



The History Of Arnhall Swimming Club

1900-2006

The club was originally founded as the Dundee Eastern Co-operative Society Swimming Club for the participation of all staff and members of that Co-operative. At that stage, the club was not run as a competitive club but more for social gatherings.

In 1900 the committee of the club decided that as there were a number of good young swimmers who were training regularly, but not competing at all, they would seek registration with the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association. This was frowned upon by the Co-operative society as they saw it as a removal of the social aspect of the club.

The club name was then changed to Arnhall Amateur Swimming and Water Polo Club and was affiliated to the S.A.S.A. The club name was derived from the fact that the original President lived in Arnhall Drive off Perth Road in Dundee.

As a competitive club Arnhall took part in many events throughout Scotland and in addition ran a very successful water polo team for many years.

Other notable events in Dundee Arnhall's past include a number of swimmers who have been Scottish Amateur open water champions at both Junior, Juvenile, and Senior levels. Swimmers who have been selected to swim for Scotland such as Mandy Craig in Switzerland, Donna Milne and Neil Foster in Egypt and Drew Burnett and Gemma Tierney in Holland.

In 1988 two swimmers from Dundee Arnhall, Mandy Craig and Donna Milne, were selected to represent the S.A.S.A as part of their 100-year anniversary in a very successful relay team which swam Loch Ness, Loch Lomond and the English Channel. In 1998 one of our swimmers, Colleen Blair, became only the third Scottish female swimmer to successfully swim the English Channel. In 2004 one of our swimmers, Stephen Massey, became the third Scottish Male to successfully complete Loch Rannoch in the last 15 years.

Dundee Arnhall have also competed successfully in trips to Holland and Yugoslavia where they swam against local clubs.