



TRAINING SURVEY

The survey was available on the Ringwood Seals website between the 12th and 22nd March 2016. The survey is now closed.

Response

There were 88 respondents.

The Survey

The survey consisted of the following seven questions:

1. How many children do you have at the club?
2. In a typical week, which sessions do you attend?
3. Are you happy with the current training arrangements at Ringwood?
4. If your answer to the last question was "No", what extra sessions would you be interested in?
5. If you have a child in Session 1, what is the latest start time you would consider for an evening training session?
6. If you have a child in Session 2, what is the latest start time you would consider for an evening training session?
7. If we lost programme time from our Tuesday slot, we may be able to offer alternative sessions. Which of the following would you support?

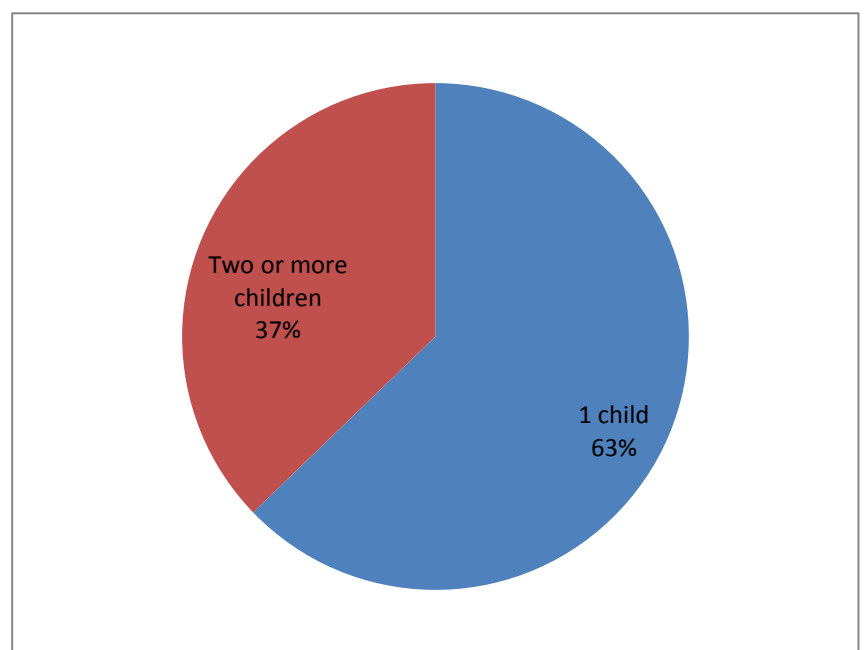
Question 1

How many children do you have at the club? (85 replies)

Results

37% of the respondents have two or more children at the club. With 88 respondents, this means that the survey applies to about 115 swimmers – most of the Club membership.

This question allowed us to see, in later questions, whether there was a significant difference between the attitudes of families with one, or two or more, club members. The survey was aimed at parents but has also been filled out personally by some of the older swimmers in Session 3, hence some of these respondents did not answer this question or some of the subsequent questions.



Question 2

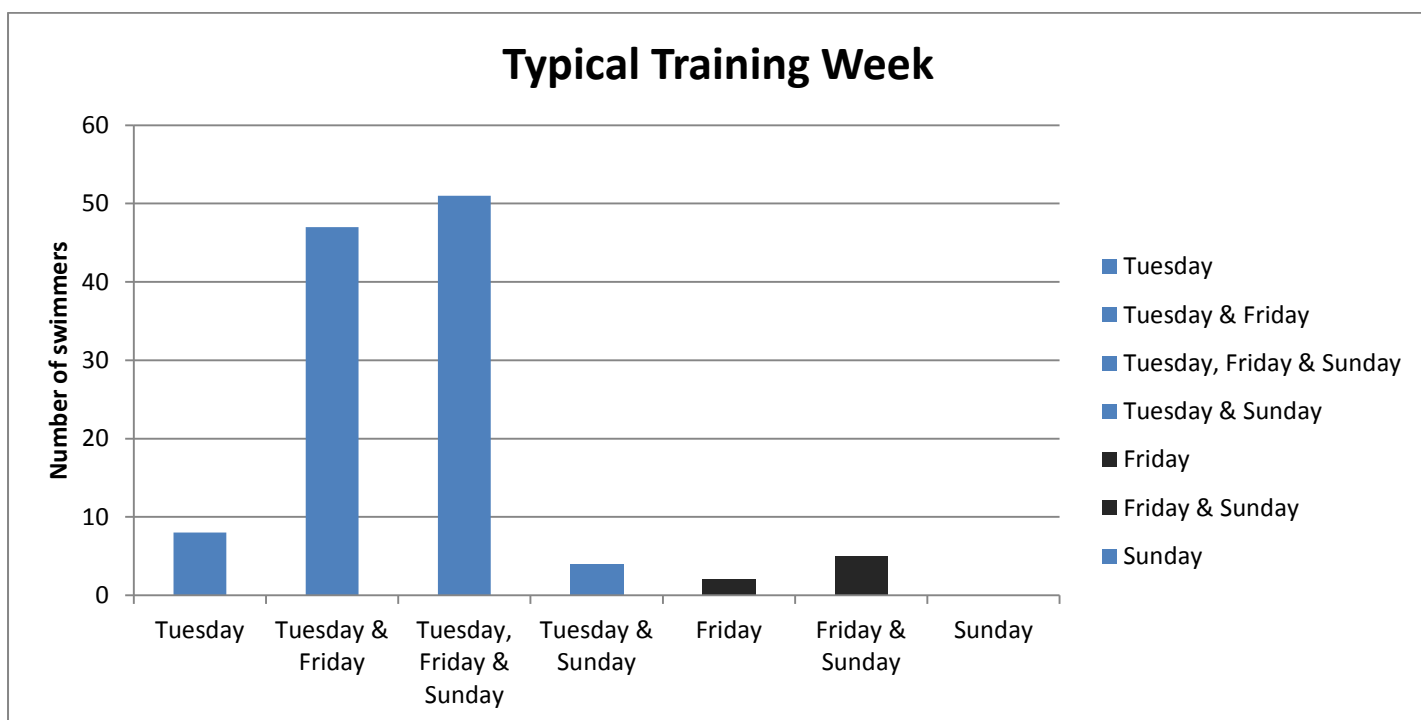
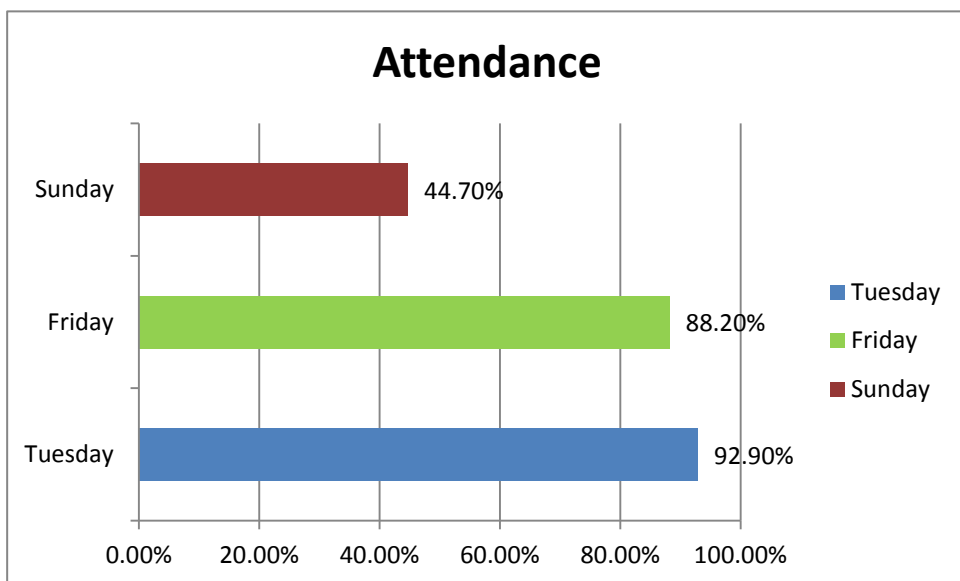
In a typical week, which sessions do you attend?

Results

This question demonstrates the importance of the Tuesday session to the Club.

93% of the respondents regularly attend Tuesday sessions.

Furthermore, the Tuesday session is an important part of members' overall training with most members attending either Tuesday & Friday or all three sessions.



Questions 3&4

3. Are you happy with the current training arrangements at Ringwood?

4. If not, what extra sessions would you be interested in?

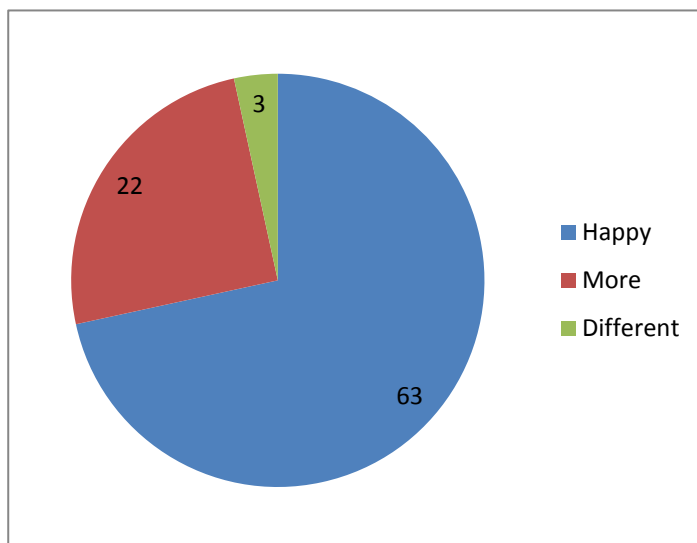
Results

The aim of this question was to gauge general attitudes to training. Without RH&L constraints, would members support additional training sessions?

Question 3 offered simple Yes/No options with the follow-up question 4 aimed at those replying "No".

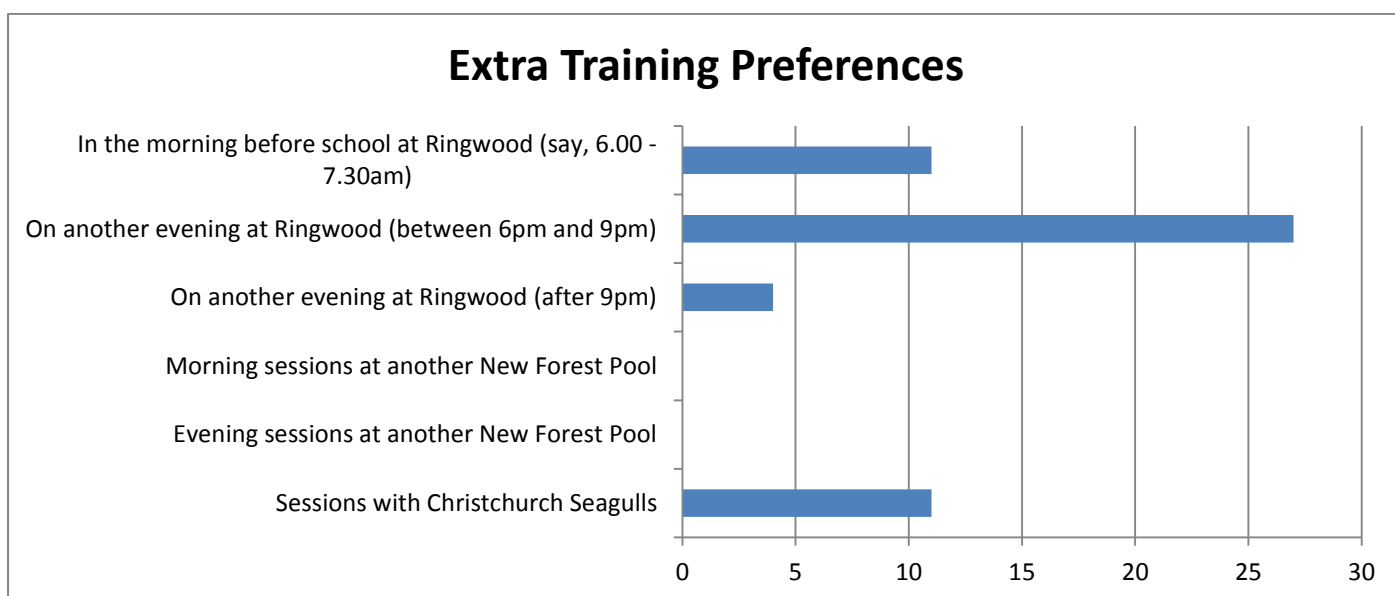
However, taking the responses together, it was clear that a number of respondents (7%) were content with current arrangements (and had answered "Yes" to Q3) but were still interested in additional, or perhaps alternative, training options.

Over 67% of members were happy with the current training arrangements and did not want any additional training sessions.



Of those expressing an interest in extra training options (32):

- 84% (27) were interested in extra, prime time sessions (6-9pm) at Ringwood.
- 11 would consider weekday morning sessions at Ringwood (at least 5 of these were responses from Session 3 swimmers).
- 11 were interested in taking advantage of our existing partnership with Christchurch Seagulls.
- 4 would consider late night sessions at Ringwood.
- No members considered extra sessions at other New Forest pools as a viable option.



Questions 5&6

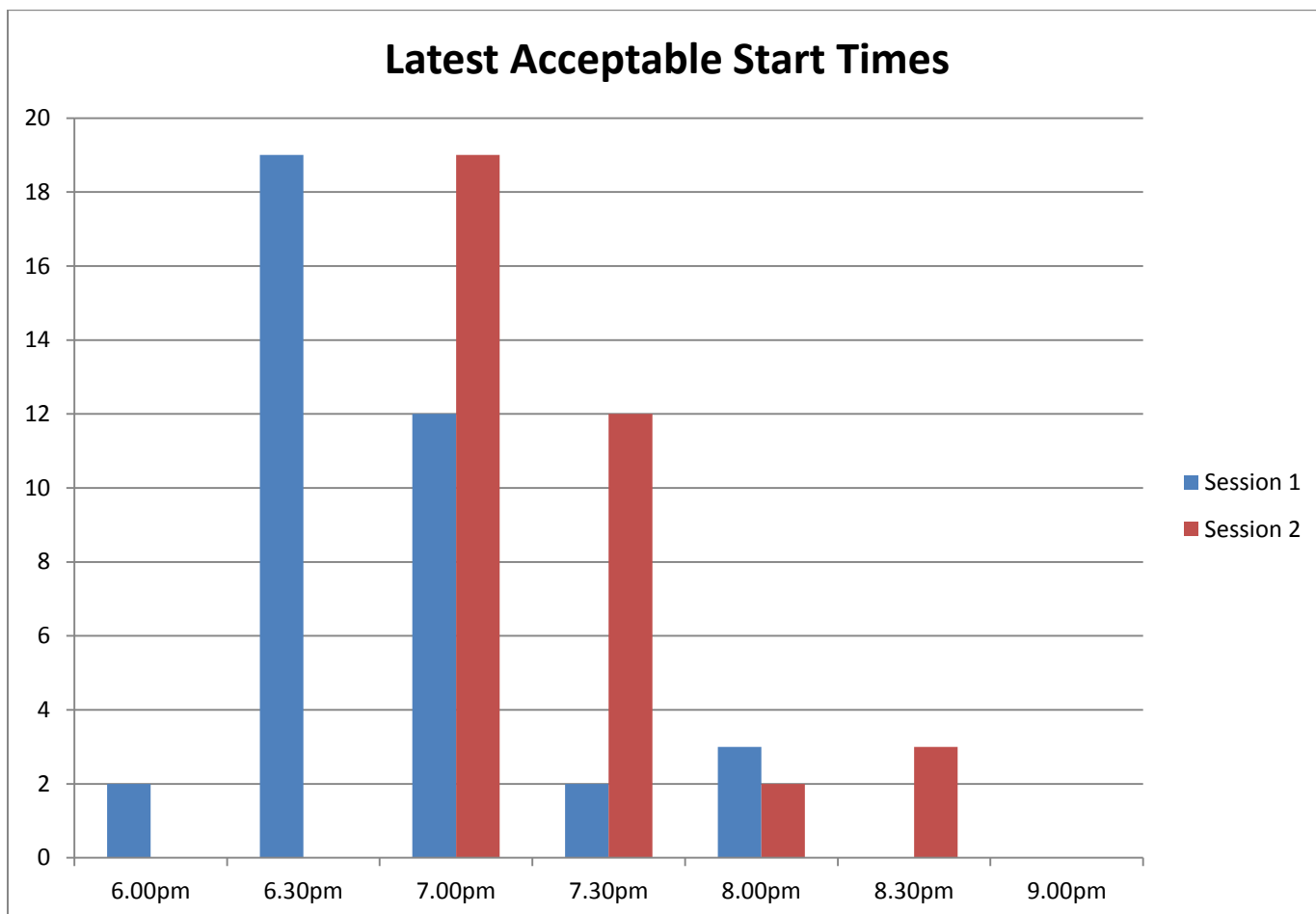
5. If you have a child in session 1, what is the latest start time you would consider for an evening training session?

6. If you have a child in session 2, what is the latest start time you would consider for an evening training session?

Results

If Ringwood Health and Leisure took time from our Tuesday session it would most likely be at the start of the session and would therefore impact the younger swimmers. This would probably mean losing 6.00 – 7.00pm with training only commencing after 7.00pm.

We wanted to know parents' views on the times of training.



Of the respondents with children in session 1:

- 55% would consider training sessions starting later than 6.30pm as unacceptable.
- 87% would consider training sessions starting later than 7.00pm as unacceptable.

Of the respondents with children in session 2:

- 64% would consider training sessions starting later than 7.00pm as unacceptable.
- 92% would consider training sessions starting later than 7.30pm as unacceptable.

Question 7

If we lost programme time from our Tuesday slot, we may be able to offer alternative sessions. Which of the following would you support (tick all that apply):

- In a morning before school at Ringwood Health and Leisure (say, 6.00 - 7.30am)
- Later evening sessions at Ringwood (after 9pm)
- In a morning at another New Forest swimming pool
- In an evening at another New Forest swimming pool
- At the weekend
- None of the above

Results

We offered a range of alternatives put forward by Ringwood Health and Leisure. **44% of respondents would not support any of these options**, if implemented.

The most popular alternative, considered by 31 members, was weekend training.

Only 5 members would consider attending evening training at another New Forest pool and no members thought that morning training at one of these venues was a viable option.

14 respondents would consider early morning sessions at Ringwood. This group consists primarily of Session 3 swimmers (11).

