

## Early season successes for Carnegie swimmers at Dunedin Challenge meet

A strong team of 35 Carnegie swimmers from the Orcas through to the Performance squads competed at the annual Dunedin Challenge meet, held over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at FIPRE Glenrothes. Having returned to training for only a few weeks following the summer break, the swimmers produced some outstanding performances.

For the boys and swimming in the 11-12 age group, Craig McLean won 11 gold medals from 11 swims in the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke, the 50m, 100m and 200m freestyle, the 50m and 100m fly, the 50m breaststroke and the 100m and 200m IM. All 11 of Craig's swims were meet records and six of them were also East District 12 year old age group records. Of the six ED records four were Scottish National age group records, these coming in the 50m backstroke (0:30.32), 100m backstroke (1:05.13), 200m backstroke (2:20.25) and the 50m freestyle (0:26.60).

In the same age group, James Collyer picked up five silver (50m backstroke, 200m freestyle and the 50m, 100m and 200m fly) and four bronze medals (50m breaststroke, 100m and 200m backstroke and the 50m freestyle). Team mate Fraser Beeby won one gold (200m fly), four silver (100m and 200m backstroke, 100m and 200m IM) and four bronze medals (100m and 200m freestyle and the 50m and 100m fly).

In the 13-14 age group Euan McElwee won two silver medals in the 50m and 100m backstroke and added three bronze medals in the 50m breaststroke, 50m fly and 50m freestyle.

Not to be outdone by the boys, the girls also produced some superb performances with 10 year old Eilidh Collyer, swimming in the 8-10 age group, winning three golds in the 100m backstroke and the 50m and 100m fly. Eilidh added four silver medals (100m IM, 50m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m free) and a bronze in the 50m free.

In the 11-12 age group, Sarah Donnelly picked up nine golds and three bronze medals from her 12 swims, golds coming in the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke, the 50m and 100m breaststroke, the 50m fly, 200m free and the 100m and 200m IM with the bronze medals coming in the 50m and 100m free and the 100m fly. Team mate Megan McGhee picked up two bronze medals in the 100m IM and the 200m breaststroke.

In the 13-14 year old age group Samantha Caulfield won eight golds (50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke, the 100m and 200m backstroke, 100m and 200m IM and the 50m fly) and two silvers (50m backstroke and 50m free). Team mate Aimee Adam picked up one gold medal in the 100m fly and added to this two silvers in the 100m and 200m backstroke and three bronzes (200m fly, 200m breaststroke and 200m IM)

for the 15 and overs, Eleanor England picked up one gold medal for the 50m free and added three silvers (50m and 100m backstroke and the 100m free). Team mates Caitlin Burns and Ruth Laird were also amongst the medals, with Caitlin winning silver in the 200m fly and bronze in the 100m IM and Ruth gold in the 100m free and bronze in the 50m free.

For the award for overall top boy and top girl at the meet, Craig McLean won the boys' award with Sarah Donnelly picking up the girls' award. For the girls Sam Caulfield was the overall runner-up with Eilidh Collyer finishing in third place, Carnegie swimmers therefore occupying four of the top six places.

Completing the Carnegie team and producing some fine swims over the weekend with numerous lifetime bests were Eilidh Lister, Olivia Alexander, Joanna Rae, Sophie Ross, Kelsey Robertson, Megan Hill, Gavin Ogilvie, Connor Thornhill, Robbie Carmichael, Jordan Dingwall, Andrew England, Grant Ogilvie, Orla McQuade, Lucy Ross, Lucy Hallam, Duncan Bisset, Donald Bisset, Calum Rae, Emily Stephenson, Eilidh McArthur, Carrie McLennan and Claire Lee.