

Carnegie top team at Incas Distance meet

A team of 28 Carnegie swimmers aged 8 to 14 competed at the annual Incas Distance meet, held over the weekend of 11th and 12th June 2011 at FIPRE Glenrothes. Competing against strong teams from, amongst others, Warrender, City of Aberdeen, Fins and host club Incas, the swimmers produced some outstanding performances in recording numerous lifetime bests, Scottish Swimming qualification times for bronze and silver level, East District records, a Scottish Age Group record, a top girl trophy and the shield for the top team.

In the 8-10 year old age group, Calum Rae won a bronze medal in the 200m backstroke adding two 4th places in the 200m free and 200m breaststroke. The only 8 year old to compete at the meet and swimming in heats with swimmers up to 4 years older than himself, Calum's swims were impressive indeed.

For the girls 10 year old Eilidh Collyer continued her good run of form in picking up 5 gold medals from 5 swims (200m backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and IM and 400m free) and deservedly winning the top girl trophy in the 8-10 age group. Team mate Eilidh Lister won two bronze medals (200 IM and 400m free) and Joanna Rae picked up a silver in the 200m breaststroke.

For the 11 and 12 year old boys, Craig McLean picked up three golds (200m IM, 200m free and 200m backstroke). Fraser Beeby won gold in the 200m fly and three silvers (1500m free, 200m backstroke and 400m free). Craig's swim in the 200m backstroke was a new 12 year old Scottish Age Group record and East District record (2:22.02) with Fraser also claiming 11 year old East District records for 800m free (10:00.28), 1500m free (18:57.51) and 200m backstroke (2:34.30). Team mate Greig Reid picked up gold in the 200m breaststroke, James Collyer won a silver in the 200m fly and added two bronzes in the 1500m free and 400m free.

For the 11 and 12 year old girls, Sarah Donnelly won gold in the 200m backstroke, together with silver in the 200m IM and bronze in the 200m breaststroke. Brooke Gillies picked up gold in the 200m free and two bronze medals in the 400m free and 800m free.

In the 13 and 14 year old age group, Sam Caulfield picked up gold in the 200m breaststroke, together with silver in the 400m IM and bronze in the 400m free. For the boys Fraser Reid won gold in the 1500m free.

The Carnegie team was completed by Anna Fullarton, Lucy Ross and Orla McQuade (8-10 year old age group), Megan McGhee, Ciara Mussen, Sophie Ross, Claire Lee, Kelsey Robertson, Lucy Hallam, Hamish Neil and Ross Murray (11 and 12 year olds), Jack Szaranek, Andrew England, Robbie Carmichael, Carrie McLennan and Eilidh McArthur (13 and 14 year olds).

Many of the swimmers contributed to the final team points total by finishing in the top six and all of the swimmers produced so many superb personal best and qualification times that there are just too many to mention. The result meant that Carnegie deservedly won the top team trophy after an outstanding weekend of swimming.

Thanks also must go to the large number of officials and timekeepers from Carnegie for all of their hard work over the weekend.