

CEO's Announcement re Junior Novice Director

Steve Pattinson has informed me that he will not be seeking re-election as Junior Novice Director at this year's AGM in March.

Steve has served with this Executive Board in that role since February 2007 and was previously on the GBDF Board under John Whitby's leadership. I would like to thank Steve for all the hard work he has put in, particularly with regard to the organising of the Junior Novice & Intermediate event. When he makes a commitment, Steve delivers and I have been impressed by his enthusiasm, willingness to accept responsibility and ability to generate quality outputs.

In view of Steve's decision, there will now be a real vacancy on the Board for the post of Junior Novice Director. The Executive Board structure allows each Director a considerable degree of autonomy within their remit. The Junior Novice Director is responsible for organising and co-ordinating Junior Novice & Intermediate competitions, as well as training events, as required. Support is provided by the Chief Executive and from within the Executive Board, as well as the diving fraternity as a whole.

This is a real opportunity for any person who is committed to the provision of more competitions for Junior Novices & Intermediate divers to make things happen in this area. The Executive Board & I believe that there is a place for such competition within the current competitive schedule and are positive about increasing the number of events, as long as demand can be evidenced.

If you want to see Junior Novice & Intermediate competitions develop and grow within the GBDF and have the skills to make this happen, please contact the CEO on chief.executive@diving-gbdf.com or ensure that you are nominated for this role by a member of the GBDF in time for appointment at the AGM.

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