



# Tiverton Swimming Club NEWSLETTER

December 6th 2014



## Seasons greetings!

At this time of year most people take a short break, reflect on the past 12 months and set themselves resolutions for the new year. Hopefully you all will be able to take a well earned rest from your duties or training and look back on the last year with a sense of pride. I am writing this message after finishing the last piece of administration for the Sparkler, an event which everyone who took part in, either as a helper or competitor, can be extremely proud of. As well as being our major fund raiser it is also a great showcase for the club organising one of the best events in the South West. I would like to take this opportunity of saying a personal thank you to all those involved. Finally I would like to say a big thank you to the army of volunteers who have helped throughout 2014 without whom the club would not function.

On behalf of the club I would like to wish all the members, helpers, volunteers and their families a very happy Christmas and both a prosperous and successful new year..... As for my New Year resolution...! **Terry Fullick, TSC President**

## The 8th Sparkler update

## Upcoming Events

### Galas & Meets

6th + 7th Dec - SW Regional short course @ Millfield

20th + 21st Dec - Yeovil Christmas Meet L3 Short course @ Millfield

4th Jan 2015 - TSC long distance championships @ EVLC

### National Arena League

13th Dec Round 3 - Hutton Moor

### Santa Run!

Come and join in the FIRST annual TSC Santa Run on Sunday 14th Dec at 10.30am. It all starts (and finishes) at the Leisure Centre, with a 5km course to run or walk. Marvel at the runners dressed as the big FC or in Christmas fancy dress, and raise funds for our swim club. Entry is £10 for adults and £5 for children. Contact **Tony** or look on the [website](#) for more details and the application form (which can also be found on the pool noticeboards).

An enormous "Thank You" goes to all of those in the TSC committee, the fabulous officials and judges, the team of volunteers and our swimmers who made the Sparkler such a great success this year. This TSC annual open meet saw 250 swimmers from 14 clubs across Devon, Somerset and Cornwall competing at EVLC on Sunday 2nd Nov....There were over 1,200 swims during the three sessions. We had 36 club swimmers who raced for TSC during this exciting meet and their success made us the top scoring team overall. However as TSC hosted the event, our congratulations go to Exeter Swimming Club as the top visiting club who eventually took the Sparkler Trophy home. There were also some Sparkler records broken during the meet- Phoebe Cambell set new records for 50m and 100m free, and Sam Arrowsmith set new records for 50m and 200m breast. Overall our club swimmers won 21 gold, 21 silver and 17 bronze medals, plus many PB's were set- Congratulations and well done to everyone who swam!



### **Frome Open Meet**

It was a busy start to half-term for 14 club swimmers who travelled to Millfield swimming pool and raced 70 swims at the Frome Swimming Club Autumn Open Meet. This Level 3 meet took place on the weekend of 25th and 26th Oct and was raced as a Long Course (50m) event with seven TSC first time LC competitors racing. There were swimmers representing 29 other clubs from as far afield as Southampton and

There are places for 200 runners and Santa outfits are available for £5. Race finishers receive a medal plus a selection pack for all runners under 12!

### **Christmas Closure dates:**

There will be no training session on the following dates over the Christmas and New Year period:

### **Squads**

Last session Tuesday 23rd Dec  
First session Saturday 3rd Jan

### **CSA**

Last session Wed 17th Dec  
First session Wed 7th Jan

### **Learn to Swim**

Last session Friday 12th Dec  
First session Friday 9th Jan

### **Coming soon....**

### **TSC kit available online!**

New club kit will soon be available to buy. The committee has been working to develop a new style of Kukri club kit, with T-shirts, shorts and hoodies. These new style club T-shirts and hoodies will be on display in the New Year- you will find them in the lobby at EVLC each month, so you can select the most appropriate size before you buy!

### **The Devon county Championships countdown...**

It's not long now until Devon

Aberystwyth at this big meet. TSC swimmers gained 42 PB's plus 13 Long Course PB's and a few medals along the way! Jack Aldridge won silver for 200m breast & gold for 50m breast, Oliver Bennet a gold for 100m fly, Gemma Dilks a gold for 50m fly and Jodie Dilks a bronze in 50m breast. Then Will Goffey collected a gold for 100m back, a silver in 50m back, another silver for 200m breast, and a bronze in 100m free. Robert Jones won a bronze for 400m free, Gemma Owen a gold for 100m fly and Finn Stoneman two golds for 50m fly & 100m back.

### **National Masters Short Course Champs**

The National seniors and masters short course championships were held at Ponds Forge in Sheffield in October giving great results for four of our club swimmers. Two swimmers competing for the club, Graham Cridland and Sue Haigh were successful in their medal quest. In the men's 50m butterfly Graham touched home in third position taking the bronze medal and was unlucky to miss out on a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly by 2/100 of a second. However his two swims created new regional records for those events.

Sue managed to bring home five National titles in the 50m and 200m butterfly, the 100 & 200m freestyle and the 200m Individual Medley in addition to a silver medal in the 400m freestyle.

Two other Tiverton SC members Rebecca Jenkinson, competing for Exeter and Heidi Hunt competing for Exmouth also figured highly in the medal tally.

### **National Arena league**

host the County Championships at the Aquatic Centre in Plymouth. This event is held over three weekends in Jan and Feb 2015. TSC swimmers who have gained the championship qualifying times will be competing with the fastest swimmers across the county over the following weekends:

Block 1 Jan 17 & 18th

Block 2 Jan 24 & 25th

Block 3 Feb 7 & 8th

Good luck to all of the swimmers entering these championships, we hope you all swim fast and enjoy yourselves!

### **TSC long distance champs**

The evening of Sunday Jan 4th will see the return of the club's own long distance championships, with female swimmers racing 800m and male swimmers 1500m at the EVLC pool, starting at 4pm. More details on entering this fun club event are to follow.

### **Switch to payment by Direct Debit**

The Club is changing the way it

Over the past months many of the swimmers in the competition and junior potential squad have been competing for the club in the National Arena Swimming League. The club competes in the 1st division placing us in the top 40 swimming clubs in the South West and Wales. The final round of the league takes place in Weston-Super-Mare on December 13th. The competition is tough but I am sure all the swimmers will continue to put in every inch of effort that they have to help the team be as successful as they can in the final round of this years competition. **Round Two** of the league was held at Newport on Sat November 8th and TSC had the pleasure of hosting this event. Many thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make the Newport gala run smoothly on the day and to those who donated raffle prizes.

### **November CSA Race Night**

The final Race Night of the year was held on Wed 12th November and 36 CSA swimmers raced to gain their flash badge times. Bronze flash times were achieved by Lauren Smith and Ruby Saunders in 25m free, Jessica Hayes, Emma Bennet, Samuel Ellis, Chloe Muggerridge and Ruby in 25m back, and Ruby, Emma and Reese Shoubridge in 25m breast. Rowan Saunders also gained the silver flash times for 50m free, back and breaststroke. If you would like to buy CSA Flash badges, they are on sale from 6.30pm on Wednesday nights (in the lobby) at £1.50 each. Race night results are posted on the club noticeboard and on the TSC website.

### **Taunton Deane & Millfield L2 meet**

collects it's monthly fees in the New Year. Currently swimmers fees are paid by a bank Standing Order, however this will alter to payment by Direct Debit in January 2015, to enable the club to streamline it's finances. This means that swimmers and their parents will be asked to change their bank payment method by clicking [here to setup online](#) or by completing a DD form available from the committee members – who will be answering questions and giving advice at the desk in EVLC during the first two weeks of December. TSC would like the change over to DD to be achieved by 14th December.

### **Newsletter Feedback....**

So what do you think so far?? We would like to know what **you** think about this newsletter – are there any regular features you would like to see, or do you have any suggestions of topics we can include in future issues? Please send any ideas, thoughts or comments to: [newsletter@tiverton-](mailto:newsletter@tiverton-)

The weekend of Nov 15/16 saw 8 swimmers from Tiverton competing at Millfield in the Short Course pool. This Level 2 Open meet was hosted by Taunton Deane Swimming Club. There were 31 swims, and PBs were achieved during 16 of these. Medals were won for Phoebe Campbell (silver), Sam Arrowsmith (1 gold, 2 silver), and Finn Stoneman (bronze). During the meet Will Goffey gained five PB's, Jessica Swanston and Gemma Owen a PB each and Jake Stoneman two PB's.

### National Inter-County event

Four Masters swimmers from Tiverton swimming club were recently selected to swim for Devon in the Regional round of the National Inter-County Swimming event. Sue Haigh, Graham Cridland, Heidi Hunt and Rebecca Jenkinson all swam in individual events and relays in this round of the national event which took place at Hutton Moor pool, Weston Super Mare. Other regions competed at different venues across the country. Devon were victorious in the regional event beating teams from Gloucestershire, Somerset, Dorset and Cornwall and on the final count they took an excellent fourth place nationally.

### The Presentation evening

We are holding our annual presentation evening on Saturday 10th January at Tiverton Rugby club. The night kicks off at 7pm so come and join in the swim award celebrations and review the club swimmers successes in 2014. Resident TSC DJ Alex Wilcox is back by popular demand to spin the discs and encourage all parents to release their inner Beyoncé (or John Travolta) and try to upstage their kids on the dance floor. There will be a cash bar available for soft and alcoholic drinks during the evening and food provided on a "Bring and Share" basis, with the types of food items being supplied added to a list on the noticeboard at EVLC (to try avoid too much duplication of turkey curry vol-au-vents)... Come along and enjoy a night of awards and fun with your swimming friends!

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At Tiverton Swimming Club we take Child Welfare seriously, please contact the Swimline, talk or [email](#) to Lucy Walton Welfare Officer about any concerns you may have.



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### Coaches Quotes....

Dave and the rest of the coaching team would like to wish all swimmers a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!** and we look forward to working with you in the new year for some good fun and hard work!



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