

Successes for swimmers at Carnegie Mini meet

A small team of 14 young Carnegie swimmers competed at the annual Carnegie Mini meet held on Sunday 18th September 2011 at FIPRE Glenrothes and there were some outstanding performances.

Swimming in the 9 year old age group, Emily Stephenson picked up a bronze medal in the 50m fly.

For the 10 year olds Eilidh Collyer had a superb day with a clean sweep of 5 individual gold medals from 5 swims in the 100m IM, 50m fly, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke and 50m free. Team mates Joanna Rae, Lucy Ross, Eilidh Lister, Anna Fullarton and Orla McQuade all achieved top six finishes and contributed points to the team total. For the boys Gavin Ogilvie and Donald Bisset picked up 6th places in the 50m fly and 50m breaststroke respectively.

In the 11 year old category, Megan McGhee emulated the achievement of Eilidh Collyer with a 100% individual record of 5 gold medals from 5 swims in the 100m IM, 50m fly, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke and 50m free. Team mate Lucy Hallam won a bronze in the 100m IM and for the boys Ross Murray picked up a silver in the 50m breaststroke and a bronze in the 100m IM.

The relays normally produce exciting races and close finishes and this meet was no exception. At the end of the morning session, in the 4x25m medley relay, the Carnegie mixed 9-10 year old team of Orla McQuade (backstroke), Joanna Rae (breaststroke), Eilidh Lister (fly) and Gavin Ogilvie (free) won gold in 1:22.27 in a close finish with Milgavie and Bearsden. The mixed 10/11 team of Lucy Hallam (backstroke), Megan McGhee (breaststroke), Eilidh Collyer (fly) and Ross Murray (free) also won gold in the 4x50m medley relay (2:38.85).

At the end of the afternoon session, the freestyle relays took place. The 9/10 year old 4x25m free team of Lucy Ross, Donald Bisset, Anna Fullarton and Eilidh Lister won gold in 1:07.99 again in a close finish with Milngavie. Not to be outdone, the mixed 10/11 year olds (Megan McGhee, Lucy Hallam, Ross Murray and Eilidh Collyer) completed a clean sweep of relay golds in the 4x50m free relay in 2:17.24

Not surprisingly, Eilidh Collyer and Megan McGhee picked up the top girl awards in their respective age groups. Completing the Carnegie team, which was pipped by a handful of points for the top team trophy by Milngavie and Bearsden, was Richard Cairns and Eilidh Gaughan.



Team members pictured at the end of the morning session with Carnegie Performance swimmer Mark Szaraneck, who presented the prizes. Missing from the photo is Donald Bisset.