

Swimming news with the Daventry Dolphins Swimming Club
by Club President Lesley Sharp

The Waendel Centre, Wellingborough was the venue for the 2011 Wilkinson Sword Trophy Diddy Gala with swimmers aged 9yrs/unders, 10yrs and 11yrs competing for the 'Wilkinson Sword' which is a most coveted title to win. Since the inception of this County competition 32 years ago, Northampton Swimming Club has won on every occasion. However, over the past couple of years they have been run close, mainly due to the fact that swimmers from the other County Clubs now have the opportunity to take part in extra training sessions through the Junior County Development squad talent pathway, which is actually organised and run by Northampton SC Coaching staff, together with the assistance from Coaches from the other Clubs.

Result:

- 1st Northampton SC 149 points
- 2nd Kettering ASC 130 points
- 3rd Rushden ASC 105 points
- 4th Wellingborough ASC 90 points
- 5th Daventry Dolphins SC 58 points

Despite coming 5th, the Daventry Dolphins Head Coach was delighted with the performances of all its swimmers as by comparison with last years results the equivalent times in 24 events were faster. Statistics show that last year, the Dolphins failed to score points in 11 events due to lack of swimmers or for technical disqualifications. With no 11yrs old boys available for this competition, the team were reliant on the 10yrs to swim their own age group events and then swim up.***

In all 13 personal best times were recorded (pb)

2 x 2nd places were achieved by:

- 1. Aleicia Smith 9yrs/ under 50m backstroke (pb)
- 2. Emily Smith-Williams 11yrs 50m breast stroke (pb)

4 x 3rd places achieved by:

- 1. Keely Saville 9yrs/under 50m free
- 2. Emily Sharp 10yrs 50m butterfly (pb)
- 3. Girls 9yrs medley relay team:
Back - Aleicia Smith / Breast- Rachel Coates / Fly- Annabel Murphy / Free- Keely Saville
- 4. Girls 10yrs medley relay team:
Back- Hannah MacCaig / Breast- Katie Cox / Fly – Emily Sharp / Free- Bea Bridge

The team were: (Swimmers in italics making their debut)

Tom Other / Austin Evans / Chris D'Agostino / *Crawford Wright* / Lewis Putland / *Luke Putland* / *Thomas Stevens* / Kian Saville / *David Mee* / *Matthew Jordan* / Mungo Bridge / Rachel Coates / Hannah MacCaig / Emily Smith-Williams / *Aleicia Smith* / Annabel Murphy / *Keely Saville* / Bea Bridge / Ellie Davies / Emily Sharp / *Millie Daniels* / *Katie Cox*

In the junior age groups, the next Team competition will be the Leicester Diddy League (for swimmers aged 9yrs to 12yrs) on Sat 9th April, Sat 14th May and Sat 25th June 2011.

***The Club is always on the look out for new swimmers, but especially younger boys. At present the Club membership is about two thirds girls to one third boys. The next trials session will be Monday 7th February 2011. Please contact the Club Secretary Mrs Lesley Sharp for further details: 01327 876873 or by visiting the Club website: www.daventrydolphins.co.uk