

ANNUAL REPORT

(for the period 1st October 2010 to 30th September 2011)

(Secretary: David Alexander)

As with my previous reports any significant matters that have occurred since the 30th September I wish them to be recorded within the report.

Our Management Board structure introduced a change last year with the Treasurer, Malcolm Hill, being elected for a 4 year term of office which was a continuation of the drive to give some continuity in the work they have to carry out. Next year (2013) will see the position of Secretary following this line and therefore complete all the Management Board, excluding the President, positions into 4-year terms.

The Management Board met on five occasions in the Denison Suite at the John Charles Centre for Sport at the South Leeds Stadium. Our first meeting of the year, the statutory meeting, being held after the Annual General Meeting at the Beckett Park Campus of Leeds Metropolitan University.

We continue to be represented on the Board of Management of the ASA North East Region with two representatives. These being Malcolm Hill and Roger Perrell. Elected members from Yorkshire affiliated clubs are Alan Donlan and Barry Saunders.

The 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Association saw Roger Perrell installed as our President. Sadly during the year our 1968 President, Mr L Derek Stubbs passed away. The limited space that we have does not allow us to record all the work that Derek did for the Association over a long period of time but there can be few who have contributed as much to the sport in the County.

Our Treasurer, Malcolm Hill, continues to manage our finances in an excellent way and despite tough financial times we have shown a surplus of Income over Expenditure. We do however still need to be prudent in the way we spend our money as cost increase and income becomes harder to get.

The Annual Council Meeting of the ASA North East Region that was held in Wetherby in both September 2010 and this year 2011. For this year 2011-2012 Roger Perrell was elected as Vice President and Barry Saunders was elected to the Management Board.

Ian Gardiner continues as the North East Regional Director with David Watson as Chairman of the North East Board.

Looking forward to 2012 and what a year this promises to be with the Olympics in London by far the highlight. I trust, unlike me, you will have tickets to attend the Aquatic events.

The collection, by the ASA North East Region, of our affiliation and per capita fees continued to prove difficult with several clubs failing to make a payment before the 31st March. Some of this was due to clubs failing to notify anyone that they had changed their secretary resulting in their Affiliation Forms not being delivered to the right person. It is important that the Region and County are kept up to date with where the relevant correspondence should be sent.

Our annual awards winners included the following:

Henry Dixon Trophy: not awarded.

Vincent & Margaret Horner Trophy: Mike Burgin (Sheffield & District A.S.A.).

Adrian Moorhouse Scholarship: Matthew Johnson (City of Sheffield S.S.).

Leo Beatty 2010 Masters Swimmer of the Year: Steve Allen (Hull Masters).

Yorkshire Bank Trophy (Senior & Junior Championships): City of Sheffield.

George Lester Trophy (Age Group Championships): City of Leeds.

B & I Lines Trophy (most improved): Doncaster Darts.

Pickering Trophy Female: Lesley Zimmerman (David Lloyd Hull).

Pickering Trophy Male: Tim Fletcher (Cleethorpes).

One of our valued volunteers, Jack Ferriday, was the winner of the ASA North East Region Les & Mollie Gledhill Award. A well deserved volunteer Award.

We continue, through our Swimming Committee, to assist in the running of the Sports Aid Meet, which raises valuable funding. Some of this makes it way back to our swimmers through Sports Aid Grants. Our applications for the grants being administered by Wendy Emmerson.

I once again have to inform you that our popular Coaches Conference was not held.

The Regional winners of the A.S.A. Aquaforce Awards were presented with their Awards at the ASA North East Region Annual Council Meeting with Barry Saunders (Harrogate District) winning the outstanding contribution at Club level and Leo Beatty (City of Leeds) the winner of the outstanding contribution at Region/County level.

They were not able to gain further awards for those categories at National level.

Sam Greetham continues to serve as a member of the FINA Open Water Committee. Sam is also the LEN Open Water Committee Secretary, a member of the British Swimming Board and an Honorary Trustee of the A.S.A.

Members who are members of A.S.A. Strategic Delivery Groups include:

A.S.A. Technical Diving Committee: Anne Barker (Chairman), Gail Harrison (Competition Manager) and Collette Calvert (Communication North).

A.S.A. Technical Swimming Committee (including Open Water): Barry Saunders (Competition Manager) and Terry Denison (Coach Liaison).

A.S.A. Technical Water Polo Committee: Norman Leighton (Talent).

Health & Participation (Sub Group)

A.S.A. Technical Masters Committee: David Dickenson.

Learn to Swim

Sally Skipper (National Learn to Swim Officer).

My report on matters in the pool will be done in alphabetical and discipline order.

This gives us **Diving** to start off with.

We continue with the changes that we made to the diving structure where we no longer have a Diving Sub-Committee. We do still have our Championships which are run in conjunction with the ASA North East Region Championships. David Johnstone stood down as Diving Liaison Officer and after a short gap we have recently appointed Helen Lee to this important position.

As I mentioned in my report last year the major international event for the qualifying period was the Commonwealth Games in India. Jack Laughler (Harrogate), Oliver Dingley (Harrogate), Nick Robinson-Baker and Monique Gladding (both City of Sheffield), Alicia Blagg, Sarah Barrow and Rebecca Gallantree (all City of Leeds) were selected for the England squad. They were however unable to return with any medals.

The European Diving Championships were held in Turin in March and the County had representatives in Jennifer Cowan, Hannah Starling, Chloe Hurd, Oliver Dingley, Callum Johnstone (all City of Leeds). Like the Commonwealth Games they were unable to get into the medal positions.

The European Junior Diving Championships were held in Belgrade and had James Denny, Josh Dowd and Chloe Hurd (City of Leeds), Freddie Woodward, Clare Cryan and Georgia Davenport (City of Sheffield) and Sam Thornton (City of Bradford Esprit) competing. Sam came away with a Silver in the Boys B 1 metre and Chloe & her partner took Bronze in the A/B 3 metre Synchro.

At Senior level the British Championships were held in Leeds in June and provided us with the following winners:

Mens 1 metre: Oliver Dingley (Harrogate).

Mens 3 metre: Jack Laughler (Harrogate).

Womens 3 metre: Rebecca Gallantree (City of Leeds).

Mens 3 metre Synchro: Nick Robinson-Baker (City of Sheffield) and Partner.

Mens Platform Synchro: Joe Meszaros (City of Leeds) and Partner.

Womens 3 metre Synchro: Alicia Blagg and Rebecca Gallantree (City of Leeds).

Womens Platform Synchro: Sarah Barrow (City of Leeds) and Partner.

The A.S.A. continued with the format for Age Group diving with the Elite Junior Nationals.

These were held in Southampton and the following were Gold medal winners:

Group A

Boys 1 & 3 metre: Josh Dowd (City of Leeds).

Girls 1 & 3 metre: Chloe Hurd (Leeds City College Aquatics).

Group B

Boys 1, 3 & 10 metre: Sam Thornton (City of Bradford Esprit).

Girls 1 metre: Georgia Davenport (City of Sheffield).

Group C

Boys 3 & 10 metre: Matty Lee (City of Leeds).

Girls 3 & 10 metre: Lydia Rosenthal (City of Leeds).

14-18 years 3 metre Synchro

Boys: Josh Dowd (City of Leeds) and Eddie Woodward (City of Sheffield).

9-13 years 3 metre Synchro

Girls: Lydia Rosenthal and Hannah Chappell (City of Leeds).

The National Age Group Championships were held in Sheffield.

The following were winners:

Group A

Boys 1 & 3 metre: Gavin Bayliss (Harrogate).

Boys 10 metre: Chris Nicholls (City of Leeds).

Group B

Boys 1, 3 & 10 metre: Nathan Pickard (Harrogate).

Group D

Boys 1 & 3 metre: Bron Jenkinson (City of Sheffield).
Boys 10 metre: Luke Kennedy (City of Leeds).
Girls 1, 3 & 10 metre: Channein Lancaster (City of Sheffield).

8-13 years 1 metre Synchro

Girls: Sarah Leach and Millie Fowler (City of Sheffield).
Boys: Anthony Harding and Luke Kennedy (City of Leeds).

14-18 years 3 metre Synchro

Boys: Gavin Bayliss and Adam Goundry (Harrogate).

AWARDS

Alicia Blagg (City of Leeds) was the winner of the 2010 ASA North East Region Nell Latimer Award.

Moving to the **MASTERS** swimming the first competition was the ASA Masters Championships (2010), which was held at Ponds Forge Sheffield. The County Masters swimmers produced some exceptional performances and the following were Championship winners;

Paul Callis 30-34 years (South Hunsley): 100 and 200 Breaststroke, 100, 200 & 400 Ind. Medley and 100 Freestyle.

Raoul Feld 80-84 years (Cleethorpes): 50, 100 & 200 Backstroke and 100 Freestyle.

Brian Taylor 60-64 years (Adwick): 50, 100 & 200 Breaststroke and 100 Ind. Medley.

Chris Brown 55-59 years (City of Bradford): 50, 100 & 200 Backstroke.

Joseph Byrom 85-89 years (City of Leeds): 50 Freestyle and 50 Backstroke.

Stephen Allen 50-54 years (Hull Masters): 100 & 200 Backstroke.

Paul Clemence 40-44 years (City of Leeds): 100 Freestyle.

Daniel Silkstone 18-24 years (City of Sheffield): 800 Freestyle.

Alistair Crawford 25-29 years (City of Sheffield): 50 Butterfly.

Kyran Parker 40-44 years (Wetherby): 400 Ind. Medley.

Keith Godbehere 75-79 years (Rotherham Metro): 400 Ind. Medley.

Jenny Starling 18-24 years (City of Sheffield): 200 & 400 Freestyle.

Amy Spencer 18-24 years (City of Sheffield): 50 Breaststroke.

City of Sheffield Womens 72+ years 4 x 50 Medley and Freestyle Teams.

There was one British Record from the above:

The Sheffield Womens 72+ years 4 x 50 Medley Team

The G.B. Masters Championships moved back into England and these were held at the John Charles Pool. This resulted in a higher than normal number of swimmers from the county taking part which in turn saw a large number of winners.

The following swimmers were Yorkshire winners:

MENS

Richard Jagger (City of Leeds) 18-24 years: 200 Ind. Medley and 1500 Freestyle.

Matthew Smith (East Leeds) 18-24 years: 50 Butterfly.

Paul Callis (South Hunsley) 30-34 years: 50, 100 & 200 Breaststroke, 200 & 400 Ind. Medley and 50 Butterfly.

Philip Pratt (East Leeds) 30-34 years: 50 Backstroke.

Kyran Parker (Wetherby) 40-44 years: 400 Ind. Medley and 1500 Freestyle.

Andrew Gristwood (Cleethorpes) 45-49 years: 1500 Freestyle.

Brian Taylor (Adwick) 60-64 years: 50, 100 & 200 Breaststroke.

East Leeds 4 x 50 Freestyle Team 120+ years.

WOMENS

Aimee Garforth (Borough of Kirklees) 18-24 years: 1500 Freestyle.

Jamie Offord (Borough of Kirklees) 25-29 years: 200 Freestyle.

Aimee Garforth (Borough of Kirklees) 18-24 years: 1500 Freestyle.

The A.S.A. Masters Inter County Competition (2010) saw us continue to climb up the ladder with a 4th place finish.

The Northern regional round at the John Charles Pool with Cheshire again too strong opposition for our large team that suffered a bit from not being able to provide swimmers for all the events.

The A.S.A. Masters Open Water Championships were held at the Rother Valley Country Park and we had the following winners:

Womens 19-24 years Helen McRoberts (City of Sheffield).

Womens 30-34 years Sarah Kinsey (Borough of Kirklees).

The **SWIMMING** report will reflect on the winners from the County at National level and above.

The Inter-County (2011) competition was again held at Ponds Forge. Once again it was our Red Rose rivals Lancashire who were the winners. We had a rather disappointing competition and slipped down to 3rd place giving us something to work on for next year (2012).

The major event of the year was the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India. The County had three Girls selected Rebecca Turner, City of Sheffield, and Anne Bochmann, City of Leeds selected for the England Squad and Sian Morgan, City of Bradford, in the Welsh Team. Although the girls returned without any medals the performance of Anne in the final of the 400 Freestyle was outstanding. Having been in the medal positions for most of the race she was disappointed to finish fourth just 8 100th's of a second from a bronze medal.

At the World Championships held in Shanghai, Rebecca Turner (City of Sheffield S.S.) was a member of the British team.

The European Short Course Championships were held in Eindhoven. Thomas Sunter (City of Sheffield) was the only representative from the County. Tom was unable to gain any medals.

The British Championships took place in Manchester with the following swimmers gaining medals:

Mens 800 Freestyle; 2nd Thomas Sunter and 3rd Dan Cocking (both City of Sheffield S.S.)

Mens (Multi-Disability) 100 Backstroke; 2nd James Crisp (City of Sheffield)

Womens 50 Breaststroke: 3rd Avril Kiritschenko (City of Leeds).

Womens 100 Freestyle: 3rd Rebecca Turner (City of Sheffield S.S.).

Womens 1500 Freestyle: 2nd Ellie Faulkner (City of Sheffield S.S.).

Womens (Multi-Disability) 200 Freestyle: 2nd Chloe Selman (Dartes).

Womens (Multi-Disability) 100 Breaststroke & 200 Ind. Medley: 3rd Claire Cashmore (City of Leeds).

At the British Gas A.S.A. Championships in Sheffield with the following swimmers gaining medals:

GOLD

Anne Bochmann (City of Leeds): 400 Ind. Medley.

SILVER:

Rebecca Turner (City of Sheffield): 100 Freestyle.

Ellie Faulkner (City of Sheffield): 400 & 800 Freestyle.

Lucy Spencer (City of Sheffield): 200 & 400 Ind. Medley.

BRONZE

Matthew Allison (City of Leeds): 400 Ind. Medley.

Rebecca Turner (City of Sheffield): 200 Freestyle.

Matthew Johnson (City of Sheffield) was a busy swimmer in 2010 and he was a member of the British team that took part in the World Junior Swimming Championships in Lima (Peru). Sadly Matthew was not able to get into medal positions. Which was a different story when he took part in the European Youth Olympic Festival in Trabzon, Turkey. Matthew returned with six medals. His four GOLD medals coming from the 200 & 400 Ind. Medley, 400 Freestyle and 200 Butterfly. The two SILVER medals coming from team swims in the 4 x 100 Freestyle Team and the Mixed 4 x 200 Freestyle.

The European Junior Championships in Belgrade had only two of our swimmers taking part.

Rachael Williamson (Kingston upon Hill) was a finalist in the 400 freestyle and Gareth Mills (City of Leeds) was a member of the Gold winning 4 x 200 Freestyle team. Gareth swimming for the team in the heats.

Tom Sunter, Ellie Faulkner (both City of Sheffield) and Danielle Hall-Jackson (City of Leeds) were members of the British team at the European Junior Open Water Championships in Navia, Spain. They were unable to return with any medals.

The A.S.A. National Youth Championships were held at Sheffield.

Youth Championship title winners included:

16-18 years

Danielle Hall-Jackson (City of Leeds): 800 Freestyle.

15/16 years

Matthew Johnson (City of Sheffield): 400 Ind. Medley.

Ryan Flanagan (City of Leeds): 200 Ind. Medley.

16/17 years

Anne Bochmann (City of Leeds): 400 Freestyle.

Multi-Disability

Danielle Bailey (Harrogate District): 50 Breaststroke.

ASA National Age Group Championships were once again held at the Ponds Forge Pool, Sheffield. Gold Medal winners were as follows:-

12 years

Kiani Campbell-Grady (City of Leeds): 100 & 200 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke.

13 years

Katherine Fisher (City of Leeds): 200 Butterfly.

GIRLS

City of Leeds 4 x 100 Freestyle Team consisting of:

(Linda Shaw, Rebecca Birrell, Kiani Campbell-Grady & Katherine Fisher).

The City of Leeds club were the winners of the Top Girls Club.

City of Leeds were the winners of the Arena Junior Inter League Final held at the Corby Pool.

The Disability swimmers enjoyed a successful and (another) record-breaking year.

The IPC European Championships were held in Berlin with James Crisp (City of Sheffield S.S.) winning the Gold medal in the S9 100 Backstroke.

Claire Cashmore (City of Leeds) was part of the World Record breaking 34 point 4 x 100 Medley Team. She was also a member of the 4 x 100 Freestyle Team to complete a double Gold medal performance.

Sports Aid Grants, 2010-2011, were awarded to the following:

Diving: William Hallam, Sam Thornton, Michael Jones, Hannah Starling, Jack Haslam and Freddie Woodward.

Swimming: Sian Morgan, Rachael Williamson, Danielle Hall-Jackson, Ryan Newsome, Stephen Waterhouse, Rebecca Davis, Braxton Timm, Tegan Turner-Clarke, Joseph Faulkner and Lucy Emerson.

Water Polo: George Rix.

Disability Swimming: Matthew Sleight, Jonathan Booth, Chloe Selman and Chloe Buck.

The total amount awarded to the Aquatic disciplines came to over £16,000.

Awards

Joe Roebuck (Rotherham Metro) was the winner of the 2010 ASA North East Region Fred Latimer Award.

Triathlon

I am not sure where we record matters relating to Triathlon as it is not part of our Yorkshire Aquatic events but 2011 has provided two swimmers with some outstanding success and I would like to record it within my report. Gordon Benson (City of Leeds) and Ellen McArthur (Wetherby) are both members of the British Triathlon Olympic Talent Squad. Gordon has been outstanding with a GOLD medal at the ETU Youth Triathlon European Championships in Tours, France. He followed that with another GOLD from the Team event. At the same Championship, Ellen was a member of the Team that took a SILVER medal. Gordon was a member of the British team that took part in the World Triathlon Championships in Beijing.

The City of Sheffield are the first club to get the British Swimming New Athlete Pathway Club Recognition Award. The award is given to the top club to have placed 4 or more pool & open water swimmers on the World Class Podium & Development programmes. This is for clubs not aligned to an ITC, Beacon Programme or currently funded through the Podium or Development Club programmes. The award of £10,000 is given to spend on Club Development over the next 12 months.

Our **CHAMPIONSHIPS** were as in previous years, well supported and well run by our team of volunteers although it is increasingly difficult to find the poolside officials.

We continue to use the Long Course facilities in the County and have shared our Championships between the Ponds Forge Pool in Sheffield and the Aquatic Centre at the John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds.

We are grateful for the continued support from our sponsors Gerrard Swimwear and it was pleasing to see our Team Championships once again sponsored by Mr. Leonard Beatty. Our thanks go to Gary and Pauline Hill and also to Leo.

David Dickenson, our Championships Secretary, has given a detailed report, which is included later in the Report.

It is nice to report a National success in **SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING**.

At the 2010 A.S.A. National Age Group Championships the following were medal winners;

Competitive Duet:

12 years & under: Abigail Devanny & Melissa Knapton (City of Leeds) were bronze medallists.

15-17 years: Jessica Ranson & Rosie Barrington (City of Leeds) were bronze medallists.

Competitive Teams

13-14 years: City of Leeds, Megan Knight, Alice Dewhurst, Georgia Swinhoe, Rachel Lee, Sian Boyle, Isabel Scholes and Evelyn Pedley were bronze medallists.

There was some International success at the A.S.A. Masters Championships Jeanne Ansley (Pudsey Pearls) winning a Gold medal in the 60-69 years.

Finding relevant information about **WATER POLO** has been difficult.

The following players have represented G.B. during the year;

Senior Mens: Adam Scholefield (Rotherham Metro).

Senior Womens: Fran Leighton (Rotherham Metro/City of Sheffield), Fran Clayton (Catterick) and Vicky Bowen (Rotherham Metro/City of Sheffield).

Junior Boys: Neil Williams (City of Sheffield) and Josh Berry (Halifax/City of Sheffield).

Junior Girls: Kate Parkin (Castleford/Rotherham Metro/City of Sheffield) and Megan Naughton (City of Sheffield).

The following players are members of the England Talent Squad;

Jeremy Austin (City of Sheffield), George Rix (City of Sheffield), Declan Thompson (Castleford/Normanton/ City of Leeds), Joe Walsh (Castleford/City of Leeds), Jack Wilkins (Huddersfield) and Emily Sutcliffe (Halifax/City of Leeds/City of Sheffield).

Water Polo in Sheffield has been given £20,000 for each of the next 2 years to develop the sport. This will allow for a Coach to be appointed.

Besides the Olympics in 2012 the Big Splash event run by British Swimming and the BBC is taking place early in the year and promises to be a huge event. It is aimed at working to get the UK into the pool in a celebration of swimming. Details are available on the British Swimming web site.

One of the disability highlights was the presentation of a Pride of Britain, Child of Courage Award to Danielle Bailey (Harrogate District). A well deserve award for an outstanding young girl. She has also been offered a place on the British Swimming Disability World Class Talent Programme.

I would like to finish my report with my usual personal thanks.

Our continued thanks go to Nuala Muir-Cochrane who produced the Handbook for many years and who has now passed that task over to Roger Perrell. My thanks go to Roger for taking on this work.

To our Treasurer, Malcolm Hill who as always keeps a tight grip on our finances but is happy to spend some on worthy causes.