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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.



Don't worry ..that's our mascot!

Congratulations go to Liz Frost and Andrew Taylor who recently completed and passed their Level 2 Swimming Teacher training. We all greatly appreciate their commitment to the club as this is a tough training course. The club needs at least one Level 2 teacher present at every swim session, so with the addition of Liz and Andrew this does make the swim teacher rotas a little easier. We also have a number of volunteers waiting to attend Level 1 training. We are grateful to all our volunteers as their commitment ensures that we have high quality swimming teaching at all times, which ALL our children (and some adults) benefit from. If you are interested in volunteering either as a poolside helper/swim teacher, or taking money on the door just see Frank or Dirk.

## Digging the Dirk



Dirk is our head coach at WASC and man of action (and many words!). The biggest and most amazing piece of news from our Head Coach, is that ALL the swim sessions between now and the last swim session before summer closure on 31st July, will

be fun sessions! Kids are now fainting in amazement....nevertheless make sure you all get down to the last few swim sessions and join in!

## Sponsorship Needed ... £££

Do you know of or are you a business that is able to sponsor some of our 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....



Our Annual Presentation on 6th June evening was once again a well attended and enjoyable evening. It was wonderful to see everyone receiving their medals and certificates not just for the Gala but also for National Swimming awards achieved and distance awards attained—well done to everyone.

The Gala presentation night would not be possible without the help of the many people and I would like to thank everyone involved whether setting out tables and chairs, serving drinks and sweets or tidying up at the end of the night, announcing, DJing etc! In particular thanks should go to Margaret, who coordinates and collates ALL the medals and certificates—no small task, I'm sure you will agree. We always try to ensure that everyone who has taken part in the Gala gets recognised for their achievement, even the very young ones in the Fredo Frog races!



Finally, the Committee have unfortunately had to make the decision to increase the weekly swim fees from September to £2.50. Given the current economic climate we had not wanted to do this, despite the last increase in fees being in 2004! Our hands have been forced by an unannounced increase in the pool hire fees. We have written a letter of complaint to CLS highlighting our concerns about their failure to inform us of the new charges and the impact on our club. Please feel free to also contact CLS or Chorley Borough to express concern at this increase with no prior warning! However I hope you will agree that the fees still represent good value for money for high quality swimming lessons from qualified staff!



## Important Events and Dates

- 18/07/2009 Summer BBQ & Treasure Hunt, Brinscall
- 31/07/2009 Last Swim session before summer closure
- 07/09/2009 First Swim session in September—New swim fee: £2.50 per swimmer

- 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