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Armada Cup preparations in full swing

If your child is competing – can you help maintain the Armada Cup's status as the best event in the British Diving Calendar? We need volunteers – please check the event information you were sent for contact details. Thanks!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Shelby Chapman is our star this week. She is working extremely hard and has made some big improvements recently.

Well done Shelby – keep up the good work!!

ARMADA CUP

Information was sent to participants last week – the deadline for returning your entry fees is this Friday – 1st Feb. If your entry fees are not in by the deadline, we will assume your child is not taking part.

Please note – this is an age group level competition and involves competing several dives on 1m, 3m and platform. It's much more difficult than a novice competition and mirrors the conditions for the National Age Group Championships.

NOVICE EVENTS

Information was sent out on two forthcoming novice events last week.

Please ensure the Bradford consent form is returned no later than this Friday.

For those of you who prefer to do the Harrogate event in May, consent forms and further information will be sent out later.

CLUB FEES

Everyone should have received their information on Club Fees. There has been some confusion so we thought we should clarify – this is a one off, annual payment and has nothing to do with your monthly tuition fees. Plymouth Diving, the club, is a completely separate entity.

Please ensure your fees are paid by the deadline of 1st Feb.

FRIENDS OF PLYMOUTH DIVING

Don't forget the Friends of Plymouth Diving meeting on 8th Feb.

There will be coaching representatives present, some parents of our more elite divers and hopefully, many, many new faces!!

We look forward to seeing you here (training room) at 6pm.

Please make sure you return your form to let us know you're coming, or e-mail, so that we have an idea of numbers.

Thanks.

WHY DO PEOPLE VOLUNTEER?

We run a number of competitions throughout the year and have a reputation for putting on the best events in the UK. That would not be possible without the help of some amazing volunteers and in an effort to try and get more of you involved, we thought you might like to hear why some of them got involved.

John Allan is married to Penny and has 2 children. They have been involved in the programme since the children were babies, coming to Gym Tots first and then moving into the diving. Jane has recently decided to quit diving to concentrate on trampolining and Lucy competes at Novice level.

John says: I help because:

- 1. It's great to feel part of something that is both rewarding in terms of helping a community organisation but also benefits my children as well.*
- 2. It's a good way to get to know other parents and divers, and to feel part of such a good team.*
- 3. We get good seats to watch some excellent diving.*

4. I would hate to turn up and just watch when I can be part of the event and still watch anyway.

5. (Andy buys me a pint!! ☺)

I have been helping on the recording team for around 7 years. Originally it started because Kevin McDonald talked to me about finding a better way of inputting data to the Colorado Scoring System (that reminds me, must talk to Kevin about that – he's got a lot to answer for!!).

At that time the system was very slow and unmanageable and the recording team were spending all evening until the small hours entering dive sheets ready for each day at big events. Fortunately, that is history and now some 5 years on, we use the MazingTree Wireless Judging PAD System (JPADS), which I developed in conjunction with Malcolm Taylor (from Scotland), to be used with his Dive Recorder Software.

Think you might like to get involved in this side of events? Please e-mail us this sounds like the kind of area you would like to find out more about and he will let you know about how you can come to the Armada Cup and learn more

1 Feb

Deadline for Club fees/forms
Armada Cup entry fees

Bradford, Shipley Novice consent form
4-9 Feb,

Intermediate & Advanced Group assess
8 Feb

Friends of Plymouth Diving Meeting, 6pm

11-15 Feb,

Half term courses & private lessons

11-13 Feb,

All diving sessions as normal

14-17 Feb,

No regular diving sessions due to Armada Cup

Diving news & views for Parents and Divers involved in the Plymouth Diving Programme, Intermediate Group upwards

REPORTS

We will be sending out reports in the next week or so, to all divers in competitive Level 1, 2 and the TID divers, to let you know how they are doing and what their targets are for the coming months.

SPANISH

We haven't done any Spanish words for a while, so here's some revision so you can all chat with Fito in his native language.

Como te llamas?
What is your name?

Me llamo
My name is

Hola, que tal?
Hello, how are you?

Muy bien gracias, y tu?
Very well thank you and you?

Muy bien
Very good

Muy malo
Very bad

No hay problema
No problem

Lo siento
I'm sorry

Por favor
Please

Hasta luego
See you later

Buenas dias
Good morning

Buenas tardes
Good afternoon

Buenas noches
Good night

Regularly used terms: Intermediate Group - divers working towards Grade 5 & BS1 & 2. Advanced Group - divers that have passed Grade 5 & Board Skills 2. Squads competitive training groups. Novices - first rung of competitive ladder. Intermediate/Age Groups - next rung of competitive ladder. Elite Juniors - highest level domestic event for divers aged 9-18. Junior - 18 & under. Senior - all ages (where you will find our elite Olympic divers).

Diving balcony etiquette - Parents please do not coach your children or call them over during classes, Divers must be clothed and wearing shoes when on the balcony and if you are using still or video cameras, please sign the book at reception and ensure you only take footage of your own child.

Parent Liaison - Jayne Glynn, jayne@plymouthdiving.com, 07944361424

Child Protection - Plymouth Diving's independent Welfare Officer, Kathy Hancock, Kathy@plymouthdiving.com, 07759266041, Plymouth City Sports Child Protection Officer, Sam Grevett 01752 607206, ASA Swimline 0808 100 401

MAIN PROGRAMME DATES		
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COMPETITIVE PROGRAMME DATES		
1 Feb	Bradford Consent Form deadline	Notified divers
	Armada Cup Entry Fees due	Armada Cup Team
15-17 Feb	Armada Cup	
STAFF ABSENCES		
3 Feb to 25 Feb	Andy in China at World Cup	

BEIJING CALLING

For 2 of our coaches, 3 of our divers and 1 of our volunteers, the World Cup in Beijing next month will provide them with incredible experience – and possibly a route to the 2008 Olympics.

Divers Sarah Barrow, Brooke Graddon and Thomas Daley will have an opportunity to show the powers that be, that they deserve to be given a chance to return to Beijing in August. Coach Andy Banks will be accompanying them and hoping to lay claim to a spot on the team in August.

After impressing FINA (the World governing body) with her live commentating during the World Series event in September, one of our coaches, Sally Freeman has been asked to commentate at the World Cup.

As a hard working volunteer and a valued member of the National Events organising team, Karen Graddon has been given the opportunity by the ASA to travel to Beijing to learn about big event management in preparation for 2012.

Good luck everyone – we hope that Beijing delivers everything you hoped for and more!