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KINGFISHERS

NEWS SPLASH

Welcome to our November newsletter!

Your monthly round up of club news, updates and important dates – straight from the team to you!

IT'S TIME TO CHEER!

LAURA (WELFARE OFFICER) & CONOR (HEAD COACH), SHARE A FEW THOUGHTS AHEAD OF CLUB CHAMPS...

We're sure you have heard the phrase "there is no 'I' in team." While that truth is obvious in field sports like football or rugby, it takes on a special meaning for us at the Kingsbridge Kingfishers Swimming Club – even if there are plenty of 'I's in Kingsbridge Kingfishers!

And there's no better time to see it in action than November. It's always a very exciting month, as we embark upon two weeks of racing in our annual Club Championships. We do our Club Champs so well, turning them into a real event, with the fun out of the pool as much of a focus as the racing in it.

There would be no Club Champs without teammates and friends standing at the end of each lane in the shallow end, cheering on every stroke – even more so during a tough 200m Breaststroke or Butterfly! Conor should know: last year Conor ticked the 200m Butterfly box, and found getting to the end that little bit less hard thanks to the cheers of the swimmers he coaches at the end of Lane 5. That support goes hand in hand with respect for each other's efforts.

Sometimes the racing will be close, and in some age groups the overall points battle can go down to the wire. Great swimmers aren't just fast – they have the humility to congratulate a swimmer who has beaten them, and they certainly don't rub it in when they're the ones doing the winning. Everyone works hard, and everyone deserves a pat on the back.

One group who have done this brilliantly so far in their swimming journey is our current crop of 12-year-old girls. They race hard – and fast – and yet they'll still cheer for one another, even when it could mean more points for their 'rival'. But that 'rival' is also a teammate and, more importantly, a friend. This year their age group is set to be even more competitive, with plenty more twists and turns, and we can only hope their friendship grows stronger as a result.

Despite all those 'I's in our name, true success at our upcoming Club Championships relies entirely on our collective spirit at Quayside. Real sportsmanship means that whether you are racing for a personal best or cheering from the side, we lift each other up. Every individual swimmer is fuelled by their teammates, in training and at meets, proving that no Kingfisher ever truly races alone. **Let's make this November our most supportive and successful yet!**

Swim Happy.
Swim Fast.



DAN

CHAIRMAN

A time to celebrate and say thanks

As we kick off Club Champs this year, I would like to say a big **Thank You** to all our swimmers for all their hard work this year, and a huge welcome to our new members. I would also like to say thank you to our coaching team, volunteers, parents, committee, and sponsors for all of their support, dedicating their time to help make our swimming community so special.

We invite everyone to celebrate with us at our annual Presentation Evening at the end of November, which this year is generously supported by The Cove and Salcombe Meat Co. It's a great evening to recognise all the achievements of the year, and everyone's dedication to training.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Team Managers November Star

This month our brilliant Team Managers had a tough job to nominate and vote for their Star - as there were plenty of swimmers to choose from, with lots showing great resilience, bravery and team spirit.

And we are delighted to say we have two recipients from the City Of Plymouth competition - they showed fantastic team spirit, were super polite, great listeners and had great determination.

TOM &
GEORGE G

Swim Desk...

Our next Swim Desk will be on **Thursday 3rd December, from 6.45pm to 8.00pm.**

Stop by if you would like to speak to any of the team about Swim Manager, competitions, Spond, volunteering your time or to purchase a swim hat.

Plus if you have any queries on invoices or payments then our Treasurer, Jenny, will be on hand to help.

Raffle Prizes

Just a reminder that we would appreciate you all donating a raffle prize. Please could all our GOLD and MASTERS Swimmers donate savoury nibbles; BRONZE Squad - wine, beer or drinks of your choice and SILVER Squad we ask for Chocolate items. If everyone can bring along their donations before the end of the championships on 21st November - we will pull all the prizes together for a brilliant raffle to be drawn at the Presentation Evening.

IMPORTANT DATES COMPETITIONS

There is plenty to get excited about! Here is a full rundown of everything coming up, so that you can add them to the calendar.

Competition	Dates	Venue	Notes
Club Champs	10 - 21 Nov (Final Saturday: 21 Nov)	QUAYSIDE	All club members
Presentation Evening	28 Nov	Malborough	Tickets on sale - Nov
Plymouth Xmas Splash	6, 12, 13 Dec	Plymouth Life Centre	
Devon Interclub Club Gala	9 Jan	Plymouth Life Centre	
Devon Relay Championships	10 Jan	Plymouth Life Centre	
Devon County Championships 2027	23rd, 24th, 30th, 31st January, 6th Feb	Plymouth Life Centre	County Squad - Qualifiers

Remember to check out the club records on the noticeboard!

If you have yet to compete in one of the competitions or gala events and are keen to have a go, then please chat to us about becoming a Club Compete member. Speak to your coaching team today or email kksccoach@gmail.com

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!
PRESENTATION EVENING

Our Presentation Evening will be held on Saturday 28th November, 6.30pm-9.30pm at Malborough Village Hall. This year the event has been sponsored and catered for by the brilliant teams at The Cove and The Salcombe Meat Co. Tickets will be sold during the Club Champs fortnight!

Check out the noticeboard for full details!



MASTER BLASTER

Paul, Masters Rep



The South West Regional Masters Meet at Millfield was another barnstormer for the senior squad with 6 titles, 10 medals, 7 PBs and yet another club record.

Tegan rolled back the years with her 'national double', claiming victories in 100 back and 50 fly. Pete went from strength to strength with 3 PBs from 3 events.

I also managed a clean sweep of PBs which included a second sub-30 50 backstroke in 7 days following a gold medal grabbing outing at the Plymouth Annual Open the weekend previously.

Josh once again lowered his 50 free club record in a blistering 24.57. Despite his latest benchmark-beater, the former Dinnaton dasher felt that there was room for improvement - could he make the adjustments and go an eye-watering 23?

With our current low volume, high intensity sprint training, the previously unthinkable feels as though it could be possible.

If you would like to join the Masters, please do get in touch.

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CHARITY SWIM

Around 40 Kingfishers young and old took part in The Rotary Club fundraiser at Quayside.

We had great fun taking it in turns to sprint lengths! Sophie, Lexie, Emilia, Ollie, Dexter and Daniel teamed up to swim the most lengths in 55 minutes (193)!

We raised over £790 for the charities, and well done to our top three fundraisers; Hubert, Joseph and Daniel.

See you Poolside!

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