

# WORTHING SWIMMING CLUB WATER POLO

## NATIONAL LEAGUE 2010

### FUNDRAISING PROGRAM PRESS RELEASE

Having enjoyed a successful first season in Division 4 of the national water polo league when we were slightly unlucky not to be promoted, we now face the prospect of our second season in this challenging competition.

The Worthing water polo squad along with Bears basketball team are the only two sports teams from the town who play in truly national competition and we are particularly proud that the vast majority of our members have come through our junior development program.

The national league program is organised on a tournament basis with three matches being played over five weekends at deep water venues around the UK between September and December.

This year we will travel to Sheffield (twice), Walsall, Marlborough and Grantham and all the squad members are faced with the costs of travelling to these venues as well as the overnight accommodation.

The national league is a very expensive competition to play in with the teams sharing all the costs of the pool hire as well as the expenses of the referees and officials.

As a result the cost of our participation last year was in the region of £1300 and we are expecting a similar figure for this season.

Last year we mainly funded this by holding a sponsored "channel swim" when 6 of our squad swam the 1078 lengths required of the Aquarena raising money jointly for Cancer Research and our national league fund.

This year we have decided on a new format to raise money, again on a joint basis with Cancer Research, and a number of our squad will be taking part in a 24 hour relay starting at 07.00 on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We are very grateful to the staff and management of the Aquarena who are allowing us to hold this event which would not be possible without their help.

The very ambitious target for the day is to try and swim 100 km and because of this we have decided to call the event "100 k in a Day."

All of the swimmers will be looking for sponsors and we would also like to hear from anyone who would be interested in making a donation, regardless of the amount, towards our fund.

If you would like any further information on the fundraising or any other aspect of our participation in the national league, please feel free to contact me.

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