



Grantham Swimming Club

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Introduction

Hi everyone. Spring is already upon us and the Tulip Meet at Spalding, the first (of many) Open meets is just around the corner on 30th April/1st May. "But what's an Open Meet?" I hear some of you cry. Well, quite simply, Open Meets are competitions where swimmers compete against those from other clubs in various parts of the country as well as each other. You would normally enter under the name of your club but could enter as an individual if you wanted to. There are many Open Meets around the Country and throughout the year. In fact, there are details of a couple on the notice board now. Why not enter one? For more information, why not chat to Vicky Gould or Chris Scofield (at the Meres on Sundays) or surf the net for future open meets?

Press Release

The Club does not currently have a Press Officer. Unfortunately, many of the Committee members found it difficult to put aside enough time to gather accurate information and submit articles for inclusion in the local press. For that reason we did not place an article after the County Championships. That said, there were a number of successes this year; details are on the notice board. Our congratulations go to all swimmers who qualified, particularly those who achieved strong PBs. Incidentally, should anyone feel able to take on the job of Press Officer, please let a Committee member know.

Sponsors

You may remember me mentioning that we would seek sponsors this year. Work is continuing to negotiate a "mutually beneficial partnering" with a number of local businesses. We will keep you updated on our progress.

New Coach

As this letter goes to press, we are actively seeking a new Head Coach. There have been a number of enquiries for the post and we should begin interviewing soon. No doubt, if any one of them is successful, the news will spread quickly!

Email Addresses

In the last letter, I asked if anyone would allow us to have their email address to allow the efficient dissemination of information. We've had a number already but would appreciate a few more. The alternative method of delivery is by Royal Mail, with the associated costs. These can be significant when you look at the size of the Club. If you are willing to let us have your email address, please contact us on the addresses above.

Gala Selection

There may have been some confusion recently, regarding how we select swimmers for galas. Well, we have a number of options: We could select purely on performance, on determination or positive attitude shown, perceived potential or a combination of all of these. For this reason, there have been

occasions when some swimmers, who are in the Non-Competitive Squad have been invited to swim, over others who are in the Competitive Squad. Sometimes this has even meant that members “swim up” in the next age group. Please be assured that we intend to try a number of combinations for future selections and allow maximum participation, with the prime focus on the Competitive Squad.

Willing Helpers

The Blues Officials are those who volunteer to assist at galas as Team managers or announcers or run the raffle. In fact they could find themselves doing a whole host of activities, each vital to the success of the event. If you could provide some of your time, please speak to Emmajane Perkins directly or pass your name via the emails on this letter. Assistance would also be welcomed in the signing in of swimmers and the collection of fees at the desk on poolside. Please speak to any of the helpers on the desk if you can spare some time. Incidentally, you may have seen the notices in the foyer about rising fees for the Meres. ***As yet we have not been informed of new, higher fees so please be patient with us.*** (On that subject, did you know you could pay your fees by standing order? Details are available from the desk.)

80th Anniversary Gala

We plan to have an Anniversary Gala on 16 July 2005, to celebrate 80 years as a competitive club. We hope to invite a number of guest teams, including Salisbury SC, who accompanied our swimmers to Holland last year. Also hoped for is a good show from some of our past swimmers. Any ideas you may have for a celebration fitting an octogenarian, please let us know.

Useful Links

The following links and addresses are included for your convenience:

Grantham Swimming Club
www.freewebz.com/granthamsc

Club Chairman
gsc.chairman@ntlworld.com

Club Secretary
potter@hazelwood42.freeserve.co.uk

Quiz Time

Q1: The four main swimming strokes are freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, and _____?

Q2: Which of the four strokes is considered the universal stroke, and is also the fastest?

Q3: What are the platforms called from which swimmers dive in competitive swimming?

Q4: The length of swimming pools is measured in two increments. What are the increments?

Q5: How many lanes are used in a full heat of swimming in a regulation Olympic-sized pool?

Q6: The flip turn is only used in two of the four strokes in swimming. Which ones are they?

Q7: How many swimmers take part in a standard relay?

Q8: What does the IM stand for in swimming?

Q9: In the Olympic Games, what happens if a swimmer false starts by jumping the gun?

Q10: Which of these countries won at least one medal in swimming at the Sydney 2000 Olympics?

South Africa, China, and Ukraine
South Africa, Costa Rica, and Ukraine
New Zealand, Italy, and Canada

Russia, Costa Rica, and South Korea

Answers in the next edition

REMEMBER!

If you ever have a problem or need to speak to anyone in the Club, please do not hesitate to stop us in the Meres and have a chat or contact us via one of the email addresses on the front of this newsletter. The key to our success is good communication.

Chairman

"Presidential Ponderings"

INTERHOUSE GALAS

With the new season of galas upon us it appears that there is not a great deal of interest from the majority of swimmers for the Inter-house series. We on the Committee run this Club with the wishes of the membership paramount. To that end we are asking the Club Captains to trawl the membership to find out what format they would like to have these galas run in. The Inter-house series of galas allows swimmers, who wouldn't normally get the chance in external galas, to swim competitively. They also give the selectors more chance to look at any up and coming swimmers with a view to including them in the Club's representative teams.

BEHAVIOUR

The Club expects a certain level of behaviour from its members. There have been some incidents in the recent past where that standard has not been met. For example, swimmers late on poolside, not paying attention to lane minders during sessions & being impolite to adult members. The handbook is quite clear on these matters and its provisions will be used if needed. Swimmers are required to be on poolside before their session starts ready to begin i.e. hats on and any equipment needed to hand, not as has been the case, strolling in after the

session has begun then chatting for several minutes while getting stuff together or putting on hats, etc. If swimmers are late it is only polite to offer the coach or lane minder an explanation. There is no excuse for being late if swimmers have been in the centre for half an hour or more. There have been some instances of bullying or "hazing" in the changing rooms. There is no place within this Club for people who think that this is an acceptable mode of behaviour. Anybody instigating bullying or "hazing" will be severely dealt with.

GENERAL MATTERS

As I said earlier the Club is run with the interest of the members paramount in the Committee's mind. If there is any matter that concerns you as a swimming or parent member please do not hesitate to bring it to the attention of the Committee, the names of which are on the notice board. All the committee are at the pool at some time or another and I am available to discuss any matter either at the pool or via phone, e-mail or good old G.P.O. It is your club and we on the committee can only run it to your satisfaction if you tell us what you want.

CHRIS DOWD

PRESIDENT

The Committee for 2005

President	Chris Dowd
Chairman	Stuart Gould
Vice Chairman	To be appointed
Treasurer	Louise Simpson
Hon. Secretary	Mandy Potter
Fixtures Secretary	Brian Gibson

General Committee Members

Ivan McCallin
Robert Oxborough
Trevor Ogle
Ann Williamson

Child Protection Officer

Chris Scofield

Club Captains

Collette Guy Robert Bowen

Vice Captains

Sarah Blakey Alice Pembridge

Dan Korcz Bradley Baker

Junior Captains

Grace Williams Thomas Mendham

Fenland Captains

Sarah Isaac James Wyatt

Non-Committee Members

Gala Secretaries

Kevin Potter – Whites Only
Emma Jane Perkins – Blues Only

Sandra Otter ASA Registration Officer

