

Daventry Dolphins Swimming Club news November 2011 by Lesley Sharp

November has been an extremely busy month for the Dolphins and Head Coach Robert Sharp, with competitions being swum at home, a novice team travelling locally to Rugby, an Open Distance meet at Leicester and the Arena Team travelling much further a field to Newmarket.

The 2nd round of the Arena sponsored National Swimming League was held at Newmarket with the swimmers and support team enduring a 180 miles round trip. With only 6 out of 16 boys available to swim, the Dolphins were at a huge disadvantage from the onset, with the team missing out on points in 6 events. However, there were still many performances to be pleased and excited about and the effort of **all** the boys was to be admired. There were 7 personal best times recorded.

Result:

1st Lowestoft & Oulton Broad 176

2nd Beccles 163

3rd Thetford 152

4th Newmarket 125

5th Daventry Dolphins 112

1st places:

Emily Sharp 11yrs 50m back

Joshua Sullivan Open 100m fly and Open 100m free

2nd places:

Girls 13yrs/u med and free relays team: Rachel Sullivan / Anya Bennett / Emily Smith-Williams and Alex Gibbons

Anya Bennett 13yrs 100m breast

Joshua Sullivan Open 100m back

Kimberley Mann 15yrs/u 100m breast

Girls 11yrs/u medley team: Emily Sharp / Katie Cox / Megan Browne and Rachel Coates

Emma Bond 15yrs/u 100m free

3rd places:

11/u girls Free relay; As medley team

Jack Bond 15/u 100m back

Anna Bennett Open 100m fly

Rachel Sullivan 13yrs/u 100m back

Emma Bond 15/u 100m fly

Carey Davis Open 100m back

Emily Smith-Williams 13/u 100m fly

Josh Wilson 13/u 100m fly

Girls 15yrs/u medley relay team: Rachel Sullivan / Kimberley Mann / Emma Bond and Carey Davis

Girls open free relay team: Anna Bennett / Alex Gibbons / Rachel Sullivan and Carey Davis

The 3rd round is at Newmarket (again) on 10th December, but the Club are hopeful that they can take a more complete team. Once again, they will be up against Thetford and Newmarket as well as teams from Corby and Newport Pagnell.

The Rugby SC Novice Gala was held at the Ken Marriott Pool at Rugby and was aimed at swimmers with little or no experience at team competition swimming. The Club had 11 of the 24 swimmers making their debuts (see below in italics) thus a true novice team. All events were over 25m distances and were time banded. There were 2 heats of each individual events so there was plenty of opportunity to swim and gain experience. If a swimmer went too fast they got a speeding ticket and no points for the team.

The Team were:

Girls: Lauren Deacon / Georgina Yaxley / Ellie Riddle / Grace Webber / Polly Smith / Isobel smith / Caitlin Hanna / Annabel Murphy / Rebecca MacCaig / Lucie Ward / Hannah Webber / Elizabeth Reeder

Boys:

Tom Stevens / Matthew Jordan / Kian Saville / Lewis Putland / Bradley Bennett / William James / Kalam Marsh / Sam Ayriss / Crawford Wright / George Iacovides / Joshua Hill / Luke Putland

Result:

1st Linslade Crusaders 229
2nd Northampton 228
3rd Kingsbury Otters 201
4th Daventry Dolphins 190
5th Rugby 161

The Dolphins swimmers that were too fast were;
Ellie Riddle 11yrs back and Grace Webber 11yrs free

1st places:

Crawford Wright 9yrs back: Polly Smith 10yrs breast: Tom Stevens 11yrs back: Lucie Ward 9yrs breast: 10yrs medley relay team of Isobel Smith / Polly Smith / Annabel Murphy and Caitlin Hanna.

2nd places:

Elizabeth Reeder 9yrs back: Lauren Deacon 11yrs breast: Kian Saville 11yrs breast: Caitlin Hanna 10yrs fly: girls 10yrs free relay (as medley): 11yrs free team of Georgina Yaxley / Ellie riddle / Lauren Deacon and Grace Webber.

3rd places:

Isobel Smith 10yrs free: 11yrs girls medley team (as free team): Hannah Webber 9yrs back: Joshua Hill 9yrs back and free: Lauren Deacon 11yrs back: Crawford Wright 9yrs breast: George Iacovides 9yrs breast: Ellie riddle 11yrs fly: Sam Ayriss 10yrs back: Georgina Yaxley 11yrs breast.

At the Clubs Annual General meeting, the Executive officers and Head Coach presented their reports. The Treasurer reported a healthier financial situation for the Club mainly due to working to an agreed budget, producing monthly reports to identify and recover outstanding fees, the Secretary reported that membership was up on the previous year and that a waiting list has had to be created for the novice bronze squad. The Chairman gave thanks to everyone involved at all levels with his main theme of getting more people to become more involved at volunteering their time. The Head Coach was delighted with swimmers performances with the amount of swimmers already achieving 2012 County qualifying times exceeding his expectations.
the following named were elected as Executive Officers and Committee members

for the period AGM 2011 to AGM 2012:

Hon. Chairman: Mr Brett Batson, Hon. Treasurer: Mr Mike Hemmings / Hon. Secretary: Mrs Lesley Sharp.

Committee members: Mr Steve Bond / Mrs Dawn Mann / Mrs Diane Murphy, Mrs Ros Davis and Mrs Laura Sullivan

The Northamptonshire Amateur Swimming Association (NASA) held its AGM at Wellingborough with Daventry Dolphins members Mike Hemmings being elected as Treasurer and Mrs Lesley Sharp being re-elected as Media liaison representative.

For the period AGM 2011 to AGM 2012 the Chairman is Mr Terry Bream (Northampton) / President Mrs Jean Thomas (Wellingborough), Secretary Mrs Marilyn Richmond (Wellingborough)

City of Leicester Swimming Club Distance Open meet:

Head Coach Rob Sharp accompanied 7 Dolphins Olympic squad swimmers to the City of Leicester open distance meet where they came up against very talented swimmers from throughout the Midlands Region. This was a meet where they weren't expected to medal but to improve their times as they look forward to the 2012 County and Regional competitions as well as gaining vital developmental experience competing against many swimmers who are on the current England and GB Talent identification programmes.

RECORD BREAKERS:

Club records fell to **Emma Bond 13/14yrs** 800m free 9.56.64 smashing Nichola Smiths longstanding record of 10.09.25 which was set in 1995, 2 years before she was born. Emma improved her own personal best time by a massive 14 seconds, In the same event, Rachel Sullivan smashed her own personal best time by an amazing 16 seconds. **Joseph Iacovides 11/12yrs** swam 200m fly in 2.55.21 breaking his own record by more than 2 seconds, set in April 2011.

There were 20 personal best (pb) times recorded between them. Sophie Iacovides achieved (6), Rachel Sullivan (4), Joseph Iacovides (3), Emily Sharp (3), Emma Bond (2), with 1 apiece for Kimberley Mann and Jack Bond. All pb swims were improved 2012 County qualifying times.