



Washington Aquatics Swimming Club

Spring 2019 Newsletter

Message from the Chair



Spring is upon us and this is the first of what we hope will be a **quarterly** club newsletter to help people keep up to date with what is happening in the club. This is a bit of a “catch up” edition and in future we will be providing news on progress with the club and gala successes. If you have any thoughts on what may be useful, then please do get in touch.

If you and your swimmers are relatively new to the club, you may not know training sessions are not like swimming lessons in a leisure centre; the fees paid to the club cover the costs of the pool time and the coach, but the club is run by **volunteers** with lots of people working hard behind the scenes to make the club a success.

We really do rely on many parents and helpers and are often looking for people to take on responsibilities. We are planning a **meeting for parents** to explain the workings of the swim club and where additional help may be required, so watch this space!

We are not a big club, but we make up for that in enthusiasm and the sense of team spirit, something that will help us go from strength to strength. Thank you for your continued **support** and we look forward to future success together.

Kind regards,

Dee

Message from the Treasurer



Just a quick reminder of some key financial information. We have **not uplifted** the fees this year, but will look to generate income through fundraising opportunities, so please get involved where you can.

Remember, if a swimmer moves squads your monthly squad **fees may change**, current fees are £25 for Development squads, £35 for Black, £45 for Purple and £55 for Gold.

Should monthly squad fees not be paid by the end of the calendar month to which they relate then coaches will be informed and members will not be permitted to swim until all arrears are paid. In times of hardship please come and **speak to a committee member**.

All fees including those for galas must be paid into the club bank account:

Account Name: Washington Aquatics SC

Sort Code: 60-22-52

Account Number: 79868134

Feel free to get in touch if you have any queries regarding any of the above.

Kerrie

Dates for your diary



7th April – **Tynedale** Gala. All information is on the club website.

18th April - Easter Tombola & Fun

Fundraising Update



Thank you to everybody who came along to the **Northumbrian Water** discussion to raise funds for the club. We have received **£444** for our efforts and to help all squads feel part of our swimming club family, the money will be used to subsidise club t-shirts to be worn by the Development Academy on club nights and at galas.



We will also be getting some much-needed funds from the **green tokens** in Washington ASDA. If we win, we get £500 so please encourage people you know to put their tokens in our slot before the end of March.

We are planning a **Swimathon**, details to be confirmed, so watch this space. Last time it proved to be very competitive not only in the lengths swum, but also in the money raised by individual swimmers.



Our now annual **Easter Tombola** will be on our Easter Fun night on 18th April, so please bring in donations any time from now, the more donations, the more funds we will raise. It is always very popular with swimmers and their family members!

We are currently on the list for bag packing at some local supermarkets, but if you have any other fundraising ideas, please just let us know.

Key contact information

We try to have people available at poolside during training sessions for questions, but we use **TeamApp** to communicate as much as possible. If you do not have access to the app, there is information on the club website on how to set it up. Once you have done your bit, the Chair, Treasurer or Head Coach will ensure you have access to the most relevant areas of the app. Access can be given to swimmers and parents and is not limited so more than one parent can have access.

Other useful contact information is shown below:

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Any ideas for anything to do with the club, please get in touch