



November 2015 update

Dear member

Important: Swim session time changes

Over the last 6 months the club has seen membership grow and we have now been holding a waiting list for 4 months – great news as the club moves from strength to strength.

The lanes at the 7pm session are full to capacity which has resulted in the committee reviewing options around additional pool time. Options considered included;

- Holding an earlier session at 6.15 Monday
- Adding an additional evening session

Unfortunately the pool were unable to meet the needs of extra time starting at 6.15pm on a Monday due to a commitment to having some time for a public session.

The alternative evening would have been a Friday but it was felt by the committee that this would not work due to coaches' availability and also a concern that Friday evening would not be regularly attended by swimmers.

After careful consideration it has been decided to change the times of the Monday evening session.

- 7-7.45 pm – Children
- 7.45 – 8.30pm – Children
- 8.30 – 9.30pm – Adults

The benefits of this structure are;

- Increasing the capacity for club membership
- Smaller lane sizes resulting in improved focus on swimmers
- Coaches are available for Monday nights as they already attend
- The potential risk that siblings swim on 2 different nights is avoided
- Everyone receives the same club experience

We are currently working through the exact split but it is likely that;

- Swimmers currently in lane 1, 2, or 3 at the 7pm session will remain in the 7pm session.
- Swimmers currently in lane 4, 5 and 6 at the 7pm session will move to 7.45-8.30pm
- Advanced children swimmers currently swimming at 7.45pm will remain in the 7.45pm session
- Adults currently swimming at 7.45pm will now swim 8.30 – 9.30pm

For clarity lane 1 is the lane closest to the changing area/showers and lane 6 is the lane closest to the poolside spectator seating.

We will be introducing this from 4 January, our first swim back after the Christmas break

Fun Evening

Christmas is fast approaching – less than 8 weeks and I haven't ordered the Turkey yet!!

The last Monday night swim session of the year will be on Monday 14 December. As is tradition this will be a fun session but with a slight twist. The evening will be a "Fun team event" with a number of races in the form of a relay. Whilst the emphasis is on fun the children will hopefully learn something about teamwork and be able to show off their water skills. Teams will be decided on the night with members from all age groups spread across teams – even the older children and youthful feeling

adults can take part. There is no need to fill out an entry form – just turn up on the night for some fun and games

Christmas break

Our last Monday evening swim of the year will be on 14 December and we will recommence swimming on 4 January 2016, adopting the new session times outlined above.

Help

As always the club would welcome any support which parents can provide

Thanks for your continued support and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to talk to the coaches or any of the committee on a Monday evening.

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