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volunteers

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WELCOME

Welcome to the third edition of the ASA Volunteer newsletter. This monthly update has been created to keep volunteers up to date with developments and good practice. The newsletter is sent to the ASA National Committees and ASA Regions so we need everyone to forward this on to their county and club contacts to make sure that it reaches the volunteers that it is written for.

AQUAFORCE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Don't forget the 2007 Aquaforce Volunteer Awards are now accepting nominations in the following four categories

- Outstanding contribution to club
- Outstanding contribution to county/region
- Long Service Award (25 years and over)
- Young Volunteer Award (Under 25 years old)

All nominations should be submitted to their ASA Regional Office by the 1st July. The four winners from each region will then be automatically nominated for the National Awards. If County Associations would like to feed into this process they can use the same form.

Each National winner will win tickets for yourself and a guest to attend the World Short Course at Manchester in April 2008 with dinner and accommodation included.

To nominate someone it's a simple process. Please visit www.britishswimming.org and complete a nomination form.

VOLUNTEER WEEK 1 – 7 JUNE



Volunteers' Week (1-7 June) is the UK's annual celebrations of the work volunteers do. During the week, events are held across the country to recognise, reward and recruit volunteers. To celebrate the National Volunteer Week the Amateur Swimming Association is will be saying 'Thank You' to the volunteer workforce in recognition of their exceptional dedication and outstanding achievements.

There are many ways of saying thank you, the ASA will be inviting volunteers from each discipline to attend National and International events. The ASA London Region are adding 'thank you' to their agenda meetings to ensure that volunteers working in London are recognised for the value they contribute.

Everyone can take part in National Volunteer Week by organising their own way of saying thank you.

- Perhaps you could help to organise a social event to say thank you to existing volunteers as well as recruit new potential volunteers.
- You can download the Club Appreciation Certificate from the ASA Volunteer Resource Centre on www.asaclubmanagement.org
- How about creating a birthday book so volunteers feel valued throughout the year
- Or you can nominate a volunteer (or several) for the ASA Aquaforce Volunteer Awards that will be awarded regionally and nationally.

For further ideas or if you want to let us

know how you will be celebrating volunteer week contact volunteering@swimming.org or visit www.volunteersweek.org.uk

LINKS TO VOLUNTEER CENTRES

Over 80% of the population think about helping out in their local community, but don't know where to start. There are now over 350 Volunteer Centres in England who are supporting these potential volunteers move into suitable opportunities – volunteering in aquatics could be the perfect chance these people are looking for. If Volunteer Coordinators and clubs are able to form links with Volunteer Centres they will be able to receive support in order to recruit and retain volunteers through advertising and recruitment campaigns, accessing training, providing information and good practice for Workforce Coordinators.

For further information about Volunteer Centres or to find out where your nearest Volunteer Centre is visit www.volunteering.org.uk. Or visit www.sportengland.org and search for SportNav, which is a guidance document that will provide information and ideas about how to work with Volunteer Centres to successfully recruit and support volunteers.

CONTACT US

If you have got any information or examples of good practice that you would like to share through future updates please send it to volunteering@swimming.org

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