



Backwell Swimming Club

Success at the “Somersets”

Congratulations to all swimmers who took part in the Somerset Championships, which were held over three weekends in March.

The Saturday of the first weekend incorporated the 50m events where many of our younger swimmers were taking part in their first county championship event.

The following five sessions included middle and long distance events, plus the Age Group Relays.

Backwell swimmers were represented in 35 individual finals and were also placed in the top 8 in 7 Team Relay events.

Last year the total number of appearances in finals by Backwell swimmers was three, so enormous progress has been made since 2001, due to the hard work of the coach, teachers and of course the swimmers!

Finalists

Girls

Zoë Orr - 3rd 400 Free, 4th 200 Back, 200 Breast, 5th 200 IM, 200 Free, 6th 50 Free + 100 Back, 7th 50 Back, 8th 100 Breast + 100 Fly.

Linzi Aldington - 2nd 400 Free, 3rd 200 Free, 6th 100 Breast, 8th 100 Free.

Laura Whitty - 4th 200 I.M + 100 Back

Cara Green - 8th 200 Breast

Holly Whitty - 4th 50 Fly, 5th 100 Fly, 7th 50 Free.

Emma Hayes - 4th 50 Breast

Martha Richards - 2nd 50 Breast, 6th 50 Free

Boys

James Aldington - 3rd 200 Fly, 5th 50 Free + 100 Free.

Liam Kirwan - 3rd 50 Fly, 50 Back, 6th 50 Free

Keith Harbord - 2nd 50 Fly, 3rd 100 Fly, 7th 200 Back

James Woodford - 8th 50 Breast

Chris James - 8th 50 Fly

Relays

Senior Girls – (Laura Whitty, Linzi Aldington, Zoë Orr, Alison Jennings)
4th Free Team, 5th Medley Team

13/14 Girls - (Lois Zinn, Cara Green, Holly Whitty, Joanne Hall)
8th Free Team, 8th Medley Team

Junior Boys - (Liam Kirwan, James Woodford, James Aldington, Keith Harbord)
7th Free Team

13/14 Boys - (Sam Lasson, James Woodford, Keith Harbord, Adam Barrington)
8th Free team, 5th Medley Team

NEWSLETTER

“The Somersets” and other Club items

Bagcat points were awarded to the swimmers in the 10-14 years age groups, with the top 8 swimmers receiving trophies for overall accumulated points within their individual age groups. In the Boys 14 years Age Group, Keith Harbord achieved 7th place.

There were many other excellent swims and the following swimmers achieved P.B's:

**Ben Shaw
Zak Rowland
Tom Carter
Laurence Trinick
Adam Barrington
Holly Barker
Kate Warren
Jess O'Sullivan
Nicole Penn
Chloe Green
Lois Zinn
Joanne Hall
Emily Hall
Ziba Rautenbach
Lorna Woodford.**

Although unavoidably away with work for the latter stages of the championships, Joe passes on his congratulations to all swimmers and looks forward to returning to the club A.S.A.P.

A big thank you

to the swimmers for participating, mums and dads or carers for all the ferrying, **Joe, Andrea and Brian** for the organisation and to **Andy Shaw, Kevin Hall** and **Jill Richards** for

all their help at the events themselves.

Thanks also

To **Mary Loveridge** for all her help in organising the Preliminary Swim Course this past year with **Evelyn** and to **Jane Starkey** for coming forward to take over.

Parents...

We all know that boys will be boys but unfortunately skylarking in the boys changing room, especially at the 7.30 and 8.00 pm time slots had been getting out of hand. Thanks to intervention by the Committee, the problem has been resolved. With your support, we trust that the good behaviour will continue.

Zoe, Linzi, Laura and Kim say



...it all began when we met as little tiddlers, splashing around in the Learn to Swim classes.

Those were the days of bright blue and orange costumes, of collecting

badges to put on your t-bag and of consuming vast numbers of Slush Puppies before training! We'll always remember the Nuneaton and Coventry galas, Penarth, Sportica, where Joe proved he could swim (!) and the Club Championships, which have always been so highly contested in our age group.

Team successes at Bristol North four years in a row, at the Somersets in 1998 and 2002 besides various other galas. Even though we're off to Uni, our fond memories of BSC will bring us back we're sure.

Keep on with your swimming, the friends you make and the memories you will have, make it so worthwhile.

By **Zoe Orr**

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 23rd and June 30th

BE THERE!

Closing date **May 26th**

Last year's winners please engrave your trophies and bring them back!