

Report on Master Activities – March 2017

Masters Decathlon 2016

The ladies of Gloucester Masters excelled this year and were third in the women's competition. Congratulations to Helen Kula-Przewanski (5527pts); Aimee Carter (5463); Jayne Ball (5176); & Sandy Jones (4249). The ladies were 16th, 18th, 29th & 69th respectively in the individual rankings. The next highest ladies team from Gloucestershire was Bristol North who achieved a 60th place finish (out of 459 teams).

In the men's competition, Gloucester Masters were again the highest placed Gloucestershire club at 16th, with Bristol Henleaze in 70th place (out of 507 teams).

T30 event results

Several changes were made to the T30 this year. The competition now runs 1st Jan to 31st of December each year, so distances can be entered at any time. Due to the costs involved, medals are now only being awarded to the top three age adjusted distances (based on the respective age group records) in each category – men's, women's, women's team, men's team and mixed team. Gloucester Masters again excelled in the team events taking 1 gold, 3 silver and a bronze from the 9 sets of medals available – a strike rate of 56%. Oliver Wilkinson was the county's only recipient of a medal in the individual competition, taking an overall bronze medal.

South West Region – County Reps Meeting

This was held on February 5th in Taunton at the behest of the new Regional representative, Sue Haigh, and was the first such meeting since 2014.

All reps from the counties in the region were present together with Sharon Lock, Rob Margetts, Chris Tremellen and Sue Dors. Several areas were discussed at length but the following bullet points summarise the meeting:-

- SW are master champs to be relocated from Millfield (due to pool refurbishment) to Hutton Moor on September 24th. Future event format to be discussed following feedback from this event.
- Intercounty to be November 19th at Millfield
- Training development day June 11th at Mount Kelly
- Decathlon SW Region Winner – Simon Veale, Totnes

Bristol Master Meeting – Hengrove, Feb 21st

A meeting was called by the SW Club Development Officer (Emily Taylor) to all the Bristol Masters clubs to discuss options to better utilise the facilities at Hengrove for Masters Swimmers with respect to the upcoming changes to the pool timetable. From April 1st there will be 10 lanes from 9-10pm on Tuesdays (25m); 4 lanes from 8-9:30 on Wednesdays (25m); and the option for up to 6 lanes from 5:30-7:30 on Saturdays (50m). The consensus was that sessions should be open to drop ins from other clubs (at a price to be set) and that the Saturday LC session would be available for all the counties Masters swimmers at least once a month.

Emily would also look for a possible slot where we could hold this year's Gloucester & Somerset Masters meet. She would also ask if the pool management were open to the chance to host a future British Masters National Championships at the pool.

Upcoming Events

Royal Navy Meet – Millfield March 12th

Gloucester Masters Meet – April 23rd 2017

The GMSC meet has returned to its usual April slot and will again have a 400IM event. The entry form on the club website <http://www.gloucestermasters.com/downloads/4808%5E> and entries close March 26th. Please spread the word.

South West Regional Masters Development Day

The South West Masters Officer, Sue Haigh has organised this event at the new 50m Mount Kelly pool in Tavistock on June 11th.

A flyer/booking form has been posted onto the Masters Section of the County website.

British Masters Championships 2017

These are to be held in Aberdeen, June 16-18th 2017.

Details at <http://www.scottishswimming.com/news-events/events/2017/british-masters-and-senior-age-group-championships-2017/>

Fina World Master Championships, Budapest and Baltonfured, Hungary

Full schedule has been released and is available at <http://masters.fina-budapest2017.com/en/events>

In summary

- Open Water – 10-12 August, Lake Balton, Baltonfured, Hungary
- Swimming – 14-20 August, Budapest, Dagály Aquatics Complex & Margaret Island, Alfréd Hajós Complex
- Diving – 7-13 August, Budapest, Dagály Aquatics Complex
- Synchro – 7-13 August, Budapest, "City Park-known as Városliget"

Entries are open.

Glos & Somerset Master Meet

The meet is usually held in the early part of September, but this year that may present a conflict with the SW Region meet which is now to be held on Sept 24th at Hutton Moor. BA to liaise with Somerset and South Wales reps to discuss options.

ASA National Championships – October 2017

The dates for this event have been announced and it will take place from 27th to 29th 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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