

## **Annual Water Polo Report for 2012-2013**

We continue to train once a week for 2 hours on a Saturday Evening. We have a large spread of ages and abilities with approximately 20 regular attendees. Our members are mostly male with a spattering of females. We can offer our school age members 3 matches per academic term against Thomas Telford School.

In December 2012 the club introduced and presented trophies for player's player of the year (for juniors and seniors), coach's player of the year (for juniors and seniors) and most improved players (junior and senior) in addition to the President's trophy.

Player's player	Jr. Josh Kirk Sr. Kieran Bates
Coach's player	Jr. Josh Kirk Sr. Kieran Bates
Most Improved	Jr. Max Addison Sr. Jacob Williams
President's Trophy	James Hyde

Three of our players attend regional Training at Walsall on a Friday evening – Sam and Josh Kirk and Max Addison. I believe that we have a few other players that could also make that step up. We have also re-kindled the interest of one of the “hub disability” swimmers. He has played for us in a couple of matches vs Thomas Telford. One of our senior players has used the presence of a water polo team as one of his selection criteria for universities!

Over the year we have had a lot of kids “trying-out” but not many actually joining the club as their swimming ability has let them down a little.

James Hyde will be running “kids for a £1” water polo sessions over the school summer holidays and so hopefully this may attract some younger kids along to our sessions.

In conclusion I think that we offer a very good introduction to water polo and we are keeping kids in the pool. We are very limited in what we can offer in terms of providing matches but maybe as some of our players become more senior and more experienced we could look at entering a senior league BUT this would involve providing table officials and a referee from our club.....

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