



Backwell Swimming Club

April 2003

The Mid-Term Report!

Six months into our swimming year, how are we doing?

As a result of the overall assessment programme initiated in the Autumn by **Jill Richards** and her teachers, all children in the PSC and Development Squad have been placed in a group appropriate to their swimming ability. Teaching is being aligned to National teaching standards and assessment will take place regularly at the end of each term.

We have made two important innovations. Thanks to **Steve Carter**, our first "meet the teachers" session for the PSC will take place this week, when we will be providing feedback on your child's progress.

We have also set up a special training session run by **Jackie James**. Many thanks to Jackie for enabling swimmers to make a successful transition from the Development to the Competitive Squad.

Turning our attention here, morale in the Competitive Squad is high, especially following the Somerset

Championships where medals were won and PBs tumbled across the board. (A full breakdown of results will be available in the next Newsletter.)

Thanks to the efforts of **Kevin Hall**, supported by **Libbey Warren**, we are now entering more galas than in recent years, attempting to achieve a balance in the variety of competitions we enter, to reflect the range of swimming ability we cater for at the Club.

The price of success though is the continuing need for more help!

- Can you swim well, are confident you can communicate this knowledge to children and would be willing to help on poolside?
- Do you know of older children who have left swimming for a while but who could be encouraged to join and strengthen our Competitive Squad?
- Is there anyone out there who would be willing to take on the organisation of Sponsorship for the Club?

If you can help us out in any way please come forward.

NEWSLETTER

Other Club Items

The organisation of social events has been going from strength to strength too thanks to **Kevin Hall** and **Jane Starkey**. A disco, a bowls evening and now a family barn dance. Have you bought your tickets yet?

BSC Barn Dance

May 10th

7.30-10.30pm

An event for all the family!

**Tickets: £7.00 adults
children free!**

**Venue: Church House,
Silver Street,
Nailsea.**

Tickets from Jane Starkey.

Much of the running of the Swimming Club goes on behind the scenes. **Sara Zinn** has been meticulously compiling a Child Protection Policy for the Club, which includes a "Behaviour Policy" recently approved at a Committee meeting, published below.

" At BSC we expect a high standard of behaviour from our swimmers both when representing the Club at galas, and during training sessions. Bad behaviour, rudeness, damage to property or bullying are not acceptable and will be dealt

with in the following manner:

1. The person(s) concerned will be spoken to by a teacher or a committee member and warned that their behaviour is not acceptable.
2. If the problem reoccurs, parents will be contacted individually and asked to supervise their child in the changing room for an agreed period of time.
3. If the supervision is not carried out, or the bad behaviour reoccurs, the swimmer will be asked to leave the Club and no refund of fees will be given.
4. Where there is damage to property, the perpetrator will be expected to apologise and to compensate the victim."

At the same time, the Committee would like to point out that they, nor the teachers, are responsible for monitoring the behaviour of swimmers in the changing rooms.

BSC is a voluntary organisation run by volunteers. It is parents/carers who have the ultimate responsibility of supervising their children in the changing rooms and ensuring that bad behaviour does not occur.

Have you visited our website?

Dumbledore a.k.a **John Zinn** has created "the best website in Backwell"- the Chairman!

If you want answers to your questions about the Club please visit:

www.backwellswimmingclub.me.uk