



SAFFRON SEALS



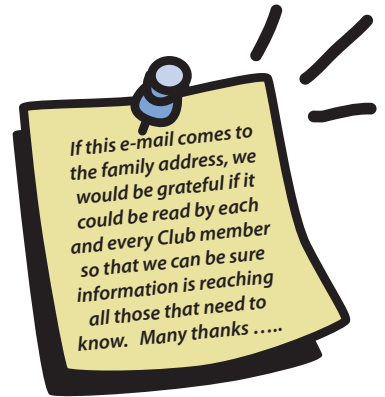
SAFFRON WALDEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Newsletter November 2009

Welcome to the last Newsletter of 2009.

As the saga of the swimming pool at LBF&LC continues the organisation of our Club Championships swings into gear, and included in this newsletter is all you need to know about how to enter for January next year. One or two amendments have, by necessity, been made ... so, please check the arrangements carefully, and ensure that your entry is in before the closing date. Just a gentle reminder ... entries will not be accepted after that date.

Also, I am sure many of you will already have started your Christmas shopping, so a reminder of the kit available for purchase, together with relevant prices, is included. Gill Sarginson can be contacted by e-mail at g.sarginson@ntlworld.com, or by telephone (01799 501571) and she will be pleased to receive your orders. Alternatively, for a closer look at the items now available, please go to our web site (www.saffronseals.co.uk) and follow the link to Seals Kit & Ordering.



Chairman says:

I would like to thank Parents and swimmer for the patience shown over the last few months - this has not been a very easy time for anyone. However, as we approach the re-start of Club swimming at the LBF&LC (January 2010) I know many of you will want to know how we intend to deal with the refund issue. Clearly this will take some sorting out as some people have been able to use the revised sessions at the Friends' School and others have not. We have begun to work through who has swum and who has not with the aim of adjusting the standing orders (which are usually re-started from January each year) in accordance with the sessions attended. Our Club Treasurer will be writing to

you in due course to inform you of what action to take.

I must pass on a big thank you to Janet Rogers who has worked very hard to keep the sessions going and has done a fantastic amount of reorganisation behind the scenes.

Although we have not been able to train in the way we would like we have decided to continue with the Club Championships in January (details below). This will be an opportunity for the whole Club to come back together to start to rebuild those acquaintances and friendships and to participate in some "inter-club" friendly rivalry. Please do your best to support the event in whatever guise - swimmer, helper, etc. - and get your entry forms in as soon as you can.

Neil Pottrill. Chairman

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

Friday, 15th January, and Saturday, 16th January 2010

Attached to this Newsletter is your Entry Form for this year's Club Championships. Remember, it is hoped (and expected) that, as Club members, each and every child/young adult will enter at least one event.

For those of you who are new to Saffron Seals this is your first opportunity to participate in friendly rivalry with your peers. Club Championships provides everyone with the chance to compete in a 'proper' age group competition, under ASA Laws, swimming all strokes. Results will be announced on the evening and are calculated on the Heat Declared Winners basis, i.e. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the three fastest swimmers from all heats. Points are also awarded for 1st to 5th places and trophies presented to those children who accumulate the most points in their age group. Therefore - the more events entered, the more points gained! Medals will be presented throughout each evening and trophies awarded on Saturday.

All Entry Forms must be received by **FRIDAY, 11th DECEMBER**, together with the appropriate entry fee - £ 3.00 per entrant. Remember - entries received after this date will not be considered.

Entry Forms should be sent to: Mrs. J. Bright, 24 Victoria Avenue, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3AE

As a further reminder ... the laws of our sport for all four strokes are outlined on the web site. Log in, follow the link to 'What is Expected of our Swimmers' and remind yourselves of the Tips to Avoid Disqualification.



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Remember to tell us if you have moved or changed your contact details.

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FINALLY, I hope it's not too early for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and to thank you for your patience and understanding through what has been a difficult time for us all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have been beavering away behind the scenes to provide you, our members, with continued training sessions - Neil, Annie, Janet, Howard, to name but a few. We would be lost without their commitment to keeping our Club together.

It just remains for us to hope that January 2010 will bring renewed enthusiasm for our sport, together with a fun and successful season to come.

*Jan Bright
President*

Forthcoming Fixtures

We have one more date for this season

VW Cars Trophy Newmarket

Saturday, 5th December

... so if you are called up by Janet Rogers do please remember to confirm your availability, or otherwise, as soon as possible. This is our last competition for 2009, so let's field a full squad and make it an enjoyable session.

Club Championships

Friday/Saturday
15 & 16 January 2010

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

