



Surrey County President 2026: Amanda Partridge Epsom District SC



Despite owning a swimming pool in her back garden, and a small putting green in her front garden, Amanda's sporting background is in athletics and not swimming or golf!

She was a runner and, in particular, excelled in running hurdles. A County and regional winner at hurdles, Amanda participated in the Under 14 British Championships finishing a very respectable 5th. She attended English training camps to support her talent, but unfortunately, a back injury, which resulted in an operation, put paid to her hurdling dreams.

Amanda's son, Ben, became the golfer, winning tournaments at an early age, and moved to the USA to study golf at university, and has settled there with his American wife.

Amanda became involved with Epsom Swimming Club, when her daughter, Alice, was 9 years old, 18 years ago. Alice was disqualified during a breaststroke race and neither Amanda nor Alice knew why. Wanting to understand more about the rules of swimming, Amanda started her officials' training by becoming a timekeeper. Her timekeeper's assessment was completed with the starter, Alistair McCrae, using a starter's gun! As a result, she was regularly pulled down from the spectator's balcony by Epsom referee, Tom Anstis, to help at local galas and discovered she quite enjoyed being poolside. She eventually decided to tread the path that we all go down, and continued her training to become a judge, eventually qualifying as a referee, under Ann van Beukelen, 10 years ago. Since then, Amanda has been invited to referee at many different club and open championships, County championships and regional competitions too.

Alice no longer swims, and Amanda was, sadly, widowed four years ago, but continues to help officiate at Epsom Swimming Club regularly, and answers the request for help at many other local open meets. She is a helpful and nurturing referee, and enjoys the time spent amongst other officials and the lovely experiences and friendships that are developed on poolside alongside like-minded people.

As if spending her weekends at swimming pools isn't enough, Amanda works full time as a nursery class assistant in a primary school. She now enjoys a weekly class of yoga, as a recent ankle injury aborted her attempt to return to running. Well done Amanda and we hope you enjoy the year ahead!

We are delighted and privileged to welcome Amanda as our President for 2026