

TSC President's Report 2016

At the end of my report last year I said that I was looking forward to another great year and I was not disappointed. With a new Head Coach, a committed and dedicated coaching and teaching team and with the support of an excellent committee and numerous volunteers, 2016 has not failed to disappoint.

As an official at many of the county and club events it was great to see so many Tiverton swimmers excel over the last twelve months whether it be completing their first length at learn to swim through to achieving a national qualifying time at the County Championships. I never tire of being part of that success and it the reason why I and so many other volunteers support the club.

The recent excellent club awards night acknowledged much of that success, but perhaps the highlight for me that evening, was presenting Jim Loosemore with an award for his many years of service. Without volunteers like Jim, who put in hours of their own time, this club and many like us would not survive.

During 2016, as a club we celebrated the 10th annual Sparkler Meet which is held in November and a firm favourite with many clubs and swimmers. The continued success of this event is down to the support we get from the army of volunteers who work tirelessly both leading up to the event and on the day. We will shortly be looking for help for the 11th Sparkler!

Under the direction of Sara, we have a great committee, who have over that past 12 months worked hard to rearrange the training sessions in the pool time that we have available, in order to give as many swimmers as possible the chance to both enjoy the sport and improve. That said, we still have waiting lists for many of the sessions. In addition, they have attended to the many administration duties and legal requirements that have enabled the smooth running of the club. We are again an accredited Swim 21 club. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them on behalf of the club for their help and support in 2016.

During the year we were delighted to welcome Lucy as our Head Coach, who has brought with her a new and fresh approach to the coaching and teaching, ably delivered by the coaching team and teachers. Again a big thank you for all your dedication and help throughout the year.

Young people often receive 'bad press' but I am delighted to see how so many of our younger swimmers offer their free time helping and supporting the club. During 2016 we had 2 qualify as Level One coaches, well done Rosie Jones and Jaz Swanston and another gain her Judge 1 qualification as an official, congratulations to Gemma Owen. In addition, we have a number who support the teachers and coaching staff throughout the week again well done and thank you.

Finally I wish to thank all the other volunteers and helpers whether it be cooking cakes for the open meeting, selling raffle tickets or supporting the club at galas, your help is much appreciated.

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