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Affiliated Club

February 2011

Welcome to our February edition of our club newsletter. There are lots of things going on, so check out the news and upcoming events.

About our Club!

Many people simply don't realise that our club is run entirely by volunteers!

None of the coaches and teachers receive any financial payment for the teaching and coaching of our children. Some of them teach 3 times a week, 40 weeks a year. They do it for the reward of seeing our children grow and develop as swimmers – I think you'll agree that is a pretty staggering commitment!

So what do our fees get spent on? Well the lion's share of what you pay is spent on the hire of the pool and insurances. We also have to ensure all of our equipment is fit for purpose – we will shortly be investing in new lane ropes for example.

So what's different about us? We are different from lessons with, for example, the Blue Pool who will simply teach your children through the various stages. What you get with our club is continued progression and development by people who care about your children as individuals. Moving from just learning to swim to loving to swim – for fun and even competitively.

What can you do? well as members of our club, so we need everyone to do their bit to make it work!!

Lane Ropes We want our children to get the very most out of their swimming sessions – and to do that we need to start promptly. If you can help by putting in the lane ropes – or taking them out, it would be a great help. If you haven't done it before, just have a word with one of the coaches and they can show you what to do!

Door Registration – Why do we do it?

We are required by the ASA (Amateur Swimming Association) to ensure that we know exactly who should be in the pool at any one time by registering them on entry. Not to do so would invalidate our insurances and licences.

Can you volunteer to help? At the moment there is a small nucleus of people who volunteer to take the door register – remember they are parents just like you! We hope that you will see that this has to be a shared responsibility and everyone has to take a turn. Lots of us juggle busy home and work lives – all of our coaches and teacher do – so its not so much to ask a little of you – is it?

Please sign up! The door register diary is always on the desk or on the Swordfish notice board for you to sign up. Why not sign up with a friend and do it together!

Worried that you won't know what to do? Don't be - someone will help you on your first time and our ambition is to have two volunteers for each of the sessions, especially the busy Saturday mornings!!

So come on in – the water's fine!!!!!!



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Winter League – Rounds 2 & 3

Well done to everyone who swam on Saturday 22 January in Round 2 of the Winter League and on Saturday 12 February in Round 3. Both were brilliant team efforts and in Round 2 we came a very close second to the Swindon Dolphins



Round 3 at Trowbridge saw our team on fire!!!! A very respectable second place again with many swimmers impressing with improved performances.

So, well done all you swimmers for turning out - it makes the Team Manager's job so much easier. Many thanks to all of the people who helped in whatever capacity –the poolside team, officials and timekeepers/scorers.

And, as always a big thank you for the support of all the parents for bringing the swimmers along and for cheering so well on the night . Results and times can now be found both on the notice board and the Website – so check them out!

We are really proud of you all!!!!

Dates For Your Diaries!!!!!!!!!!

Sunday 26 June - Clevedon&Chard open meet at Hutton More, Weston-Super-Mare.

Sunday 10 July- Open Water at lake 32, Cotswolds waterpark. This year this event will take place on **Saturday 8th and Saturday 15th October** - Club Championships

Word Search Winner!!!!

We are delighted to announce that the winner of last month's wordsearch – and bagging themselves a £10 Amazon voucher is Paige Dunlop. The extra words were – Personal Best. Well done to Paige and everyone else who got it right and many thanks to everyone who entered.

This month we have a word grid for you to complete and the first correct answer drawn will receive a £10 Amazon voucher!

Closing date is 10am on Saturday 12 March. Make sure you have a go!!!

Spring Open Meet

Sunday 3 April

Five Rivers Leisure Centre,
Salisbury

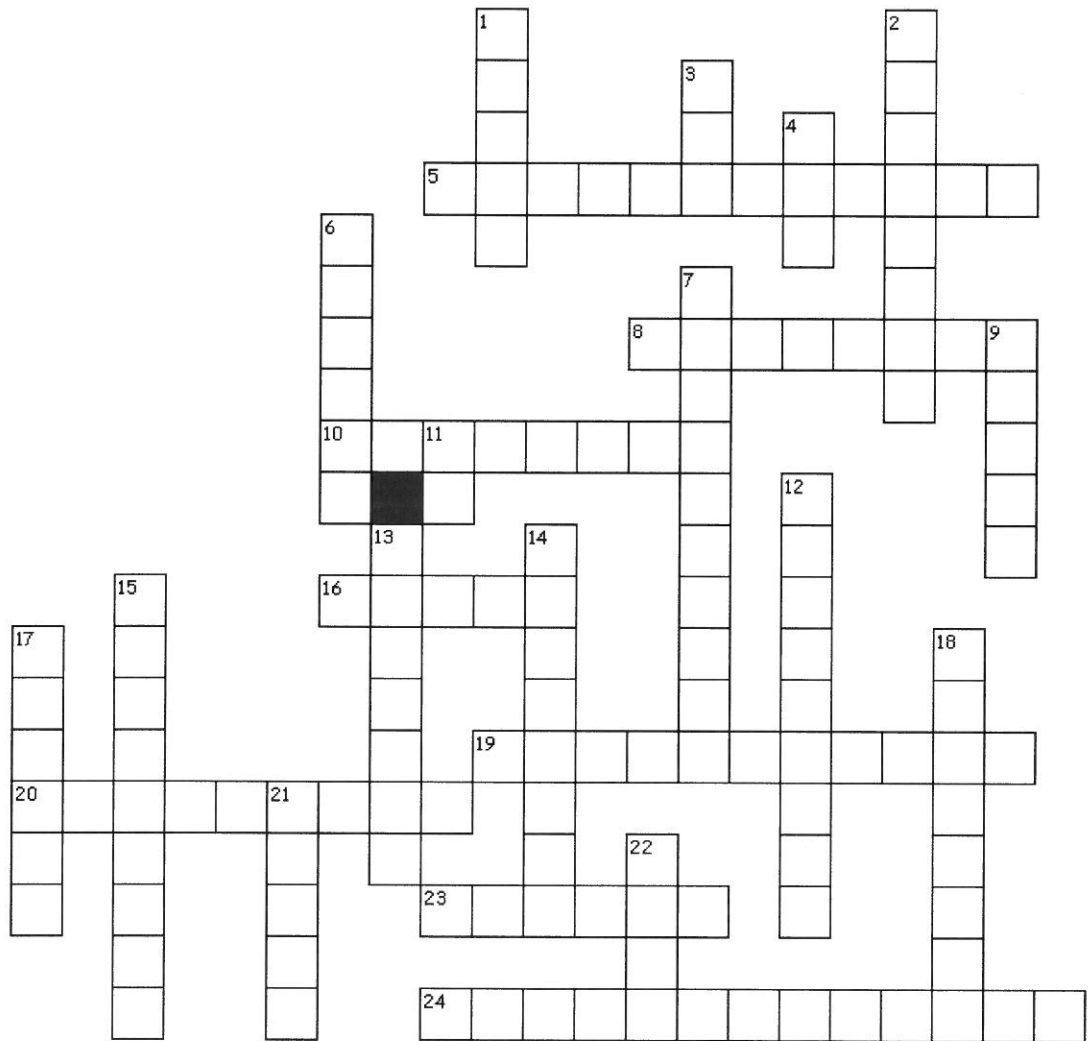
We think there are quite a lot of you swimmers who meet the qualifying times for this Open Meet. So why not give it a go and enter a few events – full details are on the website

www.melkshamswordfish.co.uk

We do already have some swimmers entered – so you won't be on your own!

Please let Maria know if you are interested - closing date is 28 Feb
Entry fee £4 or £5/event
Spectator entry £5.00 including programme

Pop Charts Word Grid



alexisjordan
 ladygaga
 takethat
 kesha
 tinietempah
 beyonce
 neontrees
 yasmin
 blackeyedpeas
 mcfly
 coldplay
 jls
 bob
 skepta
 mattcardle
 adele
 ke
 katyperry

jessiej
 vaccines
 brunomars
 Eminem
 beadyeye
 rumer
 pink

Fit the artists names into the grid – you should have one left

Which artist is NOT in the word grid

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Name

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Email/Phone:.....

Hand into the registration desk by 10am
 Saturday 12 March 2011