

CASC Club Secretary Report 2024

- Welcome to all existing and newly joined CASC swimmers, parents and carers.
- Since the last AGM when Katharine stepped down, Simone has welcomed a new Co-Club Secretary, Karlene, to assist in that role alongside her.
- As mentioned in the other reports, CASC has had a very productive year with membership enquiries, swim trials and inevitable waiting lists for most squads already full. This has sustained a stable financial year for our club!
- Our talented swimmers have not only worked diligently during their regularly scheduled training, but also during half-term stroke clinics & boot camps locally, and annual swim camps abroad, to hone in their skill. This has culminated in our best season for longer than many current swimmers and parents/carers alike can remember!
- CASC Masters section has also achieved *top marks* this season by becoming Surrey Champions this year with the top overall club standing, after winning the Men's title, the relay title and just missing out on winning the Women's title!
- CASC Water Polo section, with youth/junior local half-term camps, and junior away summer training camps lead by top local and Serbian coaches, aims to develop and prepare young players to later represent county, regional and British adult teams when they are deemed ready. In fact, some of our known swimmers are currently in both their age relative junior water polo teams in addition to Men's and Women's teams!
- Swim Teachers and Squad/Team Coaches, we thank you for teaching our young swimmers how to swim, and developing and coaching them into the dedicated sprint and distance swimmers, and team players that win medals, pins, ribbons and other accolades for themselves and their club.
- Thank you to all executive committee members in their roles over the past several months, volunteering their time for CASC to support the club and the coaches, and to give structure to what we want to achieve in the best for our swimmers. We thank especially Liesl Chaudhury who has done a wonderful job in her role as Trophy Secretary; collecting, organising and engraving the trophies and awards due our swimmers for their achievements this year. Liesl will sadly be stepping down at the end of this season.
- Other CASC EXCO, Coordinators and Tech Support will remain in role:
 - Nick Hallam, President
 - Marie Philips, Chair & Jack Petchey Coordinator
 - Mariana Turner, Welfare Officer
 - Mike Garvin, Treasurer
 - Patryk Folinski, Head Coach
 - Simone Kelly & Karlene M Fraser, Club Secretaries
 - Didier Sorel, Membership Secretary
 - Emma Brown, Swim Secretary
 - Sophie Golledge, Competitions Secretary
 - Chris Martin, Water Polo Secretary
 - Marianne Rooke-Allden, Masters Secretary
 - Lucy Ashdown-Parkes, Swim School Administrator
 - Katy & David Dolling, Arena League Coordinators
 - Mel Rumpf & Hollie Sime, Volunteer Coordinators
 - Wendy Butler, Social Media Coordinator
 - Alan Turner & Chris Diver, Gala Technical Support
 - David Kelly, Webpage Support

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- We would also like to thank all the parents who have received the training to become team managers and officials in order to help support and direct our swimmers during our local Croydon champs and borough galas, and the many *external* galas in other boroughs, counties and regions within England. Additionally, the volunteers who support with serving/selling gala refreshments, swimmers signing in, and various club fundraising events, etc, we thank you.
- With the need for a new Trophy Secretary, and the continued shortage of available Team Managers and Swim Officials at galas, we are making a plea to more parents (especially those of our younger swimmers) to volunteer their time. Not only to make the workload easier for the few already active parents, but to ensure we can continue to have the required Team Manager to swimmer ratio at galas, and Swim Officials to run the galas at the correct *levels* for accepted qualification times. Please do consider volunteering your time.

With thanks,
Simone Kelly & Karlene M Fraser
5th July 2024