

BIRMINGHAM MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

July Newsletter 2008

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GB Masters Championships 2008

Thanks to Keith Ingram for his report on the British Masters Championships held at the Manchester Aquatic Centre.

Eleven Birmingham Masters members entered individual events at this meet. Four swam as members of Birmingham Masters, six as Heart of England members and one as a member of the City of Coventry. Our participation was rather fragmented to say the least

The BM highlights were

- two British records for Hayley Bettinson for the 45-49 age group 50 metres Freestyle (28.84) and Butterfly (30.62). Hayley also placed second place in the 50 breaststroke (39.11).
- two British records for the 280-319 years 4 x 50 freestyle and medley relays, Allen Miles, Arthur Lowe, Alan Jackson and Frank Stoney making up both relays.
- a British Record for Allen Miles for the 80-84 age group 50 metre freestyle (35.16).

Keith Ingram placed first in the 200 and 400 metre I.M. and in the 200 metre butterfly and was second in the 200 metre breaststroke.

Trevor Clarke won the 100 and 200 metre butterfly and was second and third in the 50 and 100 metres freestyle respectively.

Judy Wilson won the 200 metres freestyle with an impressive negative split swim and placed second in the 50 butterfly.

Alison Peakman placed second and third in the 100 and 200 metre backstroke events respectively.

Frank Stoney achieved his silver and bronze medals for the 50 and 100 metre breaststroke races in that order.

Colin Leiper was rewarded for his gruelling programme of tough events with third places at 400 metres I.M. and 800 metres freestyle.

Steven Langford placed third in the 200 metres backstroke.

Birmingham Masters have traditionally represented Heart of England at this event, but there seems to be less enthusiasm for this format amongst our colleagues at Leamington and Kenilworth. With this event moving from Manchester next year – it is rumoured that it will be held at Swansea – we may have to rethink our strategy.

Coaching cover

Coaching cover is needed for sessions beginning Wednesday 23 July until Wednesday 13 August. If regular attenders would volunteer for a session or two each we will have all sessions covered. Suggested sessions will be provided, but you are welcome to inflict your own ideas on the rest of the squad.

NATIONAL MASTERS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

24 - 26 October 2008

SHEFFIELD

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been booked at the Park Inn (formerly the Hotel Bristol) Blonk Street, for Friday 24 and Saturday 25 October.

For those who have not stayed there before the hotel is only a few minutes walk from the pool. There is a car park above the hotel and the cost is £1.40 overnight and £3.00 for 24 hours.

I have booked 10 Twin rooms, 10 Double rooms and 6 Single rooms. The twin rooms could be made into a triple by using the sofa bed. Where possible please organise who you wish to share with.

The cost is per room and includes breakfast.

Cost:	Single	£70 per room per night
	Twin/Double	£75 per room per night (£37.50 each)
	Triple	£80 per room per night (£24.00 each)

SATURDAY EVENING MEAL

A meal has been booked in the Park Inn (formerly the Hotel Bristol) for the Saturday evening for 30 people at 7.30pm. The Hotel will produce a 'Swimmers Menu' which I will circulate the week before for people to make their choices.

BOOKING

If you require accommodation please complete the form below and return it to me by **20 SEPTEMBER** with a deposit of **£15 per person** (payable to '**Park Inn Sheffield**') If you would also like to attend the Saturday evening meal please tick the box below.

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**National Masters Swimming Championships 2008
Accommodation Booking Form**

Name/s.....

Contact No (D)..... **(E)**.....

Email.....

Accommodation (Please tick)

Friday 24 Oct Sat 25 Oct Single Double Twin Triple

Saturday Evening Meal (Please tick)

I/we would like to attend the Saturday Evening Meal

Deposit

Deposit of £15 per person enclosed Cheque Cash Amount.....

Cheque payable to 'Park Inn Sheffield'

Date Received by Pauline..... (Pauline to complete)