

BRITISH GAS SURREY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

Anticipation, excitement, expectations and nerves were awaiting our swimmers at this year's Surrey County Championships. Preparations for this meet had gone very well back home in Croydon but as ever the real task is to produce the end result in the pool and that is exactly what our swimmers did. Since January 16th 2006 my goal at this club was to push the club into the top 5 clubs within the county and way back in 2006 we were lying in 10th place. It has taken four long hard years but this year we finished in 5th place overall in the Tinlin Age Group standings. A fabulous achievement for all of our swimmers, officials, volunteers, committee members and our teachers and coaches. Congratulations to every member at CASC as you all have helped us achieve this land mark.

1. Guildford City SC
2. Wandsworth SC
3. Kingston Royals SC
4. Leatherhead SC
5. Croydon Amphibians SC

We also saw huge improvements with our girls coming 5th overall at the Jubilee and Coronation Cups and the boys coming 7th overall at the Shand Millennium Shield. With over 230 PB's set by our swimmers as well as over 100 Regional QT's, we were on a roll from start to finish. Records were also smashed with no less than 7 new club records broken. Congratulations to Rebecca Mulcahy, Catherine Wrench and Hannah Avins. In addition to this, Catherine, Rebecca and Hiroki were in fine form gaining 5 national qualifying times between them.

GOLD	6
SILVER	18
BRONZE	18
4 th	18
5 th	24
6 th	22
7 th	18
8 th	19
Total medals	42
Total (4-8) places	101

NEWS

Crowned Champions - Hiroki (4) & Rhys (2)
Hiroki - winning 10 medals (club record)
Rebecca - winning 10 medals (club record)
Rhys, Rebecca, Michael, Freddie, Tor, Josh H, Jon B
and
Rosie L all won their very first County medal.

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The BAGCAT positions

NAME	AGE	PLACE
Rhys	11	2 nd
Hiroki	14	2 nd
Tor	13	4 th
Matthew	12	5 th
Callum	9	7 th

Swimmers who just missed out on a Top 8 finish were: William Epps (9th), William Bowler (9th), Michael Parkins (10th), Kahoru Harazawa (11th) and Amelia Machugh (14th).

Congratulations to all those swimmers who took part in the first ever County Championships: Freddie, Callum, Alex I, Jack K, Michael, Graham, Alastair, Noah, Thomas G, Harry, Olivia, Neve, Ellie, Lizzy, Sam, James N & Kevin G.

The coaching team was particular proud of our swimmers who showed fantastic team spirit for racing to Crystal Palace to compete in the relay teams at extremely short notice. Well done Jon, James and Rosie! We also saw the eagerly anticipated return of one of our National qualifiers from last season who has undergone a serious back operation and swam brilliantly to make a Surrey final. Well done Tom!

Girl Power!!

Impressive medal dominance of the Freestyle events saw sprint duo Catherine Wrench and Rebecca Mulcahy claim Silver and Bronze at the Girls 16/Over 50m, 100m, 200m & 400m Freestyle. Catherine also claimed another medal at the 800m Freestyle.

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A big thank you from the coaching team to all of our officials for their hard work over the course of the 4 weekends: Diane Gamble, Ann Reader, Jason & Sally Dubben, Ed Lawrie, Kanae Harazawa, Kimiko Avins, Daryl Nurthen, Lesley Hogan, Lesley Mulcahy, Bob Kavanagh, Peter Wrench and Alan Hodge.

Parents - It was mentioned so many times how supportive you all were up in the gallery and how great you looked wearing the Amphibians T-Shirt. Please carry on doing this. Makes the swimmers proud!

Round up for the 2010 Surreys - I am very proud of what this club has achieved past and present. We have a strong coaching team and a super academy system now in

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place and I thank Theresa for the wonderful swimmers that are progressing from it into our squad structure. We can now say we are one of the best swimming clubs in Surrey with pride and joy. We have upped our desire and commitment and the results are showing just how strong we are becoming. Well done everybody. Here is to the remainder of the season, wishing for many new PB's, squad promotions, Octopus, Regional and National successes and more importantly for all our swimmers to enjoy their swimming. After all, happiness is a key component if you want to succeed at swimming.

Keep up the hard work Amphibians!

Chris Hatton