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Derwentside ASC Times

Welcome back

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a lovely summer break and are enjoying being back to the normality of training – we know you missed it! It seems so long ago since we broke up for the summer and we have lots of news to bring you. The swimmers are now back to school, new schools for some, new uniforms, new routines and more juggling for us parents. Read on to get up to date with what’s been happening and what we have coming up over the next few months.

You may have seen a couple of new faces in the pool. We are delighted to welcome 2 new members to the club. Adam Strickland has joined us from Gateshead & Whickham. Adam is 14 and a National level swimmer who has joined Paul’s Group 3 training squad. Maddison Peveller has also joined us from Wear Valley. 13 year old Maddison is also a National swimmer and has joined Tom with the Group 2 squad. We welcome both of you and your families to Derwentside ASC – we hope you have settled in and are making lots of new Dside friends.

Results

Sunderland Splash – 19 Gold, 17 Silver & 10 Bronze

Gateshead & Whickham – 3 Gold, 3 Silver & 5 Bronze

Sheffield Meet – 1 Gold, 5 Silver & 3 Bronze

British Summer Champs - 1 Bronze

English National Summer Meet – 6 Gold, 4 Silver & 3 Bronze.

Twitter

To keep up to date with live information follow @DerwentsideASC on Twitter

Website

For all the latest information from competition dates to social events check out the derwentside-asc.org.uk

Email

Make sure you get all relevant communication from the club via email – if you have changed email address or are not receiving emails please drop Kevin a message to confirm your contact details derwentsidecompsec@hotmail.co.uk

Messenger

Our parents also run a FB Messenger page for updates – just ask one of our parents reps for details



It’s been a summer for love as the club have helped celebrate 2 weddings – Coach Tom married his fiancée Emma Lishman at Matfen Hall and the Disney fans enjoyed a fun filled honeymoon in Florida! Ex coaches and swimmers Chris Dove & Emma Bainbridge also tied the knot during the summer break– their venue choice was Durham Castle. Both couples celebrated their special days surrounded by family and friends and a few Dsiders. Congratulations from all of us at DASC!



A summer in Sheffield – the team spent 2 weeks in Sheffield this summer starting off with the Sheffield Summer Meet. It was the 1st trip to Ponds Forge for many and a very tough gala to end most of the swimmers season. Despite the tough competition we had a fantastic weekend with a impressive medal haul with some fantastic swims and PB's. Joshua Robinson, Morgan Swirles, Dean McAleer and Jenna Dougal all made finals, the swim of the weekend though had to be Joshua making the Open final for the 200 fly finishing in second position. Well done to all who swam, ending the season on a high!

Just a day's rest and we were back at Ponds Forge for 6 days of competition at the British Summer Championships. 8 swimmers were competing this week and what a fantastic week it was with so many exciting swims and PB's. The team made finals 5 out of the 6 days and Lewis Maxwell picked up a bronze in the 100 back repeating his success of last year.

A day off then back for the last leg – 5 days of competition in the Swim England Summer meet, the team again had 8 swimmers again competing at the event with Jenna Dougal and Joshua Savage taking part at their 1st Nationals. It was another fantastic event with the team reaching finals every day – no rest for the support team! The stats over the 2 weeks sum it up – 44 swims, 55% PB rate, 68% reached finals, 90% faster heats to finals. 6 Gold. 4 Silver & 4 Bronze

Coach Paul said – *'The club has really moved forward this season, and we still have more to come. Over the last 2 weeks the swimmers have been fantastic, great commitment and attitude - Fantastic team effort!*

Graham Robinson, our Vice Chairman said... *Well what a great fortnight for Team Derwentside – we showed how we can compete with far bigger clubs and really put ourselves firmly on the map. A great attitude from all swimmers & thanks to the coaching team. Also some fantastic support from team mates & families in Sheffield and at home.*

We should all be really proud.



Our National medalists, Dan, Annabel, Aaron, Jay, Lewis & Oliver (not in photo)

Congratulations to our swimmers! - A number of our members have been selected to attend Swim camps over the next few months.

First – congratulations to **Evie O'Halleron Hutchinson** and **Ellie Sowerby** who were selected to attend the N&D Junior camp after doing so well at the N&D's earlier this year. Their 1 day camp was held at Consett Leisure Centre in July. Next - well done to **Thomas Maskell** who has been selected for the Swim England North East Region Training camp for 12 year olds following his success at the North East Regional Championships. His camp consists of 3 full days training sessions at Catterick Garrison. And finally

congratulations to **Jenna Dougal** who following her first time at Nationals this year has been selected for the Swim England National Development camp in Huddersfield. Well done to them all you should all be very proud of your achievements, and we hope you have fun!

Summer Celebration party –

a great afternoon was had by all at the end of season Hog Roast at Tanfield. We even managed to watch the England game so had even more reason to celebrate!

Coaches Paul & Rob were great sports helping raise money for the club by going in the stocks and both came out very wet! Our National swimmers were also presented with their kit & our Junior leaguers were given their medals.

Fundraising £££

The 1st weekend in July saw many of our members helping out at our bag pack at Tesco Genesis. Those who were not competing that weekend did a great job & with the help of the generous people of Consett raised nearly £830 for the club. Thank you to Tesco too for allowing us to be there! ***We have also just had some fantastic news from Asda – they have accepted us on their Green Token Scheme. From 1st October until 31st December when you shop in store, please remember to put your token in our box. We are guaranteed at least £200 so please tell all your family & friends about us!***





Derwentside Towels on Tour! We said in the last edition we would give a prize for the best photo of our swimmers with their DASC towels over the summer. Well done to Joe Edgar, Kieran Turnbull, Morgan Swirles, Joshua Savage & Phoebe Maddison who all sent us photos of their towels somewhere different this summer. They are all great photos showing us how you like to have fun away from training. We loved them all so we decided to give them all a prize! Swimmers - call in at the club shop to collect your prizes. Watch out for more photo challenges!



Future Events & dates for your diary!

Dates & details for our galas up to Jan'19 are now on the website- watch this space for more info!

21st & 22nd Oct	Middlesbrough Halloween meet	Neptune Centre, Mbro	Grp 2 & 3
27th Oct	Halloween Disco & Family night	Tanfield Club	All
3rd & 4th Nov	NER Short course	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	Qualifiers
9 - 11th Nov	BUCS	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	Qualifiers
10th & 11th Nov	Wear Valley meet	Woodhouse Leisure Centre	Grp 1 & 2
18th Nov	Club Championships	Louisa Centre, Stanley	All
1st & 2nd Dec	Derwentside Christmas Cracker	Louisa Centre, Stanley	TBC
7th - 9th Dec	Scottish Nationals	Commonwealth pool Edinburgh	Qualifiers
14th - 16th Dec	Winter English Nationals	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	Qualifiers
21st Dec	Sponsored Swim	Louisa Centre, Stanley	CD & Grp 1
24th Dec	Sponsored Swim	Louisa Centre, Stanley	Grp 2,3 & 4
29th Dec	Christmas party	Tanfield Club	All
12th & 13th Jan	DASC & Peterlee New Year meet	Louisa Centre, Stanley	TBC
20th Jan	1st round of Junior League	TBC	TBC
28th & 29th Jan	Burns Meet	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	TBC

Party time –

We all like to let our hair down, parents & swimmers away from the pool so we like to arrange events that all the family can enjoy. A great night was had by all at Pelaw Dogs last month which was a great chance to catch up after the summer, and as an added bonus there was money to be won too! Our next social event is our Halloween family party night Sat 27th Oct at Tanfield. Fancy dress is optional but it's a great chance for the kids to get another wear out of those costumes! There will be a Pumpkim decorating competition and lots of Halloween themed games – as well as our family quiz with cash prizes! There will also be a chance to buy hot dogs, Pie & Peas, sweets & toffee apples and most importantly a chance to relax and have a fun night.

Tickets are only £2 each and can be bought at the club shop.



Bye for now –

That's all for this edition – we are in the process of setting up our new notice boards up on the spectator balcony at Stanley so watch out for some new news!