

BUNTINGFORD SWIMMING CLUB

RIPPLES IN THE POOL

DECEMBER 2006

Here we are once again at the end of a year, with our final 'Ripples in the Pool' for 2006. It has been a good year for the Club overall, with some good gala results and many other good things happening. I am pleased to say that several of our swimmers have passed their lifesaving examinations and are now working at various pools as lifeguards. Congratulations to Emily Burns, Ollie Sharpe, Christina Branch and Louise Moore on their achievements. We must also pass on our congratulations to Dave Carr who has passed another exam in the Triathlon. He is now a grade 2 coach for the sport, which is very good news for us, with our own competition in the summer.

We did very well again in the Peanut league earlier in the year. We finished in 10th place, and avoided relegation quite easily. Well done to everybody concerned. We have entered a team in the **Major League** for the first time in Club's history. This competition starts in January, with other rounds in February and March. Please make yourself available for these galas. The first round will be held on January 6th at the Biggleswade pool, and we will be swimming against Royston, Letchworth, Bushey B and Tring B. It is a good start and **we can win** the first round if everybody makes themselves available. This league gives our older swimmers a chance to compete.

The Club Championships were very good once again. You achieved a total of **165** personal best times, with a very good number of swims. You were again complimented on your swimming, so keep up the good standard. We had a very good turn out for the presentation evening, when we had about 175 present. Medals and trophies were presented by the County President Mick Boon to all the winners. We were also very pleased to have in attendance, some Committee members and swimmers from when the Club was in its infancy. They were presented with a small plaque to mark the occasion. Also on show were our new Club shirt, club bag and special water bottles. I am pleased to say, that there were a great number of complimentary comments made. All the items are really selling fast and we have already ordered another 40 shirts. They will be sizes 28, 32 and 36 and we have also ordered some more to the 'small size'. They will be with us very shortly. There is no doubt that we will be the smartest Club around!!!

We achieved another glowing report from the ASA regarding 'Swim21'. All we got for it was a very small sticker, but a great big 'thank you' to Steve Coote for all of his hard work in keeping us going in the right direction.

As usual, the normal request for swimmers you might know who want to join a very good club. We are always looking out for younger swimmers aged 7 or 8 and especially those over 14/15 years of age. Like most clubs, we are short of that age group. Where have all the boys gone?

On behalf of everybody many, many thanks to all the poolside coaches, the Committee and all the other people who make Buntingford SC one of the nicest Clubs around.

Have a super, super Christmas and New Year – look forward to seeing you all on...

4th JANUARY 2007