

Warminster ASC

Chairman Report 2018

Well what a year it has been for our small but incredibly talented and passionate Club.

Where do I start! We held a fantastic Club Championships in a new format, receiving great feedback from swimmers and parents, our swimmers have won 100s of open meet medals, or achieved PB's and amazing swims, the Masters achieved a second place over all in the Masters County championship. Our amazing squad goes and wins The division 1 B Gala in the Moonraker Winter League, something that we have been so close to doing in the past 2 years, so to go and win this was a really massive achievement. Then to top it off our Summer League squad go and win Division 2 of the Moonraker Summer League meaning more history made to promote our Club into the top Division in Wiltshire.

These are all massive achievements and mean so much to me. I have swum or been part of this Club for around 21 years, in that time we have been in the bottom division for both leagues, or hovering around the middle. To make it to where we are now is a dream come true.

The Club has seen many changes this year, ranging from smaller things like new floats and pull-boys to the bigger things like new club policies, updated risk assessments or massive strides towards re gaining our Swim Mark accreditation and putting together our updated Constitution. I would like to say a massive heartfelt thank you to the committee for all the hard work they have put in this past year. Without whom the Club would not be at the heights we are today.

Last year it was mentioned that our Club was crying out for timekeepers, J1 and J2s and also coach's to support the coaching team. As I sit here now I can tell you we have now trained 10 more Timekeepers in 2018, bringing our total to 19 now, we have also trained 10 Team Managers and have 4 Trainee J1s and a new J2. We are now able to do more than our fair share within the region providing officials regularly for events, which has been noted at regionally level, massive thanks to all concerned.

Not only this but 3 new Level 1 teachers have begun their training this month being put through the qualification funded by the Club, and 1 more member is also training and will help out where possible. We have also gained a Level 1 in Emily Symonds who now assist's on poolside regularly.

We do not plan to stop here, and where funds allow we will continue to train new Level 1's and hopefully some of our level 1's will also be able to go onto Level 2's.

I need to finish by saying a very big thank you to Chris Darling who has helped me and the Club not only in terms of achieving our wins this year but continued work to get our swimmers into open meets, with more and more swimmers achieving medals, PB's and County times, or making strides towards this.

For 2019 I look forward to working with a new Chairman and Committee to make the next year an even more memorable year.

I wish the Club every success in 2019

Anthony Phillips

Warminster Amateur Swimming Club Chairman & Head Coach.