

BEACON SWIMMING CLUB



BULLETIN

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Going from strength to strength

The momentum continues unabated at Beacon SC. It has been a whirlwind time in recent weeks with success both inside and outside of the pool. The hard work of Kate Gosh and Fiona Wood, in particular, has been instrumental in our obtaining Swim 21 accreditation. The process has taken some eighteen months and represents a giant step forward. We are now one of the few accredited clubs in the entire South East Region and our profile within the local community has been significantly raised.

Talking of our local profile, the Community Matters Scheme, undertaken by Waitrose in June, has resulted in an award of £430 and has had the added benefit of informing local people about the club. The money will be put towards purchasing a new starter machine for future championships and galas.

Achieving Swim 21 accreditation means that Beacon SC has greater standing in the swimming community. It also sends a strong message in terms of the Club's ambition, on the other hand there are now greater expectations placed upon us. To help strengthen our coaches skills we recently secured the services of Bill Johnson; Bill has enjoyed a 30 year career in swimming and has an historic association with Beacon swimming club. Bills skills are such that these can be utilised to provide invaluable assistance for our coaches, which in turn will aid swimmer development, building on our Swim 21 accreditation.

We should all be very proud of the achievements made this year. A big well done and thank you goes out to everybody who has contributed. As we cast our thoughts in the direction of the season to come, there is an unmistakable and justifiable sense of anticipation...but let's all take a well deserved summer break first!

Results

South East Regional Championships

Congratulations to Harrison Stevens for coming 18th. Harrison competed with fifty other boys in his age group. The competition was very strong and Harrison equipped himself well. His best place was 4th in the 100m breaststroke. He also achieved three PBs out of the 6 races in which he competed. *Well done Harrison!*

Go Harrison!

Sevenoaks Gala Report

13th June 2009

A team from Beacon Swimming Club travelled to Sevenoaks to take part in Sevenoaks S.C's Maritime Gala. Apart from the host side, there were also teams from Edenbridge Piranhas, Tonbridge and Merton Pisces

The squad managed to produce another strong performance, with wins from Alex Gibb and Callum Gray in the girls and boys 12yrs and under 50m backstroke respectively; Barnaby Medhurst in the boys 11yrs and under 50m breaststroke; Gabby Taylor in the girls 12yrs and under 50m breaststroke; Catriona Gray and Lee Fenner; in the girls and boys 12yrs and under 50m freestyle. Lee also bagged a win in the boys 12yrs and under 50m butterfly. At the halfway stage Beacon were in joint first position with Edenbridge Piranhas.

A handful of second places in the relay events and remaining individual races saw Beacon settle for second place with Edenbridge Piranhas taking first.

Lewes Gala Report

20th June 2009

Beacon's swimmers travelled to Lewes Leisure Centre to compete in a time-capped gala against two teams from Lewes and one from Brighton Dolphins.

Under the rules of a time-capped event, competitors in individual events must not exceed a pre-stated time. This is designed to encourage clubs to give experience to swimmers who do not gain a regular place in their respective club's top squads.

Unfortunately for Beacon, only 3 out of 8 individual wins qualified for maximum points as the other 5 were deducted points for being too quick! The winners were Harrison Keith in the boys 15yrs and under 50m butterfly, Amy Allen in the girls 15yrs and under 50m backstroke and Charlotte Neeley in the girls 13yrs and under 50m breaststroke.

Beacon needed to perform well in the relay events as the time-cap rules did not apply, and this they duly did, winning 11 out of the 17 races. The best result came from the girls 8 x50m freestyle squadron relay team, consisting of Jasmine Taylor, Izzy Groenen, Rachel Key, Rhianna Field, Stephanie Parsons, Katie Allen, Amy Allen and Izzy Boddy in a time of 4:58:54.

Even with these good results Beacon were only able to finish third with a team from Lewes taking first.

Gadstone Voller Trophy Gala – K2 Crawley

Beacon Swimming Club competed in the Gaston Voller Trophy Relay Gala, against clubs from Crawley, Tandridge, Tonbridge, Edenbridge, Brighton, Hastings 1066 and Olympus Marlins. The gala was held at the K2 Centre in Crawley.

At the halfway stage, Beacon was in second position having secured top four finishes in the vast majority of races. Beacon turned in a very consistent performance throughout, finally securing second place behind Olympus Marlins.

Ted Valder Gala, Tunbridge Wells

Beacons junior swimmers travelled to Tunbridge Wells in June to compete in the Ted Valder Gala, against RTW Monson, Tandridge Aquarius, East Grinstead, Tonbridge and City of Canterbury swimming clubs.

There were good performances across all the age groups, (ranging from 10 years and under to 13 years and under). In the individual events, maximum points were collected by Charlotte Down and Tim Gilbert in the 10yrs & under 50m freestyle, Hannah Shutt and Marcus Goldsmith in the 11yrs & under 50m breaststroke and Max Douch in the boys 12yrs & under 50m freestyle. Beacon were in second place at the halfway stage.

Good results in the relay events, (taking one of the top 3 finishes in each of the races), brought Beacon overall victory, with Junior Captains Rachel Key and Callum Gray collecting the trophy on behalf of the team.

Beacon Swimming Club

2009 Spring Championship

Everyone who attended this year's club championships will have appreciated the high standard of swimming attained by the swimmers. Many swimmers achieved personal best times and altogether 12 club records were broken.

The record-breakers were:-

Will Brown A Boys 100m Breaststroke – 1.27:68

Thomas Wheeler B Boys 100m Breaststroke – 1.18:46
B Boys 50m Butterfly – 31:72
B Boys 4x25 Ind Medley 1.11:18
B Boys 100m Backstroke 1.10:03
B Boys 50m Freestyle 27:93

Andrew Ducker C Boys 100m Breaststroke 1.18:34

Marcus Goldsmith X Boys 50m Butterfly 39:88
X Boys 4x25 Ind Medley 1.31:65
X Boys 50m Freestyle 34:25

Rachael Stevens C Girls 100m Backstroke 1.15:24

Tim Wood C Boys 100m Backstroke 1.08:71

A big thank you to all those willing volunteers whose help and support on both nights made the championships so successful. Events like these cannot be held without parental help and the more parents we can encourage to become involved the smoother the events will be.

Forthcoming Galas



Xmas Cracker Open

The details for the Xmas Cracker Open are now on the notice board. This is to be held on the 6th December at the Pavillions-in-the-Park pool in Horsham. To qualify your times must be faster than those found in the entry details. Please enter your details if you are interested and get your check to Fiona Wood ASAP.

I know the information on the board says the closing date is in September but on reflection I think the closing date should be 30th July to get acceptance of entries.

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