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There are some more Inter-the squad being named for were selected from their style. Adding to her selection, is Catherine Marcroft, who is really making a mark on the GB stage, and is competing in Italy.

national honours for Gallica swimmers, with 3 of GB open water teams this summer. Swimmers performances at National events in distance free- tion for the European Junior Championship

The two other swimmers, who have been chosen for their solid efforts, and have been selected to compete in France in the summer are Sarah Lucas and James Radcliffe. They will also be joined by John Dougall, who will be assistant coach for the event.

Coach Greenwood said on the selections:-

"This is a great experience for not only the swimmers but for Coach Dougall, his hard work within the Age programme at Gallica is being recognized at a higher level thus gaining him his first international cap.

The three swimmers will be training session over the likes of Grant Hackett and a big way and any other there group Coach about



preparing for this event with some open water next few weeks, with the addition of open wa- competition is starting to really hot up. The David Davies are taking to the open water in Gallica swimmers interested should speak to when they can have a go!!

There are some sessions being run by swim north west in July that could be a great place to start!!"



Kit Sponsorship

We are extremely proud to an-
Tyr ,and sports equipment supplier Kick Swimwear of Southport.

nounce a partnership with swim wear manufacturer

This is a fantastic acquisition for the squad, with Tyr being the world's second largest supplier/manufacturer of swim wear. The other massive benefit is that Kick Swimwear, owned by Adrian Hyland, is based in the North West, and within traveling distance for most.

"Following recent discussions Tyr UK are delighted to announce that they have agreed a partnership between the Gallica Swim Squad, Kick Swimwear, and Tyr .This will involve the Gallica squad, wearing Tyr apparel, and training/competing in Tyr swimwear and racewear. We at Tyr UK feel this is a great opportunity for Gallica, Tyr , and Kick Swimwear to jointly promote our organisations and brands to the mutual benefit of all of us, and we look forward to the exciting times ahead ." Len Burdell Tyr UK sales manager.

We owe a multitude of thanks to Peter Higson for investing a great deal of time and energy in brokering this partnership. What Peter has also negotiated is the price of kit we will receive through Kick Swimwear. For all Tyr branded kit we will receive and 18% discount, and on kit from other suppliers, we will receive a 12% reduction. This offer also extends to our network of family clubs (promotional codes will be available shortly).We thank Peter, Adrian and Len for making this possible.

Sponsored Biggie Event!

After months of tireless negotiations by events secretary, Jeffrey Spector, the 22nd of June will see Gallica, in conjunction with all the family clubs, put on a sponsored swim with the theme based on the London Olympic Games in 2012.

Swimmers will be against the clock to see how many lengths they can swim in 20 minutes and 12 seconds. Not only is the event open to all the family club swimmers, their parents can take part, as can pupils from schools in the county, football clubs, social clubs, cycling clubs, the list is endless. So if you know someone that would like to get involved, let us know and we'll give them a form!!

Esteemed guest for the event, we are delighted to announce, is none other than Olympic gold medalist, Duncan Goodhew, and every swimmer that takes part will be presented with a certificate, by Duncan at the end of their swim.

Another incentive from the day, kindly endorsed by Blackpool Sandcastle Waterpark, are tickets granting free admission to the venue, including Hyperzone pass (subject to venue Terms and Conditions) and will also include access to certain rides. This gift will be given to all participants of the event.

So, get your sponsor forms from the squad reps, get as many names down as you can, and come along and enjoy the day. SEE YOU THERE!!!!

Committee's Corner



On behalf of the Gallica Committee we wish to congratulate all our swimmers on what has been a very busy and successful season so far.

The year commenced in fine form with 5 of our senior squad along with Rob Greenwood as one of the coaches selected for the end of year British Swimming tour of Australia.

There were more of our swimmers than ever achieved the Olympic Trials/British Championship qualification times this year. This culminated in some fantastic results all round and proved to us all that the Gallica training programme is a success and with everyone's continued commitment, dedication and hard work we are sure will go from strength to strength in future years.

It is a fantastic achievement for any club when they have a swimmer selected for international duty but to date this year we have no fewer than 5 Gallica swimmers from both senior and age group squads selected for a variety of competitions and events, Junior Europeans 3, World Youth 2, Open Water 3. Congratulations should go to Rob Greenwood for his selection as coach on the Junior European and World Youth Championships and to John Dougall who has also been selected as a coach on the Open Water competition to France in June.

Currently this season our coaches ran a very successful and informative open session where local club swimmers and parents attended. Swimmers had a great 2 hour session in the pool, with John Dougall, whilst Jonathan Preston gave a presentation highlighting the Long Term Athlete Development programme to parents and club coaches attending.

The next step will be at the end of May where in conjunction with the North Lancs Swimming Association, Jonathan and John will hold a week long clinic for any local club swimmer between the ages of 10 to 14 years. This will be held over the 5 days Monday to Friday and all swimmers will not only get the benefit of training with our Gallica coaches but will receive presentations and workshops on issues such as Psychology and Nutrition.

Recently plans have been put in place to hold our annual sponsored "Biggie Event" and a lot of hard work by Jeff Spector has gone in to making sure this year that we include all our family network of clubs, who will be attending to raise funds not only for Gallica but also for their 1st claim clubs. Look out for Duncan Goodhew on the day supporting everyone who will be swimming as many lengths of Palatine pool as they can in '20 minutes & 12 seconds'

Peter Higson over the past few months has been in talks with Tyr (Tier) kit manufacturers and retailers and this has now been confirmed with a joint partnership between Tyr, Gallica and Swim Kickwear for all our new kit, which is fantastic news.

All this so far and we still have the last third of the season to go!! Thank you to everyone involved for their continued support. Here's to further success!!