

Surrey County Water Polo and Swimming Association.
Masters Competition 28 June 2008

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Dear Competitors, Officials and Spectators,

On behalf of the SCWP&SA Committee may I pass on my sincere thanks to all of you who helped make our Masters meet on Saturday such a success. The results are now on the web. Congratulations to Dorking on a clean sweep of the Mens, Ladies and Overall Club Team Scores.

As you will know, we gave ourselves a number of challenges this year. Moving to a new venue, and also to a new format, ensured that we had our hands full. Putting it in the hands of a complete newcomer to meet organisation, ie me, added to the excitement.

To quote one of the many messages of feedback to the Committee, we “finished early and ensured plenty of time for a decent club curry”. I will take this as tacit approval!

In the weeks, days, leading up to the meet, I had concluded only the most masochistic would ever take on the organisation of any swimming competition. However thanks to the overwhelming support, experience and expertise of the officials, and the spirit in which everyone competed, it was a fantastic experience.

What meet could boast the combined presence of one John Harrison, 94 years young, in the same event (50/100 Back) as Surrey's own star Marco Loughran? Several swimmers were competing in their first ever competition. That they chose to email me to explain how hooked they were as a result of their swims on Saturday is a tribute to how all of you made them feel welcome.

It would be wrong to rest on our laurels for next year. There were many things we could have done better. I will be polling all the clubs for their views on how they see the meet developing. But it is entirely due to the support of our officials, and the fantastic spirit of our competitors, that we look forward to next year, already, with enthusiasm. Please feel free to email me directly with any comments you may have.

On one final administrative note, a number of swimmers didn't pick up their medals. If anyone has an outstanding claim for a medal please email me and I will arrange for delivery at a convenient time!

Don't forget the South East Region Masters at Guildford in September, and, for the hardy, the summer's sea swims on the south coast.

Yours sincerely,



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