

Sheffield Diving Club Newsletter

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Competition News

Beijing Olympics Results

Congratulations to Ben Swain, Nicholas Robinson-Baker and Hayley Sage on their recent performances at their first Olympic Games, in which they all achieved prestigious top eight finishes. They gained valuable experience in the lead up towards the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Results

Men's synchronised 3m springboard:

Ben Swain & Nick Baker 7th

Women's synchronised 3m springboard:

Hayley Sage & Tandi G 8th

Men's 3m Springboard: Ben Swain 26th

Club Post Box

A new club post box is located next to the notice board on the pool hall viewing balcony to enable members to correspondence at your convenience. Please use this to post club correspondence in such as letters, competition entries, consent forms and reply slips, making sure you address it clearly.

Please also use the available comments forms to post your comments, suggestions or feedback regarding any aspect of the club.



Nikki Smith - Diving Development Officer

In addition to coaching Nikki has taken over diving development for the Sheffield City Council from Helen Inglis. Nikki 's role will include administration, squad development, diver recruitment and communication. If you have any complaints or feedback on any aspect of the programme please contact Nikki on:

Tel: 0114 272 8578

Email: nikki.sheffielddiving@yahoo.com

Presentation Evening Feedback

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent squad evening. Club communication was high highlighted as a key area requiring improvement. Measures being taken to improve communication are:

- Newsletters will now be produced on a monthly basis and will be emailed out to all members (size permitting). A copy of the most recent newsletter will be displayed on the notice board and hard copies will be available to take away.
- Competition information such as selection letters and timetables will be emailed out by Dawn Milton (COSDC Events Co-ordinator).
- Changes to training if known in advance will be displayed on the notice board.
- The website will be developed to enable training changes and cancellations to be posted.
- A COSDC Information Pack has been produced to give to all new members on joining the club.

It is the clubs intention to utilise email as a main communication tool. A club mailing list has been created therefore please can you ensure that should you change your email address then you email Nikki Smith with your new address. If you do not have access to an email account then please inform Nikki so that alternative methods can be arranged.

COSDC Club Championships

The club is looking for volunteers to help out at the club championships on Sunday 21st December 2008. Please add your name to the list on the notice board if you wish to help.

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Competition Kit Reminder

With the new competition season commencing from October 2008, this is a reminder that divers are required to wear club kit at all competitions. Divers are expected to wear club t-shirts, hoodies, fleeces or tracksuits at events. Either a blue COSDC hoodie or a tracksuit top should be worn when collecting medals. The ASA states that all divers must wear their full tracksuit during medal presentations at National events. All COSDC merchandise is available to order and a price list with images is available on the merchandise section of the website.

Contact Linda Sylvester at andyndlinda@sky.com or phone 07928851178.

2008 COSDC Committee

The club committee meets bimonthly at the Queens Head Pub to discuss an agenda including matters such as club activities, reviewing procedures, member reports and any issues arising.

Secretary - Rachel Green

Chairperson - Russ Preece

Assistant Coach - Ian Keighley

Assistant Treasurer - Andy Sylvester

Merchandise - Linda Sylvester

Child Welfare - Jude Westray

Committee Member - Jenny Etherton

Masters Representative - Paul Salt

Assistant Secretary - Amy Green

Head Coach - Nikki Smith

Events Co-ordinator - Dawn Milton

Treasurer - Michelle Aldred

Fundraising - Suzanna Lancaster

Divers Representative - Nigel Mills

Committee Member - Stewart Aldred

COSDC Committee positions available:

Swim 21 Co-ordinator - ensures that Swim 21 procedures are up to date.

Competition Organiser - assists the Head Coach in organising competitions run by the club. Currently the only runs the annual COSDC championships.

Social Secretary - to promote and co-ordinate social events for Club members, such as the Christmas party and the Rother Valley day out.

In addition we are looking for help with public relations to promote the club through the media, for example writing press releases on events where club members have excelled or where the club has been successful.

Calling ALL parents!

Even if you don't think you have the time, commitment or experience to hold a committee position, if you have any specific skills, knowledge or contacts that you feel could benefit the club please contact Nikki Smith.

SOCIAL

ROTHER VALLEY PICNIC: A BIG thank you to everyone who attended the Rother Valley Country Park social event. Although the weather was a disappointment the turn out was very encouraging.

FUNDRAISING

ORLANDO: The next bag packing date for all divers attending the Orlando Trip is 13th December, Marks and Spencer's, Meadowhall 10am - 4pm.

Contacts Us...

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COSDC Secretary - Rachel Green
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UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Irish Open Masters

27-28 September, Dublin

Southampton Invitational

25-27 October, Southampton

White Rose

18th-19th October, Leeds

Luton Challenge

DATE TBC November, Luton

DATES FOR DIARIES

Club Championships, 21st Dec 2008
All squads to participate

XMAS PARTY Friday 19th Dec 2008
Farm Road Sports and Social Club