



DASC UPDATES
December 2016
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SOME UPDATES FOR ALL DASC SWIMMERS, PARENTS, COACHES AND FRIENDS

Please read the following carefully as there is a lot going on.

It is also important to check your e-mails and www.dare-asc.co.uk regularly for further DASC information.

Club Gala 4

There were many excellent swims and exciting racing across all ages and abilities at the recent club gala. Congratulations to all of those who swam Personal Best times or who tried events for the first time or swam in their first ever gala. The Skins events were great to watch and provided us with some very close finishes. Well done to Harvey Matthias, Chloe Oliver, Harriet Rogers and Will Beukenholdt for being our 2016 Skins Champions.

The results are on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/26.html>. If you have not already done so, please make sure you record at least any Personal Best times from this gala in your/your swimmer's personal record book/spreadsheet etc. You can use them on future gala entry forms. If your time qualifies for a Sprint Award badge, these can be purchased at the Club Swim Shop.

Congratulations to our club gala record breakers at this gala – Harriet Rogers (50m Fly and 200m Free), Chloe Oliver (50m Fly), Niamh Sweeney (200m Free – her first DASC record) and Jacob Willson (100m Breast – sorry this was overlooked during the gala). This brings up a fantastic total of 14 new club gala records being set in 2016, 7 by Chloe, 4 by Harriet, 2 by Jacob and 1 by Niamh.

If you didn't manage to collect a medal or a trophy that you won at this gala, please see Jane Teague. Also see her if you picked up any extra items of clothing or left anything behind. Please can I remind you again that lost property of all sorts is so much easier to get back to the owner if their name is on it!

Many thanks to all those people who helped out at the gala in any way, especially if it was the first time you have done so. It takes a large number of volunteers to enable a gala to run, and there was not time on Tuesday to thank them at the gala. We are especially grateful as always to our Gala Organiser, Carol Bottomley, who carries the main burden of setting up the gala and producing the programme and results. We apologise for the late start (and finish) to the gala. This was caused by issues with the electronic timing system and the IT, run by Dolphin Centre staff.

Grand Raffle

The 2016 DASC Grand Raffle has raised a great total of £722 for DASC funds and many swimmers and divers will benefit from this fund-raising. We appreciate and thank:

- All who bought or sold raffle tickets, particularly Darren Naisbitt, who sold a lot of books
- All who donated raffle prizes themselves or who persuaded others to do so
- Schott Removals, Co-op and Sainsburys for raffle prizes
- Margaret and Jeanette Rogers who have worked tirelessly to plan, organise, resource and administer the raffle on behalf of DASC.

Training

For various reasons, including coaches on holiday or away, and DASC Christmas events, a number of training sessions are going to be cancelled in the run-up to Christmas. Please keep a close eye on your e-mails for details as they are sent out to you and pass the word round your squad members.

As usual, there will be little training available over the school holiday period due to the complete or partial closure of school pools, reduced opening times at the Dolphin Centre and the need for DASC coaches to have some time off. So enjoy a bit of a break while you can. Details about the school holidays will be sent by e-mail and posted on the club website.

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 13 December Last Swim Shop of 2016
- Tuesday 20 December DASC Fun Night at the Dolphin Centre for all swimmers and divers. More details to follow when finalised
- Thursday 22 December DASC Christmas Event and Annual Presentation open to all swimmers and divers and family members. Tickets are available up until 13 December from Allison Matthias on Tuesdays and Sundays. Voting forms for 'Fun Awards' to be presented at the event are also available from Sarah Briggs and should be returned to her or the Club Desk by 18 December.

Easyfundraising and Proswimwear

With Christmas fast approaching, and your online shopping perhaps set to increase, please remember that you can raise money for DASC with online shopping via easyfundraising. You can also fundraise for the club by buying swimwear and equipment from ProSwimwear. Use the links on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/index.html>.

DASC Club Desk

The Club Desk is currently open on poolside at the Dolphin Centre on Tuesdays 6.00-7.30pm. It may also be open on some Sundays 5.00-6.00pm. One of our Club Desk volunteers, Neil Archbold, is standing down from the role. Many thanks to Neil for patiently and cheerfully handling dozens of gala entries and queries on Tuesday nights.

We are looking for more people to help out on the Club Desk, either on a regular or occasional basis. It is helpful previous experience if you have entered for a few galas and know a bit about the process. Otherwise it is generally a matter of recording gala entry forms and handling entry fees. Help to get into the role will be given, and you would not be left to cope on your own at the start. Please see Jane Teague if you want more information, or, better still, come and sit at the desk some Tuesday night and see what goes on.

Newcomers and Squad Movers

Can I remind the recent newcomers to the club that, if they have not already done so, they need to be deciding whether they will be joining DASC, and getting in touch with Jane Teague with their paperwork and trial fees.

We had more than 40 swimmers move squads in November and all who need to do so should have increased their standing order payment for monthly squad fees in time for their December payment. If you have forgotten to do so, and your December payment date has already been and gone, please arrange to pay the arrears you owe.

Payment of Fees to DASC

If you need to pay DASC any sort of fees – for gala entries, membership fees, ASA registration upgrade fees, arrears of monthly squad payments etc - you can do so by:

- cheque payable to DASC
- cash – exact amount please
- BACS payment to the club account (Darlington Amateur Swimming Club, Sort Code 09-01-27, Account Number 98784079). If paying by this method please indicate with your payment what it is for and e-mail jane.teague@ntlworld.com to let her know when you have paid.

DASC Membership for 2017

The new DASC Membership year starts in January 2017. All existing members who want to continue to be part of DASC in 2017 will have to complete a new membership form, and pay annual membership and registration fees by the end of January. Membership forms and information about 2017 fees should be available for you just before Christmas.

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