

SURREY REPORT 2006

Croydon Amphibians Swimming Club (C.A.S.C.) had one of their best showings at the Surrey County Championships finishing in overall eighth position. This year we amassed a total of 417 points, which was an improvement of 175 points from the previous year. All swimmers who took part should be extremely proud of themselves as we have all shown that we are more than capable of competing with the best clubs in Surrey and walking away with plenty of medals and personal best times. In fact, this year C.A.S.C. took four gold, eleven silver and fifteen bronze medals not to mention over seventy top eight finishes.

C.A.S.C. had five of our brightest young stars achieving top eight placings in the overall BAGCAT Age groups. Katherine Parrish came eighth in the eleven year's age group and Rachel Bull sixth in the thirteen year's age group. David King and Samuel Crowther just missed out on podium placings, both finishing fourth in the thirteen and fourteen year's age groups. In the ten years category William Epps came sixth overall.

During the course of the Surrey Championships it was a pleasure to witness so many exciting, determined and gutsy swims from all of our swimmers. Matthew Roberts, one of the clubs most successful swimmers in recent years has recently joined the masters at C.A.S.C. and took home two hard earned silver medals in both the 50m Brst (31.33) and the 100m Brst (1.07.24). Sixteen year old James Tamplin stormed to victory in both the 50m B/S (29.47) and the 100m B/S (1.03.74). James also collected three bronze medals in the 100m I/M, 200m B/S and the boys 16/under 4 x 100m Medley relay. David King, a national qualifier the past two years was in fine form and claimed four bronzes and four silvers. The gold medal eluded him this year in one of his favoured events the 50m B/S by only seven one hundredths of a second.

In the boys ten years age group both William Epps and Hiroki Harazawa proved to be once again strong contenders for medals. William swum a fantastic race in the 200m F/C with a time of (2.38.26) gaining him the London Region qualifying time and more importantly a bronze medal. The young freestyler also came away with bronze in the shorter distance, the 50m F/C (33.68). His team mate, Hiroki, the only C.A.S.C. swimmer in either the girls or the boys 200m FLY at this year's Surrey Championships stormed to the silver medal in a brilliant time of (3.15.28).

Samuel Crowther came to this year's Championships as the defending champion in the 200m Brst and he did not disappoint. He defended the 200m Brst in a time of (2.45.17) and won the 100m Brst in (1.13.71) way ahead of his closest rivals. Two fourth positions in the 200m and 400m I/M ended a fantastic competition for the young breastroker.

Alice Elvin, a fourteen year old from Caterham who before this year had never won an individual Surrey medal walked away with four of them this year. Her huge efforts amounted to three bronzes (100m B/S, 200m B/S, 200m F/C) and one silver in the 200m I/M in a time of 2.40.50. Rachel Bull continued her improvement from last year with two bronze medals in the thirteen years 50m Brst (39.37) and the 200m B/S (2.44.45).

Francesca Hayward proved that we are not just a sprint to middle distance club as she powered her way to fifth in the girls fourteen and over 1500m F/C at Aldershot pool. The time (20.27.52) did miss the London qualifying time, however, Francesca was satisfied in knowing that she was the fastest fourteen year old in the event. Fifteen year old Katy Hogan continued the great tradition of breaststrokers from C.A.S.C. with two silver medals in the 100m and 200m Brst, (1.23.74 – 3.06.76).

The Relays were well contested this year and were great fun on the last day. C.A.S.C. once again came away with plenty of personal best swims and top eight finishes but the swim of the day had to come from our sixteen and under boy's medley relay team who took bronze.

For 2006 the Development Gala was a new addition to the Surrey programme and without doubt it was a fantastic competition for all of our swimmers. C.A.S.C. finished with 46 medals and 31 ribbons which was a great achievement. All swimmers who took part should be really proud of their accomplishments.

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I look forward to seeing you at the pool,

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