

## **Report on Master Activities – November 2016**

### **South West Regional Competition**

This long course meet was held at Millfield on September 25<sup>th</sup>. With 85 participants, it was less well attended than the same meet in 2015. This may be a slight fall out from the European Championships being the main focus for a significant proportion of Masters Swimmers.

Gloucestershire was represented by five teams; Bristol Henleaze, Bristol Masters, Bristol North, Gloucester Masters and Stroud, who between them achieved 30 age group wins.

### **Glos & Somerset Master Meet**

A new date/location was secured and the event was held at Hutton Moor pool on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The meet went smoothly but, as with the South West Regional Competition, this meet was also less well attended than in previous years as we lost a lot of entries because of the need to change the event date.

However, all those that did attend enjoyed the swimming and several messages of thanks were received from grateful participants.

For 2018, consideration will be given to the location and we will endeavour to try holding event at Hengrove.

### **ASA National Championships 2016**

As usual, these were held at Ponds Forge in Sheffield 28-30<sup>th</sup> October. However, in 2017 there is to be a change to the entry procedure requiring swimmers to have set an entry time (likely based around achieving 200 Decathlon points) in the previous 2 years. This change indicates the success of the meet in achieving capacity.

This year the county's Masters Swimmers were few and far between with only GMSC, Stroud and United Bristol fielding more than one swimmer.

<b>Club</b>	<b>Number of swimmers</b>
Bristol Central	1
Bristol North	1
City of Bristol	1
Gloucester Masters	21 + 4 relays
Stroud	3
United Bristol	7
University of Bristol	1

Many congratulations to the following swimmers achieved podium positions for their respective age-groups

Name	Club	Medals in	Age Group
Aimee Carter	GMSC	<b>100m Br (G); 400m IM (G);</b> 200m IM (S); 50m Br (B); 200m Fr (S)	Senior
Colin Stephenson		50m Fr (S); 100m Fr (S); 200m Fr (S)	55-59
Dave Granger		1500m Fr (S)	60-64
Gill Ferris		50m Br (B); 100m Br (B); 200m Br (B)	60-64
Helen Kula-Przewanski		<b>50m Bk (G); 100m Bk (G); 200m Bk (G);</b> 50m Fr (B); 100m Fr (S); 100m IM (S)	55-59
Jayne Ball		<b>400m IM (S); 800m Fr (G)</b>	60-64
Mikel Iriondo Anacabe		50m Bk (B); 100m Bk (S); 100m IM (S)	35-39
Oliver Wilkinson		400m Fr (B); 800m Fr (B); <b>1500m Fr (G);</b>	40-44
Tony Cherington		<b>50m Fr (G); 100m Fr (G); 200m Fr (G);</b> 400m Fr (S)	70-74
Gill Ferris, Anne Nicholls, Julie Britton, Jayne Ball		<b>Women's 200m Medley Relay (G)</b>	240-279
Sean Kinsey		Stroud Masters	400m Fr (S)
Jessica Wooddisse	Stroud Masters (swimming for Sub-160)	200m Fr (S); <b>400m Fr (G); 800m Fr (G);</b> <b>1500m Fr (G)</b>	40-44
Annie Brown	United Bristol	<b>50m Fr (G); 50m Br (G);</b> 50m Fly (S)	Senior
Callum Greenwood		<b>50m Bk (G); 100m Bk (G);</b> 200m Bk (S); 50m Fly (B); <b>100m IM (G)</b>	Senior
James Edmonds		<b>50m Bk (G); 100m Bk (G); 200m Bk (G);</b> <b>100m IM (G)</b>	30-34
Matthew Bray		<b>50m Fr (G);</b> 50m Fly (S); 100m Fly (B)	Senior
Chloe Souter	University of Bristol	100m Fly (B)	Senior

## Upcoming Events

### Intercounties

The county will defend its regional title in Dorchester on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. Simon Cooper has again picked the team based on performances in 2016 and especially at Nationals. Transport is being provided for the competitors.

**To date, however, we are still short on officials that we are obliged to take to the meet. Requests have been made through Neil Harper, but no responses have been received. It would be a pity if we were penalized for failing to complete our obligations.**

There will be a change to the format next year with the inclusion of Welsh/Scottish regions in the national programme. For the South West, this means that South Wales will compete in our regional competition and the event will have a permanent base at Millfield as it is centrally located and has sufficient lanes to allow all of the counties/regions to compete.

### British Masters Championships 2017

These are to be held in Aberdeen, June 16-18<sup>th</sup> 2017.

**Fina World Master Championships, Budapest and Baltonfured, Hungary**

To be held in early August, immediately after the elite competitions. Final schedule and dates expected to be confirmed by end of November.

**ASA National Championships 2017**

The dates for this event have been announced and it will take place from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Due to the continued success of this event there will be qualifying times put in place for the first time. Anyone not registering a qualifying time in the previous two years (based on times in the ASA database) will not be able to swim.

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