



## SLSC - NEWSLETTER - December '13

*Can you please ensure this is shared with all members and their parents.*

<p><b>Club Progress Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since the summer recess the members have made excellent progress. They are working through their Bronze syllabus and we're even now looking ahead to kick off the Silver syllabus and bring the next tranche of eligible Bronze members forward.</li> <li>• We now have an expanded coaching team with Jamie, Jake, Anabel and new to the club Hayley coming on-board.</li> <li>• And, we've had some new members join the club. We hope you're enjoying the club as much as we enjoy having you.</li> <li>• And we had the hugely successful Competition (below). We've had some excellent feedback from the clubs and competitors.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SLSC Competition 2013 - 19Oct</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once again we'd like to take the opportunity to thank our teams for their efforts and endeavours in this years competition.</li> <li>• Also a big thank you to all the parents and helpers which made it possible that we could run the competition. Without your help on the changing rooms, time-keeping, marshalling, judging, raffle ticket selling, and all the other parts we really would <b>NOT</b> have a competition.</li> <li>• We hoping to announce some exciting changes to next years competition (below).</li> </ul>
<p><b>RLSS BRONZE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We've now got a significant group of members which have all been assessed at <b>Bronze Core &amp; Bronze Sport Level</b>.</li> <li>• These are going off to RLSS for accreditation for their medal &amp; certificate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RLSS BRONZE/SILVER - WHAT'S NEXT??</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next is to assess everybody for their Bronze Medallion, and</li> <li>• Then to hopefully start their <b>SILVER core</b> alongside their <b>BRONZE Still Water</b>.</li> <li>• With regards to the Still Water accreditation.....Jamie has BEEN to check out an outdoor water-sports lake in the Dearne Valley. Which we may be able to use instead, after our beloved Barnby Dun Lake (nr. Doncaster) was forced to close. Watch this space for further news via Jamie.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NOT YET AN RLSS MEMBER?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a few members who have completed their Bronze (above) but they still <b>DO NOT</b> have membership yet. Regrettably their accreditation sheets will now be delayed and submitted hopefully in the new year.</li> <li>• You need to let us know your membership number details. Please bring a photocopy of your membership card to me when paying your sub's.</li> <li>• Sorry but for those it will obviously result in a staggered RLSS award presentation compared to the other club members.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SLSC Competition 2014 - 18Oct</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Here's a date for your diaries everybody -- well in advance!!</li> <li>• As I hinted above we're hoping to announce some exciting changes to our competition in 2014.</li> <li>• However what is paramount before anything can be announced is that we're forever and hugely dependent on the continued support of our members and their parents &amp; families to volunteer to run the events in the run-up and on the day.</li> <li>• We will need even more volunteers in 2014 to ensure we can successfully and properly organise &amp; run the competition.</li> <li>• <b>Therefore with 10 months to go please kindly set Saturday, 18th October 2014 in your diaries.</b></li> <li>• In January we will be sorting out the teams we are entering so we can adapt the training schedule to the learning schedule</li> <li>• And we'll be asking everybody to help with the organising and running 10 months in advance to help make the planning and logistics more easier.</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• And (there's more!) in 2014 we may have our very dear friends and partner team in Eindhoven (NL) bringing a team(s) over from the Netherlands. So we will also be asking our members if they can "foster" some of the Dutch Team Members over the Competition Weekend.</li> <li>• Anna, Zoe, Jake, Jamie, Ruby, Riona, Diane and myself (to name a few) have all fostered Dutch team members (kids and coaches) and done the same over in Holland. Please ask them to share their brilliant experiences.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SLSC Polo Shirts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you don't already have a polo-shirt....I have a copious supply of Medium and Large</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please email me or let me know the week before and I'll bring them in on the next club night.</li> <li>• They are priced at £5.</li> </ul>
<b>New Members - spread the word!!</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can all members and parents/carers please spread the word of the club. New members are always welcome.</li> <li>• To support this we're in the process of updating the Club Information sheet so that we can put some flyers/posters in neighbouring pools (eg. King Ted's, Ponds Forge), schools and clubs (Scouts/Boys-Girl Brigades)</li> </ul>
<b>CLUB AGM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By the close of Q1 2014 we will be holding our Annual General Meeting (incl. the voting and appointment of the club management committee).</li> </ul>
<b>FUND RAISING - Loxley Car Boot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's currently our plan to run the ever successful Car Boot Sales at Loxley Park from Easter through to September.</li> <li>• Another immense thank you to all those helpers (parents, family and volunteers) which enabled us to run things this year.</li> <li>• This is by far THE BIGGEST element of our annual fund raising activities and continues to ensure we can keep down membership costs, subsidise club events and the competition, plus support our visits (to and from) Eindhoven.</li> </ul>
<b>Feedback / Queries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• And finally.....I'd like to emphasise how important it is for all the coaches and management team to get feedback on the club and our activities.</li> <li>• For example... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What should we Stop, Start or Continue doing in 2014?</li> <li>- Changes to the website or Facebook group? More? Less?</li> <li>- Syllabus queries</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Please feel free to get in touch with myself or one of the coaches.</li> </ul>

I will check with all the members on club nights in the new year to ensure the newsletter has been cascaded. I still hear parent's and carer's utter those immortal words....."what newsletter?".

Many thanks and regards.

***Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year !!!!***

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