

Scottish Schools Championships, Glasgow, 31st Jan 2009

Carnegie swimming club's Mark Szaranek and Blaine Small smashed two Scottish schools records each at the finals of the **Scottish Schools Swimming Championships** in Glasgow, Saturday 31st Jan 2009.

Marks gold medal-winning swims came in the 13-14 year old 100m and 200m freestyle events with times of 57.08 secs and 2.05.27. He was also won the Robert McAdam trophy for the best performance from a boy aged 14 and under. A former winner of this trophy is Gary Watson, although rumours that his name is written on the trophy in Latin have yet to be proved.

Blaine started the year in style with a new swimsuit and fresh determination to win. Competing in the 15-16 year group, she won gold for her swims in the 100m and 200m butterfly events in 1.04.31 and 2.22.4.

Other double winners from the club on Saturday were Craig Bowman in the 13-14 year old 100m and 200m backstroke (1.09.04 and 2.28.88), Kieran Watson for the 100m and 200m breaststroke (1.16.24 and 2.46.47), Kathryn Johnstone for the 17 years + 100m breaststroke and 200m freestyle (1.14.22 and 2.10.80), and Eloise Barber in the 100m freestyle and 200m IM events (59.49 and 2.24.67).

Other medals for Carnegie swimmers included a gold and a silver for Ellie Brisbane in the 100 and 200 backstroke, a silver each for Ailsa Hershaw and brother Myles (in the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly) and a bronze for Shannon Clarke, Lewis Kirby and Blair Hershaw (100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke and 200 IM) .

Thirteen other Carnegie swimmers were selected to represent their schools at the finals and many came close to getting medals. In the 12 and under category Euan McElwee and Aimee Adams finished 4th in their backstroke and fly events, Jack Szaranek was 5th in the breaststroke and Fraser Reid was eighth in the backstroke.

In the 13-14 year group Kieran Harper was 4th in the 100 fly and Zoe Mitchell sixth in 100 breaststroke. Shannon Clarke finished 4th in the 200 breaststroke, Caitlin Burns was 10th in the 100 fly and Sarah Chalmers was 12th in 100 backstroke and 14th in 200 freestyle.

Amongst the over 15's, Duncan Chalmers was 6th and 9th in the 100 and 200 freestyle, Tiffany Barber was 6th and 7th in the 100 and 200 freestyle and Nichola Lamb was 6th in the 200 freestyle and 13th in the 100 free. Roo Kerr and Gillian Etherington completed the line up of Carnegie swimmers with a 7th and 8th place in the 100 freestyle and a 4th place in the 200 IM for Roo.