

Stirling Junior Meet 23rd & 24th Jan 2010

A very successful meet last weekend for the group of 22 Carnegie swimmers from the Performance, Performance Development & Junior Development Squads who travelled through to the new Peak venue in Stirling for their annual Junior meet. There were lots of fast swims from the kids with many achieving personal best times and a few making finals and winning medals and top 6 placing awards.

Day 1 highlights in the Boys 11 yrs age group included Jack Szaranek making a huge improvement in his Backstroke, qualifying easily for the final with his Heat swim and winning the Silver medal with another strong swim and good pb time. Jack also qualified for the 100m Breaststroke final and continued to impress with another pb time winning the Bronze medal. Andrew England, Robbie Carmichael & Greig Reid also put in fine some fine performances throughout the day in their events in the Boys 11 yr age group.

The girls 11 yrs age group saw Megan Hill swim strongly in the Heats and was just off her pb time qualifying for the final. Up against some very strong competition, Megan again performed well in the final taking 5th position overall.

The girls 12 yrs age group saw our only Gold medal of the weekend and that was won comfortably by Sam Caulfield in the 100m Breaststroke. Sam was way out in front in her heat swim qualifying fastest for the final in a new pb time and in the final she led from the front and won Gold easily. Aimee Adam also swam well in the morning heats to make the final and competed well just getting pipped for 2nd position eventually taking the Bronze medal. Aimee also did well to make the 100m Backstroke final and finished with 5th place overall in that.

The boys 12 yrs age group and Euan McElwee had a great weekend. Euan started off with a fine Bronze medal in the final of the 100m Free with a great swim and new pb time. Euan also took 4th place overall in the 100m Fly in an exiting final just getting pipped for 3rd but again swimming a pb time. He finished off the day with a good performance and 5th place finish overall in the 200m IM. Also swimming well over the weekend in this age group for the Carnegie boys was Gavin Roderick who swam personal best times in all of his events.

The Boys 13 yrs age group and Jordan Lamb continued a return to form with a good swim in the 100m Free heats and in a very tough final finished with 6th place overall. Jordan also swam well in the 200m IM and finished with a top 5th place.

Day 2 for the 11 yr old Boys and Jack Szaranek again had a good day with a great swim in the 100m Free heats and in another exiting final Jack took 2nd place and the Silver medal. Jack also received a top 6 placing for the 100m IM and rounded off a fine weekend with a pb time in his 100m Fly heat with a good performance.

The 11 year old girls saw Sarah Carstairs, Brooke Gillies, Carrie McLennan and Lucy Bedborough all swim very well in their heats of the girls 100m Breaststroke and all of them finished with impressive personal best times. Alicia Wotherspoon also swam a good pb time in her heat of the 100m Backstroke, just missing out on a final place. A good effort from Alicia considering she fell down the stairs at home a few days ago and has hardly trained since !

The 12 yr old boys saw Carnegie with 2 swimmers making the final of the 100m Back. Euan McElwee performed well again and Fraser Reid had a great heat swim in a new pb time to make the final. In the final itself and Euan just lost out on the 3rd position taking 4th place overall with another fine pb time and Fraser took 6th position overall.

Making the final of the 100m Fly for the 12 yr old girls was Aimee Adam. Aimee was just off her pb time and won 4th place overall in a tough final. Sam Caulfield also swam a good pb time in the same event.

Jordan Lamb easily qualified for the final of the boys 13 yrs 100m Backstroke and in a very tough final, Jordan just missed out on 3rd position finishing in 4th place overall. Jordan also won a top 6 placing in the boys 200m Free.

The girls 13 yr age group saw Isla McLeod, Eleanor England and Katie Johnstone all swim great personal best times in their respective heats of the 100m Free. Katie did superbly to gain a place in a very tough final and went on to win a 5th place finish with another good performance just outside her new personal best time from the heats.

Also performing well over the weekend for the Carnegie team were 13 yr old Ben Potrykus who swam a good pb time in the boys 100m Free and 14 yr old Amber McWhirter who achieved a good pb time in her 100 Backstroke heat.

It was a good weekend and the team spirit was superb with swimmers cheering on their team-mates and celebrating their successes. The effort and commitment was brilliant and all came out with great credit. Thanks to the parents as usual for their support and to Wendy Szaranek for her help on poolside. Thanks also to Gillian Caulfield, Maggie Roderick & Gary England for helping to officiate.