

Swimming with the Daventry Dolphins Swimming Club by Lesley Sharp

Daventry Dolphins held the 2011 Main Championships at the Daventry Leisure Centre last weekend. This was the most eagerly awaited event of the new season for our young swimmers especially as there was close rivalry in certain age groups. The event was attended by our specially invited guests: Daventry Town Mayor Dr Colin Morgan, DDC Councillor Alan Hills Community portfolio holder for Sport, Leisure and Culture, Past President Mrs Rose Sutherland and Mrs Jean Parkin. The President of the Northamptonshire ASA Mr Terry Bream and his wife Sue were also Special guests but they were 'working' as technical officials. Terry is one of the senior County referees in Northamptonshire and has just been honoured with being inducted as President of the East Midlands Region ASA.

They witnessed some very fine performances from the young swimmers, many for whom, this was their first Championships. Nerves were jangling (and that was just the proud parents.....)

As in previous years, the format was that the winner of each stroke event scored 6pts for 1st place through to 1pt for 6th place. The highest points scorer in each age and gender category wins the Overall award.

Age group A= 8/under: Age group B = 9-10yrs: Age group C: 11-12yrs: Age group D= 13-14yrs: age group E= 15yrs/over.

8 and under girls results:

50m back: 1st Rebecca MacCaig (CR) / 2nd Hannah Webber

50m breast: 1st Rebecca MacCaig / 2nd Hannah Webber

25m fly: 1st Rebecca MacCaig / 2nd Hannah Webber

50m free: 1st Rebecca MacCaig / 2nd Hannah Webber

Overall: 1st Rebecca MacCaig 24 pts / 2nd Hannah Webber 20pts

8/under boys:

50m back: 1st Luke Putland / 2nd Joshua Hill

50m breast: No winner

25mFly: 1st Joshua Hill / 2nd Luke Putland

50m free: 1st Joshua Hill / 2nd Luke Putland

Overall: 1st Joshua Hill 17 pts / 2nd Luke Putland 11 pts

9-10yrs Girls results

100m back: 1st Rachel Coates / 2nd Keely Saville / 3rd Megan Browne

50m fly: 1st Rachel Coates / 2nd Megan Browne / 3rd Keely Saville

100m breast: 1st Rachel Coates / 2nd Katie Cox / 3rd Megan Browne

100m free: 1st Megan Browne / 2nd Rachel Coates / 3rd Keely Saville

Overall: 1st Rachel Coates 23pts / 2nd Megan Browne 19pts / 3rd Keely Saville 16 pts

Boys 9-10yrs results:

100m back: 1st Austin Evans / 2nd Crawford Wright / 3rd Ryan Jenkins

50m fly: 1st Austin Evans / 2nd Crawford Wright / 3rd Kalam Marsh

100mbreast: 1st Austin Evans / 2nd Thomas Stevens / 3rd William James

100m free: 1st Austin Evans / 2nd Thomas Stevens / 3rd Kalam Marsh

Overall: 1st Austin Evans 24pts / 2nd Crawford Wright 16pts / 3rd Kalam Marsh 10 points

Girls 11-12yrs results

100m back: 1st Emily Sharp / 2nd Emily Smith-Williams / 3rd Anya Bennett

100m breast: 1st Anya Bennett (CR) / 2nd Emily Smith-Williams / 3rd Emily Sharp

100m fly: 1st Emily Smith-Williams / 2nd Emily Sharp / 3rd Serena Foster
100m free: 1st Anya Bennett / 2nd Emily Smith-Williams / 3rd Emily Sharp
Overall: 1st Emily Smith-Williams 21 pts / 2nd Anya Bennett 19 pts / 3rd Emily Sharp 19pts

Boys 11-12yrs results

100m back: 1st Joseph Iacovides / 2nd Norbert Furman / 3rd Chris D'Agostino
100m breast: 1st Joseph Iacovides / 2nd Chris D'Agostino / 3rd Mungo Bridge
100m fly: 1st Joseph Iacovides / 2nd Chris D'Agostino
100m free: 1st Joseph Iacovides / 2nd Norbert Furman / 3rd Chris D'Agostino
Overall: 1st Joseph Iacovides 24 pts / 2nd Chris D'Agostino 18 / 3rd Norbert Furman 13 pts

Girls 13-14yrs results

100m back: 1st Rachel Sullivan / 2nd Sophie Iacovides / 3rd Carey Davis
100m breast: 1st Kimberley Mann / 2nd Sophie Iacovides / 3rd Alex Gibbons
100m fly: 1st Sophie Iacovides / 2nd Emma Bond / 3rd Rachel Sullivan
100m free: 1st Sophie Iacovides / 2nd Carey Davis / 3rd Emma Bond
Overall: 1st Sophie Iacovides 22pts / 2nd Rachel Sullivan 14 pts / 3rd Emma Bond 14 pts

Boys 13-14yrs results

100m back: 1st Jack Bond / 2nd Josh Wilson
100m breast; 1st Jack Bond / 2nd Josh Wilson
100m fly; 1st Jack Bond / 2nd Josh Wilson
100m free: 1st Jack Bond / 2nd Josh Wilson
Overall: 1st Jack Bond 24pts / 2nd Josh Wilson 20pts

Girls 15/over results

100m back: 1st Sarah Bennett / 2nd Laura Collins / 3rd Katie Holman
100m breast: 1st Laura Collins / 2nd Sarah Bennett / 3rd Adele Jolley
100m fly: 1st Anna Bennett / 2nd Katie Holman / 3rd Laura Collins
100m free: 1st Laura Collins / 2nd Sarah Bennett / 3rd Anna Bennett
Overall: 1st Laura Collins 21 pts / 2nd Sarah Bennett 16pts / 3rd Anna Bennett 13pts

Boys 15/o results

100m back: Harry Ballmann
100m breast: not contested
100m fly: Harry Ballmann
100m free: not contested
Overall: Harry Ballmann

Girls Open Age 200m individual medley

1st Sophie Iacovides 2nd Emma Bond 3rd Carey Davis

Boys Open age individual medley:

1st Harry Ballmann / 2nd Jack Bond / 3rd Joseph Iacovides

After the swimming, the Presentation of awards were held at the Methodist Church Hall. This included the serving of light refreshments.

Statistics from the Champs:

155 personal best times

2 club records (CR)

Both **Rebecca MacCaig** and Hannah Webber dipped under the girls 8/under 50m backstroke record previously held by Steffi Kidd set way back in 1997 but the

record went to Rebecca who was the fastest. **Anya Bennett** set the fastest time ever for a 12year Dolphins swimmer, breaking Lucy Hammonds record set in 1993. Lucys dad Jim** was there to see history being made
78 Provisional 2012 NASA County Championship qualifying times achieved.

Special Awards:

- Girls Style award sponsored by Rotary International (Rotary Club of Danetre): Judged by Rose Sutherland and Jean Parkin. Presented by Mr Peter Montgomery Rotary Vice President to Sophie Iacovides
- Boys style award sponsored by Rotary International (Rotary Club of Danetre): Judged by Rose Sutherland and Jean Parkin. Presented by Mr Peter Montgomery Rotary Vice President to Austin Evans
- Ken Blogg Coaches award presented by Head coach Rob Sharp to Emma Bond
- Rachel Parkin Trophy for best pb by 12/under presented by Jean Parkin to Alex Newton
- Mark Tanton Trophy for best pb by 13/over: Sarah Bennett
- Team managers award Girls: Alex Gibbons
- Team managers award Boys: Crawford Wright

All competitors received a certificate of participation. These certificates were sponsored by the Daventry Town Council and were presented by the Mayor, Dr Colin Morgan. Individual stroke medals, perpetual trophies and overall Age group awards were presented by our Special Guests (details as above) and Club Chairman Mr Brett Batson.

The provisional times for the 2012 NASA County Championships have just been released and so far the Club has 38 swimmers achieve 238 qualifying times. This will give the swimmers great encouragement so early in the season as they will only swim faster from now on...

**The Club welcomed back Mr Jim Hammond who has recently decided to start officiating again. He had to attend an intensive training course and has now resumed his role as a National referee

Thanks go to all the swimmers, officials, ancillary helpers and sponsors who helped to make these Championships such a memorable occasion.