

Chairperson's report

I am proud to report that the year 2008/2009 has been another year of outstanding success and achievement for all the members of Banbridge ASC. Once again everyone associated with the club, swimmers, coaches, parents, the committee and Club office bearers, have given a huge amount of time and effort to support the Club's activities. The standard of swimming and coaching throughout the Club has once again reached new levels of excellence, reflected in our performances in all competitions, not least the promotion of our Teletots team for the first time in our history to section One. Individual swimmers have also grabbed the spotlight with numerous new records set over the course of the season. This Club continues to develop and grow in all areas and I am delighted that that our attitude can be summed up as always positive and always progressive.

Swimmers

The achievements of our swimmers over the period has been outstanding. I leave it to Geraldine to once again talk us through the packed calendar of events and competitions our swimmers have participated in. And may I once again record my congratulations on her personal success in being awarded the Banbridge Sports association Coach of the Year.

In terms of attendance at training sessions, discipline and general spirit within the Club I believe we continue to maintain and demand high standards.

Congratulations to the swimmers who took part in the Life Saving Awards this year and to Stevie Davies and Shawna for their support in making this project a success.

Recruitment of new members has continued during the year and competition for places is as always intense. My thanks to all who have helped with time trials and selection, as the Club strives to attract talented young swimmers who will be the future. Next year we will target Swimmers born in 2001.

Could I also mention that our pre-teletots scheme will continue during the summer and as the Club has now purchased the NPFTS we hope to implement this.

Coaches

Coaches are the key to the success of our Club and I would like to say a big thank you all for the level of commitment effort and perseverance during the last 12 months. All who attended the Awards night will be aware Oonagh, Doretta, Nigel and David were presented with their R plates to recognise their progression to Level 2 status but once again well done.

I have ran out of interesting ways to convey my continued congratulations to Geraldine so I will simply say thank you from all of us and here's to the next 20 years.

Parents

Our most sincere thanks for your continued support and efforts. We appreciate how much it takes to get swimmers kitted out and on poolside especially with competition from so many other sports and activities. It was great to see level of attendance and involvement at Galas throughout the year.

Administration

Once again the demands of Swim Ulster and Swim Ireland have placed considerable demands on the Clubs administrative resources. This is on top of what it takes to keep us running from week to week. Much hard work and effort goes on behind the scenes and as always I am indebted to Edith and Doretta for their massive contribution.

The registration day was a big success and I believe helped get the New Year underway in an organised and focused way this is something we intend to make use of next September.

Sponsorship

My grateful thanks to all our friends at Forrest Feast for their very generous support. So much has come out of this partnership in terms of initiatives and raising the Clubs profile. We are the envy of other Clubs in Ulster and I am delighted that you have decided to continue this relationship for next session.

Social

David's Big night out was once again a great success and the highlight of our social events. I am delighted that it was enjoyed by all and my thanks to Stevie Davies for getting us ALL home safely.

I believe there is still more we can do on this front and the Club would benefit from someone taking on the role of social organiser and helping Davy Wilson achieve his dream of a day out at the zoo.

Sponsored swim

Our sponsored swim this year was in aid of Banbridge Special Olympics with the outstanding sum of £1130.00 raised. The Special Olympics greatly deserve your support and I know they appreciate your efforts enormously.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the Club committee for all the hard work and support throughout the year. You continue to meet the challenges associated with running this Club with determination, commitment and common sense. In particular I take the opportunity to acknowledge the enthusiastic efforts of

our treasurer and Secretary in continuing to keep the Club financially healthy and moving in the right direction.

Again my thanks to everyone who has made a contribution this year and sorry if I have missed anyone out. Finally have a good summer and I expect next year for the Club to be even better.

Trevor Wylie

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