

Busy July for Seaclose Swimming Club

The swimming season for 2015/16 culminated in a very busy July for members of Seaclose Swimming Club as swimmers attended the Hampshire Development Meet, City of Southampton Summer Splash and the Clubs Championships also concluded.

The City of Southampton Summer Splash level 3 meet saw five swimmers attend and gain nine medals for their efforts.



Alex Stewart led the way with five individual medals with Gold in the 100m freestyle event in a time of 56.18 sec. Alex also gained 3 silver medals in the 100m Individual Medley (IM) in 1 min 07.00 sec, 50m freestyle 25.88 sec and 200m freestyle in 2 min 02.21 sec, a new personal best, and a bronze in the 50m back stroke event in a time of 29.67sec.

Megan King gained silver medals in the 100m freestyle in 1min 04.42sec and 100m IM in 1 min 13.23 sec. Eleanor King took Silver in the 50m Butterfly in a time of 32.78sec. Lelayna Blacklock gained a Bronze medal in the 200m freestyle event in 2 min 21.53sec and Grace Bolland narrowly missed out on the medals with 4th places in her 50m Breaststroke 46.69 sec and 50m free 32.51 sec.

The Hampshire Development Meet, which is designed for swimmers progressing towards Hampshire County qualifying times, saw an army of 17 swimmers from Seaclose Swimming Club attend over two weekends and for many of the swimmers this was their first taste of a major competition.

Not put off by the size of the event Seaclose Swimmers gained numerous Personal Best performances and a total of 14 medals at the event. Top medal winner was George Hayward in the 9 years category who took Gold in the 200m Breaststroke event, Silver in the 50m

Breast, 100m Back, 200m Back, 50m Butterfly and Bronze in the 100 IM, 50m Back, 100m Free and 100m Butterfly. Also in the same age 9 category was Oliver Lacey who took silver in the 100m Individual Medley and 50m Backstroke events whilst Harvey Stillwell in the 14 years category took Bronze in both the 200m backstroke and 200m Butterfly events. Solomon Wells completed the medal haul with Bronze in the 12 years boys 50m Backstroke event.

The other swimmers who attended were Mia Stillwell, Ben Kral, Jack Robertson, Lottie Van Der Haelstrate, Grace Bolland, Amber Wall, Josh Begg, Holly Moody, Georgie Gobby, Lucy Kral, Jessica Heng, Gabe Wells and Hannah Wells.

The Seaclose swimming Club annual Championships were run as a joint venture with West Wight Swimming Club and ran over a month to fit in with training schedules and pool availability. The championships produced some fantastic individual performances and a total of 335 Personal Best Performances over the month long competition. The ultimate aim of the Championships is to put your name into the club history books and record a new Club record of which there were 18 new Records recorded. Abi Lacey recorded 10 new records in the 13-14 years category, Alex Stewart 4 in the 17-18 yrs category, Eleanor King 1 in the 17-18 yrs category, Megan King 1 in the 15-16 yrs category, George Hayward 1 in the 10 yrs category and 1 for debutant Florence Wells in the 7 yrs category.