997.

East 114, Midland 73, North 38, and West 141

Total 366 Club Timekeepers. Thirty-one (31) of these are reported as having applied for conversion to full SASA Timekeeper status.

STO NATIONAL SEMINAR **PERTH 1997**

he STO National Committee wishes to make it absolutely clear that all of the information given during the presentation at the seminar by Peter Syer with regard to the "Referee's decision", had been approved by the Committee and was correct. This remains the Committee position.

The Committee would also make it absolutely clear that all the necessary papers and information required for the seminar were included in the official Information Pack sent out to each member and that no further papers were distributed by any member of the STO Committee.

It has however, been brought to the Committee's attention that, in an obviously premeditated and mischievous effort to undermine the work of the STO Committee and, to quite deliberately mis-inform some of those who were attending at the seminar, an anonymous pre-printed single sheet handout headed REFEREES DECISION - 28/9/-97" was distributed by some unauthorised individual during the afternoon session of the seminar.

THE STO COMMITTEE WISH TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THE INFORMATION WHICH IS GIVEN IN THIS ANONYMOUS HANDOUT IS INCORRECT, IS WITHOUT ANY SUBSTANCE WHATSOEVER AND, IS CONTRARY TO WHAT THE STO COMMITTEE HAVE APPROVED AS BEING THE CORRECT AND PROPER RULES AND PROCEDURES WHICH SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY ALL SASA REFEREES WHEN CONSIDERING SUCH DECISIONS.

MEETINGS

The National STO Committee will meet on the following dates during 1998. Sunday 1st February, Sunday 5th April, Saturday 6th June, Sunday 2nd August, Saturday 3rd October, Sunday 6th December.

Annual meeting of SASA Referees will be held on Sunday 7th June 1998 at

be held on Sunday 4th October also at Perth.

SASA Swimming Technical Officials Committee

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POINTS OF VIEW. **COMMENT OR ARTICLES**

Points of view, comments or items and articles for inclusion in STO NEWS are welcome. These should be sent in the first instance to: Peter Syer at 185 Park Road West, Rosyth, KY11 2SZ. Tel: 01383 415426

A BUSY FESTIVE TIME

Usually it is the convenor's large brown envelope which makes life interesting but in December my attention was on other things WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS.

As Meet Director, I would like to thank everyone for the support that I received throughout the event, in particular from the coaching fraternity. There were some unfortunate incidents and I had to make some un-pleasant decisions, but everyone worked together in a positive manner and many lessons have been learned for the future.

The organisation of support activities in the Tollcross facility was made particularly easy by the positive co-operation of the Richard Campbell, the Facility Manager, and his staff.

Immediately after the Winter Championships, we set up the organising group for the Club Team Championships and the Premier League Finals and already we are reviewing the organisation in light of the experience of the Winters. We will be halfway through that programme by the time you read this and it will be interesting to reflect on how much easier the planning will have been !!! However, the postman delivered the christmas cards in their fresh white envelopes,

Santa delivered his presents in pretty coloured paper and the national swimming convenor delivered his homework in the usual brown envelope. Not quite as full as usual (Christmas spirit I presume) but with interesting reading all the same. Isn't it amazing how hours of heated and meaningful debate can be condensed into a few lines in the minutes.

The information flow and communications with ASFGB (Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain), of which SASA is a constituent member, continues in a positive manner with increased activity in recent months. Although some channels of participation have been blocked, our association must continue to be involved to the fullest extent in all aspects and at all levels. The national age group championship

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The 1998 STO National Seminar will



<Area 5 Squad Edinburgh and Midlothian at Livingston

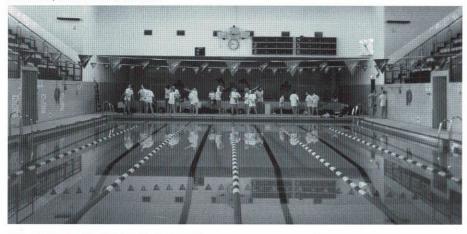
Area 9 Coaches in silhouette at Bellshill >

The behaviour, attitude and commitment of all the swimmers in Area 9a helped to make the three days a resounding success. I would like to thank the lane coaches for giving up their free time and for their help over the three days.

Finally, the swimmers were a credit to their clubs and to their coaches.

yours sincerely Jim Mooney Head Coach Area 9a Blantyre ASC, Cumbernauld, East Kilbride, Hamilton Baths, Lanark ASC, Larkhall Avondale, Motherwell & Wishaw.





< Stretching - and reflecting - at Bellshill - not a coach in sight!



Area 5 Musselburgh - What's next?

PATHWAY TO PERFORMANCE POWERS ON

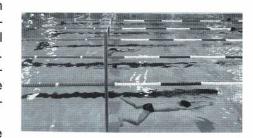
As this year's Pathway to Performance programme comes to a conclusion it is being hailed as a great success.

Team Sport Scotland Swimming Coordinator Ian Mcgregor said; "This year's programme has built on the foundations Iaid Iast year and has been even better. "We were able to fund the setting up of two additional areas this year which gave us a total of over 350 swimmers in the programme. "In addition to the additional swimmers it allowed us to bring in additional staff and it also gave further opportunities for club coaches to get involved in the programme. "The club coaches who took part this year are being given certificates as a credit towards the CPD aspect of keeping their qualifications up to date."

Two new initiatives were added to the programme this year in the shape of a land training module written by Alan Lynn and the introduction of a fourth education day with long course experience for every area at the National Swimming Centre, Tollcross, Glasgow. On these pages you will se a collection of photographs from several of the areas showing the programme in operation.

A date has already been set for the

staff debrief to ensure that the experiences gained and the lessons learned can be incorporated into next years programme ensuring that this highly successful grassroots development programme goes from strength to strength.



Area 5 Musselburgh in action △



< Robert Hammond with Area 5 Musselburgh swimmers



Area 5 Swimmers and coaches at St Margaret's Academy pool, Livingston.

< A pause for instruction at Perth Area 3 - Richard Edwards & Andrew Jackson





< Jack Dickson (coach) puts the swimmers through their paces!

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SCOTTISH **MASTERS**

NATIONAL CONVENER'S REPORT 1997

n management terms 1997 for Scottish Masters has been a year of consolidation. This was essential in order to ensure that the outcome of the ongoing review, in respect of the Masters Discipline which has been taking place since 1995, would have the result of providing a strong base on which to project a five year Development Plan.

This was deemed necessary in order not only to provide defined objectives and create annual performance targets but also to be an integral element in the drive to obtain a realistic level of funding through grant aid and sponsorship.

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the Development Plan to date has not materialised.

Taking into consideration the pressure in financial terms that the Swimming Association has to operate under from year to year it is essential that, in order to sustain and develop Masters Swimming in Scotland, additional external funding be obtained. Therefore one of the main priorities in 1998 will be the evolving of a Development Plan which will assist in the pursurance of the additional funding.

COMPETITION

2.1 EUROPEAN

The VI European Masters Championships were held in Prague on 3rd to 7th September 1997.

The trend, as experienced at the 1996 World Championships in Sheffield, would indicate that there is a continued increase in Masters Swimming worldwide with this specific event setting new records in participants for a European Championship. The official record shows that there were 9228 Individual Competitors and 658 Relay Teams competing representing 729 Swimming Clubs from 35 Countries.

Thirty two Scottish Swimmers competed at this a major championship for the first time under the banner Caledonia Masters.

From these Scottish Swimmers 45 individual swims were within the 10th place of their respective events. This included 8 Gold. 2 Silver and 3 Bronze.

In the relays 18 Teams competed under the Caledonia banner with 6 Teams achieving inside l0th place. This included 1 Silver.

Taking the above facts into consideration it can be noted that Scotland were again well represented at a major Championship in particular when it was held overseas and the individuals were in the main self financed. At this point I would like to take the opportunity to express on behalf of both the Swimmers who competed and the Masters Committee our appreciation of the support given by the Board of Management through the kit allocation obtained from the Speedo Contract. Scottish Masters were for the first time ever the envy of all the participating nations by their immaculate turn out. As can be appreciated this created a tremendous team feeling which ensured that the Championships were successful in more ways than one.

2.2 DOMESTIC PROGRAMME: SCOTTISH **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Scottish National Open Short Course Swimming Championships were held in the Scotstoun Leisure Centre Glasgow on 9h, IOth & 11th May 1997.

It is pleasing to note that since 1994 there has been an increase in the entries received and it is to be hoped that this growth continues. Comparison between 1996 and 1997 is as follows:

1996 915 Individual Swims and 40 Relays from 31 Clubs

1997 1086 Individual Swims and 48 Relays from 45 Clubs

The benefits of utilising for the first time a ten lane pool for this Championship was clearly reflected in the minimum time taken to complete each Session. It is therefore intended to take advantage of the spare time generated and extend the Programme for the 1998 Championships by incorporating the 200m Back Crawl, 200m Breaststroke and 200m Butterfly.

The Competition and Social Evening was sponsored by Glasgow City Council to whom the Committee is extremely grateful and as such express our appreciation for their support.

2.3 GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL

The Glasgow International Masters Swim Meet was held at the Scotstoun Leisure Centre on 7th/8th November 1997.

As stated in the past this event continues to grow in stature every year and its International title is truely reflected by the increasing number of overseas competitors attracted to Glasgow.

The statistics show that there were 480 Competitors from 15 countries swimming approximately 2400 individual swims resulting in the following Records:

World - 4 European - 4 British - 5 Scottish - 24

This influx of 'foreign" swimmers and the resultant high standard of competition which is reflected in the results and records broken can only be beneficial to Scottish Masters Swimming in its endeavour to raise national standards.

2.4 LOCALISED SWIM **MEETS**

With regards to localised Swim Meets it was disappointing that in 1997 the Scottish Masters Calendar lost three Meets 'i.e. Alloa, Inverclyde & Annan. As can be appreciated this severely depleted the opportunities to compete in Scotland. Therefore I am pleased to be able to report that with the Committee's encouragement and

support these three events are reinstated to the 1998 Calendar.

As in the past the Masters Committee is very appreciative of the continuing support of Clubs and Districts in promoting local Swim Meets and providing opportunities for Masters Swimmers to compete in Scotland. These in 1997 were Lomond Masters, and Silver City Blues, Aberdeen.

3. NATIONAL TRAINING **PROGRAMME**

Based on the success of the previous two years the Masters Committee have agreed to support Scottish Masters Swimmers in 1998 by giving a continued commitment to a National Training Squad as an integral part of an ongoing National Training Programme.

The defined objectives are:

- To assist swimmers in their preparation for National & International events.
- Provide the opportunity for like ability to train together.
- To educate and develop skills which will assist swimmers to achieve their potential
- Create a focus to Scottish Masters Swimming.

In order to maximise the available resources and offer a training opportunity to the majority of Scottish Swimmers it is proposed that the National Training Programme will provide for three groups. The selection criteria will be as follows:

Group 1

Swimmers achieving times with 5% of National Short Course Records

Group 2

Swimmers achieving times with 5%-

Group 3

Swimmers who have not achieved the above criteria

Training Camps both Long and Short Course have been arranged utilising the City of Glasgow's facilities for which the Committee is extremely grateful for their continued support in terms of both finance and resources.

RECORDS

For those interested in statistics the following Scottish Masters National Records were achieved in 1997.

Long Course 36 Short Course 82 Total 118

5. FUTURE EVENTS

5.1 G.B. MASTERS **SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The GB Masters Committee have decided that the GB Championships should circulate between the constituent members and as such the Championships will be held for the first time in Scotland, as long course event, at the Tollcross Leisure Centre Glasgow on 29th, 30th & 31st May

The Masters Committee is determined to ensure that Scotland in respect of this event sets the standards in more ways than one. As such in respect of administration a Sub-Committee has been formed to organise the event and at the same time a comprehensive training programme, as indicated above, will be implemented.

5.2 WORLD MASTERS **SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS** - will take place in Casablanca in June

1998.

5.3 NIKE WORLD MASTERS

will take place in Portland Oregan USA in July/August 1998.

With regards to both events the Masters Committee have put together comprehensive travel packages in support of Scottish Swimmers who wish to compete under the banner of Caledonia Masters.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to express on behalf of Scottish Masters Swimming my appreciation for the support given by:

- Glasgow City Council's Park & Recreation Department
- Management and Staff of Scotstoun / Tollcross Leisure Centres, Glasgow
 - SASAOfficeStaff

- Janette Paterson and Mark Dickson (Masters Records) Bill Black and Archie Adams (Communications & IT Support)
- Officials who voluntarily give up their leisure time to ensure that the Masters Swim Meets are a success

Last and not least my long suffering wife Marion.

Donald Muirhead National Masters Convener

SCOTTISH NATIONAL MASTERS TRAINING PROGRAMME 1998

GROUP TWO TRAINING CAMPS

Short Course

8/02/98; 5/04198; 6/09/98; 6/10/98

Scotstoun Leisure Centre

Danes Drive

GLASGOW

014 9H0 COST

£17.00 per Training Camp (indudes provision of mid day meal)

COACHING STAFF

Technical Director/Group One Coach Drew Gordon

Swimming Coach Group Two

David Bance

Senior ASA Coach

Fitness Consultant

Vickie Speedie

Health & Fitness

Development Officer

City of Glasgow

VISITING LECTURERS

Louise Martin Nutritionist Tom Lucas

Sports Psychologist

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

2 x 1.5 hours Swim Session

I x 1 hour Land Conditioning

2 x 1 hour Lectures/Discussions

Normal Swim Kit

Land Conditioning Kit i.e. Shorts, T-Shirt, Trainers etc.

Completed application forms together with cheque made payable to SASA should be forwarded to:

Donald Muirhead 3 Ryan Road **WEMYSS BAY PA18 6DH**

by Saturday 31st January 1998 NB for the first camp only

SCOTTISH MASTERS 1998 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 7th

Open 5000m Marathon Swim Tollcross Glasgow Scottish ASA Holmhills Farm Greenlees Road Cambuslang GLASGOW G728DT Attention: Gillian Ross 0141 641 8818

February 8th

Scottish National Squad Training Camp - Group 2 Scotstoun Glasgow Donald Muirhead 01475 520440

February 21st

Alloa Short Course Swim Meet Alloa

Helen Williams 34 Kingseat Drive TILLICOULTRY 01259 751657

March 1st

Scottish National Squad Training Camp - Group 1 Scotstoun, Glasgow Donald Muirhead 01475 520440

March 6/7/8th

Welsh Masters Short Course Open

Championships Swansea

Welsh ASA Wales Empire Pool

Wood Street CARDIFF CFI 1PP

01222 342201

March 7th

Silver City Blues Open Swim Meet

Aberdeen John Smith 30 Silverburn Road,

Bridge of Don, ABERDEEN AB22 8RW

01224 702446

March 21st/22nd

Scottish National Long Course Training Camp (Open to all Registered Masters Swimmers (to be confirmed)

Tollcross, Glasgow Donald Muirhead 01475 520440

April 5th

Scottish National Squad Training Camp - Group 2

Scotstoun, Glasgow Donald Muirhead 01475 520440 April 25th/26th

Leeds Long Course Open Swim Meet Leeds

Leeds Open Masters Swim Meet

International Pool Westgate Leeds LS1 4PI

0113 214 5002 May 1st/2nd/3rd

Scottish Short Course Open National

Championships Scotstoun, Glasgow

Scottish ASA Holmhills Farm Greenlees Road Cambuslang

GLASGOW G728DT Attention: Gillian Ross

Attention: Gillian Ro 0141 641 8818

May 16th/17th

Scottish National Long Course Training Camp (Open to all Registered Masters

Swimmers)
Tollcross, Glasgow
Donald Muirhead

01475 520440 May 29th/30th/31st

Great Britain Masters Long Course

Championships Tollcross, Glasgow

Scottish ASA Holmhills Farm Greenlees Road

Cambuslang GLASGOW G728DT Attention: Gillian Ross

0141 641 8818

June 20th - 30th
VII FINA World Masters Swimming

Championships Casablanca, Morocco

Scottish ASA Holmhills Farm Greenlees Road

Cambuslang GLASGOW G728DT

Attention: Gillian Ross 0141 641 8818

August 10th - 15th

Nike World Masters Games

Portland, Oregon, USA Scottish ASA Holmhills Farm

Greenlees Road Cambuslang GLASGOW G728DT

Attention: Gillian Ross 0141 641 8818

August 22nd

Lomond Masters Open Swim Meet Vale of Leven, Alexandria,

Dunbartonshire. Jim Percy

22 Chapelacre Grove HELENSBURGH, G84 7SH

01436 674876

August 30th

Scottish National Short Course Training Camp - Open to Registered Masters Swimmers excluding National Squad Members - Groups 1 & 2. Scotstoun, Glasgow Donald Muirhead 01475 520440

September 6th Scottish National Squad Training Camp - Group 2 Scotstoun Glasgow Donald Muirhead

01475 520440 September 12th

Inverclyde Masters Open Swim Meet

(to be confirmed) Donald Muirhead 01475 520440

3 Ryan Road

WEMYSS BAY PA18 6DH

September 20th

Scottish National Squad Training Camp - Group 1

Scotstoun Glasgow Donald Muirhead

01475 520440 October 2nd/3rd

Aer Lingus International Masters Swim

Meet Dublin

Mary Fitzpatrick
501 Griffith Avenue.

DUBLIN 11

00 353 1 836 0691

October 23rd/24th/25th
ASA Masters Open Championships

Sheffield ASA Harold Fern House, Derby Square,

LOUGHBOROUGH LE11 5AL
Attention: Judy Mott

01509 618 728

November 6th/7th
7th Glasgow International Masters Open

Swim Meet
Scotstoun, Glasgow

Glasgow City Council,
Parks & Recreation Department,
Swimming Development Office

37 High Street, GLASGOW, G1 1LX

0141 287 5947 November 21st

Annan Masters Open Swim Meet

Annan

Sandra Shaw

Sports & Development Officer, Council Offices.

ANNAN DG12 6AQ

01461 203 311 November 29th

Scottish National Squad Training Camp - Group 1

Scotstoun, Glasgow Donald Muirhead

01475 520440 December 6th

Scottish National Squad Training Camp - Group 2

Scotstoun, Glasgow Donald Muirhead

01475 520440

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Send cheque with order to: Scottish
ASA
Holmhills Farm
Greenlees Road
Cambuslang
GLASGOW G728DT
Attention: Gillian Ross

VII EUROPEAN MASTERS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS AUGUST 25th - 29th 1999 Innsbruck, Austria.

VIII FINA WORLD MASTERS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS July 27 - August 9th, 2000 Munich, Germany

Details of package deals for the above championships will be circulated as soon as they are available.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES IN SCOTTISH MASTERS PUBLICATIONS

Masters Swimming involves competitors and supporters - over the age of 25 in five year age bands and is based on the premise of "Fitness, Fun and Friendship". Participation has dramatically increased in the past few years both at international and national level. The current calendar of events illustrates the point.

During 1998 the following events will be organised in Scotland at the new facilities in Glasgow:

Scottish Masters Short Course Open National Championships 1 / 2 / 3 May, Scotstoun Leisure Centre.

Great Britain Masters Long Course Championships 29 / 30 / 31 May, National Swimming Centre, Tollcross Park.

We are producing five publications, a programme and results book for the Scottish Championships and an information entry booklet, a programme and a results book for the Great Britain event. These will be given to all participants in each event. The format for all of these will be A4.

The advertising rates, for an advert to be inserted in all five publications, are as follows:

Full Page = £100 + VAT Half Page = £60 + VAT

Quarter Page = £35 + VAT The programmes and the GB information book will be on gloss paper the results books on plain paper.

The GB information book will be circulated at the beginning of February and will be the first of our publications. For further information about this and other sponsorship opportunities with Scottish Masters contact:-Bill Black

SASA Masters Committee 5 Burnside Spokers Loan,

Balfron, Stirlingshire, G63 0QQ

Tel / Fax : 01360 440 740

SUBSCRIBE TO SCOTTISH MASTERS PUBLICATIONS

A new package service is now available to Masters Swimmers on an annual subscription basis starting in 1998.

The package will consist of the following :-

Scottish Masters Top Ten; Masters Short Course Records; Masters Long Course Records. To be issued twice a year in April and October.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity send a cheque for £10 with your order to : Scottish ASA

Holmhills Farm Greenlees Road Cambuslang GLASGOW G728DT

Attention: Gillian Ross

SCOTTISH MASTERS DATABASE

The Scottish Masters' Database at the SASA Headquarters is much improved but it could be better.

Many Masters Swimmers are not keeping the office informed of changes in their details, some do not indicate in their registration form that they <u>are</u> Masters and are not included in the database. Only those who register as Masters and include full details of name, address (with postcode) and telephone/fax and email (if you have it), will benefit with improved communications and information from the Masters Committee.

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programme is still under debate, but should be resolved by the time your Questions are now coming in about the practical side of the Licencing & Accreditation Regs. and the associated form. Great, we had not thought through some of the issues and it will be a learning experience for everyone, but the system will improve with use and debate. The pressure will be on the District Swim Convenors, bear with them, they are only human, well that is what they paid me to say but the rest of us know the truth.

The participants of the "dry" camps (Hogmonay on "Irn Bru") to Florida & Sierra Nevada have not returned at the time of writing but I am sure that they will be able to exchange stories of sunburn, frostbite and progress to the Games.

I will sign off now as the World Championships are coming back on Eurosport, with our own Drew Gordon (Youth Team Senior Coach) commentating. Wouldn't it be nice to organise outside events like that in Scotland, or maybe it's good to have an excuse to go to Australia.

As an aside, before I finish, a thought for all coaches. You need to become more professional and competent in providing information for commentators at National Swimming events. I was really impressed with the quality, quantity and standard of the information offered, without prompting, by many of the Clubs from outwith our national borders, at the Winter Championships.

Full A4 sheets of personal information and performance statistics. Apart from making the commentators job easier, it ensures that the information that is given during a race is accurate and not what the commentator has "picked up" recently.

Everyone else seems to be used to doing it so, coaches in Scotland, get your pens to paper, write out these swimmers profiles, submit them to meet organisers and let's provide them with the basis for some meaningful commentaries.

Don't restrict it to National Meets, get started on the graded ones, I doubt if anyone will turn away info that can be used during any meet.

I'll get off my soap box until next issue, happy swimming !!!

John Deans

Scottish Swimming Committee

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REFEREE DECISION & DECISIONS BY THE REFEREE

Regretably due to lack of space within the last issue of STO NEWS precluded the printing of the full text and, the solution to Event 407, set in the article on "Referee Decision & Decisions by the Referee".

Following a number of requests from interested technical officials, the remainder of the article is continued to a conclusion in this issue.

Printout from Final of Junior Womens 200m Freestyle L/Course Event.

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	3		2	2:03.32
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	7		2	2:04.86
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	1		2	2:05.68
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	8		2	2:03.58
7	2		2	2:06.41M
	2		2	-::
8	6		1	2:04.59
	6		1	2:04.61

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3 - 3 for lane 2 & lane 1	2

MANUAL TIMES

MANUAL I MILO					
2 Timekeepers per Lane					
Lane 4	2:03.24				
Lane 5	2:03.24				
Lane 3	2:03.33				
Lane 8	2:03.57				
Lane 7	2:04.88				
Lane 6	2:04.62				
Lane 1	2:05.58				
Lane 2	2:05.59				

Indicate as N/R any new record/s you, as the Referee, would sanction.

Additional information available to the JUDGES BALLOT JUDGES RESULT OFFICIAL MANUAL TIMES

Referee finish order is not given since referee would not be directly involved in the judges ballot. He should however, report his finish order to the AOE operator to be used for placing in any dispute.

Included within the printout is such information as might be the case, where each circumstance or, a combination of same, were to occur during a swimming event.

AOE operators will of course tell us we would never get a printout with any of these markings or errors showing and whilst that may be true - it is also part of the root problem. Many referees apparently, do not fully understand all of the information given in the back-up printout. It is for instance, important for referees tobe aware of any personal intervention by the AOE op-

If the machine fails to start with the starting signal, the OPERATOR can manually start the system. The printout thus obtained from the present 0SM6 computer system in use, will clearly identify this on the printout as 'Manual Start". The resultant primary and back-up times thus obtained however, would not be acceptable. On the other hand, the swimmers' placings being considered automatic, would be acceptable.

Likewise, if the operator realises that a swimmer's touch has not been recorded, he can manually insert his own "primary time' This insertion will then be marked with an "M". This 'M" time means absolutely nothing. However, the machine will place the swimmer on the printout by that time. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN THE REF-EREE USE THIS PLACING WHEN DECIDING THE OFFICIAL RESULT. He must place the swimmer in accordance with the previously shown procedures.

OFFICIAL RESULT:

2:03.22* 2 1st Lane 4

RID SWI:13.3.3.3 Resolved by SW13.3.4.3. Two watches only per lane therefore, FINISH JUD6ES MUST DECIDE PLACINGS.

Backup time adjusted to be EQUAL to time of swimmer whose time and place contradicts the official time.

Not equal places. No dead heat is

declared. However, computer (Sykes) will print result as being equal.

No record.

2 2: 03. 22 2nd Lane 5

AOE time and relative order. SW 13.3.3.1

2 2: 03. 25 3rd Lane 2

AOE time, relative order maintained. SW 13.3.3.1

4th Lane 8 2 2:03. 58*

D/R No primary time. Judges placing. Backup time inserted. No contradiction

2 2:04.59 5th Lane 6

D/R Swimmer completed full distance. First intermediate touch by swimmer was not recorded - (number of laps shown being the clue) machine does not recognise the swim is completed. No suggestion of a disqualification. Correct AOE time recorded - cannot change this time. Placed by comparison of AOE time. SW 13.3.3.2 Decision of Referee.

6th Lane 7 2 2:04.77

AOE time, relative order maintained, SW 13.3.3.1

7th Lane 2 2 2:05.59*

No Primary Time. Judges placings are not conclusive. SW 2.1.3. Referee decides placing. No Backup time available. Official manual time - 2:05.59 - is consistent with lane 2 placing. No contradiction.

2 2:05.61 8th Lane 1

AOE time, relative order maintained. SW 13.3.3.1

R/D = SW 13. 3.4.3. "Referee's decision".

D/R = Decision made by the Referee consistent with the relevant Rules. additional comments:-There are no records declared - viz SW12.8 Only the time of the winner of a race may be submitted for a record.

SW 13.4.2 A "Referee Decision" time cannot be used for a record. It is far more important now, to ensure that all referees' are fully in accord with the relevent rules and, that they insist on always having the correct procedures carried out for each event result. Peter Syer

OVERALL REFEREE PROCEDURE/ **DECISIONS TO ESTABLISH TIMES AND PLACINGS:**

NO AOE IN OPERATION

THREE MANUAL WATCHES.

(every lane throughout) (used for placings)

LESS THAN THREE WATCHES

FINISH JUDGES BALLOT

(used for placings)

LANE MANUAL TIMES

(adjusted if necessary to agree with the placings)

AOE IN OPERATION

AUTOMATIC PRIMARY TIMES cannot be changed

SEMI-AUTOMATIC AOE (3 BUTTONS)

(finish judges not required)

THREE MANUAL WATCHES.

(every lane throughout) (used for placings)

LESS THAN THREE WATCHES

FINISH JUDGES BALLOT (used for placings)

AVAILABLE BACK-UP TIME

(considered more accurate) (adjusted if necessary to agree with the placings)

AVAILABLE MANUAL TIME

(adjusted if necessary to agree with the placings)

The formal rules and procedures are set down in FINA Rules, and from

these principally are:-

SW 2.1.3 Where the finish judge's decision and the times recorded do not agree, the REFEREE shall determine placing.

SW 13 1 When Automatic Officiating Equipment is used in any competition the placing and times so determined and relay take-offs judged by such equipment shall have precedence over the decision of human judges and timers.

SW13.3.3.1 A swimmer with an Automatic Equipment time and place must retain his relative order when compared with other swimmers having an Automatic Equipment time and place within a race.

SW13.3.3.2 A swimmer not having an Automatic Equipment place - but having an Automatic Equipment time - will establish his relative order by comparing his Automatic Equipment time with the Automatic Equipment times of the other swimmers.

SW13.3.3.3 A swimmer having neither an Automatic Equipment place nor an Automatic Equipment time shall establish his relative order by the time recorded by the Semi-Automatic Equipment or by three digital watches

This however assumes:-

FR4.8 Semi Automatic Equipment may be used as a back-up to the Automatic Officiating Equipment at FINA or other major events, if there are three (3) buttons per lane, each operated by a separate official, in which case other finish judges shall not be required. An Inspector of Turns may operate one of the buttons.

The Omega 0SM6 system in use at present can accommodate two (2) only back-up buttons. The new Ares 21 system, in use at Glasgow, Tollcross and Inverness, can however, accommodate three.

SW 11.1 In the event that a breakdown of the Automatic Equipment does occur or, it is clearly indicated that there has been a failure of the Equipment, or that a swimmer has failed to activate the Equipment, the decisions of the human judges and recordings of the human timekeepers shall be official.

Where AOE is in use, it is always for the referee to decide whether the equipment has operated correctly

(You may need the help of the operator in this but, none the less, the ultimate decision is with the referee.)

In case of a breakdown of the AOE Equipment therefore, it is always more important to ensure there are three (3) timekeepers working on every lane throughout each competitive session. The official manual times recorded for each lane would, in these circumstances, provide the official finish order for the event.

The back-up time operated by one timekeeper must not be used to place a swimmer, and likewise, where there are not three timekeepers on each lane, throughout the session I competition, the lane manual times are not used to place swimmers.

In either of these circumstances, the finish judges only would place the swimmers by ballot, and technically, the Chief Finish Judge has no vote in such a ballot.

SW 1.2 Where Automatic Officiating Equipment is no available, such equipment must be replaced by chief timekeeper, three (3) timekeepers per lane and two additional timekeepers.

SW13.3.4.3 When using finish judges without three digital watches, if the human time contradicts the official placing, the official time shall be EQUAL to the official time of those swimmers whose time and place contradicts the human time or Semi-Automatic Equipment.

This time to be marked "Referee's decision".

In accordance with SW 12.7 a time obtained this way cannot be accepted as a record.



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SCOTTISH NATIONAL SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING **CHAMPIONS 1997**



National Solo Champion Pauline McFadyen

Photos: Win McFadyen



Junior National Solo Champion Catriona Munro with Pauline McFadyen National Senior Champion





Junior National Duet Champions Emily Dunbar and Michelle MacBean

< Team Members : Michelle MacBean, Emily Dunbar, Katey McPherson, Julie MacKintosh, Cheryl MacKintosh Catriona Munro and Pauline McFadyen

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MIDLAND DISTRICT PREMIER LEAGUE 1997 WINNERS & 3RD DIVISION **SECTION WINNERS**

The Nig Trophy and also individual trophies were presented at the Age Group Championships to the winners of the Premier League 1997 team members.

girls 10 years &under Mairi Stewart, Lyndsey Meacher Rachael Adams, June-Frances Potts. boys 10 years & under Simon Adams, Rhys Tapley, Michael Woodburn, John Roberts. girls 11/12 years

Elaine Fitzsimmons, Michelle Anderson Carolyn Crawford, Louise Morrison, Debbie Roberts.

boys 11/12 years

Eric Potts, Richard Paton, Graeme O'Brien Dean Cargill, Christopher Cargill, Fraser Balharry.

girls 13 /14 years

McDonald.

Jennifer Heap, Claire Cowper, Laura Stewart, Lesley Smith.

girls 15 years & over

Claire Geddes, Juliette Botterill, Linda Oliphant. Lisa Wujec, Laurie Caird.

THE 1997 3RD DIVISION SECTION **WINNERS**

girls 9 years & under Laura Quinn 13.12.88, Laura Quinn 3.8.88, Fiona Hill, Carly Stubbs, Laura Boys 13 /14 years

Colin McNicoll, Allan Fitzsimmons, lain Jarret, Drew Clement

boys 15 years & over

Ross McInroy, Kirk McInroy, Kevin Bates, Fraser Millar, Neil Bancroft

boys 9 years & under

Matthew Gove, Steven Watson, Andrew Black, Ross Watson, Lee Smart

Any swimmer not present at the Championships can collect their award from Lesley Smith.

New Amateur Swimming Association Assistant Teachers

Scott Flaxton, Ross McInroy, Jamie Watson and Claire Geddes have all qualified after completing the course for the A.S.A. Assistant Teacher Certificate for Swimming.

Kathy Geddes

St Thomas ASC Press Officer Tel: 0124I 890 228 ext. 213



St THOMAS **AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB**

Over 100 swimmers competed in the finals of St Thomas ASC Centenary Year Age Group Championships, sponsored by the Bank of Scotland and held at Arbroath Sports Centre on Saturday, November 29 before an audience of enthusiastic and appreciative spectators. Brian Milne, Depute Provost of Angus Council presented the Ago Group Trophies and medals.

Referee for the Centenary Year Age Group Championship gala was St Thomas Amateur Swimming Club President Eddie Wilmott. Vice-President Gordon Pyper was Starter and Midland District President Stewart Davidson acted as Commentator. New Age Group Championships Records were recorded by Lyndsey Meacher, 10 years 100 metres breaststroke 42.29 and Claire Geddes, 14 years & over 100 metres breaststroke 1.19.03

RESULTS

Girls 8 years & under - Arbroath Fishermens' Association Trophy Erin Ritchie Gold Katie-Louise PottsSilver Claire Kubicki Bronze Boys 8 years & under - Angus

Decorating Company Limited Trophy Gordon McDonald Gold Ross Watson Silver

Bronze Mark Dryden Girls 9 years - Walker's Service Station

Trophy Kimberly Richards Gold

Laura McDonald Silver Laura Quinn (13.12.88) Bronze Boys 9 years - R. R. Spink & Sons

Trophy

Steven Watson Gold John Roberts Silver Andrew Black Bronze

Girls 10 years - The Card Shop Trophy Lyndsey Meacher Gold

Mairi Stewart Silver Rachael Adams Bronze

Boys 10 years - Henry Smith Memorial Cup Michael Woodburn Gold

Simon Adams & Rhys Tapley SilverGirls 11 years - Watson Precision Engineering Trophy

Elaine Fitzsimmons Gold Carolyn Crawford Silver Siobhan Ritchie Bronze < Left to Right: Ross McInroy, Juliette Botterill, Swimmer of the Year 1997,

Claire Geddes Photo: Stewart Davidson

Boys 11 years - A. K. Adamson Ltd. Trophy

Richard Paton Gold Graeme O'Brien Silver Christopher Cargill Bronze

Girls 12 years - W. R. Dakers Memorial

Michelle Anderson Gold

Emily Mexander Silver Jennifer Smith **Bronze** 12 years - Gerrard Bros. Boys

Trophy Gold **Eric Potts**

Dean Cargill Silver Bronze Marc Russell

Girls 13 years - John P. McFarlane

Trophy

Claire Cowper & Lesley Smith Gold Linzi Carnegie Bronze Boys 13 years - John P. McFarlane

Trophy Colin McNicoll

Gold Silver lain Jarret

Girls 14 years & over - D. T. Wilson

Rosebowl

Claire Geddes Gold Linda Oliphant Silver Aileen McNicoll Bronze

Boys 14 years & over - Edward Dorward

Cup

Ross McInroy Gold Fraser Millar Silver Craig Watson Bronze

SPECIAL AWARDS

Presentations to the Youngest swimmers participating in the Finals -

Rowan Duncan & Craig Ramsay - both 6 vears old - St Thomas swim wear

Most Improved Swimmer presented by the Parents' Committee -

girl - Lyndsey Meacher

boys - Simon Adams & Michael Woodburn Squad Swimmer of the Year presented by P.H. Plumbing and selected from Racing Squads 1, 2 and 3 and Competitive Squads 2 and 3 -

girl - Michelle Anderson

boy - lain Jarret

Squad Swimmer of the Year presented by the Parents' Committee and selected from Competitive I and Development Squads 1 and 2 -

girl - Laura Stewart

boy - Michael McGurk

Swimmer of the Year - Grace Kinnear Trophy -

Juliette Botterill

Rowan Duncan and Craig Ramsay both six years old youngest competitors Photo: Stewart Davidson



ST THOMAS ASC AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS 1997 (Photograph courtesy of Kathy **TROPHY WINNERS** Geddes)

Left to Right

BACK:- Michael McGurk, Lesley Smith, Claire Cowper, Laura Stewart, Iain Jarret Colin McNicoll CENTRE:- Lee Smart, Gordon McDonald, Steven Watson, Michael Woodburn, Councillor Brian Milne Depute Provost of Angus Council, Simon Adams, Eric Potts, Lyndsey Meacher FRONT: - Ross McInroy, Juliette Botterill, Elaine Fitzsimmons, Erin Ritchie, Richard Paton, Kimberly Richards, Claire Geddes





SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

The Scottish Water Polo Committee are inviting applications for the posts of:

Coach, Scottish Senior team, Assistant Coaches, Scottish Senior and Junior teams and Team Managers, Scottish Senior and Junior teams for 1998.

Please note that the positions will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Please apply in writing enclosing a current C.V. to the following address by 31 January 1998.

Mr R. Elder 160 Broughty Ferry Road Dundee DD4 6JJ

Tel: 01382 455767 (home) Tel: 01382 452525 (work)

Please do not hesitate to contact Ross Elder with any questions you may have before applying.

SCOTTISH WATER POLO 1997

year of ups and downs is the best way to describe 1997. The successes ranged from personal to international achievement and seemed to be equalled by the number of pitfalls.

HOME NATIONS

The year started on an up in March with the Scottish junior males team beating England for the first time in history to tie the Junior home Nations tournament, but this was quickly levelled by the first disappointment. The abandonment of the Home Nations due to England's withdrawal. A mixed weekend indeed with the Senior males team finishing third, after a successful training camp in Holland at the beginning of the month.

NATIONAL INTERMEDIATE SQUAD

A much needed step was taken to

reintroduce a National Intermediate squad, to provide a path from junior to senior level. This will hopefully maintain the interest of the players and put an end to losing players in this ago group. The squad was given its first outing at Tollcross for the Willie Mellors quadrangular and proved themselves by coming a very creditable third, missing out on second place by only one goal. A word now on the facilities which we have had the pleasure of using at Tollcross - EXCEL-LENT. There were admittedly operational problems at the start but with the cooperation and understanding of Mr. George Steele and the staff it was nothing that could not be overcome. All that remains now is for the administration and co-ordination problems within SASA to be ironed out for Tollcross to hold true centre of excellence for most aquatic sports status.

NATIONAL SWIMMING CENTRE, TOLLCROSS PARK

With this facility Scotland can now look to host recognised international events, and this was put to the test in May when three tournaments were run simultaneously. The Senior males emerging victorious; over Poland and Denmark, during which the intermediate squad provided an exciting 9-9 tie with Denmark. The Scottish Ladies and Junior males teams played Ireland. The Ladies losing all three games, the Juniors losing two winning one. The Ladies (and their coach) were generally satisfied at the results

of the weekend 7-8, 4-5, and 7-9, this being a very necessary rebuilding period. They had previously played in the ASA National Feeder leagues with considerable success, only an administration problem halting their progress. The Scottish Junior results 8-9, 10-6, 5-7, were on the whole disappointing and inconsistent. To a degree this could he blamed upon the lack of true match experience at club level, but ultimately it reflects the problems the players face outside of National weekend camps.

"AMATEUR"

What the weekend's tournaments did highlight (in a most embarrassing and public display) was the 'amateur' way in which we in this country treat these events. The organisation and co-ordination of the whole weekend was at best "shambolic" and it was only through the good nature of those involved on the days that it was brought to a satisfactory conclusion. If we have any hope of improving and promoting Water Polo in Scotland we must prove it is a sport worth participating in, and carry forward the lessons we have learned.

EIGHT NATIONS

Back on confident form the Senior males team travelled to Cardiff for the Eight Nations, the last International Water Polo tournament to be played at the magnificent Empire Pool before it shuts down its pumps for good. A good tournament where the team was left a little disappointed to only finish in second place, losing to the "auld enemy" by one goal in the deciding match. It was also at the conclusion of this tournament that the Senior male teams management resigned, feeling unable to commit themselves fully to an impending four year programme heading for the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. For their hard work on behalf of the team and the association we thank Hugh and Howie and wish them and their families all the best for the future.

SUCCESS IN HOLLAND

The next international event was a trip to Leiden, Holland for both the Ladies and Junior mens teams to compete in a friendly tournament. The Ladies team, still in their transition period, worked themselves to second place whilst gaining valuable experience and knowledge of the commitment required to progress at a higher level. The Junior males went one better to finish their second cycle on tournament winning form. Both of these events providing a reference base for the final cycle which culminates in another tourna-

ment against the Irish at the Royal Commonwealth Pool from 21-23 November.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Still on an international theme Ross Elder has had the pleasure in refereeing four tournaments throughout Europe this year and Brian Littlejohn now joins him on the International Referees list. Brian passed his exam and referees clinic in Poland in July and has refereed the first round Group C of the European Champions Cup in Holland. Junior Ladies goalkeeper Lynne Baird was picked for the Great Britain squad and was in the team for a tournament in the Czech Republic.

CONFUSION IN GREAT BRITAIN

Confusion remains regarding the future of Great Britain's male teams and once again begs the question, "Do the people who are running (or is that ruining) our sport really have any idea of what is going on?"

DOMESTIC

On a domestic front only the Phase 2 of the National league remains to be played. The Males Scottish Cup being retained by Portobello in a 14-9 victory over old rivals Dunfermline. The Malta Trophy (U21 males) and Willie Mellors (U17 males) are Midland bound, with the newly formed Tayseals Composite teams beating Dunfermline 10-6 and Portobello 8-7 respectively in two action packed thrillers at Tollcross. The title of the most exciting final however goes to the Ladies with Tayseals scraping an 8-7 victory over Hamilton at Olympia, Dundee. The atmosphere and crowd at this game proved that Ladies Water Polo is again gaining momentum in Scotland.

The East District won both Male Inter District tournaments, their Juniors showing the Seniors how to do it by easily disposing of the contenders, the Seniors struggling to a one goal victory over the Midland. District competitions have this year proved disappointing, but the Midland District and Clubs must be congratulated on their initiative to host and organise many and varied events which have kept things ticking over in an otherwise calendar shuffling year. This problem is being tackled and a comprehensive calendar for 1998 already compiled, which was set and confirmed at the clubs AGM of 7th December, 1997.

Ross Elder Water Polo Convener

THE MASK



We caught up with Eddie Wright of Wrightsport at the Winter Nationals where he was displaying Speedo's new face mask.

On enquiring about the mask Eddie said; "A bargain at only £40, how many do you want?"

Next question - what happens if the hat tears and the goggles are still fine? Eddie retorts; "No problem Speedo have plenty in stock!"

CLASSIFIEDS

Unfortunately there has been no space for classified adverts this issue.

Material for the next issue should be in our hands by 1 st March 1998

2 nd Congress and 99 th Annual General Meeting

SASA AGM will be held at the HOWDEN PARK CENTRE, Livingston on Saturday 28 February. There is a lack of eating places in the vicinity and the East District organisers are providing a cold buffet lunch at a cost of £4.50 - if booked and paid for in advance.

WARRENDER BATHS CLUB

110th ANNIVERSARY
OPEN SPRINT MEET and
INVITATIONAL 5-A-SIDE
WATER POLO CONTEST

(Under SASA Laws)

* * This information refers to the Open Sprint Meet only and not the Invitational Water Polo Contest * *

Saturday 28th March 1998

Carnegie Leisure Centre, Dunfermline

6 lane 25 metre; full electronic timing with 6 lane display scoreboard; antiwave lane ropes. spectator area; cafeteria; swim shop.

Girls warm-up	Boys warm-up	Start	Finish
08:30 - 08:55	08:55 - 09:20	09:30	12.00
12:30 - 12:55	12:55 - 13:20	13:30	16.00
16:30 - 16:55	16:55 - 17:20	17:30	20.00

Ages: As at 31st December 1998

Age Groups: 10 and under, 11/12, 13/14, 15 and over

50m all strokes plus Open IO0m I.M. (Heats

and Finals)

8 x SOm Mixed Freestyle

Squadron Relay

Entry Fees: £2 per individual event

£5 per relay team

Coaches Pass:

Events:

Day Pass: £10 - covers: programme, results sheets, 2 meals Session Pass: £2 per session covers: programme, result sheet

Awards: Top Club, Top Coach,

Top Girl /Boy in each age group

Individual events medals to 1-2-3, flashes to 4-5 -6

Relay - gold medals to winning team

Officials: Any Swimming Technical

Officials travelling with clubs should make themselves available for assistance on the day.

Closing Date for entries: Midnight Wednesday 18th February 1998