



BERKSHIRE AND SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Performance Swimming Events Committee

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Annual Report of the Performance Swimming Events Committee

Introduction

Please find the 2022 Annual Report of the Berkshire And South Buckinghamshire ASA Performance Swimming Events Committee.

The report is written to primarily cover the 2021/2022 season, however it should be noted that no report was issued by the committee for the 2020/2021 season. This is owing to national lockdowns, prolonged pool closures and national restrictions imposed by the national government during the COVID-19 pandemic which meant relatively few meets were held during the 2020/2021 season and no County level galas were held during this period. This report does include the new county records and developments in county swimming facilities that have occurred during both the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 seasons.

For the 2021/2022 swimming season the committee has constituted the following members: James Glazebrook, Stuart Fillingham, Rob Moore, Andy Mackay, Johnathan Mills, Diane Cryer, Ben Poulton, Simon Shaw, Peter Roycroft, and Peter Button. All members and attendees have made an active and important contribution to the planning and execution of the events organised. As a newly invited member of the team, and acting Performance Swimming Events Manager, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee for their support and commitment to the County.

The following 4 sections of the report respectively cover the key areas of responsibility of the committee

Development Meet

The Development Meet is an annual meet aimed at younger swimmers in the county who do not yet have licenced times that allow them to be considered for entry to the County Championships.

Due to the continuing restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Development meets for 2020 and 2021 did not take place. The committee have received strong support from the county coaches and clubs to hold this meet again in 2022. The meet appears to fulfil a need within the county as well as being part of the Swim England competition pathway aims. Plans are now being developed to hold the 2022 Development Meet at the Braywick Leisure Centre in October.

County Championships

After the unfortunate cancellation of the 2021 County Championships due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the 2022 County Championships successfully went ahead at the Wycombe Leisure Centre on 15th/16th and 29th/30th January 2022. The meet was held with a full programme of events, however some changes were introduced due to ongoing national restrictions and following the safety guidance protocols of Swim England. Spectators were not permitted at the meet and instead the meet was live streamed on the internet via “You Tube”. Access to poolside was also restricted to reduce numbers there and create a safe space for the coaches and officials. Instead the swimmers and team managers used the spectator gallery and an enlarged area of the sports hall area when waiting to swim.

The committee was unanimous that a cautious approach should be taken due the risks of holding a meet with a large number of people while the pandemic was still very much a national concern. Initially the restrictions did receive some strong criticism from the county coaches who were not happy with keeping the pool deck clear of swimmers and restricted the movements of attendees.

Some minor changes were made to the planned operational running of the meet on the day to make better use of the spectator area and to allow swimmers access to meet with their coaches poolside. In the end, the resulting system of smooth pedestrian flows (including a one-way system around the pool) and a clear pool deck were well received by the officials and the coaches.

To mitigate the effects of reduced pool availability and licenced meets during the period leading up to the Championships, which meant a lack of training and qualifying opportunities for the Counties athletes, the decision was also made to increase the consideration times for the 2022 Championships across the board, and to allow “Level X” galas to be considered as proven valid times. These changes allowed the meet to run with close to maximum capacity (2,965 swims, in comparison to 3,245 in 2020). The main noticeable impact was on the relays with a few clubs not submitting teams at all and others having to withdraw teams at the last minute due to a lack of swimmers.

The main impact on the budget for the meet was the loss of revenue from spectators (approx. £8,000) and the additional cost of filming and live streaming the event (approx. £4,500). With increased costs for medals (up £1,500 on the previous year), the meet profits were reduced from £16,700 to just under £4,000.

The Coaches in the County, reporting at the annual feedback meeting subsequent to the Championships expressed their gratitude to the Committee and declared that it had again been a successful and well-run Championship. Albeit, it would have been preferable for more of the clubs to have been represented at that feedback session. Whilst there were some inevitable problems in running a championship of this size and complexity, it did in general run very smoothly across the four days of competition. Particular thanks in this respect should go to Wycombe District S.C. who helped to ensure that our visit to Wycombe Leisure Centre was very well supported by the local team.

Performance Swimming Records

During the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 (up to 31st March 2022), 24 County and Junior County records were broken by the county’s athletes. For a detailed list of the records, please refer to the table at the end of the report.

Performance Swimming facilities within the County

The Performance Swimming Events Committee also takes a keen interest in the facilities available in the county which are suitable for the organisation of galas and competitions.

The committee notes that since the last report was issued in 2020, the new Braywick leisure centre has opened in Autumn 2020 (replacing the old Magnet Leisure Centre) featuring a 10-lane short course pool which has been successfully used to hold Level 3 open meets by both Windsor and Maidenhead swimming clubs.

In Autumn 2021, a new 8-lane short course pool opened at Amersham, replacing the old Chiltern Leisure Centre. This also features a separate diving pool with variable depth floor. Amersham SC successfully held their first Level 3 open meet there in March 2022.

In Spring 2022 a new 8 lane short course pool opened at Eton College. This is primarily used for school swimming and is it not clear if the county or any of its clubs will be able to make use of this new facility for competitions.

The Committee also note that two new pools are under construction in Reading. Construction of the Rivermead Leisure Centre in Summer 2021. The design includes a 25m 8-lane competition pool with movable floor plus a diving/teaching pool and is planned to be completed early 2023. A 25m 6-lane pool is also under construction at Palmer Park Stadium and is expected to open by the end of 2022. The committee has offered to advise Reading S.C. as required on technical and design matters.

James Glazebrook

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4th April 2022

<u>Sex</u>	<u>SC / LC</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Stroke</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Swimmer</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mens	LC	50	Back	County Record	Cameron Brooker	Wycombe District	British Swimming Glasgow Meet 2021 Seniors	Glasgow	05.06.21	00:25.83
Mens	LC	100	Back	County Record	Cameron Brooker	Wycombe District	British Swimming Glasgow Meet 2021 Seniors	Glasgow	05.06.21	00:55.13
Mens	LC	200	Back	County Record	Cameron Brooker	Wycombe District	British Swimming Glasgow Meet 2021 Seniors	Glasgow	04.06.21	01:59.96
Mens	LC	50	Fly	County Record	Adam Barrett	Wycombe District	British Swimming Glasgow Meet 2021 Seniors	Glasgow	05.06.21	00:24.07
Mens	LC	800	Free	County Record	Joshua Williams	Wycombe District	British Swimming Selection Trials	London Aquatic Centre	15.04.21	08:16.29
Mens	LC	1500	Free	County Record	Joshua Williams	Wycombe District	British Swimming Selection Trials	London Aquatic Centre	18.04.21	16:05.03
Mens	LC	400	Free	County Record	Joshua Williams	Wycombe District	British Swimming Selection Trials	London Aquatic Centre	14.04.21	03:57.51
Mens	LC	50	Free	County Record	Yusuke Legard	Wycombe District	British Swimming Selection Trials	London Aquatic Centre	17.04.21	00:22.10
Mens	SC	50	Back	County Record	Cameron Brooker	Wycombe District	Swim England Winter Nationals 2021	Sheffield	04.12.21	00:23.87
Mens	SC	100	Back	County Record	Cameron Brooker	Wycombe District	Swim England Winter Nationals 2021	Sheffield	05.12.21	00:51.68
Mens	SC	200	Back	County Record	Cameron Brooker	Wycombe District	Swim England Winter Nationals 2021	Sheffield	03.12.21	01:52.80
Mens	SC	100	Free	County Record	Cameron Brooker	Wycombe District	Swim England Winter Nationals 2021	Sheffield	04.12.21	00:48.77
Mens	SC	200	Free	County Record	Cameron Brooker	Wycombe District	Swim England Winter Nationals 2021	Sheffield	20.11.21	01:47.35
Girls	SC	100	Fly	County Junior Record	Lucy Fox	Wycombe District	Swim England Winter Nationals 2021	Sheffield	04.12.21	01:01.68
Girls	SC	50	Fly	County Junior Record	Lucy Fox	Wycombe District	Guildford City L2	Guildford	21.11.21	00:28.77
Mens	SC	50	Free	County Record	Adam Barrett	Wycombe District	Swim England National Masters Championships 2021	Sheffield	30.10.21	00:21.89
Mens	SC	50	Fly	County Record	Adam Barrett	Wycombe District	Swim England National Masters Championships 2021	Sheffield	21.10.21	00:23.84
Mens	SC	100	Fly	County Record	Adam Barrett	Wycombe District	Swim England National Masters Championships 2021	Sheffield	29.10.21	00:51.38
Girls	SC	1500	Free	County Junior Record	Merissa Booth	Wycombe District	Wycombe SC L3	Wycombe Leisure Centre	28.11.21	17:31.10
Mens	SC	1500	Free	County Record	Kieran Bird	Wycombe District	Swim England Winter Nationals 2021	Sheffield	04.12.21	15:13.24
Girls	LC	50	Breast	County Junior Record	Megan Daley	Wycombe District	County Championships 2022	Wycombe Leisure Centre	16.01.22	00:33.97
Girls	LC	50	Fly	County Junior Record	Alexandra Schegoleva	Tilehurst	County Championships 2022	Wycombe Leisure Centre	29.01.22	00:28.41
Womens	LC	50	Breast	County Record	Megan Daley	Wycombe District	County Championships 2022	Wycombe Leisure Centre	16.01.22	00:33.97
Womens	LC	50	Fly	County Record	Alexandra Schegoleva	Tilehurst	County Championships 2022	Wycombe Leisure Centre	29.01.22	00:28.41