

### **Carnegie Winter Meet, Glenrothes, 29-30 November 2008.**

Members of the development and performance squads swam outstandingly at the club's winter meet against fifteen other clubs including Warrender, Elgin and East Kilbride. But Carnegie swimmers easily ensured that we won the best club award by amassing almost 600 points in the team competition. In second place were East Kilbride with just under 200 points.

There were also five best swimmer awards for Aimee Adam and Euan McElwee (aged 10-11 boys and girls), Ellie Brisbane and Mark Szaranek (aged 12-13 boys and girls) and Eloise Barber (aged 16 and over girls). Aimee won both her butterfly events, gained 6 silver medals in the IM, backcrawl and freestyle events and won a bronze in the 200 breaststroke. Euan collected seven gold medals in seven swims, having decided not to bother with breaststroke. Ellie's haul included 6 gold medals and three silvers and Mark took home 8 of the 9 gold medals on offer in his group, plus a silver. Eloise had 6 gold medal winning swims, in addition to two silvers and a bronze.

Other swimmers having a very good weekend in the water were Shannon Clark (third in the 12-13 girls competition), Blaine Small and Kathryn Johnstone (second in the 14-15 and 16 and over girls competition), Jack Szaranek and Fraser Reid (second and third in the 10-11 boys competition) and Lewis Kirby and Blair Hershaw (second and third in the 12-13 boys competition). Between them they collected 5 gold medals, (2 for Shannon, 2 for Kathryn and 1 for Blaine), 14 silver medals and 13 bronze medals.

Almost 50 Carnegie swimmers competed at Glenrothes and it is impossible to mention all the excellent performances. The team left with over 100 medals plus 59 finalists awards, most going to the younger swimmers. Other medals winners included Caitlin Burns, Zoe Mitchell, Sarah Chalmers, Ailsa Hershaw, Nichola Lamb, Robbie Carmichael, Kieran Watson with a gold and silver in the breaststroke events, Craig Bowman, Miles Hershaw, Duncan Chalmers and Thomas Davidson. Others competing in the finals included Sally Christie with 2 fourth places in breaststroke, Natalie Sheriff, Caitlin McKilligan, Gillian Etherington, Michael Watson, Calum Ritchie, Jordan Lamb, Alan Campbell, Kieran Harper and Craig Rodgie.

Amongst all the swimmers representing Carnegie there were a host of personal best swims. Competing in the 10-11 year age group were Greig Reid, Jordan McKilligan, Gavin Roderick, Andrew England, Savannah Sweeney, Brooke Gillies and Carrie McLennan who all swam extremely well. Amongst the 12-13 year olds competing in various events were Eleanor England, Ruth Laird, Caithlyn Anderson and Emily Christie, with Tiffany Barber competing in the 15-16 year age group.

Many thanks to all the adults who supported the gala by cheering on the swimmers and helping out poolside. Special thanks to Yvonne for her lovely hampers which brought in extra income when we raffled them, to David and Pat for doing door duty whether they wanted to or not, to the marshals who

made sure everyone was in the right place, to Eddie for his wonderful commentary on Saturday (though he could still speak on Sunday), to Ellie, Emma, Aiden and Tamsin, my trainee gala convenors and thanks also to the timekeepers and officials, too numerous to mention. We could not have these galas without volunteer help.

Our next club gala is the Graded meet on 1 February. Details are already on the board. Hopefully our swimmers will perform equally well then.