

BIRMINGHAM MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

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MIDLAND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Just a reminder to all club members that entries to the Midland Masters Championships close on 7 March, just over a week away. Entry forms are available on the internet (www.britishswimming.org) or on the poolside at training sessions. This is one of the club's training and competitive peaks, and all club members should take part in at least one session. After all, this is what we have been training for! We will be entering relays teams on the basis of Keith's soundings.

There will be the customary bonding session in the pub opposite the pool on Saturday and the group meal in Leamington after Sunday's afternoon session. (AW)

T30 CHALLENGE RESULTS

It seems a long time ago that we undertook the T30 swim in December but the nature of this postal competition is such that entries can be submitted up to the beginning of February. Thanks are due to Andy for organising this event which took place on one Sunday afternoon session, there being insufficient interest for two such sessions. Those people who entered were arranged into a number of single sex and mixed teams and the six teams entered achieved four gold and one silver medal with a near miss for the other team in fourth place. It was interesting to note that we surpassed our rivals Kenilworth who do rather better now since some of our swimmers have moved to their area. Our 200-239 women's team and 240-279 men's teams achieved record distances which is a credit to the quality of our preparation. Thank you Andy. The coach also proved that he was still prepared to put himself through the same privation by taking part himself and won his age group. The same household scored again when Judy won her age group also. The other medallists were Pauline Brand (second) with Fred Rennie and Bob Cramb taking third places.

For those who swam but did not enter and for those who did not swim I would recommend that you peruse the results to establish where you would have finished with a view to entering next time. Even if like me, you hate the event a respectable achievement can contribute to a team and club success.

In addition to the thanks already recorded thanks are also due to all the lap recorders who made the whole operation possible.

Keith

Birmingham results –
Women

Fred Rennie	30-34	2100m	3rd
Rosie Lowry	45-49	1920m	7th
Kate Chase	50-54	1910m	4th
Elaine Fenton	50-54	1760m	7th
Pauline Cooke	55-59	1770m	6th
Judy Wilson	60-64	1800m	1st
Val Morris	65-69	1430m	5th
Pauline Brand	70-74	1060m	2nd

Men

Mark McGarry	30-34	2120m	6th
Colin Leiper	45-49	2050m	8th
Paul Wolstenholme	45-49	2030m	10th
Bob Cramb	50-54	2000m	3rd
Andy Wilson	60-64	2015m	1st
Keith Ingram	65-69	1855m	5th

Teams

Men 200-239	1st	(Wilson Wolstenholme Leiper Cramb)
Women 200-239	1st	(Cooke Lowry Rennie Wilson)
Women 240-279	2nd	(Brand Chase Morris Fenton)
Mixed 160-199	4th	(Rennie Lowry McGarry Wolstenholme)
Mixed 200-239	1st	(Cooke Fenton Leiper Cramb)
Mixed 240-279	1st	(Chase Wilson Wilson Ingram)

Congratulations to all who took part and thanks to Keith Ingram for managing the entries (and perming the teams). And remember – the older age groups are not as tough as the younger ones. (AW)