

## Surrey County Championships 2008

The 2008 County Championships saw CASC swimmers vying to make club history by reaching the Top 6 in the Tinlin Age Group Club standings. After amassing 226 PB's, 30 medals and 111 (4-8) placings CASC finished in 6<sup>th</sup> position with a total of 359 points. History was also made when the boys came 5<sup>th</sup> overall as the best boys club in Surrey with 158 points whilst the girls came 12<sup>th</sup>. We had 6 swimmers reaching the top 8 in the BAGCATS, two of whom finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



With two swimmers gaining their National qualifying times at the Championships team morale is at an all time high. 12yr old Hiroki Harazawa won the 100m Brst title in a NQT of 1.17.27 and later triumphed in the 200m event. Narrowly missing the treble with silver in the 50m Breaststroke, he finished with 5 medals and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in the boys 12yrs BAGCATS. Younger brother Kahoru Harazawa stormed to victory in the 400m IM with a further two silvers & two bronzes. He also finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in the boys 10yrs BAGCATS.

The last weekend at the Spectrum was a joy to witness with 16 medals won in the Sprint programme. Also 15yr old David King became the third swimmer from CASC this season to score a NQT in the 50m Freestyle (Relay split) in 25.55. Team mate Joe

Walkling who was the 4<sup>th</sup> best 14yr old at the Championships claimed 5 medals, two of which were Gold in the 50m Free & 50m Back.

There were so many determined and gutsy swims from our swimmers as 9yr old brothers Dylan and Kane Nurse tasted success at their first attempt with podium finishes in the 50m Breaststroke with Kane winning Silver and Dylan Bronze. 12yr old Hannah Avins who qualified for 12 events swam superbly and gained 4 Regional Qualifying times. Sprint specialists Rosanna Raynor and Sarah Walcott both claimed Silver medals in the 50m Back and 50m Brst. One of the best moments of the Championships was when the quartet of Toby Fox, Hiroki Harazawa, David Scott and Tom Parker narrowly missed the Gold medal in the boys 12/13yrs 4 x 50m Medley Relay.

C.A.S.C Chief Coach Chris Hatton said; “Another year has passed and our swimmers go from strength to strength. This season we already have three swimmers gaining their National times as well as countless swimmers gaining their Regional Times. 6<sup>th</sup> place has not happened over night, we as a club have worked tirelessly to strive for better results and this result is testament to a superb team effort at CASC. Well done to all the swimmers, parents and my coaching Team for a historic and well deserved result.”

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