

Kent County ASA News

February 2006.



ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting was held on 3rd December at the Sevenoaks Town Council Offices. At this Meeting Mr. John Carrie was installed as President for 2006 and Mrs. Jean Scott nominated as Vice President.

Mrs. Lynn Wills did not stand for re-election as General Secretary. The new organisation of the County A.S.A. came into effect at the meeting. Mrs. Daphne Geer was elected to the post of County Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Kay Grimshaw was elected to the post of Assistant Secretary Kent London S.A. and Mr. John Carrie to the post of Assistant Secretary Kent Rural S.A.. At the Management Committee Meeting which followed the Council a number of managerial appointments were made by the Committee. These are detailed in the County Handbook, available from Mr. John Carrie 01959 524155, Email john.carrie1@tiscali.co.uk at £3 per copy.

TROPHIES

At the time of going to press we still had no trophies controller. We have decided that until such an individual comes forward we shall arrange to present the trophies at the Swimming Championships but the winner will have to hand it back immediately thereafter. When a Controller has been appointed and the paperwork (receipts etc) can be completed for signature by the recipient and countersigned where necessary, the winner will possibly then be able to have the trophy. We urgently need a volunteer or a couple of volunteers to carry out this task between them. Please contact Mrs. Geer, Mrs Grimshaw or Mr. Carrie if you wish to volunteer - and we need somebody in post quickly please!!!

Whilst on the subject of trophies it is vital that they are returned on time, clean and in the condition in which they were presented to the place or person indicated on the acceptance form. The County has a sanction if the conditions of accepting a trophy are not met and it will not hesitate to apply the sanction if it is considered appropriate. Recently trophies were still having to be chased 2 months after the date they were due back and some were returned in a disgraceful condition. Please bear in mind that there are a lot of trophies to be engraved every year and that the organising of this takes a lot of time and so prompt return as indicated on the acceptance form in a very good state of cleanliness is vital.

REGIONALISATION

There is still a lack of understanding in the County about the effects of Regionalisation on Kent County A.S.A.. The position is that the County Association is now comprised of 2 sub-Associations each with its own Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Grimshaw for Kent London Swimming Association and Mr. Carrie for Kent Rural Swimming Association. Kent London S.A. is formed of the clubs with their Headquarters Pools in the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham. Kent Rural S.A. is formed of the clubs with their Headquarters Pools in the remainder of the County of Kent and the Unitary Authority of Medway.

Clubs in Kent London S.A. and Kent Rural S.A. compete as before in the Kent County Championships.

At the next level up, Kent London Clubs compete in the ASA London Region Championships and Kent Rural S.A. Clubs compete in the ASA South East Region Championships. Both these latter Championships replace the previous Southern Counties Championships.

Funding for events/training etc. may be received through the Regions. If this is the case these funds will be kept separate within the accounts and can only be used for members of clubs in the relevant Region. This does not however mean to say that some projects involving members of clubs from both Regions cannot be sanctioned and indeed a Joint Training Weekend for swimmers from both Kent London and Kent Rural Clubs has already taken place. (See report later in this newsletter)

COUNTY BADGES, TIES ETC.

The County has a stock of County Ties (£3.00 each), Metal Brooches (£2.00 each) and blazer badges (£1.00 each). These may be purchased by Officers and Members of the Management Committee, County Representatives who have been awarded a county colour, Officials and Life Members. Additionally, anyone can purchase a pin badge (50p) or a car sticker at 20 pence each.

They are available from Mr. Carrie, 62, Pilgrims Way East, Otford, Sevenoaks, Kent. TN14 5QW Tel 01959 524155. Please make your remittance payable to Kent County A.S.A. and add 60p for postage to the total costs.

County Polo Shirts are also available for purchase by qualified officials. These are £10 each. They are sized Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and Extra Extra Large. Postage 90p. per item.

We still have a stock of ladies' badged cotton blouses and men's badged cotton shirts. These are on sale at a knock-down price of £5 each and are available from Mr. Carrie. Mens' sizes are collar sizes 15 and 17 only. For Ladies the standard 14/16/18 etc.

He can bring any of these items to Kent County Swimming Galas in 2006 but please let him know what you want beforehand by phone so that he can put your order into his "travelling shop" as the whole stock is far too big to transport each time. Email john.carrie1@tiscali.co.uk

SWIM 21

A few more clubs have now submitted their papers for accreditation to SWIM 21 and several have been accredited. Do not forget please that clubs which have not been accredited - and we know it is time consuming - could possibly lose out on their water time at Council owned Leisure Facilities if they have not got the "Aquamark" which is afforded by SWIM 21 accreditation.

It is worth noting that the South East region are offering up to 75% bursaries for teacher and coach education, but you can only apply if you belong to a Swim 21 accredited club or are actively working towards Swim 21. London region are offering up to £500 per course. This is going to become more and more common, that you will only be eligible for any funding if your club is Swim 21 accredited. We would strongly urge ALL clubs to apply for Swim 21 status.

Clubs already involved in the accreditation procedure will know that the requirements change for all applications for accreditation received after the closing date for submission to the October Accreditation Panel Meeting.

New procedures come into force in April for clubs who wish to accredit after October and a Club Development Meeting will take place on 9th March for these clubs when the procedures will be explained. The venue is yet to be confirmed. All clubs in Kent Rural S.A. who are interested need to contact Alex Message, the Regional Development Officer for the South East Region, Email alex.message@swimming.org and register their interest.

it will also be a great opportunity to meet Sheena Pitchford, who is the Kent Club Development Officer working out of the Kent Sports Development Unit.

All competing clubs, both in Kent London S.A and Kent Rural S.A., should start working towards accreditation to Swim 21 as soon as possible

London area clubs should contact Janna Callan the London Region RDO
janna.callan@swimming.org

KENT COUNTY A.S.A. ANNUAL DINNER - 16th JUNE 2006

Kent County A.S.A. is holding its 2006 Annual Dinner at the Hadlow Manor Hotel, Goose Green Hadlow, Kent, on Friday 16th June 2006, at 7.30 p.m. for 8.0 p.m.. Tickets at £23.50 each are available from the Dinner Secretary, Mrs. June Piper, Elm Cottage, The Square, Hadlow, Kent. TN11 ODD. Tel: 01732 851812. If you require accommodation at the hotel for the night please contact the hotel direct on 01732 851442. You will be required to give your bank/credit card number when making the reservation.

We hope that you will make up a club table and come and support our President for 2006, Mr. John Carrie. The dress will be dinner jackets or lounge suits. Directions will be on the backs of the tickets.

****Please send a stamped addressed envelope at least 6" x 4½" for the return of the tickets.****

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PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK LETTERS

To Mrs. J. Piper, Dinner Secretary,
Elm Cottage, The Square, Hadlow, Kent. TN11 ODD

Please send me tickets for the Kent County A.S.A. Dinner on 16th June 2006 (s.a.e. enclosed**).

I enclose a cheque for £..... Please make cheques payable to Kent County A.S.A. (Dinner Account).

#Vegetarian/Gluten Free requirements? _____

The members of my party are:-

Signed Date

Address
..... Tel. number

News from around the County

Cash for New Diving Centre

A funding boost for a town sports centre will turn it into a "centre for excellence" of diving. Sport England has approved £88,000 to build diving boards and training equipment at the Tunbridge Wells Sports and Indoor Tennis Centre in St Johns Road Tunbridge Wells. Once the work is complete it will be the only centre in Kent with wet and dry training areas and will specialise in synchronised springboard diving. The bid for cash was made by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and RTW Monson Swimming Club. Sport England said it approved the bid as part of a wide scale drive to build more high quality training centres before the London Olympics in 2012. Cllr. James Scholes the borough councils portfolio holder for leisure said "Centre of excellence status gives everyone involved with diving the opportunity to identify and train the stars of the future. With the London Olympics just six years away now is the time to start this search for a Tunbridge Wells Olympic medallist".

Congratulations –

To Paul Simmons who is this years President of East Invicta SA

To Chloe Ross and Leisje Van Der Velde for their selection to the English Schools Swimming Association Team. They will be competing in the annual WISE International match (Wales, Ireland, Scotland and England) In Scotland in March.

To Kerry Pinington who was recently awarded the Wren Trophy for Services to ESSA Division 11 and to Leisje Van Der Velde, Helen Robinson and Danielle Prior who, as part of the Junior Girls relay team at the ESSA National Championships in October at Sheffield swum a new Championships record and won the event, were awarded the Taverner Trophy for Competitor(s) of the Year.

There will be a Swim 21 Club Development Evening on 9th March 2006 for Kent rural clubs. Details will be posted onto the KCASA website once they have been finalised.

Attention all Masters Swimmers.

The 2006 County Masters Championships will be held at Black Lion Gillingham on Saturday 8th July. Full details and entry forms will be posted on the County website in due course.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SWIMMERS AND ATHLETES IN KENT - For full details visit the County Website www.kcasa.org.uk

ASA South East Region Course Subsidies – for clubs in the rural part of the county – full details are on the website – www.kcasa.org.uk

ACTIVE SPORTS

TEACHER/COACH SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION FORM 05/06

For clubs in the London part of the county - see the website

www.kcasa.org.uk

KENT SCHOOLS' SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Primary Championships entry forms are now on the website www.kssa.org.uk

For the attention of all Kent Rural Clubs

There will be an open meeting to form the Swimming Management Group for the South East Region at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st February 2006 in the conference room at the Spectrum Centre, Guildford. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in serving on the Swimming Management Group. Kent is very under represented on the South East Region and at the moment all decisions regarding our County will be taken by the other counties. It would be likely that following this meeting all subsequent meetings would take place by tele conferencing saving people the drive round the M25. Anyone interested should contact Mike Lambert on mike@swimbluefins.org

**WOULD YOUR CLUB LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR
OPEN MEET HERE FREE OF CHARGE?**

Just email your flier and I will endeavour to include in the next newsletter which should go out in June. Items for inclusion to Bev Connolly on Bevconn@dircon.co.uk

Kent County ASA inaugural Non-Residential Development Camp.

From the Development Officer Jenni Verhorevoort

Now that Kent County ASA have completed their inaugural Non-Residential Development Camp, held this weekend, I thought it appropriate to thank all those involved. In addition to Kay Grimshaw visiting the camp yesterday, John Carrie, Jean Scott and myself visited today to see how the camp had progressed. Having spoken to a number of the parents who remained on-site throughout the camp it is obvious that it has been a complete success.

The children have enjoyed being in a different environment from their usual routine, as well as being able to build friendships and learn something different (particularly the land training and the nutrition lectures). The parents, despite some of them travelling from the south of the county, were also extremely complimentary about the coaches, the idea of the camp and the fact that Kent are trying new things. However, none of this could have been possible without the help of several people.

In particular, Kent would like to thank Alex Message - for finding the funding opportunity and putting us in contact with Kristie Garrett, who we would also like to thank, along with Shelly Cami. Both of these ladies (Shelly and Kristie) have been instrumental in helping fill out the forms, finding the venue and hiring the nutritionist, coaches and land training experts for the weekend.

When it came time to finish, it was pleasing to see that every swimmer personally thanked the coaches before they said their goodbyes and, that was without the prompting from their parents - another sign, I am sure you will all agree, that the swimmers thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

There are a couple of points to note from the day and they are:

- Parents, coaches and swimmers all requested that a follow-up day or weekend be held for the group.
- That the travelling over the course of the weekend had been more than worth it for the cost of £10 and the eagerness of their child to return the next day.
- The only negative that we did have, was that the venue maybe wasn't suitable - this was a criticism that the parents had, as there is no viewing gallery at Erith (something which even I didn't know and it is my club that trains there!!).

So, in all a very successful weekend. I hope that Shelly will pass on the County's thanks once again to all the coaches who attended (Jo King - Sevenoaks, Stephen O'Neill - Bromley and Kevin Arundel - GBM).

Thank you to all those who made this possible and I hope that as a County we can take this forward further.

Swimmers who attended :

Elizabeth Grealish - City of Canterbury
Elizabeth Wells - City of Canterbury
Benedict Kelleher - Bromley S.C
Emily Skinner - Sevenoaks S.C

Marlon Gasparato - Beckenham S.C
Sabrina Travers - Beckenham S.C
Jodie McMonagle - Bexley S.C
Evie Bunte - Thanet S.C
Rebecca Walton - Beckenham S.C
Michael Gunning - Beckenham S.C
Joe Voller - Herne Bay S.C
Bethany Seaman - City of Canterbury S.C
Hannah Savage - Herne Bay S.C
Milly Henson - Thanet S.C
Jack Little - Thanet S.C
Craig Alford - Ashford S.C
Angus Wyatt - Sevenoaks S.C
Stephanie King - Sevenoaks S.C
Jacob Gainey - City of Canterbury S.C
Ford Curran - Bexley S.C
Jack Beddoes - Beckenham S.C
James McAuliffe - Beckenham S.C
Adam Vickery - Sevenoaks S.C
Caroline Gloyne - Sevenoaks S.C

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information etc for inclusion in
this newsletter to

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in June.