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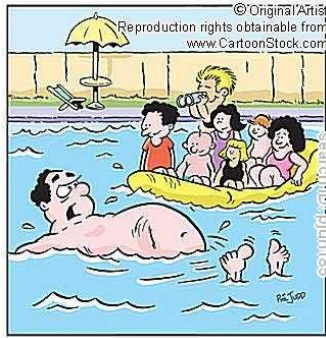
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Our Club

Brinscall and Withnell Amateur Swimming Club (WASC) has been going for about 60 years at the Brinscall Swimming Pool (located at Lodge Bank in Brinscall, Lancashire). It is renowned for its friendly, safe, professional and very effective approach to teaching children to swim. It is run completely by volunteers and is funded by membership and door fees collected from club members, plus some sponsorship by local companies and individuals.



The club has recently been granted Charitable Status thanks to a lot of hard work from Bob Flood (Club Secretary). This means that we can now reclaim any tax paid on donations made to the club - this is why all members were asked to complete gift aid forms in February. Thanks also to Bob for submitting a bid to Lancashire Grass Roots Sports, this was successful and the £2350 will train more Level 1 and Level 2 swimming coaches, ensuring high quality swimming teaching for all members now and in the future!

Thanks to our volunteers and instructors for their continued dedication and support; without them there would be no club! "Get Well Soon" to Ton van der Linde (club treasurer), who is currently in hospital recovering from a major operation. We all wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon.

Digging the Dirk

Dirk is our head coach at WASC and man of action (and many words!). Dirk would like to thank the Level 2 instructors for keeping the training running whilst he was on TA duty in Kenya recently. Rumour has it he was on Safari! The National Training Plan is progressing well with children achieving new skill levels.

Thanks to Dirk for providing us the contact with our new accountants—Champion's of Preston, who are auditing our accounts completely FREE OF CHARGE.

We would like to thank John Holland for his support as a Level 2 instructor on Monday nights. Due to a change in personal circumstances John is unable to coach at present, but his input has been greatly appreciated and we hope to see him again in the future.

Sponsorship Needed ... £££

Do you know of or are you a business that is able to sponsor some of forthcoming events? With our current charitable status we have never been more attractive to a business and the club. Please contact Frank if you can help.

To be Frank....

'Thanks again for your continued support for WASC. The Christmas Disco was once again well supported and quickly a sell out! The photos show what a great time was had by all who attended....no matter what age!

The New Year saw the introduction of the direct debit collection of the annual membership fees. This change was needed so that the club complies with the regulations set by the Charities



Commission, now that we have charitable status. The committee would like to thank ALL members for their support and patience during this time...especially when the February payments did not go out due to an incorrect account number on the direct debit forms! Hopefully everything has gone through correctly now, but please let a committee member know if you think there has been a problem.



We are now coming up to a busy but fun part of the year when we prepare for our Annual Swimming Gala. Once again this will take place at Horwich Leisure Centre with swimmers registering at 6.15pm on 25th April. Remember ALL participants will receive a medal at our presentation night on 6th June. The main aim is to have fun and let your children (and some adults) show off their swimming skills! We look forward to seeing you there!

Frank Rae, Chairman



Forthcoming Events and Sessions



- 25/04/2009 Annual Swimming Gala, Horwich
 - 06/06/2009 Gala Presentation Night, Hoghton Village Hall
 - 18/07/2009 Summer BBQ & Treasure Hunt, Brinscall
- Swimming as normal over Easter excluding Bank Holidays

- Session 1 - 7:15pm to 7:45pm Non-swimmers & beginners
- Session 2 - 7:45pm to 8:30pm Beginners & improvers
- Session 3 - 8:30pm to 9:30pm Improvers & pre-competition