



President's Report to the 2019 ACM

I am delighted to present my report which will provide you with a brief summary of my year in office. It has been an interesting and rewarding year and I have felt honoured to hand out some very special awards during this time.

Surrey Masters Championships

My first official engagement was the Surrey Masters Championships at Surrey Sport Park on 30th June 2018. I had a great time so close to poolside where the atmosphere was friendly and supportive of all who entered. I had the privilege of awarding David Bryant (Guildford City), Jodie Cox (Guildford City) and Lynda Coggins (Farnham) with their Honorary Life Members award as well as poolside view of the inaugural Mystery Medley event at the competition.



Swim England National County Team Championships

The highlight of my year was attending the Swim England National County Team Championships @ Ponds Forge on 7th October 2018 where 40 counties come together for the National title. A fab meet spent with some amazing swimmers (who were a credit to their County) and a superb Coaching/Official Team headed up by Surrey Coach, David Vine and Team Manager, Julie Burvill. This was the first time I had seen a meet split into two Divisions with both Divisions swimming simultaneously – it was such fun to watch. Surrey swam in Division 1 and came a respectable 11th overall. Noise on poolside was deafening but it was lovely to sit and meet the other County Presidents who were there to support their own teams!



South East Region County Masters Team Champs

Next I attended the South East Region Masters Team Championship in Haslemere on Sunday 8th November. Presentations were shared with South East Region ASA President Mrs Jenny Gray who also comes from a Synchro background. It was a busy event, but morale was great and rivalry between the counties was fierce but friendly!



Surrey County ASA Diving Skills Competition

Next I attended the Surrey Diving Skills competition at Guildford Spectrum on 26th January, 2019. It was lovely to see such young talent coming through the ranks! I even got promoted to Mayor! I then had a quick dash over to Surrey Sports Park for the Surrey Age Group Champs.



Surrey County ASA Age Group Championships – Day 1

Straight from the diving competition it was lovely to attend Day 1 of the Surrey County ASA Age Group Championships at Surrey Sports Park. With 7 events taking place it was a full on championships with loads of medals to present.



Surrey County ASA Age Group Championships – Day 5

My next engagement was Day 5 of the Surrey County ASA Age Group Championships at the London Aquatic Centre on 23rd February 2019. Here I got a good insight to all that goes on behind the scenes at a swim meet. With some amazing swims taking place, it was an honour to present medals at such an iconic venue.





Schools Diving Competition – 9th March 2019

I was due to attend this Competition but had to pull out on the day due to ill health. My sincere apologies to the divers and officials I let down on the day!

ESSA National Team Champs

I was delighted to attend the National Team Championships at Guildford Spectrum on Saturday 16th March 2019. It took an hour for me to park which meant I arrived just in time to see the last three events! I was nevertheless delighted to present the medals and trophies!

London Regional Synchro Championships

At my last engagement as President I had the honour of presenting awards at the London Regional Synchro Championships held at Swanley Leisure Centre on 8th June 2019. Kingston Synchro had the largest entry to date and did not disappoint with a medal haul to match. I was delighted to see such strength and talent in my chosen sport. It was also a lovely memory to be able to present my daughter with two gold medals for her figure and solo events.



Sadly, I did not attend any open water swim events or water polo events throughout my year as President. It was important to me support all disciplines where possible, but this was not to be.

Finally, if I could take some time to give a massive thank you to our amazing volunteer officers, officials and coaches across the county who all give their time for free for the love of their sport. All disciplines continue to thrive thanks to their continued dedication and support and they really do deserve special recognition!

I am delighted to hand over to Michael Holden who I hope will have as much fun as I have in his year of Office.

Collette Crow

Surrey County ASA President 2018-2019



Masters Report for the ACM 2019

Our annual Masters event is usually the first in the Presidential Year, and we welcomed Colette Crow to present the medals at Surrey Sports Park. A record entry of over 180 swimmers meant we needed a first class operation by our Officials and Volunteers, but we still managed to get the trophies out in time for business at local curry houses. Guildford City achieved a clean sweep of the team trophies and I'm delighted with the highly competitive nature of the relays.

Surrey swimmers competed at the European Masters Championships, held in Kranj, Slovenia. Jane Asher graced the podium no less than five times with Gold in all her freestyle events. Alex Smith swam a superb 50 free taking Gold. Roger Billing was duly rewarded for his backstroke efforts over the years with his first medal, Bronze in the 50 back, at this level.

Surrey hosted the South East Regional heat of the Swim England Inter County Masters Team Competition at Haslemere pool in November. Finishing 5th in a very competitive heat, we came 12th in the national consolidation of results. Thanks to all who swam for us that day!

FINA and Len produce their top ten rankings at the end of each year. We are proud to see David Bryant and Michelle Ware up there alongside our European medallists from 2018 and also our World Record Holders – Jane Asher, Mike Hodgson and the Guildford City 200years Mixed Relay Team. We wish everyone luck as they head to South Korea for the FINA World Masters this summer.

As we come to the end of another twelve months of Masters swimming, and the final preparations move into place for the 2019 County Masters, it's time to reflect upon the loss of one of our stalwarts, our colleague Phil Sears of Dorking SC who was so active in Masters swimming and coaching, and of course in Open Water.

I would like to thank all those who have helped to make it another successful year for Surrey Masters swimming and I wish all the swimmers a successful 2019/20.

Jim Boucher

Masters Organiser, Surrey County ASA



Diving Report for the ACM 2019

Since last year's report, I am pleased to say that we now have a new Surrey (London) diving club within our midst: South West London Diving. Based at Putney Leisure Centre, the club are formerly the diving section of Wandsworth Swimming Club. As their programme develops over time we look forward to them taking part in more county events.

In November last year, Morden Leisure Centre opened its doors to the general public for the first time. This new Better-run facility, just a stone's throw from the old Morden Park Pool, does continue to have diving boards: 2 x 1m springboards, 3m and 5m platforms. Hopefully this new facility will act as a catalyst to generate more interest in that part of the county and help broaden participation for the clubs based there: Morden Park Diving Club and Merton School of Diving.

Elsewhere, I am pleased to report that in this last accounting year we have run two county diving competitions in their regular windows: Surrey Skills and the Surrey 1m Age Groups & 1m Championships.

The sixth Surrey Skills diving competition took place at Guildford Spectrum on Saturday 26 January. The circuit-style format, involving six-rounds over poolside, 1m and 3m, proved popular once again with 63 grassroots divers competing. Friendly competition from outside the county came from Crystal Palace, Dacorum, Highworth Phoenix, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells and Waltham Forest. The Surrey medallists were all from Star Diving Club. Thanks to county president Collette Crow for coming along and presenting the medals that afternoon.

The 1m Age Groups and 1m Championships were held at Guildford Spectrum on Saturday 17 March. There were 36 entries in the age groups and seven in the championships. Here county divers from Merton School of Diving, Star Diving Club and South West London Diving Club were joined by guests from Burscough, Maidstone, and Tunbridge Wells. Star Diving Club was the triumphant county club once again, winning the Jimmy Aldous trophy for accumulative points in the age groups.

At the National Age Group Championships (Level 3) in Sheffield in June, Star Diving Club's Caitlin Maytham (D) came second, fourth and seventh respectively on 1m, 3m and 5m; Lily Chandler (C) finished seventh, sixth and fifth respectively on 1m, 3m and platform; and Johannes Coetzee (B) was 'top 10' on every board.

At the National Skills Finals (Level 2) at the Manchester Aquatics Centre the month after, Star Diving Club's team of 12 divers came away with a gold, a bronze and six other top 10s.

At the England Talent Games in Leeds in November – a two-day meet involving gymnastic-style routines on dry land and skills in the pool – Star Diving Club's Caitlin Maytham and Lyra Guise Tucker were selected onto the England Talent Z Squad for 2019-20. Since the programme was started in 2013, it now takes the tally of Surrey divers on it to nine.



The county competition programme continues to run thanks to our very, very small army of regular volunteers who give up their time freely to make it all happen for the athletes. The county JPads, hand-held judging devices, the multi-media projector used as a scoreboard and the speaker, tripod and wireless microphone continue to ensure our spectator experience is as enhanced as can be.

That only leaves me on behalf of our discipline to thank county members for their continued support and I look forward to another dive-tastic year!

Francisco Javier Diaz



Surrey Schools' Report for the ACM 2019

Our season started in September, with a secondary schools' team gala held at Guildford. Although essentially a Surrey Schools' event, schools that are within the counties of the ESSA South East region are also able to enter. The winning teams were considered for selection at the national round at the London Aquatic Centre on Saturday November 17th 2018. Eleven Surrey Schools had teams that were selected to swim at this competition, one more than last year: St Teresa's, St Catherine's, Guildford High, Reigate Grammar, Royal Grammar, City of London Freemans, Caterham, George Abbot, St Johns, Glynn and Woking High.

Out of those, six teams were placed in the finals, three more than last year. The junior girls did exceptionally well in both the freestyle and the medley events with Guildford High coming 2nd in the F/S and 4th in the medley, St Teresa's coming 3rd in the F/S and 2nd in the medley and St Catherine's coming 4th in the F/S and 3rd in the medley. Reigate Grammar came 8th in the intermediate girls F/S, City of London Freemans came 8th in the senior girls medley and St Johns came 10th in the senior girls medley event.

In January the last of the competitions for secondary schools took place. This was the individual boys and girls galas. Winning swimmers are considered for selection to represent the ESSA South East region for the 69th ESSA Interdivisional gala held on home ground at Crawley during the weekend of the 23rd and 24th March 2019.

South East region did very well in all age groups, coming second in the Junior Boys and in the Senior Girls, coming third in the Junior Girls, fourth in the Intermediate Girls and Boys and fifth in the senior boys' events. Last year they were first overall out of eight divisions with their combined aggregate score, and this year they were the third overall. Full results of individual swims are available on the ESSA website.

Surrey swimmers were Maisie McCartney, Louise Bressler, Connie Mortimer, Fergus Thomson, Jessica Harmer, Lottie Roberts and Alexandra Hughes from Guildford City, George Robert Shaw from Dorking, Kiera Heney, Matthew Ferguson and Sophie King from Woking, Leila Flower and Luke Moore from Epsom District, and Kirstie Flynn from Leatherhead.

Last weekend on Sat 22nd June and Sunday 23rd June at K2 in Crawley, for the first time, the ESSA held their Summer Open Championships. Results are not as yet available on the ESSA website.

In March it was the annual diving competition, for both primary and secondary aged divers competently organised by Fran. Because there are such a small number of schools that take part in this competition, it is combined with the Surrey age group competition. All results are available on the Surrey County ASA website.



Thirty plus Surrey primary schools attended the Surrey round of the ESSA Primary Teams championships in March. However, the South East region gala in May, clashed with the Regional Age Group Galas again as they have changed the dates when they run these! It was however, a closely fought competition and we are able to send nine Surrey schools to the ESSA National Finals held in Sheffield on June 15th 2019. They were Guildford High, St Teresa's, St Ives, Oakhyst Grange, Boxgrove, Downsend, City of London Freemans, St Catherine's and Felton Fleet. All of them reached the final eight, with St Teresa's coming 2nd in the open F/S and Boxgrove coming 4th; Oakhyst Grange coming 5th in the open medley; St Ives came 8th in the small schools mixed stroke, Guildford High came 3rd in the medium schools F/S; Downsend came 3rd in the boys open medley and CLFS were 5th; St Teresa's came 1st in the girls open F/S and Boxgrove were 7th, Oakhyst Grange came 4th in the small schools F/S; Guildford High came 3rd in the mediums schools medley and St Catherine's came 5th and Felton Fleet came 7th in the open boys' F/S. The full results are on the ESSA website.

In addition to the racing, SSSA also organises a primary schools' annual lifesaving competition "It's a Fish Out" in March for years 5 and 6 at Dorking Leisure Centre. Cuddington Croft took first and third place yet again with both their teams and second place was awarded to the Raleigh School for the second year on the row also.

Finally, I must personally thank the committee, for continuing to support us by paying for the electronic timing at Guildford Spectrum which has lifted our competitions to another level for our swimmers. However, we have this last year struggled to find operators to work it and I am wondering how much of a need there is for organising a training session for people who are interested as I know of at least one person who is interested in doing this. Huge thanks must also go to the Surrey officials who support us, for without them, none of our schools' galas would take place.

All dates for next season will be found on the Surrey county ASA website.

Carole Chaplin



Age Group Report for the ACM 2019

Once again, it's been an eventful year for age group swimming. I would like to extend our thanks to David Vine, Leatherhead SC for filling the role County Coach 2018-2019 and applying his vast experience, enthusiasm and his personality into the role. David was instrumental in building and implementing the first of the year 11-year-old Development Camps in 2018.

We welcome Matt Smart, Guildford City SC into the role of County Coach 2019 – 2020. Matt also brings with him a strong portfolio of experience, joining Guildford City in 2015, and is the Regional Squad lead. Matt participated in the 12-year-old Regional programmes and has led the first of the 11-year-old Development Camps for 2019.

The first County Team Event since last year's report was the warm-up camp where we took 24 swimmers ranging from 12 – 17 years to Wild Wood adventure park as a team bonding session, to get them ready for the National County Team Championships in October. Over the course of two hours the swimmers put themselves through a series of challenges, including getting six teams of four harnessed members of your team over high-rise crate stacking.

Alex Armstrong, Ben Rowett, Charlie Trotman and Matthew Ferguson won the challenge, going 10 crates high, with all four managing to stand on top before it all came crashing down.

Next up was the team Championships, where forty counties came together in the annual County Team championships to battle it out and seek new rankings for the season ahead.



The team, led by captains Matthew Ferguson (Woking SC) and Tilly Hansen-Hamilton (Guildford City SC), came a pleasing 11th overall with Surrey securing maximum points with two top places: Mackenzie Russell (Guildford City SC), and Dominic Morgan (Leatherhead SC).

We are sure if Surrey can emulate this team spirit this year, we will again be a team that is fighting for those top positions!



In 2018, David Vine Developed the 11-year County camp programme and delivered it to 36 rising stars. The county development programme is the first phase of the Swim England talent pathway. Participants were selected using criteria set out in the talent pathway programme – and were based on the highest rankings achieved at our county championships in January and February. Camp content included an



introduction to land training, pool sessions, pre- and post-pool work, performance nutrition and other related workshops. The swimmers worked well together and were fully engaged in the skills and ideas put forward at all three camps. They asked questions during them and enjoyed working with several coaches from some of the county's clubs.

Indeed, it was very rewarding to see their learning being brought forward from one camp to the next

Our thanks also go to a stacked team of Coaches: Greg Capper, South Croydon SC; Helen Lawson, Redhill & Reigate SC; Tina Cornelius, Redhill & Reigate SC; David Vine, Lead Coach, Leatherhead SC; Hayley Moore, Epsom District SC; Clara Nutting, Elmbridge Phoenix SC; David Brazil, Woking SC. All of which made the Camps highly enjoyable and beneficial to the swimmers.

In January and February 2019, we had a highly successful County Age Group Championships, two week ends dedicated to competing at the LAC, and one weekend at the Surrey Sports Park. It was great for the swimmers to compete in such stunning venues. The Tinlin Trophy was once again won by Guildford City Swimming club, with Dulwich Dolphins as runner up, congratulations to both clubs. Age Group awards were won as follows: -

Boys

11 years – Aidan Orpin, Sutton & Cheam SC
12 years – Thomas Fergus, Guildford City SC
13 Years – Justin Christie, Leatherhead SC
14 Years – Christian Duetoft, Leatherhead SC

Girls

11 years – Tegan Matthews, Guildford City SC
12 years – Lottie Roberts, Guildford City SC
13 Years – Louise Bressler, Guildford City SC
14 Years – Zoe Ryan, Woking SC

Congratulations to all swimmers including the seniors swimmers participating and not mentioned here!

Next up was the Surrey Summer meet, a fun meet, aimed at those swimmers who do not make the Surrey County Age Group qualifying times in a stroke. The meet has a great atmosphere, and there were lots of happy smiling swimmers which a great number securing PB's over the course of the two weekends.

I would like to close out the 2019 Surrey Age Group Championships with a thank you to Alan Thurlow, our meet promoter, who works tirelessly in the background organising and running these Championships. They always run so smoothly, and this is testament to the volume of hours that he puts in behind the scenes.

Julie Burvill
Team Manager
Surrey County ASA