

## Daventry Dolphins Swimming Club news round up June 2011 by Lesley Sharp

### Midlands Regional British Age Group Championships (BagCats).

This event was held at the Olympic Pool, Coventry and was swum long course (50m)

The competition was for swimmers (Girls aged 10-13yrs and boys 10-14yrs) who had to achieve tough qualifying times in order to compete.

This year, Daventry Dolphins had 4 swimmers qualify for the individual events and their results are listed below:

#### **Joseph Iacovides 11yrs had qualified for 7 events but chose to swim 6**

400m Individual medley 20<sup>th</sup>: 200m free 23<sup>rd</sup>: 200m back 38<sup>th</sup>: 200m individual medley 25<sup>th</sup>: 100m free long course pb 13<sup>th</sup>: Pb: 100m back 34<sup>th</sup>:

**Anya Bennett 11yrs:** 100m breast stroke 15<sup>th</sup> long course Pb

**Jack Bond 13yrs** 100m freestyle: 24<sup>th</sup> long course pb

**Emma Bond 13yrs** 200m freestyle: 38<sup>th</sup>

The Dolphins also fielded a 12-14yrs girls medley relay team for them to experience the intensity of competing at this level:

Backstroke Carey Davis / Breast stroke Kimberley Mann / Butterfly Alex Gibbons and Freestyle Rachel Sullivan. The girls finished in a creditable 14<sup>th</sup> position.

The Club was very proud that Emma Bond was selected to represent the Northampton SC 4 x 200m freestyle relay team that came 8<sup>th</sup> and Sophie Iacovides was also selected to compete in the 4 x 100m freestyle relay which finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Both swimmers were selected for NSC as part of the County Development squad structure / partnership. This was a great reward for the hard work these girls have put in throughout this swimming season.

### British Swimming National Masters at Leeds

Darren Barber competing in the 25-29yrs age group category, won the gold medal in the 100m breast stroke and silver medal in the 50m breaststroke.

Laura Collins swimming in the 17-24yrs age group category won the bronze medal in the 200m breaststroke and achieved 6<sup>th</sup> place 400m freestyle: 9<sup>th</sup> place 100m breast stroke.

Next year it is hoped that the more senior Daventry Dolphins swimmers will compete at this level.

### **Development Gala at Daventry Leisure Centre**

The Daventry Leisure Centre was the venue for the recent Development Gala and the Dolphins were joined by their friends from Northampton SC and Spinney Hill SC. This event was specifically for swimmers to experience swimming the longer distances and events included 200m & 400m Individual medley together with 100m & 200m distances for butterfly, backstroke, breast stroke and freestyle. A total of 84 personal best times were recorded by the Dolphins swimmers. The times recorded subject to qualifying criteria can be used for the purpose of qualifying for the 2012 Northamptonshire County Championships

### **British Gas Great North Swim**

One of our newest Club members, Mrs Ali Railton (I'm sure she won't mind me mentioning her age as being 40 yrs) competed in the 1 mile British Gas Great North Swim at Lake Windermere. This was a wetsuit event (normally open water swims are swum in traditional costumes....)

The event was mixed ages and gender and she achieved the following result:  
21<sup>st</sup> in her age group & gender category in a time of 29 minutes 49 seconds.

### **2011 European Triathlon Championships: (Mike will submit his own report)**

The Dolphins congratulate Aqua squad swimmer Mr Mike Smallwood for winning the Gold medal at the European Age groups (65-69yrs) Triathlon Championships in Spain. We are very proud of his achievement and wish him well for the Worlds in China in September.

### **Round 3 - 2011 Leicester Diddy League**

#### **The Team were victorious**

Full report to follow

**The 2010-2011 swimming season** is now drawing to a close, but the Club still has involvement right up to the 16<sup>th</sup> July.

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July / Annual Club Sprints Championships at Daventry Leisure Centre
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> / Sun 10<sup>th</sup> July / Northampton Summer Festival at Corby
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July / Northamptonshire County Age Groups (Team event) at Wellingborough
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, the Club are assisting the South Northants and Daventry Schools Sports Partnership to promote the primary schools swimming galas. This will provide the opportunity for non club members to show their skills and potentially be recruited.

### **Other news:**

Club President Lesley Sharp recently held a fundraising garden party and plant sale. With some of the proceeds, all the Dolphins Midlands Regional individual qualifiers and the Dolphins Girls relay team swimmers were presented with a commemorative Club polo shirt. A cheque for £50 has also been sent to Diabetes UK.