



DASC UPDATES
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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.

DASC at Galas

It has been a busy start to the competition season for many DASC swimmers and their coaches, and several more galas are on the horizon. There have been many excellent performances.

Congratulations to the following 14 DASC swimmers who have achieved tough Qualifying Times to compete in the North-East Regional Short Course Championships to be held in Sunderland on 5&6 November – William Beukenholdt, Daniel Boyer, Aaron Morton, Ryan Pepper, Jacob Warwick, Nathan Warwick, Jacob Willson, Alice Day, Emilia Jones, Lucy Mason, Molly Mooney, Chloe Oliver, Harriet Rogers and Niamh Sweeney. We wish you well competing against the best swimmers in the North-East.

Unfortunately Wear Valley ASC has cancelled its gala on 12&13 November.

Please remember that all competing swimmers (or their parents) should be keeping a record of Personal Best times (PBs) swum in gala, for use on future gala entry forms. If anyone needs advice on this, please ask your squad coach or at the Club Desk.

Gala Entries

It has been an exceptionally busy few weeks for our hard-working Competition Secretary, Carol Bottomley, who single-handedly processes all DASC gala entries often working to a very tight schedule and dealing with many frustrations along the way. She is helped out by volunteers on the Club Desk and the Club Treasurer. Please would parents be mindful of all of this when submitting gala entries and do your very best to complete the entry form correctly, and hand it in on time along with the correct amount of money. We understand that it can be a complicated process starting out on entering galas; each gala is different as regards qualifying times, age as at date, costs, event order etc, and so it is necessary to read carefully the information given in the e-mails that you receive containing gala information. Volunteers on the Club Desk are happy to advise, as are coaches, but not when they are coaching. It gets easier with practice!

For those of you who are more experienced in attending galas, it is expected that you will complete the gala entry process for yourself. This includes having exactly the correct payment with you, submitting genuine entry times (unless it is a first attempt at an event), converting times to long course times where required, handing entry forms in by the deadline etc. This can be a lengthy process, but imagine having to do the work for several people each gala.

As well as receiving an e-mail about galas relevant to your squad, the information is also posted on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/21.html>

A reminder for newcomers to competitive swimming that swimmers have to be registered at ASA Category 2 to compete in all galas except our internal club galas, Diddy League galas and schools galas. It is not difficult – contact Jane Teague if you need to be upgraded

When galas are cancelled or swimmers have entries rejected from a gala, then entry fee refunds will be paid. Once gala entries are submitted and paid for, it is only in unusual circumstances that a club running a gala would give a refund other than for rejected entries. If you are due a refund from recent rejections/cancellations you should have received an e-mail about it.

Dander Meet 2016

Thank you again to all who helped to make our annual Dander Meet on 9 October successful from both a swimming and a fund-raising point of view.

It was great to see 11 of our own gala officials/trainee gala officials on duty for the day – Lindsey Allinson, John Turver, Steve Jones, Billie-Jean Bache, Susan Allen, Lloyd and Vicki Dewdney, Lesley and Den Butler, Allison Matthias and Kirsty Sweeney.

Training

Training will continue as usual over October half-term week (24-28 October) except for the cancellation of land training for Top1 squad on Friday 28 October.

We are sorry that there has been recent disruption to some school pool availability which has affected training for some squads.

We are told that staff at Haughton Education Village are currently working hard to improve the safety and cleanliness of the pool and surrounding area for the benefit of its clients. In particular please would all DASC users be aware that plastic overshoes must be worn on the poolside, and that children should not be allowed to run in the corridor leading to the pool/changing rooms.

Diddy League Training

A reminder that Diddy League training takes place at Haughton EV on Saturdays 11.45am-1.15pm. It is currently for all DASC swimmers of 2017 Diddy League age, ie those born from 1 Jan 2005 to 25 Nov 2008 It is only for swimmers in A3, B1, B2 and B3 squads, and is on a fortnightly rota basis. See rota on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/18.html>.

Updates on the DASC website

Have you seen the new DASC gala calendar updated on 20 October?

Are you using the newish DASC training programme updated on 10 October?

DASC Membership

There has recently been assessment of several newcomers from our club waiting list, and some will be starting training with us on trial shortly. The coaches are also reviewing the squads to see if any movement is appropriate. Information will follow shortly on squad movers.

Provisional Dates for your Diary

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| • Tuesday 29 November | Club Gala 4 | All squads |
| • Tuesday 20 December TBC | DASC Fun Night at the Dolphin Centre | All swimmers and divers |
| • Thursday 22 December | DASC Christmas Event and Annual Presentation | All |

Information on these to follow.

Payment of Fees to DASC

A reminder that 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 to let her know when you have paid.

DASC Swim Shop and Club Desk

The DASC Swim Shop is generally open on poolside at the Dolphin Centre on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 5.30-7.00pm. The next few opening dates are 8 Nov, 22 Nov, 29 Nov (club gala night and last night for any orders for Christmas).

Volunteers at the Swim Shop can also advise you about ordering club kit from GGGear. If any adults wish to be kitted out in a green DASC T-shirt, you can order these through GGGear at www.gggear.co.uk/dasc-9-c.asp

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. Thank you to Allison Matthias, Neil Archbold and Jeanette Rogers for their help with this.

Fund-Raising

DASC will be holding a Grand Raffle with the draw being made at the final Club Gala of 2016 on Tue 29 Nov.

There are many excellent prizes available including:

1 st prize	£50 cash
2nd prize	Wireless skullcandy headphones
3 rd prize	Uno Momento vouchers
4 th prize	Hamper

All swimmers and divers will shortly be given £5 worth of tickets to try to sell; if you can sell more than that, please ask for more tickets. Raffle ticket stubs/money/unsold tickets should be handed in to the club desk on a Tuesday night to Jeanette Rogers (parent of Harriet in Top1 squad) by Tuesday 22nd November.

Prizes will be available to be collected from the Dolphin Centre on 29 November immediately after the draw is made.

Thanks to Jeanette Rogers for organising this.

Easyfundraising and Proswimwear

Remember you can raise money for DASC with online shopping via easyfundraising and by buying swimwear and equipment from ProSwimwear. Use the links on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/index.html>.

DASC Committee

Mike Oliver (father of Chloe in Top1 squad) has stepped down from the committee and from various fund-raising roles for health reasons. We thank him for his great service to the club over several years and wish him well.

Jeanette Rogers has also stepped down from the committee, but will continue to help as a volunteer at DASC in various ways.

DASC is now on Twitter

Follow us @DarloASC. Thanks to Mike Oliver for overseeing this.

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