

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT

and

AGENDA

For the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At LEEDS METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

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JAMES GRAHAM BUILDING

On

SATURDAY 8th JANUARY 2005

Commencing at 1.00 p.m.

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Appointment of Tellers
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 10th January 2004
4. Any matters arising there from

Following the decision of the Executive all reports included below are for the period 1st October 2003 to 30th September 2004. As a result some of the information in the reports is duplicated from 2003. These have been included for continuity and are shown in italics.

5. **ANNUAL REPORT**

(Honorary Secretary: David Alexander)

October 2005 will see the start of the A.S.A. regionalisation with the new region 'A.S.A. North East Region taking over from the North Eastern Counties A.S.A. These are exciting times and we must be ready to make a complete change to our thinking on swimming. The 'health agenda' is an important factor that will come into play and we must adapt to make the most of this as swimming is seen as a vital part of keeping fit.

It is pleasing to report that we have nominations for the position of President Elect for 2005 and as such we will have a President for the year 2006. This is a welcome change from the last two years. We do however still need to forward plan for the coming years and I would appeal to present members of the Executive who have not as yet come forward to give the matter some serious consideration. This is after all the highest honour we have in the Association.

One area that does concern me is the ever increasing work being carried out by the volunteers. This covers all sections of the Association and down to the clubs. We have to be careful that we do not drive these willing people out of the sport as a result of inflicting extra work on them.

On swimming related matters it has been a disappointing year in most disciplines with only diving producing results at International level. The Olympic silver medal won by Leon Taylor being by far the best performance. Below is the pick of the performances during the year (1st October 2003 – 30th September 2004)

The 2003 European Short Course Championships took place in Dublin in December 2003. None of our swimmers present were able to gain medals.

Our divers have continued to be successful at all levels up to International standard.

In the 2004 British Diving Championships at Sheffield in December 2003 the following were Gold medal winner:

Women

*3 metre Jane Smith (City of Sheffield)
3 metre Synchro Smith and Tandi Gerrard (City of Leeds)*

Men

*3 metre Tony Ally (City of Sheffield)
Platform Leon Taylor (City of Sheffield)
Platform Synchro Taylor and Peter Waterfield
3 metre Synchro Shipman and Tony Ally (City of Sheffield)*

The A.S.A. National Masters was held at the usual Ponds Forge Pool in Sheffield in October 2003 and was again a big success. Individual medal winners included;

Ben Lack (City of Sheffield) three titles in the 19/24 yrs age group. These being the 1,500, 800m and 400m Freestyle events.

Vicky Watson also swimming for Sheffield in the 35/39 yrs swam to victory in the 50m and 100m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly. Her time in the two 50m events being new Great Britain records.

David Emerson (City of Leeds) was victorious in the 40/44yrs 50m Freestyle and Butterfly events these times also being new Great Britain records. However it was his time in the 100m Butterfly of 58.56, which gave him a new European record.

Bill Moore (Halifax) claimed the 65/69 years 50m Breaststroke title as did Hilary Crick (Thirsk White Horse) in the 50/54 yrs 200m Individual Medley event.

Gillian Sutcliffe (Borough of Kirklees), swimming in the 25/29 years age group collected three titles in the 1500m and 400m Freestyle and the 200m Individual Medley.

Walter Fuller (Barnsley) won gold in the 70/74 years 50m and 100m Breaststroke.

The Yorkshire Masters team were the winners of the Wilmott Dixon Trophy at Harrogate. They were however only third in the ASA National Inter County Masters.

Ashley King (Rotherham) was a member of the England Water Polo team that competed in the Jackerson Memorial Tournament in the Czech Republic.

The County under 18 Water Polo team were the winners of the A.S.A u18 County Championships. Victory was made all the better as it was over arch rivals Lancashire by 13-9

The winner of the Henry Dixon Trophy was Rebecca Shaw (City of Leeds) and the winner of the Adrian Moorhouse Scholarship was Kate Richardson (Kingston upon Hull) and our congratulations go to both these excellent swimmers.

26 swimmers, 6 divers, 8 Water Polo players, and 1 Open Water swimmers have made applications for Sports Aid Grants. With the World Class programme (they receive funding direct from the A.S.A.) now working well some of these swimmers will not receive a local grant.

The Olympic Games in Athens was the top competition during 2004. The following divers took part in Athens, Tony Ally, Mark Shipman, Leon Taylor, Jane Smith, all from the City of Sheffield and Tandi Gerrard from the City of Leeds with Leon gaining a silver in the Platform Synchro with Peter Waterfield.

Our only swimmer in Athens was Gavin Meadows (City of Leeds) who was a member of the 4 x 200 freestyle team that finished fourth, narrowly missing out on a medal. This was a just reward for Gavin who has remained dedicated to the sport for a number of years.

The British Swimming Championships doubled up as trials for the Olympic Games and were held at Ponds Forge. The City of Leeds pair of Gavin Meadows and Emma Dutton were our only medal winners. Gavin taking a bronze in the 200 freestyle and Emma a silver in the 50 freestyle.

The A.S.A. Championships once again proved to be a minor event although not as small as in recent years. Our only gold medal winner was:

Jonathan Andrews 1500m freestyle, team mate Liam Smith finished in second place.

We were even less impressive at the British short course Championships where we failed to gain any gold medals.

Hollie O'Connor and Amy Park (both Kingston upon Hull) were members of the British team that went to Lisbon for the European Junior Championships with Hollie coming back with a bronze medal.

Sports Coach UK presented Terry Denison MBE with the Mussabini medal and elected him into their coaching hall of fame. A well deserved award.

The A.S.A. Cheestrings National Age Groups were again split into two with the older (non BagCat ages) swimming in the National Youth Championships.

Gold medal winners at the National Age Group Championships were:

Boys 12 years: Braxton Timm (City of Sheffield), 100 butterfly
Boys 13 years: Richard Butler (Kingston upon Hull), 200 backstroke
Boys 14 years: Ashley Davies (Cleethorpes & District), 100 freestyle
Max Partridge (City of Sheffield), 100 and 200 breaststroke
Will Pool (Kingston upon Hull), 100 and 200 backstroke
Girls 11 years: Rachel Gardener (City of Leeds) 100 and 200 breaststroke
Girls 13 years: Emily Cryan (City of Leeds), 100 and 200 breaststroke
Teams: City of Leeds (Boys 11-14 years) 4 x 100 Medley, (M Willard, J Sowden, L Rossi and J Fish)

Gold medal winners at the A.S.A. Cheestrings National Youth Championships were

Boys 15/16 years: David Waslin (Kingston upon Hull), 50 freestyle and 200 Ind. Medley
Girls 16/17 years: Kate Richardson (Kingston upon Hull), 100 and 200 freestyle
Teams: Kingston upon Hull (Girls Youth) 4 x 200 freestyle,
(K Richardson, A Park, H O'Connor and S Maughan.)

Following his success at the Youth Championships David Waslin is now training at the British offshore camp in Queensland, Australia.

In the A.S.A. National Age Group Open Water Championships we had Jennifer Clegg (Halifax) winning the 15/16 years 1750m event. This being our only gold at these championships.

Our own Championships continue to run successfully and entries show no signs of reducing and the standard of both the competition and the running of the events are very high. Well done to all the winners and for those others may they continue to strive for success.

The City of Leeds club regained the Speedo League Cup with a comfortable victory. Kingston upon Hull took part in the 'B' Final but were unable to retain the Trophy and indeed finished fourth.

The number of affiliated clubs, not including Leagues etc, moved up and down during the year with some clubs folding and some new clubs joining. At the time of writing the number is 100 plus some other organisations.

In the ASA Diving Championships at Southampton we did not have any individual winners as our Olympic divers were not competing.

At the National Age Groups in Southampton the following divers were gold medal winners:

Boys:

A Group Matthew Cowan (City of Bradford Esprit) 1 and 3 metre and Platform
B Group Charles Calvert (City of Leeds) in the Platform
Callum Johnstone (City of Leeds) in the 1 metre and 3 metre
Cowan and Johnstone in the 14-18 years 3 metre Synchro

Girls:

C Group Jenny Cowan (City of Bradford Esprit) 1 metre
Aimee Walker (City of Leeds) 3 metre
D Group Megan Sylvester (City of Sheffield) 5 metre

The Water Polo players from the County were well represented at International level including;

Ashley King (Rotherham), England Senior Team.

Adam Scholefield (Rotherham), GB Junior Team as captain.

Victoria Ibbertson and Charlotte Hanson, GB Junior Team

The City of Sheffield Womens team were the winners of the National Water Polo League with the Harrogate club winning Division 3.

Rotherham were runners up in the British Water Polo Championships that were held in Manchester. They lost by 5-3 against Lancaster in the Final. They also finished runners up in the ASA Senior Championship this time losing by 12-8 against Cheltenham. There was success for the county with the City of Sheffield Womens team beating the City of Manchester by 10-7

The GB Masters were held at Manchester and winners from Yorkshire were Jakub Meloun of Halifax competing in the 19-24 yrs age group where he won the 50m and 100m Backstroke and 100m Butterfly.

Gold medal performances also came from David Cherriman, Harrogate, in the 60/64 years 200m Freestyle and Simon Garside, Halifax, in the 40/44yrs 50m Backstroke.

The best performance in Synchronised Swimming came at the ASA Masters Championships. The Pudsey Pearls duo of J Ansley and A Carr were the winners of the 50-59 years Duet.

Sadly there were no other medal winners for Synchronised Swimming from the various National Championships.

The Sport England Sports Achievement Awards followed the same criteria as last year, although a 2003 winner could not be nominated. As last year we were unable to nominate a swimmers/clubs in each category. We made a nomination for the 'Service to Sport Award' which has now been promoted by the BBC as their 'Unsung Heroes. Our nomination of Bill Mosey, coach at Minsthorpe Marlins, at the time of writing the results are not known.

We have worked closely with the A.S.A. Regional Development Office which now has two part time Officers. Sally Skipper has regularly attended our Executive meetings she has also had regular meetings with the Treasurer and myself. With Lindsey Heathfield attending the Development Working Group.

Her administration assistant, Christine McCabe once again organised the Coaches Conference and this was very well attended largely due to the presence of Bill Sweetenham.

The Yorkshire Championships Committee once again ran the Sports Aid Sprints Gala and made progress in attracting more entries than in 2003. It resulted in a sum over £5,000 going to Sports Aid who support our swimmers with grant aid.

The Executive Committee met on four occasions, plus the Statutory Meeting, during the year and most of the sub committees were very active.

My thanks go to the Executive members for attending the meetings and I would also like to thank the Sub Committee Secretaries for their commitment during the year although I would have preferred to be able to attend more meetings had they been arranged.

Our President, Mr Beatty, has attended numerous events during his term of office and our thanks go to him for again stepping in at the last minute when it looked likely that we would not have a President.

We are indebted to the City of Leeds S.C. for the continued use of the clubroom for our sub committee meetings and also for the briefings prior to our Championship Galas. Our thanks go to the club members, particularly Pat Rycroft, who opens the room early in the morning to allow our officials a welcome cup of tea/coffee before their work on the poolside.

We wish to offer our thanks to the Leisure Services and staff at the Leeds International and Ponds Forge Pools for their help and co-operation during the year. We also extend that thanks to the Scarborough Tourist and Leisure Department for their kind sponsorship. We have been made welcome at the South Leeds Stadium for our Executive meetings during the year.

We continue to depend on our members to ensure that the many events held in the county are successful. Their work over the time that Ponds Forge has been operating has given them experience that is second to none.

I would again like to thank all our swimmers from whatever level they compete at and hope that they achieve their 'goal' in 2005.

The following representatives from the County have served at National level during 2004

A.S.A. Committee: Alan Donlan (specialist) and Paul Brown (specialist)

A.S.A. Honorary Medical Advisor: David Fodden

A.S.A. Committees:

Audit & Probity: Jack Ferriday (Chairman), David Higgins

Disability: Alan Day

Diving: Sydney Boothroyd, Tandi Gerrard (Athletes Rep)

Medical Advisory: David Fodden

N J T (2003 old rules): Alan Day, Stuart Walker and Terry Wilkinson

IDDRAP (new rules): Stuart Walker

IDDRP: Frank Denison, Graham Kenyon, Terry Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman)

Open Water: Sam Greetham

Swimming: Barry Saunders

Synchronised Swimming: Bill Cooper

Water Polo: Brian Littlejohn (specialist)

Trophies Controller: Hugh 'Jock' Young

Sadly early in 2004 Joe Weston passed away. Joe was our President in 1969 and will be remembered as the winner of the Long Plunge on over 20 occasions over a period of more than twenty years.

During the year our 1973 President, Alan Clarkson, was awarded the O.B.E. and we offer our congratulations to him on a well deserved award.

I would like to finish my report with a few personal thanks.

To Nuala Muir-Cochrane for her continued work in producing the Handbook and her advice when I have had a problem.

To Sue Prasad for her work in producing the Executive minutes.

To our Treasurer, Malcolm Hill who has continued to help when and has given support I was feeling that the work was getting too much due to work commitments.

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Leo Beatty

Yorkshire Teams Championships

The Association expresses our sincere thanks to our Sponsors who have supported us not only during this year but also for many years. We are deeply indebted to them and hopefully they will continue to support our Championship events.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS

(Honorary Treasurer: Malcolm Hill)

7. AFFILIATION FEES for 2005

To confirm the Executive decision from the meeting held 16th June.

8. CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Committee Secretary: David Dickenson)

The biggest increase was once again in the Winter Competition, which is becoming more popular each year. This year Grimsby Santa Marina entered our Competition for the first time, and helped boost the entries to 2,638 compared to 2,393 last year.(2002)

2004 has been another good year for the Championships with no problems whatsoever.

In the Yorkshire Championships we welcomed the new clubs from North and North East Lincolnshire who joined our Association as part of the Regionalisation being carried out by the A.S.A. Grimsby Santa Marina, Cleethorpes and District, and Scunthorpe Anchor entered our Championships this year which resulted in a large increase in entries in both the Junior/Senior and the Age Group entries. In the Age group we had 4,845 entries compared to 4,067 in 2003 and in the Junior/Senior it was 1,570 compared to 1447. However there was a big reduction in the number of teams from both Junior/Senior and Age groups. 383 compared to 472.

As usual we must give thanks to the Leeds Leisure Services for their co-operation and help during the Championships at Leeds. Also to City of Leeds for providing the lunches. Thanks to Sheffield International Venues for all their help in the Teams gala and the Winter Competition.

We are grateful to our Sponsors Paw Swimwear for our Championships and Leo Beatty for the Teams gala. Thanks to Malcolm and Leo we value your continued support.

Our Championships are now organised by the Swimming Committee who have met regularly throughout the year, and have helped organise the Yorkshire Open Masters at Scarborough and the Sports Aid Gala at Leeds. I have the same team helping me with the galas from the previous Championship Committee and as usual they always do a grand job.

The Yorkshire Bank and George Lester Trophies were won by the City of Leeds S.C. Congratulations Leeds. The B & I Trophy awarded to the most improved club, working on the highest percentage increase in points from the previous year was won by Harrogate.

Bagcat prizes were awarded again this year and the Category winners in each age group were:

<u>Boys</u>				<u>Girls</u>		
9yrs	Matthew Vose	City of Leeds	1654	Sian Morgan	City of Bradford	2465
10yrs	Andrew Burns	York City	1660	Emma Graham	City of Leeds	2162
11yrs	Luke Constantine	City of Bradford	1701	Fern Gardener	City of Leeds	3042
12yrs	Lewis Rossi	City of Leeds	2821	Hannah Petts	York City	3592
13yrs	Brendan Watson	City of Bradford	2837	Charlotte Broadbent	City of Sheffield	3658
14yrs	Siroos Saeed	City of Leeds	3421			

Our thanks go to this year's President Leo Beatty. Despite having to use public transport Leo managed to attend all our Galas. Thanks to all who helped me from the Swimming Committee. My special thanks to Danny Parsonson who acted as Meet Manager for all the Galas, and to Barry Saunders for the help he gives in preparing all the event information and advice required to ensure the Championships are run correctly. Thanks to Alan Day for controlling the trophies.

I would like to finish my final report by thanking all the Officials at Leeds and Sheffield. Without your support we would not be able to run these galas so successfully, let's hope we have a successful Championships in 2005. In line with North Eastern and National galas, we have decided not to use cards at our Galas from now on. All clubs will be issued with a list of events their swimmers have been entered into.

Dates for 2005

Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Senior & Junior Championships
5th/6th February Leeds International Pool

Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Age Group Championships
26th/27th February Leeds International Pool

Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Age Group Championships
5th/6th March Leeds International Pool

Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Age Group Championships
19th March Sheffield Ponds Forge International Pool

Yorkshire Swimming Association Age Group Team Championships
20th March Sheffield Ponds Forge International Pool

Sports Aid Open Meet
7th/8th May Leeds International Pool

Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Masters Championships
14th May Scarborough North Bay Pool

Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Age Group Winter Competition
8th/9th October Sheffield Ponds Forge International Pool

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DIVING COMMITTEE REPORT

(Committee Secretary: David Johnstone)

no report received

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MASTERS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Committee Secretary: Christine McCabe)

Masters swimming in Yorkshire continues to be popular and we are constantly looking at ways to develop our discipline whenever we can.

The first individual championship for the report was the A.S.A. National Masters, which was held at Ponds Forge Sheffield in October 2003.

In the younger age groups Ben Lack, City of Sheffield swam to three titles in the 19/24 yrs age group. These were 1500m, 800m and 400m Freestyle events.

Vicky Watson also swimming for Sheffield in the 35/39 yrs swam to victory in the 50m and 100m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly. Her time in the two 50m events being new Great Britain records.

David Emerson, City of Leeds was victorious in the 40/44yrs 50m Freestyle and Butterfly events these times also being new Great Britain records. However it was his time in the 100m Butterfly of 58.56, which gave him a new European and Great Britain record.

Bill Moore, Halifax claimed the 65/69 years 50m Breaststroke title as did Hilary Crick, Thirsk in the 50/54 yrs 200m Individual Medley event.

Gillian Sutcliffe, Borough of Kirklees, swimming in the 25/29 years age group collected three titles in the 1500m and 400m Freestyle and the 200m Individual Medley.

Walter Fuller, Barnsley won gold in the 70/74 years 50m and 100m Breaststroke.

Last but not least team swims by City of Sheffield's mixed 100 yrs plus 4 X 50m Medley relay team and the women's 100yrs plus 4-x50m freestyle relay struck gold at the event. Our congratulations go to all these swimmers and the many more too numerous to mention who won medals at the Championship

National titles in the their respective age groups and events were also won by. Larissa Davies, City of Sheffield, Ewen Ferguson and Preston Dove, Hull Masters, Norman Greenfield, Barnsley and Craig Sutcliffe, Borough of Kirklees.

Harrogate Hydro was the setting for the ASA National Inter County Meet in mid November 2003. The event at Harrogate also included the regional Inter County event for the Wilmott Dixon Trophy. The Yorkshire team retained the trophy with a total of 168 points, Lancashire were second with 156 points, Cheshire finished third with 143 points and N & D were fourth with 86 points. In the A.S.A. Inter County event we had to settle for a distant third position behind Warwickshire and Sussex.

The first domestic event of the calendar year was the G.B. Masters, which this year was held at Manchester Aquatic Centre.

Jakub Meloun of Halifax competing in the 19-24 yrs age group swam to three National Titles in the 50m and 100m Backstroke and 100m Butterfly. His time in the 50m Backstroke and 100m Butterfly were inside the G.B. record but unfortunately Jakub is Czech! He was also placed second in the 100m Freestyle.

Gold medal performances also came from David Cherriman, Harrogate, in the 60/64 years 200m Freestyle and Simon Garside, Halifax, in the 40/44yrs 50m Backstroke and the Borough of Kirklees 50m Freestyle relay. Congratulations must also go to our County coach Jill Massey on her swimmers achieving national titles.

This was followed by the Yorkshire S.A. Open Masters held in Scarborough. As always, we are indebted to Scarborough Borough Council for their continued support and sponsorship and also to the Scarborough & District A.S.A. for their help in arranging the officials for the Meet as well as the sunshine!

At the commencement of the meet, David Emerson, City of Leeds was presented with the Leo Beatty trophy as the top Yorkshire Masters swimmer of 2003. His father Mr Joe Emerson made the presentation.

The racing started off well when early in the first session Chris Brown of City of Bradford broke the G.B. record in the 50/54yrs 100m Backstroke. His time of 1.08.70 was inside the old record held by Graham Harris of Isle of Wight Masters by .88. Neville Barton of Aquabears swimming in the same age group broke the 100m Breaststroke record in a time of 1.15.22 and not to be outdone John Stritch of Wrexham claimed a new Welsh record of 27.10 in the 45/49 yrs 50m Freestyle.

In the women's events it was once again Sally Shields of Borough of Kirklees who was prolific in winning seven gold's and this feat was emulated by Betty Grayson of Hull Masters in the 65/69 yrs age group.

Following on closely behind were Jessica Glaister of Harrogate who was also the recipient of the Pickering Trophy in the women's events and Julie Bennett of City of Leeds and Elizabeth Fish of Borough of Kirklees with four gold's each.

The men's events saw Richard Smith of York City Baths Club go home with six gold's and John Ward of Sheffield City and Bill Moore of Halifax with five each. Chris Brown of City of Bradford finished the day with four gold's alongside his G.B. record.

The Pickering Trophy in the men's events was awarded jointly to Peter Ingham of Rotherham Metro and Bill Moore of Halifax.

Team gold's went to York City Baths Club with three and Hull Masters with one.

Three County swimmers travelled to Italy for the World Masters, which turned out to be the biggest ever, Fina event with over 8000 competitors entering the Meet. The Championships were held in two competition pools, one being outside the other indoors.

Lynne Dawson, Chapletown, entered no less than five events in the 35/39 years age group. Her highest placing being 28th in the Women's 50m Freestyle in a time of 31.14. She also competed in the 100m and 400m Freestyle, 50m and 100m Breaststroke.

Also swimming for Chapletown in the 30/34yrs age groups Warren Bew swam to a time of 34.16 in the 50m Backstroke and also swam in the 100m event and in the 400m Individual Medley. His highest placing was 38th in the latter event.

James Hubbard swimming for York City Baths Club in the same age group as Warren competed in the 50m Butterfly and all three backstroke events. His highest placing was 29th in the 200m Backstroke in a time of 2.36.74.

In June the County team made their annual pilgrimage to Wombourne for the Staffordshire Inter County Meet. Sadly on this occasion we came home empty handed after losing out to the team from Warwickshire. We did however come a very creditable second ahead of Staffordshire & Bedfordshire.

The final points were Warwickshire 175 points, Yorkshire 163 points, Staffordshire 112 points and Bedfordshire 44 points.

Chris Brown who recently broke to G.B. 50/54 years 100m Backstroke, short course was up against his archrival Trevor Clarke from Warwickshire who recently broke the long course 100m Backstroke record in the same age group. However on this occasion it was Chris who hit the wall first, much to the delight of the Yorkshire team.

The Yorkshire President Mr Leo Beatty travelled with the team and prior to the Meet presented the Pickering trophies to Jessica Glaister of Harrogate and Peter Ingham of Rotherham and Bill Moore of Halifax who jointly won the men's trophy.

Our thanks go to Steve Eddison of City of Bradford and John Pickles of Skipton who travelled with the team to act as officials and to all the swimmers who swam events out of turn due to a slightly depleted team.

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The final domestic event of the season before the National Masters was the NEC Masters in Scarborough on September 18/19th. Yorkshire swimmers taking titles were too numerous to mention in detail.

In the women's events Lynne Dawson, Chapeltown, swam to a grand total of nine NEC titles in the 35/39 years age group and Amber Bensley-Chilton of Cleethorpes secured seven titles in the 30/34 years age group. Sarah Kinsey of City of Wakefield swam to six titles, equalling that tally was a Betty Grayson of Hull Masters in the 65/69 years age group. Newcomer to Masters events in the 19/24 years age group Aimee Ramm of Scarborough and a student at Loughborough University came home with five titles.

The men's events saw Duncan Brown of York City Baths Club win five gold's in a wide range of events, closely followed by Chris Brown of City of Bradford with four titles, four of which were in his favoured backstroke events and Bill Moore of Halifax who was successes came mainly in the breaststroke events.

In the team events, gold medal winning performances came from Scarborough, Hull Masters, South Axholme Sharks, Grimsby Santa Marina and the Bradford Swimming Club, who were competing for the first time.

We have continued our policy of holding training sessions for the County's competing swimmers at Leeds International Pool These sessions along with a meeting held afterwards in the City of Leeds Clubroom have continued to be popular. Amongst our after session speakers have been Elaine Shaw who did a Pilates demonstration, Debra Thomas our team sports therapist and Michael Burch who spoke on Nutrition.

As in previous years I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members of the Masters Committee for their continued support. In particular Leo Beatty, David Alexander, our chairman and Jill Massey our coach for their advice and support. Also David Dickenson without whose help our meets would not be possible.

My congratulations to everyone who has competed during the past year and my apologies for any omissions and last but not least may I wish everyone concerned with Yorkshire Masters every success in 2005.

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SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

(Committee Secretary: Barry Saunders)

I would like to thank all those people (too many to name) who have helped the committee, Yorkshire Swimming and myself during the past competition year. Their help, advice and support have ensured that swimming in Yorkshire has again had an outstanding year. Tribute must also be paid to the hard work and dedication of the coaches in the County who have facilitated the excellent results you are about to read.

Appearances by Yorkshire Swimmers and clubs will be dealt with in Chronological order. Apologies are tendered to swimmers whose achievements are not mentioned. As much information as possible has been collated from many different sources.

During the year a number of new Age Group Records were also set.
We congratulate all record holders on their achievements.
Thanks must also go to Peter Boyd for compiling the Yorkshire Records.

Inter County Competition, Ponds Forge, Sheffield – October 2003

As has become customary the Competitive year started with the Inter-County competition. The strength of swimming in our County was again in evidence with Yorkshire taking second place with 485 points. Congratulations to all the team members.

FINA World Cup Series – January 2003

The World Cup Series returned to Europe with a group of swimmers selected to visit Stockholm & Berlin. Kate Richardson (Kingston upon Hull) was selected to attend the meets.

Coaches Hall Of Fame

Terry Denison MBE was inducted into the Sports Coach UK Coaching Hall of Fame by HRH the Princess Royal and received the Mussabini Medal. We congratulate Terry on his achievement and acknowledge his support over many years for swimming in the North East.

North Eastern Counties A.S.A. Training Camp – Tunisia – February

A squad of swimmers were selected from the National Youth Championships to travel to Tunisia for a District Training Camp.

Yorkshire Staff selected were: Dianne Binns (Assistant Manager), Louise Graham and Steve Cox (Coaches)

Swimmers from Yorkshire who attended were as follows:-

John Bates	Kingston upon Hull
Amy Clayden	City of Leeds
Debbie Hall	Rotherham Metro
Lauren Hayden	City of Leeds
Suzanna Kaminski	Borough of Kirklees
James Kirton	City of Sheffield
Jessica Learmonth	City of Leeds
Joe Munro	City of Sheffield
Danielle Place	City of Leeds
Samantha Wilson	Rotherham Metro

Unfortunately the water in the booked pool was cooler than expected and alternative arrangements for training had to be made by the Team Staff. The squad experienced at first hand the difficulties that can be encountered in a foreign country. This can only be helpful in their personal development.

British Long Course Championships & Olympic Trials, Sheffield – April

The trials for the British team to compete in the Olympic Games in Athens and the Junior team for the European Junior Championships took place at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, the event doubling up as the British Long Course Championships.

Medalists were as follows:-

Emma Dutton	City of Leeds	50m Freestyle	Silver
Gavin Meadows	City of Leeds	200m Freestyle	Bronze

As a result of the Trials, Gavin Meadows were selected for the Great Britain team at the Olympic Games in Athens.

Speedo League Final, Ponds Forge - April

The winners were City of Leeds beating City of Coventry by 44 points.

A.S.A. National Long Course Championships, Manchester – July

The ASA National Championships were held at the Manchester Aquatics Centre.

Medalists were as follows:-

Jonathan Andrews	City of Leeds	1500m Freestyle	Gold
Liam Smith	City of Leeds	1500m Freestyle	Silver

European Junior Championships, Lisbon - July

Swimmers selected for the Great Britain team included Hollie O'Connor & Amy Park (Kingston upon Hull) Hollie O'Connor collected the Bronze in the 50m Backstroke.

A.S.A. Cheestrings National Age Group Championships, Sheffield – July

The National Age Groups were again held at Ponds Forge. The event was again under the control of the very experienced North Eastern Counties A.S.A. team and was for the BAGCAT ages only.

Individual Medal Winners were as follows:-

Boys 11 years			
Joseph French	Harrogate District	200m Freestyle	Bronze
Boys 12 years			
Zacharia Amin	Cleethorpes	200m Breaststroke	Silver
		100m Breaststroke	Bronze
Braxton Timm	City of Sheffield	100m Butterfly	Gold
		200m Butterfly	Bronze
Boys 13 years			
Richard Butler	Kingston upon Hull	200m Backstroke	Gold
		400m Freestyle	Silver
		400m Ind. Medley	Silver
Lewis Rossi	City of Leeds	200m Butterfly	Silver
		100m Butterfly	Bronze
Daniel Waslin	Kingston upon Hull	100m Backstroke	Silver
		200m Backstroke	Silver
		200m Freestyle	Bronze
Boys 14 years			
Ashley Davies	Cleethorpes	100m Freestyle	Gold
Robert Kinnell	City of Leeds	200m Breaststroke	Silver
Max Partridge	City of Sheffield	100m Breaststroke	Gold
		200m Breaststroke	Gold
Will Pool	Kingston upon Hull	100m Backstroke	Gold
		200m Backstroke	Gold
Joe Sowden	City of Leeds	100m Breaststroke	Bronze
Girls 11 years			
Hayley Budimir	Harrogate District	100m Breaststroke	Bronze
Rachel Gardener	City of Leeds	100m Breaststroke	Gold
		200m Breaststroke	Gold
Girls 12 years			
Katy Venters	Borough of Kirklees	200m Backstroke	Silver
		100m Backstroke	Bronze
Girls 13 years			
Emily Cryan	City of Leeds	100m Breaststroke	Gold
		200m Breaststroke	Gold
		400m Ind. Medley	Bronze
Kate Hutchinson	City of Leeds	200m Breaststroke	Bronze
Hannah Petts	York City	200m Breaststroke	Silver
Girls 11-13 years	4 x 100m Medley Team	City of Leeds	Silver
Boys 11-14 years	4 x 100m Medley Team	City of Leeds	Gold
Boys 11-14 years	4 x 100m Medley Team	City of Sheffield	Silver

BAGCAT award winners were as follows:-

Boys 13 years	Richard Butler	Kingston upon Hull	1st
	Daniel Waslin	Kingston upon Hull	2nd

A.S.A. National Youth Championships, Sheffield – August.

This year the National Youth Championships again followed the National Age Groups giving 8 days of competition at Sheffield.

Individual Medal winners were as follows:

Girls 14/15 years			
Debbie Hall	Rotherham Metro	100m Breaststroke	Silver
		200m Breaststroke	Bronze
Hollie O'Connor	Kingston upon Hull	100m Backstroke	Bronze
		200m Backstroke	Bronze
Amy Park	Kingston upon Hull	800m Freestyle	Bronze
Amy Spencer	City of Sheffield	100m Breaststroke	Bronze

Girls 16/17 years			
Kate Richardson	Kingston upon Hull	100m Freestyle	Gold
		200m Freestyle	Gold
Samantha Wilson	Cleethorpes	200m Backstroke	Bronze
Boys 15/16 years			
Simon Johnson	City of Leeds	50m Freestyle	Bronze
David Waslin	Kingston upon Hull	50m Freestyle	Gold
		200m Ind. Medley	Gold
		100m Freestyle	Silver
Boys 17/18 years			
Liam Smith	City of Leeds	1500m Freestyle	Silver
Female Youth	4 x 100m Freestyle Team	Kingston upon Hull	2nd
Female Youth	4 x 200m Freestyle Team	Kingston upon Hull	1st

British Short Course Championships, Stockport – August

The final meet of the competitive year is the British Short Course Championships, this year held at Manchester

Individual Medal winners were as follows:-

Claire Windeatt	Kingston upon Hull	200m Ind. Medley	Gold
		100m Ind. Medley	Silver

Offshore Centre, Gold Coast

As a result of performances at the National Age Group & Youth Championships David Waslin, Kingston upon Hull was offered a place at the Offshore Centre in Australia.

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OPEN WATER REPORT

(Sam Greetham)

In a year dominated by the Olympics, like thousands of others I applauded the GB athletes and swimmers who gave of their best, in particular those who brought home medals. At home our open water swimmers continue to dream of perhaps participating in an open water event at the Olympics in the not too distant future.

Due to Olympic trials etc. the 5k North Eastern Counties A.S.A. Indoor Championships did not take place, the time for this was used for the 5k British Championships. The winter 3k/5k event has not been organised to allow for further discussion as to when it should be held. For the last few years, entry has been very limited, as swimmers have chosen to take part in the North East Championships in lieu of the 5k. This of course effects all the District swimmers not only Yorkshire.

Our swimmers faced the Open Water season with their usual determined outlook and once again did not fail. It is heartening to see the numbers increasing especially from the younger age groups. Bradford, Halifax and Scarborough continue to support open water events with increased participation from all age groups. This was most evident in the National Age Groups Championships held in Holme Pierrepont in August. Yorkshire narrowly missed gold but was happy to receive silver in the Inter County Team Event. Omar Hussain (City of Bradford), James Sowersby (Scarborough) and Stephanie Clegg (Halifax) forming that team.

Results from the season chronological order:

British Championships 5k (LEN Cup)

6th	Aaron Yeoman	Scarborough	(19h)
11th	Omar Hussain	City of Bradford	(24h)

British Championships 10k

5th	Aaron Yeoman	Scarborough
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In the 3k Junior International Competition the District was well represented

Men

5th	James Sowersby	Scarborough
14th	Liam O'Neill	Halifax

Ladies

3rd	Jennifer Clegg	Halifax
6th	Holly Williams	Halifax
7th	Lauren O'Neil	Halifax
9th	Stephanie Clegg	Halifax

It is heartening to see some of these swimmers competing for the first time in Open Water and enjoying the experience. The sport needs this input.

Wykeham Lakes (Part of Grand Prix Series)
Senior Championships 4.5k

3rd	<i>Aaron Yeoman</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
4th	<i>Omar Hussain</i>	<i>City of Bradford</i>
5th	<i>Adam Harvey</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>

Junior Championships 3k
Men

3rd	<i>James Sowersby</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
5th	<i>Marc Slack</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>

Ladies

2nd	<i>Jennifer Clegg</i>	<i>Halifax</i>
4th	<i>Sarah Roberts</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
5th	<i>Christina Stapleton</i>	<i>City of Bradford</i>
6th	<i>Emma Couch</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>

North Bay, Scarborough 3k (Part of Grand Prix Series)
Men

3rd	<i>Aaron Yeoman</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
4th	<i>Adam Harvey</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>

Ladies

7th	<i>Julie Dimaline</i>	<i>City of Hull Masters</i>
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Junior Championships 1500m

Ladies

2nd	<i>Sarah Roberts</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
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Aaron Yeoman (Scarborough) retained his top 3 placing and took bronze for the whole series.

National Age Group Championships – Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham

13/14 years – 1500m

Boys

6th	<i>Thomas Bill</i>	<i>Kingston Upon Hull</i>
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Girls

3rd	<i>Stephanie Clegg</i>	<i>Halifax</i>
10th	<i>Emma Couch</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
11th	<i>Alix Pettitt</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
14th	<i>Gemma Hunter</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>

15/16 years - 1750m

Boys

4th	<i>James Sowersby</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
14th	<i>Gregg Mills</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>

Girls

1st	<i>Jennifer Clegg</i>	<i>Halifax</i>
5th	<i>Sarah Roberts</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
6th	<i>Lauren O'Neill</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
7th	<i>Ami Pettitt</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>
9th	<i>Holly Williams</i>	<i>Halifax</i>
11th	<i>Christina Stapleton</i>	<i>City of Bradford</i>
13th	<i>Phoebe Pattinson</i>	<i>Scarborough</i>

**17/24 years - 2000m
Boys**

5th	Omar Hussain	City of Bradford
6th	Aaron Yeoman	Scarborough
8th	Adam Harvey	Scarborough

As is evident from the results Yorkshire swimmers featured in the top 6 in every age group with Jennifer and Stephanie Clegg (Halifax) taking Gold and Bronze in their respective age groups. On the strength of these results some of our swimmers were selected and invited to compete in Dunkirk.

Through involvement and representation on the District Open Water sub-group the County continues to be committed to developing the sport. Steve Roberts (Scarborough Swimming Club) has undertaken to liaise between the clubs and to set out a development plan, which will underpin that of the District. Part of the development plan may involve participation in a weekend or day training camp. It is also intended to introduce a Yorkshire Open Water Championship in 2005. County support and commitment would be crucial for either to succeed.

Our swimmers continue to give of their best and do us proud let us not fail them, let us help them to be the best.

12. SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

(Committee Secretary: Bill Cooper)

The Yorkshire Senior/Junior Competition took place at Aireborough on the 15th November 2003. There were 15 Senior and 24 junior entries (12 and 30 in 2002), 3 Senior and 4 Junior Duet entries (2 and 9 in 2002) and 2 team entries (5 in 2002). As can be seen numbers were down on last year. Unfortunately the Senior standard was poorer than last year and the Juniors about the same.

The results of the competition are as follows: -

Senior Technical Solo: -	1st	Lynsey Claire	City of Bradford
	2nd	Stephanie Roberts	City of Bradford
	3rd	Gabriella Bottomley	City of Bradford
Senior Free Solos: - (Mollie Gledhill Rose Bowl)	1st	Lindsey Claire	City of Bradford
	2nd	Stephanie Roberts	City of Bradford
	3rd	Emma Kidd	Leeds Kingfisher
Senior Technical Duet: -	1st	Holly Roper-Newman/Joelle Carr	University of Bradford
	2nd	Emma Kidd/Laura Sykes	Leeds Kingfisher
	3rd	Gemma Wright/Molly Gibson	Leeds Kingfisher
Senior Free Duet: - (Mary Rushby Rose Bowl)	1st	Emma Kidd/Laura Sykes	Leeds Kingfisher
	2nd	Holly Roper-Newman/Joelle Carr	University of Bradford
	3rd	Gemma Wright/Molly Gibson	Leeds Kingfisher
Junior Figures: -	1st	Rebecca Baxter	City of Bradford
	2nd	Emma Winterbottom	Borough of Kirklees
	3rd	Sarah Sherwood	Leeds Kingfishers
Junior Solo: - (Hey Shield)	1st	Rebecca Baxter	City of Bradford
	2nd	Emma Winterbottom	Borough of Kirklees
	3rd	Sarah Sherwood	Leeds Kingfishers
Junior Duet: - (Yorkshire Rose Trophy)	1st	Rosie Holdsworth/Emma Winterbottom	Borough of Kirklees
	2nd	Sian Jones/Nicola Prendergast	Leeds Kingfishers
Teams: - (Sheffield Trophy)	1st	Leeds Kingfisher	
	2nd	University of Bradford	
Millennium Cup:	1st	City of Bradford	
Suzanne Shorter Trophy		Emma Kidd (Leeds Kingfisher)	

The British Synchronised Swimming Championships were held at Gala Baths Walsall on 1st & 2nd November 2003

The Yorkshire swimmers were not able to get into the medal positions. Although Yorkshire swimmers Lindsay Clare, Cheryl Williamson, Emma Shkurka and Sian Jones were competing for Gateshead in this competition.

We commenced the year (2004) by starting training for the last Inter-District Synchronised Swimming Competition, which was held at Knottingley Pool on Saturday 27th March 2004.

Once again, as in previous years, our swimmers from North East Counties did us proud and retained the Trophy with a convincing win, our nearest rivals being 20.5 points behind us the results for Yorkshire swimmers were;

Senior Technical Solo	Lindsay Clare	2nd
Senior Free Duet	Lindsay Clare/Cheryl Williamson	1st
Senior Free Solo	Lindsay Clare	1st
Team	North East Counties	1st

I feel that this result gives us the right to feel very proud of our swimmers and coaches from the District.

Moving on the North East Counties Synchronised Swimming Age Group Competition was held at Aireborough Leisure Centre, Guiseley on Saturday 3rd July 2004.

The results for Yorkshire swimmers are as follows

12 & under FIGURES

1st	Bethany Patrick	LKSSC
3rd	Jenna Bissell	COBS

15/16/17 FIGURES

2nd	Eleanor Roberts	COBS
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18 & over TECHNICAL SOLO

2 nd	Stephanie Roberts	COBS
3 rd	Holly Eccles	LKSSC

12 & under SOLO

1st	Bethany Patrick	LKSSC
3rd	Alys Grigg	BOK

15/16/17 SOLO

2nd	Emma Winterbottom	BOK
3rd	Michelle Prendergast	LKSSC

18 & over FREE SOLO

2nd	Stephanie Roberts	COBS
3rd	Emma Kidd	LKSSC

15/16/17 DUET

1st	Emma Winterbottom/Rosie Holdsworth	BOK
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18 & over DUET

1st	Emma Kidd/Laura Sykes	LKSSC
2nd	Molly Gibson/Gemma Wright	LKSSC

TEAMS

2nd	Leeds Kingfishers
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GLEDHILL TROPHY

2nd	Leeds Kingfishers	48
3rd	City of Bradford	29
4th	Borough of Kirklees	20
5th	Pudsey Pearls	3

A Grade 'A' Figures Examiners Course was held on Sunday 18th January 2004 and was attended by

S. Blackstone, J. Carr, R. Maidment, C. Macina, M. Roberts, H. Thompson and Z. Wilson.

All candidates were successful.

At present the Committee is organising a Level 1 Synchro Teachers Course and a Scorers Course to increase the number of Officials etc within the District.

In the coming year we hope to be able to run some Examiner and Routine Judge Courses along with a Level 2 Teachers course. When a clearer picture of the future of Synchro is available with regards Competitions and Grading levels then it is proposed to implement a Development Training Programme for the Swimmers. This will be in line with the Long Term Athlete Development Plan and Synchro 21 when details of these plans are finalised.

The Yorkshire swimmers competed in the A.S.A. National Age Group Competition held at Wigan on 25/26 September 2004 but again were not able to get into the medal positions.

The National Masters Synchronised Swimming Competition took place at St. Albans on Saturday 11th September.

Four swimmers from Yorkshire took part, all of whom are members of Pudsey Pearls Synchro Club and achieved medals as detailed below:

Technical Trio Routines	Jeanne Ansley/Joelle Carr/Anita Carr	2nd
Free Trio Routine 35 to 49 years	Jeanne Ansley/Joelle Carr/Anita Carr	2nd
Free Solo Routine 60 to 69 years	Jeanne Ansley	1st
Free Solo Routine 40 to 49 years	Anita Carr	3rd
Free Duet Routine 50 to 59 years	Jeanne Ansley/Anita Carr	1st

Overall I feel we have improved our standing in the World of Synchro at National level and hope that this improvement can continue during the coming year.

The results of the Grade1/Grade2 Yorkshire S.A. Synchro Competition held at Aireborough May 22nd 2004 were as follows

GRADE 1 FIGURES

1	J.Merson	B.O.K.
2	G.Harrison	LKSSC
3	A.Kennedy	P.P.

GRADE 2 FIGURES

1	C.Pugsley	LKSSC
2	A.Hollwey	B.O.K.
3	H.Cumiskey	B.O.K.

GRADE 1 SOLOS

1	G.Harrison	LKSSC
2	J.Merson	B.O.K.
3	R.Stead	COBS

GRADE 2 SOLOS

1	C.Pugsley	LKSSC
2	H.Cumiskey	B.O.K.
3	A.Hollwey	B.O.K.

TEAM

1	LKSSC
2	B.O.K.
3	HALIFAX

MILLENNIUM CUP

1	B.O.K.	34
2	LKSSC	29
3	COBS	8

This completes our Competition Calendar for this year.

Overall I feel it has been a successful year and I look forward to coming Year with confidence.

May I thank the members of the Synchro Committee and the Yorks Executive Committee for their help and advice over the past year.

13. VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATER REPORT

The Yorkshire Swimming Association was the first County in England to appoint a Volunteer Coordinator and as the A.G.M. approaches, the best established.

The Association created the post of Volunteer Co-ordinator to ensure that it not only upheld the highest standards but could be seen to do so. The principle that every member of the Executive should have been CRB checked seemed a worthy objective. In the light of the lack of nominations for President in previous years, it also looks logical to try to apply some principles of good governance to our internal personnel activities. The sport is short of volunteers and to create a channel whereby volunteer's ambitions and aspirations are recognised, nurtured and trained looked like a sound move.

The reality is that the post in 2004 is a failure. It took 3 meetings of the Executive to get to the point where enough Executive Members had replied to a questionnaire to make it worthwhile, Very few were willing to state their career objectives. Therefore in 2005, and if re-elected, my intention will be to hand out CRB forms to all elected and appointed Executive Members at the Statutory meeting.

The post of Club Liaison Secretary was created to try to resolve the issue that a major problem in the sport is that Volunteer Administrators frequently get no training, and frequently not even an introduction to the job they take on. Often, their predecessor leaves because of some disagreement and the job is left to be picked up. The CLS was created as a point of reference, and to also help disseminate good practice through Swim21. Success for the post would be if the numbers of volunteers were to increase, and the average time-in-post was similarly to increase.

The A.S.A. also introduced a professional Volunteer Coordinator during 2004, and this post maps onto our Club Liaison position. Matt Sturgess has drawn upon the experience of the small group of Volunteer Coordinators across the UK and is developing a Volunteer Strategy. Two Volunteer Co-ordinator meetings were held (I attended one). Nationally the VC sees some milestones:-

- to introduce a national Volunteer Recognition Scheme
- to lay out training road maps for key administrators
- to create some 'administration fundamentals' workshops for County VCs to deliver.

Naturally the County VC will need to help deliver these through the County.

As a first step, it was intended to create a database of Club Secretaries, treasurers, Coaches and (Head) teachers. The Yorkshire Swimming Association's efforts over the year were slightly better than other Counties who had tried this in previous years. We have about a 20% response from Clubs.

The maintenance of the Association web site falls naturally under the CLS heading. It should be noted that although there is a section for every discipline, speed swimming and masters are the one that carries relevant Yorkshire Swimming Association content. Water polo section is almost entirely populated by North East WPDO content. Open water send one press release each year. Synchro sent 2 pages in the year. Diving rarely bother. The statistics show that the web site gets in excess of on average 3000 hits from individual users on the Monday after a Swim Competition. Of these, over 2,500 are *returning users*. There must be a lot of grannies and uncles across the world! The webmaster usually updates the web on Sunday/Monday/Tuesday evenings. Everything new is marked as such. Have a look at www.yorkshireswimming.org, Feedback welcomed, especially if positive.

Swim21 would appear to be a natural objective for Clubs to follow. The scheme follows in highly acclaimed footsteps. Today's businesses recognise that ISO9000 Accreditation is a vital measure of the capability of a Company to say what it does, and do what it says. Business recognises a key return on investment in ISO9001. Swim21 currently suffers in the view of some Clubs from a lack of recognition of the balance between investment (of effort, as there are no fees associated with it) versus the benefits to Clubs or individuals in Clubs. Swim21 need more powerful missionaries.

Finally, it might make sense for us to change the job titles to fit the national model,

14. **WATER POLO COMMITTEE REPORT**

(Committee Secretary: Stuart Bonds)

no report received

15. **A.S.A. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

(Sally Skipper & Lindsay Heathfield, A.S.A. Regional Development Officers, Yorkshire & Humberside)

Regionalisation

Following the successful North East Regionalisation Bid, members of the Yorkshire S.A. Executive have formed a Development Sub Group to address areas of development the County can be more pro- active.

It is eventually hoped the group will be instrumental in pulling together a County Development Plan to underpin the North East Region's Development Plan next year.

In the mean time excellent partnerships links have been forged with the Sport England Regional Office, swimming has become a pilot sport for Sport England in Yorkshire and as a consequence Yorkshire is leading the way on an innovative health pilot for swimming.

County Sports Partnerships

During this last year a great deal of emphasis has been placed on the A.S.A. Operational Plan, which will secure the sports funding from Sport England for the next 4 years. The contents of the plan will also help determine not only our Regional Plan and County Plan but also the way we work with the County Sports Partnerships, so this year has very much been a transitional year in a lot of our partnerships.

Active Sport Programme

This year has also seen the funding of our first Active Sport Programme. The Humber Sports Partnership has been awarded £18,000 to develop the sport and employed Lindsay Heathfield as Partnership Swimming Development Officers (PSDO's). In the nine months Lindsay has been in post she has worked in partnership with key providers to help achieve and fund:

- Swimming Festivals in each of the four local authorities
- A Humber Sports Partnership Swimming Action Group
- Five Swim 21 Accredited Clubs
- Eight newly qualified coaches (including one A.S.A. Coach)
- 78 places on CPD courses
- £900 will also be spent on delivering swim clinics in the partnership.

Work has taken place in South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire this year to audit the current picture, establish swimming action groups and prepare the partnerships to fit into the Whole Sport Planning model and we are confident next year these partnership will access funding to deliver swimming. It is also hoped discussions will start in North Yorkshire to replicate this process.

Swim 21

Positive steps have also been made to offer more support to Swim 21 clubs and address how the county can support volunteers, teachers and coaches.

The group consists of a representative from the Executive from each of the four County Sports Partnership areas and the Regional Development Officer.

This year has seen the Swim 21 Club Development Programme gather pace with a sharp increase in the number of clubs applying for Accreditation in the County. To date the following clubs have been accredited:

Yorkshire Swimming Association
Harrogate & District ASC
Grimsby Alexandra & Dolphins ASC
Scunthorpe Anchor ASC
City of Sheffield ASC
Halifax ASC
Stockbridge Pentaqua ASC
City of Sheffield SS
Cleethorpes & District ASC
Brighouse ASC
Grimsby Santa Marina ASC
Kingston Upon Hull ASC
Sowerby Bridge ASC
Sowerby Bridge Ladies ASC

Barry Saunders represents the Association Executive on the District Accreditation Panel and the group remain continuously impressed with the efforts and contributions received from the clubs who achieve this kitemark. Clubs who achieve this level also receive Sport England's Club Mark award.

School Club Links

The PESSCL (PE, Sport and School Club Links) initiative has represented a number of opportunities for swimming. The most significant of which is the school club links programme. This year has seen a number of pilot initiatives set up within the County Sports Partnerships funding activities that will help smooth the swimmer pathway between school, learn to swim and club programmes. Two pilot schemes have been funded in Rotherham and Sheffield and additional grants have been made available to the Swim 21 clubs involved in these programmes.

Coach Development Conference

Over 130 Coaches attended the Yorkshire S.A. conference this year. The key speakers were Bill Sweetenham, John Atkinson, Chelsea Warr, Bill Pilczuk and an update was delivered by the RDO.

The conference although a lot of work for the A.S.A. Regional Office, was well received and a review meeting has already taken place to help with plans for next years conference. Special thank you once again to Christine McCabe.

Many developments are taking place within swimming and as ever the initiatives are evolving from the A.S.A., Sport England and the Government. It has been a productive year for the Yorkshire S.A.; subsequently figures for Swim 21 are reflecting the progress being made by the clubs in developing the sport in line with good practice guidelines.

Thank you to all partners and individuals who have supported the Regional Office and the County in implementing some of these exciting developments.

16. WATER POLO REFEREES' ASSOCIATION REPORT

(Association Secretary: Leo Beatty)

At long last, clubs are now realising that without volunteers coming onto the bathside in the very near future, the Leagues will not be able to function successfully.

A Referees course will be held early in the New Year, which should produce some probationary referees. Jack Heap has now decided to retire after many years of valuable service to Water Polo. A sad loss to the Association.

Due to work commitments Bob Greaves has not done any refereeing this year.

We are now left with Phil Hill as the only National Grade referee on the panel.

Brian Littlejohn has now settled in at Sheffield and has received a number of International games in Europe. Receiving appointments at this high level is a great honour. Well done Brian.

The Leagues have now completed their matches, and we have with a struggle covered most matches.

Brian Taylor officiated at the Junior Final between Huddersfield Otters and Harrogate. This was his first appointment to a final, and he had an excellent game.

The Senior Final between Sheffield and Rotherham will be controlled by Stuart Bonds and Phil Hill.

Most sports have difficulty in persuading people to officiate, but we can only hope that the future courses will produce some new faces on the bathside.

Losing three very experienced referees, in Jack Heap, Bob Greaves and Leonard S Beatty will cause problems next year.

I am sorry that my report is a pessimistic one, but I trust that everyone takes heed.

Newcomers to the referees panel need experience in handling games, and the Courses are just a start

17. Vote of thanks to the 2004 Officers

18. Election of President for 2005 as a result of there being no nominations for this position at the 2004 Annual General Meeting, nominations, subject to approval by delegates, can be taken from the floor of the meeting.

19. Installation of 2005 President

20. Presentation of the Certificate and Lapel Badge to the 2004 President, Mr Leonard S Beatty

21. Election of President-Elect: **Mr David Dickenson** (City of Sheffield S.S.)
proposed by V Ragsdale (City of Sheffield S.S.)
seconded by J Weatherington (City of Sheffield S.S.)
Mr John Hickey (Aireborough S.C.)
proposed by N D Rhodes (Bradford Schools A.S.A.)
seconded by G Barraclough (Bradford & District A.S.A.)
22. Election of Hon. Secretary: **David Alexander** (Airedale & Wharfedale A.S.A.)
proposed by A Rawnsley (Airedale & Wharfedale ASA)
seconded by M Morley (Airedale & Wharfedale ASA)
23. Election of Hon. Treasurer: **Malcolm G Hill** (City of Bradford S.C.)
proposed by C J Brown (City of Bradford S.C.)
seconded by K Ford (City of Bradford S.C.)
24. Election of Hon. Championships Secretary: **David A Dickenson** (City of Sheffield S.S.)
to confirm the Executive Committee decision of June 2004 to appoint Mr Dickenson for 2005

- 25.** Election of Hon. Volunteer Liaison Secretary **T J Wilkinson** (Harrogate District S.C.)
proposed by A Martin (Harrogate District S.C.)
seconded by J Henderson (Harrogate District S.C.)
- 26.** Election of Hon. Club Liaison Secretary **T J Wilkinson** (Harrogate District S.C.)
proposed by A Martin (Harrogate District S.C.)
seconded by J Henderson (Harrogate District S.C.)
- 27.** Election of Hon. Committee Secretaries
- 27.1** Hon. Diving Committee Secretary: no nomination
- 27.2** Hon. Masters Committee Secretary: **Mrs Christine McCabe** (City of Bradford S.C.)
proposed by C J Brown (City of Bradford S.C.)
seconded by K Ford (City of Bradford S.C.)
- 27.3** Hon. Swimming Committee Secretary: **B J Saunders** (Harrogate District S.C.)
proposed by A Martin (Harrogate District S.C.)
seconded by J Henderson (Harrogate District S.C.)
- 27.4** Hon. Synchro Swimming Committee Secretary: **W A Cooper** (Borough of Kirklees S.C.)
proposed by M G Hill (City of Bradford S.C.)
seconded by R Briggs (Rotherham Metro S.C.)
- 27.5** Hon. Water Polo Committee Secretary: **J S Bonds** (Huddersfield Otters S.C.)
proposed by S L Mackenzie (Huddersfield Otters S.C.)
seconded by D L Hill (Huddersfield Otters S.C.)

28.

EXECUTIVE

(two members required from North & North East Lincolnshire clubs)

no nominations

29.

EXECUTIVE

- Peter Boyd** (Kingston upon Hull S.C.)
proposed by H Rudd (Kingston upon Hull S.C.) seconded by D Teale (Kingston upon Hull S.C.)
- W (Bill) Crawford** (Rotherham Metro S.C.)
proposed by D Rose (Sheffield & District A.S.A.) seconded by G W Kenyon (Sheffield & District A.S.A.)
- Alan Day** (Rotherham Metro S.C.)
proposed by S Milnes (Rotherham Metro S.C.) seconded by P Roebuck (Rotherham Metro S.C.)
- Mrs Wendy Emmerson** (York City B.C.)
proposed by A Thompson (Yorks City B.C.) seconded by L Stotten (York City B.C.)
- Sam Greetham** (Scarborough S.C.)
proposed by S Taylor (Scarborough S.C.) seconded by E Emmerson (Scarborough S.C.)
- John Hickey** (Aireborough S.C.)
proposed by A Rawnsley (Airedale & Wharfedale A.S.A.) seconded by M Morley (Airedale & Wharfedale A.S.A.)
- Syd Johnson** (Morley S.C.)
proposed by A Rawnsley (Airedale & Wharfedale A.S.A.) seconded by M Morley (Airedale & Wharfedale A.S.A.)
- Mrs Nuala Muir-Cochrane** (Leeds & District A.S.A.)
proposed by D Thomas (Leeds & District A.S.A.) seconded by J Emerson (Leeds & District A.S.A.)
- Dr Robin Muir-Cochrane** (Leeds & District A.S.A.)
proposed by D Thomas (Leeds & District A.S.A.) seconded by J Emerson (Leeds & District A.S.A.)

Danny Parsonson (City of Wakefield S.C.)
proposed by S Beever (Huddersfield Cambridge Ladies S.C.) seconded by B Beever (H/field Cambridge Ladies S.C.)

Mrs Sue Prasad (Chapelton S.C.)
proposed by D Rose (Sheffield & District A.S.A.) seconded by G Kenyon (Sheffield & District A.S.A.)

Harold Rudd (Kingston upon Hull S.C.)
proposed by G Rudd (Kingston upon Hull S.C.) seconded by D Teale (Kingston upon Hull S.C.)

Ron Stead (Dewsbury S.C.)
proposed by C Blakeley (Dewsbury S.C.) seconded by S Grove (Dewsbury S.C.)

Marshall Telfer (Leeds Kingfisher S.S.C.)
proposed by R Maidment (Leeds Kingfisher S.S.C.) seconded by E Kidd (Leeds Kingfisher S.S.C.)

Harry Vanson (Hull & District A.S.A.)
proposed by M Crabb (Hull & District A.S.A.) seconded by G Moody (Hull & District A.S.A.)

A Stuart Walker (Spa Askern S.C.)
proposed by D Rose (Sheffield & District A.S.A.) seconded by G Kenyon (Sheffield & District A.S.A.)

nominations for the Executive Committee were also received from Bill Cooper and Stuart Bonds, and have been deleted as they are standing for other unopposed Executive positions.

30. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the accounts

31. Yorkshire Swimming Association 'Role of Honour'

The nomination of Mr George Barraclough has been received.

32. To give consideration of the Agenda for the North Eastern Counties A.S.A. Council Meeting

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34. Alterations to Rules

page 10 (7.1 line 4) after 'members of' add 'a club affiliated to'

page 10 (7.4 line 1) after 'The' delete 'Officers'

page 10 (7.4 line 1) after 'seconded' add 'by a club affiliated to the Association'

page 11 (8.2 line 1) after 'seconded' add 'by a club affiliated to the Association'

page 12 (8.4 line 2) after 'The' delete 'President, President Elect'

page 12 (8.4 line 3) after 'Honorary Treasurer' delete 'must be a member of a Club affiliated to the Association and'

page 13 (11.3 line 3) after 'the body' add 'at least seven days'

page 15 (19.1) after 'meeting' delete 'invite the President, if present, to act as Chairman'

page 15 (19.1) after 'meeting' add 'elect a Chairman from its members.'

page 15 (19.2) delete all of this Rule as it is now part of Rule 19.1

page 15 (19.3) after 'of the' delete 'President'

page 19/20 (G6 line 3, 4 and 5) delete all

page 19 (G8 line 1) after 'obtain' delete 'the presidents medal, the presidents consort's medal'

All the above changes to Rules have been proposed by East Leeds S.C. and seconded by The National Speedo Swimming League North East.

35. Any other relevant business

All officers and members of the Executive Committee are reminded that the first meeting of the Executive Committee (Statutory) for 2005 will take place 15 minutes after the end of the Annual General Meeting.

No other notice of this meeting will be given.

**How many times will you be at a Gala at the Ponds Forge Pool in 2005?
Check the dates below**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
January		
8	Yorkshire Swimming Association Annual General Meeting York C.B.C. Graded Meet	Leeds Edmund Wilson Pool, York
15	North Eastern Counties A.S.A. Annual Council Meeting	Stockton
15/16	Borough of Kirklees S.C. Distance Meet	Huddersfield Sports Centre
22	Rotherham Metro Graded Meet	Ponds Forge
23	Rotherham Metro Open Masters	Ponds Forge
29-30	Harrogate S.C. Open Meet	Harrogate Hydro
February		
5-6	Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Senior/Junior	Leeds
11-13	City of Leeds S.C. Grand Prix & Age Group Meet	Leeds
26-27	Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Age Groups	Leeds
March		
5-6	Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Age Groups	Leeds
16-20	British Championships/World Championship Trials	Manchester TBC
19	Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Age Groups	Ponds Forge
20	Yorkshire Swimming Association Teams Championships	Ponds Forge
26-27	Rotherham Metro Open Meet	Ponds Forge
April		
1-3	City of Sheffield Premier Licensed Meet	Ponds Forge
24	Speedo League Final	Ponds Forge
30-2 May	North Eastern Counties Youth Championships	Ponds Forge
May		
7-8	Sports Aid Meet	Leeds
14	Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Masters	Scarborough
28-29	City of Sheffield 'No Frills Meet	Ponds Forge
June		
4-5	Cheesestrings North Eastern Counties Age Groups	Ponds Forge
11-12	Cheesestrings North Eastern Counties Age Groups	Ponds Forge
18-19	Scarborough A&B Graded Meet	Indoor Pool Scarborough
July		
9-10	City of Leeds B Grade	Leeds
14-17tbc	A.S.A. Championships	tbc
16-17	Rotherham Metro Graded Meet	Ponds Forge
16-17	North Eastern Counties Masters	Leeds
17-31	FINA World Championship	Montreal
31-3 Aug	Cheesestrings A.S.A. National Age Group Championships	Ponds Forge
August		
5-9tbc	Cheesestrings A.S.A. National Youth Championships	Ponds Forge
5-9tbc	Commonwealth Games Trials	Ponds Forge
27	Sheffield City Sprints Meet	Ponds Forge
September		
10	Scarborough Summer Sports Aid Meet	Scarborough
11	Yorkshire Swimming Association Coaches Conference	Leeds (t.b.c.)
18	City of Sheffield 'Teaspoon Gala'	Ponds Forge
24-25	North Eastern Counties Masters Short Course	Scarborough
October		
1-2	City of Leeds Junior Open Meet	Leeds
8-9	Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Winter Competition	Ponds Forge
16	A.S.A. Inter Counties	Ponds Forge
28-30	A.S.A. Masters	Ponds forge
November		
5-6	North Eastern Counties Age Group Short Course	Harrogate
26	Sheffield City Meet	Ponds Forge
26-27	North Eastern Counties Senior/Junior	Leeds
December		
3	Borough of Barnsley Meet	Ponds Forge
3-4	City of Bradford Christmas Meet	Shipley
4	South Yorkshire Masters Meet	Ponds Forge
10-11	City of Sheffield Winter Distance Meet	Ponds Forge
10-11	City of Leeds Christmas Cracker Meet	Leeds

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