

AGENDA ITEM 3: ANNUAL REPORT, 2008/9

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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DIVING COMMITTEE

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MASTERS' COMMITTEE

County events 2008-09

County Short Course Open Championships 2008 (Maidenhead)

The event took place on Saturday October 4, 2008. The top club prize was won by Maidenhead ASC. Some statistics were, by session:

Session	Men	Women	Total
1	92	67	159
2	94	59	153

Naturally these figures exclude relay entries (and other entrants)

I would take this opportunity to thank Rob Moore who handled all entry related matters superbly and Jonathan Mills who set up our excellent on line entry system.

Other events

SER & ASA Inter County Masters Championships at Bexleyheath (Kent)

The county came fifth, and poor show when compared with our win last year. Despite our county's very poor turn out those that did swim did so remarkably well. Our low placing was made more noticeable as we had several no shows in some age groups.

Let us hope that we have more swimmers in 2009, as well as filling in those missing age groups. It will take place on Sunday November 15, in Middlesex and much closer to home.

Decathlon, 2008

Women

Four ladies women achieved top 20 placings in the decathlon event. They were, in place order:

- 5 Amanda Heath
- 12 Bridget Bewick
- 16 Linda Brown
- 19 Anne Cork

Men

Only one man achieved a top 20 placing in the decathlon.

- 1 Duncan McCreadie

Forthcoming Events

County Short Course Open Championships 2009 (Maidenhead)

The event will take place on Saturday November 28. The pool has been booked and we are currently improving the on-line entry system.

The two meet managers will again be Rob Moore (entry related), and Duncan McCreadie (event related). Jonathan Mills and Duncan are currently testing the new on-line payment system. The event programme has been advertised and issued on the ASA, SER, and County web-sites.

The entry programme is still under development as this year we shall extend the programme to include 200m fly and 200m Individual Medley.

The new format will also include prizes for the top 3 decathletes. This will be based on the British Swimming decathlon model.

Negotiations are taking place with Mailsports and Tyr to obtain prizes. We should probably offer them some advertising space in the programme as a thank you.

Duncan McCreadie

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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SWIMMING COMMITTEE

The season began with the Inter-County event held at Ponds Forge in October. The County team swam incredibly well but were unfortunately unable to achieve the results of previous years. The team was led by Nigel Willis and Liz Waddy. It should not be forgotten how small our 'county' is compared to the vast majority in the country. Congratulations to all involved.

The County Championship and Age Group Competitions were held in February and March as usual this year with a few changes. Instead of swimming events slowest to fastest, all events apart from the 800 and 1500m freestyle were seeded fastest to slowest. The intention was to allow the older swimmers who were most likely to be

the finalists a longer period of recovery and hopefully therefore there would be fewer dropouts. We also had 'B' finals to allow more swimmers the experience of swimming finals. The final change was to move the 800 and 1500m freestyle to Aldershot to be swum long course. The changes appear to have been well received and will be continued next year.

I would like to thank all those involved, both clubs and individuals who gave their time to ensure the smooth running of the Championships, particularly Jackie Brown who has taken over from Jim Sapey as County Trophy Secretary.

Once again a number of new Age Group best times were set:

10/under

Nicole Ryan	100 Backstroke	Reading	1:19.94
	400 Freestyle	Reading	5:04.86
	100 Freestyle	Reading	1:08.64
Zara Ryan	400 IM	Newbury	5:50.31
	200 Freestyle	Newbury	2:29.79
	200 IM	Newbury	2:46.11
	100 Butterfly	Newbury	1:15.62
	200 Butterfly	Newbury	2:53.72

11 Years

Eilidh MacGregor	100 Butterfly	Bracknell	1:13.10
	200 Butterfly	Bracknell	2:36.62

Alexander Cawthorne	50 Breaststroke	Reading	38.95
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12 Years

Lily Glover	100 IM	Newbury	1:12.44
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14 Years

Sophie Elphick	100 Breaststroke	Amersham	1:14.50
	200 Breaststroke	Amersham	2:41.02
Ellie Wood	50 Butterfly	Reading	30.6
George Wilson	200 IM	Bracknell	2:17.88
	100 Freestyle	Bracknell	55.65
	200 Freestyle	Bracknell	2:00.31

15/16

Kathryn Willis	50 Backstroke	Bracknell	30.26
Steven King	200 IM	Bracknell	2:07.60
	100 Butterfly	Bracknell	56.09
	50 Butterfly	Bracknell	26.46
Adam Barrett	100 Freestyle	Reading	53.27
	400 Freestyle	Reading	4:04.78
	200 Freestyle	Reading	1:55.50
	50 Backstroke	Reading	28.08
	100 Backstroke	Reading	1:00.12
Sam Moreton	100 IM	Bracknell	1:00.63

	50 Freestyle	Bracknell	25.01
17/over			
Jamie Shields	50 Breaststroke	Bracknell	30.02
Andrew Willis	200 IM	Bracknell	2:06.38
	100 Breaststroke	Bracknell	1:04.46
	200 Breaststroke	Bracknell	2:13.32
	400 IM	Bracknell	4:23.12
			2:10.2
Amersham 'A'	11/u Girls 4x50m Freestyle	Amersham	6
			2:28.4
Wycombe 'Red'	11/u Boys 4x50 Medley	Wycombe Dist	2
			4:03.5
Amersham 'A'	Youths Girls 4x100m Freestyle	Amersham	5
			4:30.6
Amersham 'A'	Youths Girls 4x100m Medley	Amersham	1
	BAGCATS Boys 4x100		3:56.7
BWSC "A"	Freestyle	Bracknell	7
			3:34.8
BWSC "A"	Youths Boys 4x100m Freestyle	Bracknell	8

In addition to the above best times a number of new County Records, some of which were previously set in the last century!

Men

Andrew Willis Bracknell 2:13.32 200 Breaststroke I Edmond 1995

Boys

Steven King Bracknell 2:07.60 200 IM B Rees 1988

Steven King Bracknell 56.09 100 Butterfly A Vine 2001

Steven King Bracknell 26.46 50 Butterfly A Vine 2001

Steven King Bracknell 1:55.76 200 Freestyle J Crawford 2004

Ladies

Kathryn Willis Bracknell 30.26 50 Backstroke E Tattam 1991

Girls

Sophie Elphick Amersham 1:14.50 100 Breaststroke N Ballingall 2004

Sophie Elphick Amersham 2:41.02 200 Breaststroke R Cooke 1998

Congratulations to them all.

The County Championships were followed once again by the 'No Frills' Meet, which has continued to be incredibly successful. This year the event was very well organised by Joan Scarrott and her team from Windsor. Thanks to everyone concerned.

Our swimmers continued to do well at The Southern Region Events. In the BAGCAT events, county swimmers were placed as follows:

Regional BAGCATS

1st

10yrs	Zara Ryan	Newbury
12yrs	Ben Levant	Amersham
14yrs	George Wilson	BWSC

2nd

13yrs	Eleanor Dolan	Amersham
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3rd

13yrs	Ewain Laing	BWSC
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In all, B&SB swimmers won 11 out of 72 trophies

In all I believe it has been a successful year for Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire swimmers and I hope they continue to build on their successes, particularly those about to compete in the Nationals and represent their country in other competitions. Good Luck to them all.

Rosemary Large

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

Synchronised Swimming continues to flourish in the County, with Reading Royals maintaining its position as one of the top competitive (and Swim21) clubs in the country and Bracknell having a sizable membership as a recreational club. Both clubs take in swimmers to FUNDamental courses from the age of five upwards, which may lead to an increase in competitors in the lower age groups for future competitions, although no change was evident this year.

The County Novice Competitions are held as part of the Reading Royals Competitions in June. Numbers of entries were very similar to 2008.

The County took its Championships & Age Groups results from the National Championships held in December. County clubs also competed in the Multi-Regional Championships, held in October; from the Figure results of this event, all those listed below who did not qualify for the National Squads were invited to take

part in the Multi-Regional training camp to be held in August, although not all of them were able to accept places.

The County's three athletes in the GB Senior Squad (training full time for the 2012 Olympics Team), Katie Skelton, Helen Morris and Jazmine Stansbury, have maintained their positions in the squad, and the two athletes in the 2009 Junior Squad, Harriet Roberts and Katie Clark, were part of the GB Team in the Junior European Championships held in Gloucester in April. This event was a marvellous opportunity for UK swimmers to see the exciting performances of European Juniors. Katie Clark is still one of the GB Junior Duet pair and is expected to compete in International competitions again this year.

Without the dedicated support of many volunteers, the sport would not operate, so to all of them, whatever their role, we record our thanks.

Results given in Appendix 2

Jean Hulbert

WATER POLO

Report not yet to hand

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I apologise that you have not had the opportunity to read the annual report before you came to the meeting. I suspect that we are all not yet really attuned to the Council Meeting being in the summer. Certainly, while my own holiday meant that I was back before the agenda was due to go out, I was away for the period when I might have been leaning on contributors to provide copy. I did ask that the contributors were reminded at the Executive Committee in June ...

I am, therefore, doubly grateful to those who have contributed to this report. You are able to read of the successes of Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire personnel in a range of disciplines, although, sadly, there is no reference to diving or water polo. Perhaps, one day, the local aficionados of those disciplines will communicate with the sub-region.

You will have observed from other items in the agenda for this meeting that we are not blessed with a full slate of nominations for the various offices and office holders. Indeed, I would struggle to remember when there was last a contested election for an office within the Association. While one school of thought is that people are happy with the way the sub-region is managed, I fear that the true position is that people are apathetic about the Association. Perhaps it does no longer has any relevance for them – although I suggest that if the Association decided no longer to promote County championships and age group competitions, there would be initial anguish.

The lack of nominations for some offices does mean that your Association – yes, it is yours – will be initially hampered, once again, as it moves into a new season. Does anyone have suggestions as to how the Association's role can be enhanced, certainly in the psyche of the average member of one of our assigned clubs?

I see that I rehearsed last year the various events which the Association tried to get off the ground. This year the Executive Committee has invested time, and is committed to investing money, into a County Training Day, jointly with Oxfordshire & North Buckinghamshire. This will be held in October, at Stoke Mandeville, and various workshops are being provided on the basis of replies received from clubs. I feel sure that you and your clubs will support this venture. Certainly, the experience of other sub-regions in the South East is that such ventures have been very successful.

Talking of money, the Hon Treasurer has circulated the accounts. In a comment to me, she pointed out that the Association made a significant surplus in 2008/9, largely "because no one seemed to want to spend anything". The Executive Committee is trying to pull together a coherent development plan, which may lead to higher expenditure in coming years. However, that exercise needs people with drive and enthusiasm to take it forward. That is not, I hasten to add, to decry the efforts of those presently involved. They, however, seem to pop up everywhere doing jobs in the sport – the sport, from clubs upwards, needs to sharpen its act in harnessing the skills and enthusiasm of volunteers.

Because of the dearth of volunteers, it is fortunate that there is a cadre of paid employees supporting the sport in the Region. I, you and our clubs owe a great deal to the Regional Director, the Regional Administrator, and the various regional development officers who held office in the past and the partnership swimming development officers. In many respects they have filled the potential void caused by the decline in volunteering. However, just as we have become used to having their support, the resource is shrinking.

The decision by the national governing body to reshape its workforce could have an unfortunate effect on the sport and clubs. Regional development officers, for instance, were very helpful and supportive to clubs in this County and this Region. They have gone. The County Swimming Co-Ordinators, who have, broadly, replaced them, are a different type of being, and their relevance to clubs has yet to be demonstrated. Similarly, partnership swimming development officers appear to be a dying breed, too, as sources of external funding dry up. Given the likely dramatic cuts in public expenditure from 2011 onwards, I would not be at all surprised if the "professionalisation" of the sport, which we have witnessed over recent years, went into sharp reverse!

All of the foregoing is somewhat pessimistic, and in some ways I am sorry about that. I know that I should be shouting about the achievements of the Association over the past year. Unfortunately, I cannot put my finger on one in my sphere of influence or activity. Perhaps it is time for you to replace me ...

On that note I shall sign off, but not before I have thanked:

- Peter, our President, for carrying out his duties with aplomb, although I gather he got told off for taking the sweets round the pool too early at one County Champs' session;
- Rosemary, the Assistant Secretary – we have tried very hard not both to miss the same meeting!
- Sandra, my wife, who indulges my interest and involvement in the sport.

Roger Penfold

APPENDIX 1**CURRENT HOLDER OF TROPHIES FOR 2009****WOMEN**

50 Metres Freestyle	The Reading S.C. Sprint Cup	Elizabeth Hetherington	Amersham SC
100 Metres Freestyle	The Jackson Silver Bowl	Elizabeth Hetherington	Amersham SC
200 Metres Freestyle	The Spitfire Silver Cup	Emma Harris	Reading SC
400 Metres Freestyle	The Speer Silver Cup	Emma Harris	Reading SC
800 Metres Freestyle	The Spindler Silver Cup	Emma Harris	Reading SC
1500 Metres Freestyle	No Trophy Currently		
50 Metres Breaststroke	The H. Wilkinson Trophy	Elizabeth Hetherington	Amersham SC
100 Metres Breaststroke	The Wycombe Cup	Sophie Elphick	Amersham SC
200 Metres Breaststroke	The Maurice Bradley Cup	Sophie Elphick	Amersham SC
50 Metres Backstroke	The Tom Chambers Cup	Kathryn Willis	BWSC
100 Metres Backstroke	The Edminson Trophy	Kathryn Willis	BWSC
200 Metres Backstroke	The Gasket Trophy	Katherine Shaw	Amersham SC
50 Metres Butterfly	The Chalfont Otters S.C. Trophy	Eleanor Wood	Reading SC
100 Metres Butterfly	The H.J. Prescott Trophy	Eleanor Wood	Reading SC
200 Metres Butterfly	The Lawrie Cup	Elizabeth Gray	Tilehurst SC
100 Metres Ind Medley	No trophy currently		
200 Metres Ind. Medley	The Lambert Silver Cup	Elizabeth Hetherington	Amersham SC
400 Metres Ind. Medley	The Slough S.C. Trophy	Elizabeth Hetherington	Amersham SC

GIRLS

50 Metres Freestyle	The Berkshire Trophy Centre Cup	Megan Hipkiss	WDSC
100 Metres Freestyle	The Biggs Silver Cup	Katherine Shaw	Amersham SC

200 Metres Freestyle	The Chiltern Cup	Annabel Humphreys	BWSC
400 Metres Freestyle	The S.P. & S. Rose Bowl	Elizabeth Gray	Tilehurst SC
800 Metres Freestyle	The Waitrose Cup	Sophie Elphick	Amersham SC
1500 Metres Freestyle	No Trophy Currently		
50 Metres Breaststroke	The Windsor S.C. Cup	Florence Claringbold	Windsor SC
100 Metres Breaststroke	The Prescott Trophy	Sophie Elphick	Amersham SC
200 Metres Breaststroke	The Lorraine Burt Cup	Sophie Elphick	Amersham SC
50 Metres Backstroke	The Tilson Cup	Katherine Shaw	Amersham SC
100 Metres Backstroke	The Davies Silver Cup	Katherine Shaw	Amersham SC
200 Metres Backstroke	The Carmen Trophy	Katherine Shaw	Amersham SC
50 Metres Butterfly	The Mrs. M.G. Lambert Cup	Eleanor Wood	Reading SC
100 Metres Butterfly	The Newbury Silver Cup	Eleanor Wood	Reading SC
200 Metres Butterfly	The Bracknell Cup	Elizabeth Gray	Tilehurst SC
100 Metres Ind Med	No trophy currently		
200 Metres Ind. Medley	The Reading Cup	Annabel Humphreys	BWSC
400 Metres Ind. Medley	The Jane Admans Trophy	Sophie Elphick	Amersham SC

TEAMS

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

AGGREGATE TROPHIES

Ladies Club Aggregate	Dockery Trophy	Amersham SC
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AGE GROUP

Girls Aggregate	The Parker Silver Cup	Eilidh MacGregor	BWSC
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MENS

50 Metres Freestyle	The Reading S.C. Sprint Cup	Jamie Shields	BWSC
100 Metres Freestyle	The S. C. A. S. A Silver Cup	Adam Barrett	Reading SC
200 Metres Freestyle	The Anchor Pools Cup	Adam Barrett	Reading SC
400 Metres Freestyle	The Berkshire Clubs Silver Cup	Adam Barrett	Reading SC
800 Metres Freestyle	The Ken Gabriel Memorial Trophy	Sam Moreton	BWSC
1500 Metres Freestyle	The Carter Silver Trophy	Gordon Laing	BWSC
50 Metres Breaststroke	The Bracknell S. C. Trophy	Jamie Shields	BWSC
100 Metres Breaststroke	The Trophy Secretaries Cup	Andrew Willis	BWSC
200 Metres Breaststroke	The Smith Silver Cup	Andrew Willis	BWSC
50 Metres Backstroke	The Reading Cup	Adam Barrett	Reading SC
100 Metres Backstroke	The Upson Silver Cup	Andrew Willis	BWSC
200 Metres Backstroke	The Gasket Trophy	Andrew Willis	BWSC
50 Metres Butterfly	The Slough Dolphin S.C. Trophy	Adam Barrett	Reading SC
100 Metres Butterfly	The Burt Trophy	Steven King	BWSC
200 Metres Butterfly	The Walker Cup	Steven King	BWSC
100 Metres Ind Medley	No trophy currently		
200 Metres Ind. Medley	The Reading Mercury Cup	Andrew Willis	BWSC
400 Metres Ind. Medley	The Slough S.C. Trophy	Andrew Willis	BWSC

BOYS

50 Metres Freestyle	The Hamilton Smith Cup	William Rea	Chesham SC
100 Metres Freestyle	The Rowland Kent Silver Cup	William Rea	Chesham SC
200 Metres Freestyle	The G.W. Andree Rose Bowl	William Rea	Chesham SC
400 Metres Freestyle	The Speedo Trophy	William Rea	Chesham SC
800 Metres	No Trophy		

Freestyle	Currently		
1500 Metres Freestyle	The Usher Trophy	Calum MacGregor	BWSC
50 Metres Breaststroke	The Newbury S.C. Trophy	Marcus Hazlewood	Amersham SC
100 Metres Breaststroke	The Bell Trophy	Marcus Hazlewood	Amersham SC
200 Metres Breaststroke	The Ed Bowditch Cup	Marcus Hazelwood	Amersham SC
50 Metres Backstroke	The Amersham Cup	William Rea	Chesham SC
100 Metres Backstroke	The Dick Silver Cup	William Rea	Chesham SC
200 Metres Backstroke	The Roger Pratt Trophy	Dan Barrarclough	Amersham SC
50 Metres Butterfly	The Wycombe District S.C. Cup	William Rea	Chesham SC
100 Metres Butterfly	The Bernard White Memorial Trophy	William Rea	Chesham SC
200 Metres Butterfly	The Berkshire Trophy Centre Cup	Dan Barraclough	Amersham SC
100 Metres Ind Medley	No trophy currently		
200 Metres Ind. Medley	The Reading Parents Cup	Dan Barraclough	Amersham SC
400 Metres Ind. Medley	The Jim Sapey Cup	Ewan Laing	BWSC

TEAMS

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

AGGREGATE TROPHIES

Men's Club Aggregate	The Ellen Trophy	BWSC
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AGE GROUP

Boys Aggregate	The Lambert Shield	Alexander Cawthorne	Reading SC
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SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING RESULTS

2008 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS (County Trophies awarded are listed)

Technical Solo: 7 Beth Dearlove (County Champion) RR (**Anne Dudding Memorial Plate**)
Free Solo 7 Beth Dearlove (County Champion) RR (**Maurice Mullen Trophy**)
Technical & FreeTeam 3 Reading Royals

2008 NATIONAL AGE GROUPS		MULTI-REGIONAL AGE GROUPS	
12 & u Figures	3	Jade Hearmon RR (Anne Dudding Cup)	2 Jade Hearmon RR 3 Tianee Buckley RR
	4	Lucy Farrell RR	4 Lucy Farrell RR
	7	Natalie Saudan RR	5 Natalie Saudan RR 6 Amy Ostler RR
13/14 Figures	1	Katie Clark RR (Elsion Rose Bowl)	1 Katie Clark RR 2 Rebecca King RR
	3	Rebecca King RR	5 Hannah Green WD(now RR)
	12	Hannah Green WD	12 Charlotte Adams RR
	18	Kerry Rothery RR	16 Elizabeth Hamilton RR

2008 NATIONAL AGE GROUPS		MULTI-REGIONAL AGE GROUPS	
15-17 Figures	2	Harriet Roberts RR (Hawthorne Trophy)	1 Harriet Roberts RR 2 Kristina Holley RR
	11	Hannah Rush RR	8 Ava Pierro RR
	17	Rebecca Bates RR	12 Rebecca Bates RR 13 Hannah Rush RR
13/14 Solos	1	Katie Clark RR (Jane White Cup)	1 Katie Clark RR 2 Rebecca King RR
	2	Rebecca King RR	
13/14 Duets	1	Katie Clark/Rebecca King RR (Doug Moore Trophy)	1 Katie Clark/Rebecca King RR
15-17 Solos	3	Harriet Roberts RR (Lynman Cup)	2 Harriet Roberts RR
15-17 Duets	7	Ava Pierro / Kristina Holley RR (Saffron Moon Trophy)	3 Ava Pierro/Kristina Holley RR
12 & u Free Team	1	Reading Royals	1 Reading Royals
15-17 Free Team	4	Reading Royals	2 Reading Royals
19 & u Team (Combination)	2	Witney	2 Witney
	4	Reading Royals	3 Reading Royals

COUNTY NOVICES COMPETITIONS MEDAL & TROPHY WINNERS

FIGURES

C group 8-10s

1 Gemma Dawson	RR
2 Katie Mitchell	RR
3 Ella Stewart	RR

C group 9-12s

1 Megan Watterson	RR
2 Verity Campbell	RR
3 Poppy Gray	RR

C group 13-19s

1 Hannah Collier	BR
2 Leander Harlow	BR
3 Ruby Tindall	WD

B group 9-12s

1 Stephanie Ridge	RR
2 Hannah Mulshaw	RR
3 Millie Harrisn	RR

B group 13-19s

1 Louisa Dack	WD
2 Josephine James	BR
3 Jennifer Tupman	BR

A group 13-19s

1 Hannah Butcher	WD
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(Reading Royals Shield)

- 2 Hanna Young WD
- 3 Beth Lee BR

TEAMS

Free 8-10s

- 1 Bracknell 4
- (Bracknell Trophy)**

Free 9-12s

- 1 Bracknell 3
- (Carly-Anne Trophy)**

Combination 19&u

- 1 Bracknell 2
- (County Trophy)**
- 2 Witney
 - 3 Reading Royals