

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ANNUAL REPORT, 2005/6**

#### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENT**

Because we have changed the date of our Council Meeting, unlike my predecessors, I have to write this part way through my year of office. I have to say, nevertheless, that I am very much enjoying the experience of being your President, and I am most grateful to the Association for according me this honour.

As you know, my background in our sport is in speed swimming. So it has been a fascinating experience to attend synchro events, something which I have enjoyed. I very much hope that, before the end of my term in office, I may be exposed (if that is the right word) to the diving and water polo. I have to admit that, as winter draws on, the appeal of open water events is receding!

Of course, as a swimming official, I am very familiar with our own [swimming] Championships. I had an added bonus this year. As well as officiating, I was able to make the presentations to event winners. May I take this opportunity to convey my personal thanks, and, no doubt, yours, to all those people who make the events possible, and, indeed, successful. While it is invidious sometimes to single people out for praise, I feel I should particularly mention Eileen and Ken Adams, who have been stalwarts of the Championships for many years.

I shall not just focus on "my" discipline. This County is one the national leaders in synchro swimming, with Reading Royals almost certain to be one of the centres of excellence (or whatever title is eventually settled on). This success is due in no small part to vigour with which our Association's synchro fraternity operate, and I will highlight Pat Jack and Jean Hulbert particularly. I gather, incidentally, that Pat is standing down from the office of Synchro Secretary, after members years' service in that role. As I am sure you all know, the input of Barbara and Doug Coker into synchro was recognised nationally, earlier this year.

For the remainder of my year, I look forward to accompanying our team to Sheffield, next month, although the early start, on a Sunday morning, for our journey north does not immediately appeal! After our consolidation in Division 1 of the national inter-county competition last year, I am hopeful that we can improve our ranking.

I must, of course, congratulate those members, or former members, of our Clubs who competed with distinction in the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, earlier this year. Pride of place must go to Simon Burnett of Wycombe District SC, who set a new Games Record to win Gold in the Men's 100m Freestyle and won Silver behind Ross Davenport to complete an England 1-2 in the 200m Freestyle. Simon was also part of England's winning 4x200m Freestyle Relay team.

Sadly, I do have one regret about my year, which is that I have yet to see the County Handbook for 2006 ...

Rosemary Large

## DIVING COMMITTEE

*Report not yet to hand*

## MASTERS' COMMITTEE

The County long course masters' meet at Wycombe in January was successful. We had the maximum entries possible for the duration of hired pool time, making a small loss of £4.48. Unfortunately we had very few officials. Wycombe pool is booked for 21 January 2007.

The masters' short course meet at Eton, was cancelled because of insufficient entries. There was a loss of £6.30 for stamps. Eton College, very kindly, did not charge for the pool hire. The pool is booked for 1 April 2007.

The county were 5<sup>th</sup> in the inter-counties short course meet in November.

There is a change in the age groups for masters. The senior females may swim from age 18, and it is expected that it will be the same for men later in the year.

The Open meet will be held at Maidenhead on 14 October 2006.

Jane Dawkins

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

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## SWIMMING COMMITTEE

With the help of numerous qualified County officials working poolside and members of competing clubs providing front of house coverage and poolside administration, the County Championships and Age Group competitions went very smoothly and were completed within the times specified for licensed competitions at all sessions. The format in 2006 was almost identical to that in 2005 and so in 2007 it will follow the same programme, with one minor tweak.

Unlike Age Group best times which are only set at the County age group competitions, County records can be achieved at any licensed meet. Very few County records are set in our County championships. Those which have been broken during the year are detailed in a separate appendix.

As the date of the ACM has moved from November to September there is very little to report on the Inter-County team competition for 2006. It is scheduled to take place on 22 October in Sheffield. Our County team has been selected and those chosen

will soon be taking part in some training sessions as a team. I wish them every success and hope they maintain or improve on their position at the 2005 event.

County Championships are held in the same period of time all over the country and in recent years both Ken and I have experienced a dilemma in wanting to be in two places on the same date and same time. We are now keen to revert to being spectators again and watch our grandchildren compete in their County championships. They compete in Championships in the South East Region but not in the Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire area. We originally embarked working on poolside when our son was competing, at the same age as the oldest grandchild is now.

I should like to encourage two persons interested in taking over the role of County Championship Secretary and Assistant County Championship Secretary to work with myself and the Assistant Secretary in 2006/7 in order to achieve a harmonious handover in time for the Championships in 2008.

#### *Best times - teams*

The times recorded in 2006 for the new team events introduced in 2005 were swum in times faster than those in 2005, the one for the boys YOUTH Medley team being improved by Wycombe District SC by 12 seconds, a notable performance.

Girls BAGCAT 4x 100m Freestyle Team	Bracknell	4.28.99
Girls BAGCAT 4x100m Medley Team	Bracknell	5.02.75
Girls YOUTH 4x 100m Freestyle Team	Reading	4.07.94
Girls YOUTH 4x100m Medley Team	Wycombe District	4.31.62
Boys BAGCAT 4x 100m Freestyle Team	Bracknell	3.58.12
Boys BAGCAT 4x100m Medley Team	Bracknell	4.22.75
Boys YOUTH 4x 100m Freestyle Team	Wycombe District	3.38.46
Boys YOUTH 4x100m Medley Team	Wycombe District	4.04.97

#### *Best times - individuals*

The following swimmers achieved County Age Group best times. Most notable was Steven King of Bracknell who recorded 7 new Age Group best times – congratulations Steven.

#### *GIRLS – 24 New Best Times*

<b>Age 10/u</b>	N Kennedy	Slough & Eton	50m Butterfly	36.98
			400m Freestyle	5.16.33
	A Shields	Bracknell	100m Ind Medley	1.22.21
			400m Ind Medley	6.11.13
F Claringbold	Windsor	200m Ind Medley	2.55.36	
		50m Breaststroke	41.80	
<b>Age 11</b>	A Humphreys	Bracknell	100m Breaststroke	1.23.40
			200m Breaststroke	3.00.64

	K Shaw	Amersham	50m Backstroke	34.99
	D Ashfield	Slough & Eton	50m Breaststroke	39.91
<b>Age 12</b>	A Wiseman	Slough & Eton	50m Butterfly	33.14
			50m Backstroke	33.65
	F Wilkins	Reading	200m Breaststroke	2.54.89
<b>Age 13</b>	B Sacre	Bracknell	100m Breaststroke	1.18.71
<b>Age 14</b>	A Lloyd	Slough & Eton	100m Backstroke	1.06.43
			50m Butterfly	30.80
			50m Backstroke	31.34
<b>Age 15/16</b>	A Jemielity	Wycombe District	100m Backstroke	1.05.84
			50m Backstroke	31.25
	K Ambridge	Wycombe District	200m Butterfly	2.18.90
<b>Age 17/o</b>	E Harris	Newbury	200m Freestyle	2.04.66
	L Jones	Reading	50m Breaststroke	34.86
	P Clement	Windsor	100m Freestyle	58.85
	E Boret	Bracknell	100m Ind Medley	1.10.50

*BOYS – 22 New Best Times*

<b>Age 11</b>	G Thornton	Chesham	50m Breaststroke	42.89
	J Patching	Bracknell	50m Backstroke	34.76
<b>Age 12</b>	S King	Bracknell	100m Breaststroke	1.17.05
			100m Butterfly	1.06.21
			50m Breaststroke	36.16
			50m Butterfly	30.25
			200m Butterfly	2.22.61
			50m Backstroke	32.30
			400m Ind Medley	5.01.64
	S Straughan	Wycombe District	400m Freestyle	4.27.17
<b>Age 13</b>	A Barratt	Reading	50m Butterfly	29.89
	T Keen	Bracknell	50m Backstroke	30.37
<b>Age 14</b>	T Norgate	Windsor	100m Butterfly	1.00.66
			200m Butterfly	2.15.43
			100m Freestyle	55.69
	J Stone	Windsor	100m Breaststroke	1.11.68
			400m Ind Medley	4.48.98
	J Shields	Bracknell	50m Breaststroke	32.95
	A McArthur	Reading	50m Butterfly	29.08
<b>Age 15/16</b>	G Fowler	Amersham	50m Backstroke	28.27
	M Harris	Newbury	50m Freestyle	25.13

**Age 17/o**    A Vine            Wycombe District    200m Ind Medley            2.08.57

Eileen Adams

*Current holders of County trophies, and thus the winners of Championships, are listed at Appendix 1: this information is available on the County website.*

## SWIMMING OFFICIALS

*Report not yet to hand*

## SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMMITTEE

The report this year will be brief, as many events do not take place until after our ACM but will be included in next year's report.

Part of the implementation of LTAD means that the South East region can approve two designated Novice competitions in the year. As the County has only 2 competitive clubs, the Synchro Committee felt that if we, together with RRSSC, submitted plans to organise one of the 2 designated Novice competitions, we could incorporate our County Novice competitions. We all feel that everyone gained from this competition, so I would like to thank Jean Hulbert for drawing up the rules and organising the event and Jane White for refereeing. We have received many congratulations for running this event so smoothly & successfully.

The County have two swimmers selected for the GB Junior Worlds' squad, to be held in Beijing, namely Helen Morris and Jazmine Stansbury from Reading Royals. We wish them every success.

The South East Age Group competitions will be held on 15 October at Haselmere and the National Age Groups and British Championship will be held as a combined event on 2 and 3 December at Gloucester. In 2007 the South East and the West will have joint competitions.

Our longest serving coach has decided to retire this year and, on behalf of the County, I would like to thank Doug Coker for the many years of commitment he has given us – thank you.

Finally, thank you to all the coaches and officials for helping to keep synchro surviving as a sport.

Results given in Appendix 2

Pat Jack

## VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR

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## WATER POLO

*Report not yet to hand*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Take comfort that the change in our annual calendar has caught me unprepared! I shall, therefore, be briefer than has been my custom in recent years. I am afraid that my customary schedule of speed swimming successes has been a casualty of the earlier ACM.

We changed the month of our ACM to September, better to fit into the annual sequence of council meetings – Region in October, ASA in October. I am sure that you will appreciate the logic of this. It has caused some local difficulties, however, not the least being securing nominations for office. That said, we may have to review the month of ACM again, in the not too distant future, because ASA South East Region will consider a proposal, at its ACM next month, to bring forward its ACM to September in 2007 and future years ...

There was a good turn out from this Association, and its Clubs, at the inaugural Council for the South East Region last October. Berks & South Bucks personnel continue a long tradition of support to the next “tier” in the sport. One of our Past Presidents, Roger Prior, is Chairman of the Regional Management Board, and the Region's substitute representative on the ASA Board. Eddie Lyne served as member of the Regional Board until January this year. I am a member of that Board, and have the dubious honour to be the Board Member Responsible for Finance. Sue Green is the Region's Trophies' Controller. This Association is represented on most of the Region's discipline groups.

This Association has striven to become one of ASA South East Region's sub-regional bodies. The Region has encouraged this, and has asked the Association to adjust its constitution to reflect this new status. Hence one of the proposed rule changes to be considered later. It would have made life much easier if the national governing body had progressed the issue of sub-regional constitutions with greater vigour. Drafts were under discussion earlier this year, but a model is unlikely to be unveiled in the short term. This almost certainly means that we will be examining our constitutional navel again, next year!

Sadly, there is no progress to report on another issue allied to the recent reorganisation, viz our relationship with Oxfordshire & North Buckinghamshire (ONB). You will recall that Council appointed a sub-committee to explore matters with ONB, to report first to the Executive Committee, and then to this Council. The Sub-

Committee has yet to report to the Executive, so I presume that there will be no report to this Council Meeting ...

On the other hand, there has been significant and dramatic progress on the production of a development plan. A slim interim plan was adopted for the period 1 October 2005 to 31 March 2006, with achievable targets. Following 2 quite lively open sessions, a much more taxing plan has been adopted for the 3 years beginning 1 April 2006. Implementation is already in hand. The Association is particularly indebted to Jean Hulbert and Eddie Lyne for moving the development agenda forward. In addition, I suspect that without the encouragement, enthusiasm and support of Eli Karlicka-Cook, the Regional Director, and Alex Message, the Regional Development Officer, our progress would have been nowhere near as good.

The demise of Active Sports Partnerships and creation of County Sports Partnerships has demonstrated the marked differences in approach in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. Despite our title, we have interests in all 3 counties. The Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Partnership is striding forward. Emily Swain, the Swimming Development Officer, has worked hard to create some district (in the local government sense) based swimming action groups. The picture in Berkshire is somewhat different, in that we effectively hijacked the Swimming Action Group in order to progress our development plan. Kaylieigh Hodges, the Swimming Development Officer, continues, however, to do sterling work with our Berkshire clubs. Unfortunately, swimming never got a foothold in Active Sports in Oxfordshire, and I can report little about the Oxon County Sports Partnership, if, of course, it exists.

Sadly, there are each year obituaries to report. David Admans, who was President in 1988 and was Championships' Secretary from 1991 to 1995 passed away in December 2005.

In conclusion, I should like to congratulate Rosemary Large on her Presidential year, thus far, and thank her for carrying on being your Assistant Secretary. May I thank Phil Tanner, both personally, and on your behalf, for his continued maintenance of the County website. I must also thank my wife for her indirect support for our sport, a sport for which, with the passage of some 20 years, she has developed a deep loathing! I would have also liked to thank Eddie Lyne for taking over the production of the Handbook ...

Roger Penfold

**APPENDIX 1****CURRENT HOLDER OF TROPHIES FOR 2006****WOMEN**

50	Metres	Freestyle	The Reading S.C. Sprint Cup	P Clements	Windsor
100	Metres	Freestyle	The Jackson Silver Bowl	P Clements	Windsor
200	Metres	Freestyle	The Spitfire Silver Cup	E Harris	Newbury
400	Metres	Freestyle	The Speer Silver Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
800	Metres	Freestyle	The Spindler Silver Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
1500	Metres	Freestyle	No Trophy Currently	L Downs	Reading
50	Metres	Breaststroke	The H. Wilkinson Trophy	L Jones	Reading
100	Metres	Breaststroke	The Wycombe Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
200	Metres	Breaststroke	The Maurice Bradley Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
50	Metres	Backstroke	The Tom Chambers Cup	C Wilson	Wycombe
100	Metres	Backstroke	The Edminson Trophy	A Jamielty	Wycombe
200	Metres	Backstroke	The Gasket Trophy	A Jamielty	Wycombe
50	Metres	Butterfly	The Chalfont Otters S.C. Trophy	E Beret	Bracknell
100	Metres	Butterfly	The H.J. Prescott Trophy	K Ambridge	Wycombe
200	Metres	Butterfly	The Lawrie Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
200	Metres	Ind. Medley	The Lambert Silver Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
400	Metres	Ind. Medley	The Slough S.C. Trophy	K Ambridge	Wycombe

**GIRLS**

50	Metres	Freestyle	The Berkshire Trophy Centre Cup	J Ballingall	Chesham
100	Metres	Freestyle	The Biggs Silver Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
200	Metres	Freestyle	The Chiltern Cup	L Downs	Reading
400	Metres	Freestyle	The S.P. & S. Rose Bowl	K Ambridge	Wycombe
800	Metres	Freestyle	The Waitrose Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
1500	Metres	Freestyle	No Trophy Currently	L Downs	Reading
50	Metres	Breaststroke	The Windsor S.C. Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
100	Metres	Breaststroke	The Prescott Trophy	L Downs	Reading
200	Metres	Breaststroke	The Lorraine Burt Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
50	Metres	Backstroke	The Tilson Cup	C Wilson	Wycombe
100	Metres	Backstroke	The Davies Silver Cup	C Wilson	Wycombe
200	Metres	Backstroke	The Carmen Trophy	C Wilson	Wycombe
50	Metres	Butterfly	The Mrs. M.G. Lambert Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
100	Metres	Butterfly	The Newbury Silver Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
200	Metres	Butterfly	The Bracknell Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
200	Metres	Ind. Medley	The Reading Cup	K Ambridge	Wycombe
400	Metres	Ind. Medley	The Jane Admans Trophy	K Ambridge	Wycombe

**TEAMS**

Women's Freestyle Team	The County Silver Bowl	Wycombe
Women's Medley Team	Slough Community Centre Trophy	Wycombe
Girls Freestyle Team	The Lyon Mackie Trophy	No Championship Held
Girls Medley Team	The Bracknell Cup	No Championship Held

**AGGREGATE TROPHIES**

Ladies Club Aggregate	The Dockery Trophy	Wycombe
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**AGE GROUP**

Girls Aggregate	The Parker Silver Cup	J Ballingall	Chesham
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**CURRENT HOLDER OF TROPHIES FOR 2006****MEN'S**

50 Metres	Freestyle	The Reading S.C. Sprint Cup	R Matthew Stroud	Wycombe
100 Metres	Freestyle	The S. C. A. S. A Silver Cup	D McGuire	Bracknell
200 Metres	Freestyle	The Anchor Pools Cup	A Vine	Wycombe
400 Metres	Freestyle	The Berkshire Clubs Silver Cup	D Ryan	Wycombe
800 Metres	Freestyle	The Ken Gabriel Memorial Trophy	A Macarthur	Reading
1500 Metres	Freestyle	The Carter Silver Trophy	G Dixon	Reading
50 Metres	Breaststroke	The Bracknell S. C. Trophy	D Ryan	Wycombe
100 Metres	Breaststroke	The Trophy Secretaries Cup	D Ryan	Wycombe
200 Metres	Breaststroke	The Smith Silver Cup	D Ryan	Wycombe
50 Metres	Backstroke	The Reading Cup	S Mudge	Wycombe
100 Metres	Backstroke	The Upton Silver Cup	S Mudge	Wycombe
200 Metres	Backstroke	The Gasket Trophy	C Rowley	Bracknell
50 Metres	Butterfly	The Slough Dolphin S.C. Trophy	C Rowley	Bracknell
100 Metres	Butterfly	The Burt Trophy	S Mudge	Wycombe
200 Metres	Butterfly	The Walker Cup	A Vine	Wycombe
200 Metres	Ind. Medley	The Reading Mercury Cup	A Vine	Wycombe
400 Metres	Ind. Medley	The Slough S.C. Trophy	A Vine	Wycombe

**BOYS**

50 Metres	Freestyle	The Hamilton Smith Cup	G West	Chalfont
100 Metres	Freestyle	The Rowland Kent Silver Cup	T Norgate	Windsor
200 Metres	Freestyle	The G.W. Andree Rose Bowl	G Dixon	Reading
400 Metres	Freestyle	The Speedo Trophy	G Dixon	Reading
800 Metres	Freestyle	No Trophy Currently	A Macarthur	Reading
1500 Metres	Freestyle	The Usher Trophy	G Dixon	Reading
50 Metres	Breaststroke	The Newbury S.C. Trophy	J Stone	Windsor
100 Metres	Breaststroke	The Bell Trophy	J Stone	Windsor
200 Metres	Breaststroke	The Ed Bowditch Cup	J Stone	Windsor
50 Metres	Backstroke	The Amersham Cup	C Rowley	Bracknell
100 Metres	Backstroke	The Dick Silver Cup	C Rowley	Bracknell
200 Metres	Backstroke	The Roger Pratt Trophy	C Rowley	Bracknell
50 Metres	Butterfly	The Wycombe District S.C. Cup	M Harris	Newbury
100 Metres	Butterfly	The Bernard White Memorial Trophy	T Norgate	Windsor
200 Metres	Butterfly	The Berkshire Trophy Centre Cup	T Norgate	Windsor
200 Metres	Ind. Medley	The Reading Parents Cup	C Rowley	Bracknell
400 Metres	Ind. Medley	The Jim Sapey Cup	G Dixon	Reading

**TEAMS**

Men's Freestyle Team	The Gower Pools Silver Cup	Wycombe
Men's Medley Team	The Taylor Silver Cup	Wycombe
Boys Freestyle Team	The C.F.Sage Cup	No Championship Held
Boys Medley Team	The Bracknell Cup	No Championship Held

**AGGREGATE TROPHIES**

Men's Club Aggregate	The Ellen Trophy	Wycombe
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**AGE GROUP**

Boys Aggregate

The Lambert Shield

S King

Bracknell

**APPENDIX 2****SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING RESULTS 2006*****B&SB Novice Competitions June 17<sup>th</sup> Reading Central Pool*****Skill Level 1**

Lily Ryan	Gold (RR)
Tianne Buckley	Silver (RR)
Elizabeth Hamilton	Bronze (RR)

**Recreational Grade 2**

Gillian Allen	Gold (B)
Sian Massey	Silver (B)
Alex Feeney	Bronze (B)

**Ungraded Novices**

Rebecca Watson	Gold (B)
Maisie James	Silver (RR)
Charlotte Joy	Bronze (RR)

**Novice Free Teams**

Reading Royals	Gold
Bracknell Team 2	Silver
Bracknell Team 3	Bronze

**Novice Combination Teams**

Bracknell Team 1	Gold
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(B)	Bracknell
(RR)	Reading Royals