

Sussex Swim England Masters Report – 8 September 2019

1. 2019 Sussex Masters and Senior Age Group Championships

The 2019 Sussex Masters and Senior Age Group Championships takes place on Sunday 15 September at Pavilions in the Park, Horsham.

This year will be another **record Championships** in terms of the number of entries with **1,018 entries** consisting of 944 Individual Entries and 74 Relay Entries. This is the first time the number of entries has ever exceeded 1,000. Last year the total number of entries including individual and relay entries was 887. 15 Sussex Clubs will take part in the Championships.

This year Mid-Sussex Marlins has entered a record team with 243 entries and 45 swimmers (32 women and 13 men) with Hastings Seagull SC next with 202 entries and 27 swimmers (11 women and 16 men).

It is interesting to note the considerable increase in the number of entries in the Championships over the last 4 years:

| Year | Swimmers | Individual Entries | Relay Entries | Total Entries |
|-------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2016 | 110 | 572 | 31 | 605 |
| 2017 | 127 | 697 | 38 | 735 |
| 2018 | 147 | 826 | 47 | 873 |
| 2019 | 179 | 944 | 74 | 1,018 |

This represents a growth between 2016 and 2019 of nearly 70% and an annual growth rate of over 15% each year.

It is also interesting to see that **Sussex is ranked first** in terms of number of swimmers when compared with other County Masters Championships. I have not included those Championships which are effectively open meets and have clubs outside the county competing, for example, the Yorkshire County Championships which has over 60 clubs from all over the UK.

| No. | 2019 County Masters Championships as at September 2019 | Entries | Swimmers |
|-----|--|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Sussex | 1,018 | 179 (Mid-Sussex 45 swimmers) |
| 2 | Surrey | 829 | 134 (Guildford 39 swimmers) |
| 3 | Hampshire | 637 | 134 (Basingstoke 30 swimmers) |
| 4 | Kent | 549 | 129 (Erith 42 swimmers) |
| 5 | Devon | 344 | 96 |
| 6 | Cheshire | 322 | 135 (Trafford Metro 32) |
| 7 | Gloucester and Somerset | 289 | 86 |
| 8 | Hertfordshire | 257 | 70 |
| 9 | Cornwall | 241 | 61 |
| 10 | Middlesex | 237 | 72 |
| 11 | Wiltshire | 129 | 63 |

A very big thank you should go to **Dave Chan** from Worthing SC who has managed all the entries for the 2019 Sussex Masters and Senior Age Group Championships and will operate Hytek at the Championships and **Deedee Pickering** for organising the officials.

2. FINA World Masters Championships in South Korea

The 18th FINA World Masters Championships took place in Gwangju, South Korea from 12 to 18 August 2019. Sussex was well represented with a number of swimmers from Sussex competing. There were a number of outstanding performances including:

- **Dave Cummings** from Eastbourne SC who in the 8-84 Age Group achieved World Championship Golds in the 100 and 200m Butterfly and Silvers in the 200 and 400m Individual Medley
- **Steve Braine** from Mid-Sussex Marlins SC in the 65-69 age group achieved a Silver in the 50m Butterfly and Bronzes in the 100 Free and 100 Butterfly
- **Sally Mills** from Mid-Sussex Marlins SC in the 60-64 age group achieved a Bronze in the 100m Butterfly, 4th place in the 50m Butterfly and 200m Butterfly and 6th in the 400m Free.

Congratulations to all these Sussex swimmers and to all those competing in South Korea and good luck to all those competing on 15th September at the 2019 Sussex Masters and Senior Age Group Championships.

Please note there is an article by Lisa Mills who took part in the World Championships, with her mother Sally Mills, on the Swim England Masters Hub.

<https://www.swimming.org/masters/my-swimming-story/>

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