



Backwell Swimming Club

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Sponsorship

Thank you!

RBS (£250)
Bristol Water (£250)
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The contributions of all these companies are much appreciated and will enable us to buy new equipment for our Club.

Do you know of anyone else who may be interested in sponsoring us? Please contact **Richard Evershed**.

Membership

Up, up, up...It's the only way for BSC at the moment! A couple of years ago, with membership below one hundred and falling, closure appeared a real possibility. What a turn around! At the moment of going to print, membership in the main Club stands at 134!

Not only more children swimming but also two new qualified Teachers. A big welcome and thank you to **Katherine Richley** and

Gala Results

It would be easy to see BSC simply as a provider of local swimming lessons but it is, of course, much more than that. The teaching programme is designed to enable the children to take part in competitive Galas. Thanks to the Teachers and to **Kevin Hall** who is largely responsible for organising the events, more and more of our young swimmers are coming through to represent the Club.

Speedo League 2003/ 2004

Following successful swims in Rounds 1 and 2, our campaign concluded with a very exciting Round 3 at Keynsham.

Everyone swam with real enthusiasm with notable swims from the **9-11 girls' relay team**, two 1st places, and the **9-11 boys** who won their medley relay.

Nicola James finished 1st in the 50m Butterfly, **Emma Hayes**, 1st in the 100m Breaststroke.

In total we also had fifteen 2nd places. On the night we finished in 2nd place, an excellent achievement which saw us finish in 9th place in the league overall.

NEWSLETTER

Other Club Items

Well done to all of the swimmers who took part. Good luck in the "Somersets."

W-S-Mare B Grade Gala

On Saturday 14th February, BSC took a squad of swimmers to Weston-super-Mare.

This gave an opportunity to those swimmers who don't normally compete in the Speedo League or who haven't competed at all before, the chance to take part in a competitive event. It was certainly that! Not quite as billed, the majority of the teams were either Div 1 or Premier Division teams, so we were always up against it but what a performance!

Clayton Davies came 1st in the 50m Breaststroke and the **13 boys' relay team** took 2nd.

Ed Solari, Olivia Haupt, Hannah Clark, Josie Bennett, Richard Hill, Sophie Muschamp, Nicholas Harper, Sophie Mayne, Ellie Lightly, Steve Clark, Annabelle Zinn, and Oliver Overton were all competing for the first time and all gained personal bests in their individual events.

Well done again to all those involved. Thank you parents and swimmers for giving up your time on a Saturday night to represent the Club.

Behaviour

Sadly, an incident in the changing rooms caused considerable distress to one of our younger swimmers a few weeks ago.

The Coach has also been unimpressed with the poor attitude and lack of commitment of a tiny minority of our swimmers during the 8-9pm training session.

In order to clarify the Club's expectations of its members' behaviour, the Committee would like swimmers and parents to read the following:

BSC Code of Conduct

A high standard of behaviour is expected of all children who swim at Backwell Swimming Club.

General Behaviour

- Bullying is not acceptable.
- Respect must be shown to all other swimmers and their property at all times.
- Swimmers should care for and respect Club equipment.
- Bad language will not be tolerated.
- The use of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted.

Representing the Club

- All swimmers are expected to make themselves available for selection to Galas and Open Meets.
- Team swimwear should be worn at all events.

Attendance and Training

- It is desirable that swimmers in both the Skill Learning / Skill Development groups attend two sessions per week, the Competitive squad, three sessions per week.
- Swimmers should arrive promptly for training sessions, start on time and be prepared to work hard with no messing about.
- Swimmers must be prepared to listen to teaching/coaching staff, to follow their instructions and complete any specified instructions or programme.

* With reference to bad behaviour during training sessions, the Coach and Teaching Staff reserve the right to ask children to leave the water and sit on the side. If the bad behaviour continues, the procedures set down in the BSC Behaviour Policy will be followed.