

Cupar and District Swimming Club Championships 2010

The Club held the finals of its annual championships on Saturday 11th December. This event comes at the end of an exceptionally busy year for the swimmers, some of whom have been competing as far afield as Aberdeen and Larkhall.

It was an action-packed afternoon, with swimmers showing to their coaches and families the results of all their training over the year. Seventy-one club swimmers took part in various age groups, with swimmers ages ranging from under 8 to over 17 years old. From the 254 individual swims there were no less than 130 personal best times. The Club wishes to thank all the sponsors of the event, and especially the main sponsor Bellway Homes (Scotland Division).

The eight and under swimmers had 25 m races, one length of the pool. The 9 and 10 year olds swam 50 m races, and the rest were over 100 m. With both A and B finals many of the Clubs members got at least one finals race.

The Club was delighted to welcome back local triathlon star and former Club Captain Andrew Hood to present the medals and trophies. As well as the awards for the individual events there were trophies for the overall winners in each age group.

The overall winners of each age group were:-

8 years and under girls - winner Corrie Hay, taking first place in back crawl, butterfly, breaststroke and frontcrawl, with 2nd place overall going to Nicole Reynolds and 3rd place to Emily Baxter

8 years and under boys - winner Adam Young taking first place in butterfly, breaststroke, and frontcrawl and 2nd in backstroke, with 2nd place overall going to Oliver Withers, and 3rd place to Findlay Baillie

9/10 year girls - winner Ellena Green taking first place in backcrawl, butterfly and frontcrawl and 2nd in the individual medley and breaststroke, with 2nd place overall going to Amie McCrostie and 3rd place to Alexandria Smith-Mackay

9/10 year boys - winner Lewis Baillie taking 2nd place in backcrawl, butterfly, breaststroke and frontcrawl, with 2nd place overall going to Leon Rann who came 1st in the butterfly and frontcrawl, and 3rd place to Jimmy Brooks who came 1st in the backcrawl

11/12 year girls - winner Megan Wilson who took first place in all strokes, 2nd place overall to Grace Rotherham and 3rd Place to Rosie Dyke

11/12 year boys - winner Owen Green who took first place in all strokes, 2nd place overall to Sam McKiddie, and 3rd place to Morgan Morris. Owen also had the distinction of setting three Club records in the heats for the championships.

13/14 year girls - winner Katie Thompson who took first place in backcrawl, butterfly, individual medley, frontcrawl and 2nd in breaststroke, with 2nd place overall going to Nicola Howat who came 1st in breaststroke, and 3rd place overall to Morven Anderson.

13/14 year boys - winner Calum Crichton with 1st places in backcrawl, butterfly, individual medley, frontcrawl and 2nd in breaststroke, and 2nd place overall to Alex Reid who took 1st in breaststroke, and 3rd place overall to Thomas Farrell .

15/16 year girls - winner Yvonne Howat - maximum points

15/16 year boys - winner Paul Sinclair - maximum points

17 and over girls - winner Alice Borchers, taking 1st in backcrawl, butterfly, individual medley, breaststroke, with 2nd place overall going to Iona Anderson who gained 1st place in the frontcrawl.

17 and over boys - winner Callum Sinclair maximum points.

A trophy was also awarded to Rod Stoddart MBE as the volunteer of the year for all his hard work. This has included introducing regular land-training sessions, which has helped the swimmers performances.

Jacky Howat was awarded the Sonali Jayasekera Memorial Trophy. This trophy is awarded to a senior swimmer in recognition of their overall commitment to improvement of their own swimming, while recognising that it is important to pass on their knowledge to junior swimmers, and in recognition of their commitment to the club as a whole including gaining qualifications to help junior swimmers and the social and fundraising aspects of the club.

The Eric Muir Trophy is awarded to the swimmer who shows all round improvement, not just in swimming but also recognizing overall increase in their confidence and commitment to their swimming. This year the trophy was awarded to Samantha Sloan.

After the championships the swimmers enjoyed a well-deserved break with a pool disco and a barbecue.

The Club would like to thank all of the officials, parents, poolside helpers and Leisure Centre staff who helped out on the day.