

LEYLAND BARRACUDAS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER/AUTUMN 2017



Sponsor our Annual Gala

Can you sponsor a race for our fantastic Annual Gala?

Gayle our fundraising officer is looking for donations for the Annual Gala. The Annual Gala is the highlight of our clubs year & gives all the swimmers the opportunity to compete. We would be incredibly grateful if you could sponsor a race or even better if you know of a company or business that would be willing to contribute. There is a minimum donation being £25.00 which is a great way of supporting club and from a marketing point of view for a business, a bargain!

If you can support this we would be more than happy to discuss this further and go through the finer details with you!

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Outstanding Monthly Swimming Fees

We would like to make you aware that one of the conditions of entry into a club gala is that fees must be up to date. Members have been sent texts/ emails if they have outstanding fees as at 1st September. If you would like to enter the Club Championships, please ensure fees are paid in full.

Any concerns please text Andrea on 07791683458

Calling all parents – can you help?

Leyland Barracudas is predominantly run on a voluntary basis and consists of Head Coach, Coaches and poolside helpers. To ensure that we can keep the club running as well as it should, there is always a need for new parents & guardians to step forward and help so that we can fill the gaps left by parents whose swimmers have moved on.

You may have noticed that we have had to cancel some sessions recently because we simply haven't had enough qualified coaches available when we have swimmers at competitions. Cancelling sessions is a last resort, but this shows that we are now short of poolside support.

We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping out in the club weather its interest in being on the committee, coaching/ pool side helper, helping at galas or being an official (Timekeeper, Starter, Judge).

We understand that most people have work and other commitments but would be incredibly grateful for a couple of hours per week to support the club.

If you feel that you would like to help, or to find out more, please contact myself, Michael Arkwright or Sarah Handford.

South Ribble Sports Awards 2017

Nominations.....

GREAT NEWS: South Ribble Sports Awards 2017 - Barracudas shortlisted for awards

South Ribble Sports Awards 2017

As you may know South Ribble Borough Council invite sports organisations and individuals across the borough to make nominations for their annual Sports Awards. This is designed to acknowledge the input to sport in our community. This year we have made the following nominations, all of which have been shortlisted for the final:

Adult Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises the contribution of adult volunteers across the region and we are particularly proud to nominate **Vicki Pickup**.

Young Volunteer of the Year

Again this award is about recognising the contribution that younger volunteers make to the sporting opportunities in our community. We therefore were keen to support the nomination of **Katie Wood**.

Sports Coach of the Year

This award recognises the contribution made by sports coaches, whether paid or voluntary. We have proudly nominated **Gillian Rankin**.

Rising Star Award

This award is in memory of Lewis Balycky, a talented local cyclist and is designed to recognise young athletes who show exceptional dedication to their sport and have the potential to perform at the highest level. Our nomination therefore for this award is **Pia Murray**.

Community Club of the Year

This award is given to an active and well run sports club that has undertaken great work in running development programmes which help members to develop their sporting potential. We have nominated our club on the basis that we believe we are a successful local club with programmes that support both individual and team development. Our success in team competitions and the numerous individual successes at local and regional competitions are testament to the success of our programmes.



The winners.....

Adult Volunteer of the Year

Winner: Vicki Pickup

A former competitive swimmer at Leyland Barracudas ASC, and club member for 22 years, Vicki has developed into an extremely effective team manager, organising three teams for the club. Vicki is instrumental in nurturing the development of the club and motivates very young swimmers into confident teenage competitors.

Young Volunteer of the Year

Winner: Katie Wood

Katie was a swimmer at Leyland Barracudas ASC, but became keen to support the club on the pool side rather than in the water. She began volunteering at the age of 14 and qualified as a swimming teacher at 16-years-old. She is often the first teaching point of contact for newcomers at the club and her commitment and experience has resulted in more than 120 young swimmers progressing from the small pool.



Community Club of the Year

Winner: Leyland Barracudas ASC

The club has more than 40 volunteers and a clear ethos to encourage participation in swimming and develop a passion in their members by entering competitions.



The Lewis Balycki Rising Star Award

Winner: Pia Murray

Pia has risen from being a talented age group swimmer at Leyland Barracudas ASC to a national champion and potential Olympian. She has showed not only her athletic potential, but her ability to understand race craft.



Dates for diary

North Lancs Level 2 Age Groups and Championships 21st & 22nd October

Club Championships (Heats) (Licensed Meet) 18th November (Details on Website)

Club Championships (Heats/Finals) (Licensed Meet) 25th & 26th November (Details on Website)

Club Christmas Party – 2nd December. Venue – Walmer Bridge Village Hall

Leeds Xmas Cracker Meet on – 16th & 17th December

County dates are Sat 20th Jan (distance and breaststroke) Liverpool, and 27/28 Jan and 3/4 Feb at Manchester

Chorley Shrimps – Saturday 13th January

Barracudas triumph at World Games

Pam Lane and **Matthew Burrows** are two transplant athletes who are also members of Leyland Barracudas Masters swim team. They both competed at the 2016 British Transplant Games in Liverpool where they secured their places on Team GB and Northern Ireland at the 2017 World Transplant Games which took place in Malaga at the end of June.

Swimming commenced with athletes from 52 countries taking part. Matt and Pam have both performed with absolute class!

Never having been a competitive athlete before her transplant Pam secured medals in three of the 50-59 years women's' events - 100m Backstroke where she took the Silver; 50m Breaststroke Bronze; and 50m Backstroke Silver. She finished just outside the medals in two of her races with a 5th in the 50m Freestyle and 6th in the 100m Freestyle. She has done herself and her donor proud and just proves, "it is never too late to learn".

Matthew was an age group swimmer in his younger days before his kidneys began to fail so was keen to re-ignite his former sporting success and boy has he done that this week! He competed in the 40-49 age group where there was tough competition from around the world, but with his closest rival being former World record holder Matthew Castle from the USA. Matthew wasn't going to be out swum, world record holder or not. He took Gold in all five of his individual events and four of them were in Transplant Games World Record Times!

These new world record times were,

50m Freestyle 28.58

100m Back 1:16.12

100m Breast 1:24.62

50m Back 34.64



Well done Pam & Matthew!

Micro A Team match

24th June 17

The A team's match was held at the home of Leyland Barracudas and was against Wigan, Carnforth and Blackpool A.

The older swimmers kicked off the match with incredible swimming by the 12/u girls Medley Relay followed by the boy's 12/u Medley Relay and then girls 9 year olds all achieving 1st positions for all 3 teams.

Victories in the individual races came from Assunta Russo & Samuel Hyland 9 yr Breast, Reuben Kay 10 yr 50m Backstroke, Jasmine Bracegirdle and Tom Arkwright 12/u Freestyle, Caitlin Wolstenholme 9 yr Backstroke, Reuben Kay 10 yr Fly, Heidi Hailwood 11/u Freestyle, Megan Smith & Tom Arkwright 12/u Breaststroke, Assunta Russo & Tom Cooper 9yr 25m Fly, Hannah Morris & Daniel Martin in the 10yr 50m Freestyle, Amelie Elliot 11/u 50m Breaststroke & Bradley Snaylam 50m 12/u Backstroke. More relays finished the match, with victories for the 9, 10, 11/u & 12/u girls relay teams & the boy's 12/u freestyle relay team.

1 st	Leyland A	167
2 nd	Blackpool	112
3 rd	Wigan	100
4 th	Carnforth	95

Bring on the Grand Final in September!

Micro B Team Match.

25th June

This was a home match and what a fantastic match it was. Leyland B team won!

The 12/u girls Medley relay team started off the successful afternoon of swimming by gaining the first win of the session shortly being followed by the 11/u girl's Freestyle relay.

Wins continued to follow, 9 year old Harry Wright in Freestyle & Fly, 12/u Mia Ascroft Freestyle, 11/u Leo Taylor Fly, 11/u Abby Myers Freestyle & Sophie Welsby 12/u Backstroke.

The final relays with 1st place wins were 11/u girls Medley, 12/u girls Freestyle relay and 12/u boy's Freestyle relay.

1 st	Leyland B	123
2 nd	Garstang A	118
3 rd	Lancaster A	116
3 rd	Preston B	116

Over 27 Personal bests were had over the session. An absolutely fantastic achievement! Well Done

Micro League Swim offs Blackpool 9th September

Report by Rachel Doherty

1 st	Southport A	149
2 nd	Leyland A	126
3 rd	Preston A	122
4 th	Wigan A	88

So very proud of all the micro A team who were present at the final at Palatine. The attitude and behaviour from all the swimmers was outstanding from the moment they got on the coach until we returned to Leyland.

When we arrived at Blackpool the atmosphere was amazing. The division A winners were announced- Leyland Barracudas. The parade was enjoyed by all, and then the hard work began.

4 teams present, Wigan Wasps A, Leyland Barracudas A, Southport A and Preston A.

The event was so tough but we were ready for the challenge!

We were off to a good start with a fantastic swim by the 12yr old boys in the medley relay. This was shortly followed by 2 wins from the 11yr old girls and boy's freestyle relay.

In the individual races, Hannah Morris had an amazing swim breaking a record with 36.72 seconds in the fly. Well done Hannah. Max Delaney had a great swim in the fly, so close but he made it to 1st. Danielle Brady-Munro showed great effort and stamina in the fly followed by an amazing swim from Jack Hepplestone in the fly with a good lead in the first 25metres and just pipped to the post gaining 2nd place, well done. Jasmine Bracegirdle and Tom Arkwright both had great swims in the freestyle and ended with Tom 2 body lengths ahead. In the 9yr olds Joshua Keogh showed great stamina and effort resulting in a 2nd place. Heidi Hailwood kept her lead in the freestyle which landed her a 1st. Rosie had a tough race in the breaststroke with 0.5 seconds between the first 3 places. Assunta Russo had a great race in her fly. Amelie Elliot won her race with an amazing 1 body length lead. Hannah Morris, Jack Hepplestone, and Bradley Snaylam also received 1st place in individual races.

Moving back to the relays the 11yr old girls and boys both had fantastic races in the medley relay. The 9yr old girls worked really hard as a team in the medley relay gaining a 2nd. The 12yr old boys had a great swim in the freestyle relay but had parents on the edge of their seats, so close but got the 1st.

We ended with the cannon, with deafening shouting and cheering from all the supporters.

What a great day at the finals. The swimmers were an absolute credit to the club. Thank you to all the coaches and helpers for making the event happen.



Welsh Nationals

End of July saw Leyland Barracuda swimmers Tom Arkwright, Jasmine Bracegirdle, James Handford, Lucy Handford, Kyle McKenna & Megan Smith travel to Swansea for the week long Welsh Open Meet and Nicholas Bracegirdle & Harriette Cooper attend the 3 day Development Meet.

The week saw great swims from all the swimmers, all gaining PB's

Tom, Lucy & Kyle all made finals which was no mean feat. By the end of Day 6 Tom had won 5 Silvers and 1 Bronze and Kyle 1 Silver & 1 Bronze.

Tom & Kyle had awesome swims on the 7th and final day of competition becoming Welsh Champions for the 200m breast & 1500m freestyle respectively. Fabulous end to a great week of swimming from all our Barracudas.

Well done to all the swimmers who took part you did us proud and thank you to the parents/grandparents who made it possible for the swimmers to attend.

House Gala 10th September

1st Mills Captain Vicky Pickup ORANGE

2nd Fitchie Captain Sara Porter GREEN

3rd Forrest Captain Wendy Buchanan BLUE

4th Hunter Captain Gavin Simpson RED

Massive high 5 to all swimmers who took part in this fun filled afternoon. Well done everyone!

50:50 Club

The fifty fifty club is a draw that members may enter for a small monthly fee. Each month a single winner receives 50% of the entry fees for that month and the rest goes to the club.

For more information please speak with Gayle Adams our Fundraising Officer.

50:50 WINNERS!!!!

July Warren Linley

August Mark Delaney