



SLSC - NEWSLETTER - March '14

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

Dear Members & Parents,

Here is the Spring newsletter...

<p>Club Progress Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As ever, since the winter recess the members , coaches and mgmt team have been exceptionally busy. • We now have a very busy Awards and Teaching programme in progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bronze Core & Sport (which some members were awarded last week) - Bronze Medallion - Silver Core - and the next batch of Bronze students, - plus Jamie is planning our Outdoor Water schedule for the summer. • We also been planning for (see below)... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Club AGM - Car Boot Sales - dates and parent/member helpers with the running of them - Club Competition on Sat' 18th October - Parents to "foster" Dutch team members over the Competition Weekend - RLSS Membership required for Awards submissions - Member Medical Forms - review and revision
<p>Bronze Modules - completed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well done and congratulations to all those members that completed their Core & Sport awards. Last week (5March) there was a presentation poolside. • A BIG WELL DONE TO EVERYBODY !! • PLEASE NOTE - that aside from the once-only need to purchase the RLSS Survive & Save Course Pack (which covers ALL the syllabus modules - Bronze, Silver + Gold) and the initial Bronze Core & Sport entry there will be further module fees to the RLSS of £13.95. This covers each award modules. And so on in to the Silver Syllabus. • Please ask Jamie or Jake if you need any help with explaining the syllabus and course fees. • We will be asking parents for these RLSS fees to cover your child's next accreditation form submission. AND, • It's further great news that some members that have now become eligible (because of their age) are now also starting on their Bronze modules.
<p>Next Bronze Modules - started</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above some members are also ready to take their next set of Bronze modules and this will need RLSS course fees (£13.95) to cover their submission.
<p>Silver Modules - started</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several members have also started their Silver Core modules • It is necessary to emphasise that the jump from Bronze to Silver requires an increased level of fitness & stamina in parallel with increased First-Aid and Life Saving skills before they're eligible for accreditation. • It hasn't gone unnoticed by the coaches and parents that many members are now - on particular club nights - commenting on the amount of lane & timed & clothed swimming they are having to do. • The Silver syllabus requires both distance and time based assessment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 400 Metres fully clothed (eg. 16 lengths of Hillsboro Pool), and - 100 Meters in 2 minutes (avg. 30 seconds a length).
<p>2014 CLUB AGM - 9th April</p> <p>PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THE CLUB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following on from the winter newsletter we have now set the date for the AGM... <u>Wednesday, April 9th - in the Upstairs Balcony Function Room (where the dry-side training is done on club nights)</u> • We'd like as many of the parents and members to attend as it's not only your opportunity to hear and comment on the previous year but more importantly to contribute and support your child and in its activities in the coming year. • Annual General Meeting will nominate, vote and appointment of the club's management

	<p>committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without the help of the parents "behind the scene" support the members we cannot continue to run the club. • A separate letter will follow with the details of the vacant club management posts. • As per the previous newsletter we will be also putting on the Agenda.... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What should we Stop, Start or Continue doing in 2014?</i> - <i>Changes to the website or Facebook group? More? Less?</i> - <i>Syllabus queries</i>
<p>Loxley Car Boot Sales - HELPERS NEEDED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter/email will be going to ALL members & parents. Please look out for this and annotate on which Sunday's you are able to help with the Car Boot. • We will start setting up at 6:30-ish and things usually come to a close by NOON. • You're help and support is paramount. We can't run the Car Boot Sales and raise vital club funds without you !! THANKS for your support in advance. • 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.
<p>CLUB COMPETITION 2014 Saturday 18TH October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The change as hinted in the previous newsletter is now confirmed. We are moving the Competition to CHAPELTOWN BATHS, SHEFFIELD. • However what is paramount before we can plan for the number of clubs and teams to enter is that we're forever and hugely dependent on the continued support of our members and their parents & families to volunteer to run the events in the run-up and on the day. • We will need even more volunteers in 2014 to ensure we can successfully and properly organise & run the competition. • <u>Therefore with 8 months to go can all members and parents please kindly set Saturday, 18th October 2014 in their diaries.</u> • The teams from our club are already taking shape and this will involve a training and teaching schedule to ensure we're ready for October !! • And (there's more!) in 2014 we may have our very dear friends and partner team from Eindhoven (NL) bringing a team(s) over from the Netherlands. So we will also be asking our members and their families if they can "foster" some of the Dutch Team Members over the Competition Weekend. • Anna, Zoe, Jake, Jamie, Ruby, Riona, Diane and myself (to name a few) have all fostered Dutch team members (kids and coaches) and shared the hospitality of the Dutch in Holland. Please ask them to share their brilliant experiences.
<p>"Foster Homes" for our Dutch friends during the CLUB COMPETITION 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You'll recall from the last newsletter (below) I asked if ALL parents could "foster" some of the Dutch Team members over the competition weekend. <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have confirmation from Eindhoven that they will be bringing a team over in October. • I will be sending out a separate letter for parents to confirm that they can host some team members (usually 2 Dutch girls or boys). • They usually arrive on a Friday evening and depart back to Holland early Monday morning. • Please help and support us with this as it not only enables us to reciprocate with our very good friends in Holland but it also expands the experiences of our members and makes it a great weekend for everybody. • We usually map out evening and day events & activities around the competition day e.g. Ten-Pin Bowling, Go Ape Activity Centre @ Buxton, A visit to a local site (Chatsworth House) etc....
<p>STILL NOT YET AN RLSS MEMBER?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We still have a few club members who have yet to get their RLSS membership, but have regrettably completed their latest Bronze modules. As previous reported it's very regrettable but their accreditation sheets will be delayed until they have their membership. • When you have your membership sorted out. <u>Please bring a photocopy of your membership card to me when paying your sub's.</u>
<p>New Members - spread the word!!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can all members and parents/carers please spread the word of the club. New members are always welcome. • 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)

**MEDICAL FORMS
Review & Revision**

- Periodically it is both prudent and mandatory to review and revise the medical forms to ensure we have the most up-to-date medical information, consent and contact details.
- Over the coming weeks I will be asking all members to fill in a new form.
- Apologies in advance if you've just recently filled one in because you're a new member but we will ensure we start at the same revision date with ALL our members for 2014. Thank You.

Once again.....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?".

It is my intention to also post this newsletter along with all the letters to each members home.

Many thanks and regards.

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