

Records Fall at Glossop Swimming Club's 2010 Club Championships

Glossop's Annual Club Championships was extra special this year with club records being broken thirteen times during the course of the competition.

The 8 & Under boys category was, this year, dominated by Ben Foster. Ben swam fantastically; not only did Ben win all his events, but set 3 new Club Records in the process, including the Freestyle record for this age group that had stood since 1986.

Alex Issatt also had a great event showing her dominance in the 8 & Under Girl's competition, also taking a clean sweep of her entered events.

Luke Kearslake made the 9 & 10 Yrs Boy's category his own by setting new club records for the age group Freestyle, Backstroke and Butterfly events during the Tuesday heats, only to lower these even further in Friday's Gala final. Adam Cooper stopped Luke taking a clean sweep by winning the Breaststroke event.

Chloe Fletcher had a fantastic gala winning her five events and achieving her long time goal of breaking Jane Harrop's 13 - 16 years Girls 2 lengths Butterfly record, set in 1987, in a new time of 31.22 seconds, knocking over 1 second off the previous record.

The most exciting event of the competition was, without doubt, the 13 - 16 year old Girl's two Length's Freestyle race. Earlier in the week, during the Wednesday heats, Chloe Fletcher lowered the current club record during the first heat only for Rosa Chrystie-Lowe to lower it even further during heat two. With this event scheduled last on finals night, the stage was set for a very competitive race!! The final saw the girls hitting the turn together, with nothing between them; with ten metres to go it could have gone either way, however over the last five metres Chloe just pulled away, touching first. Both girls again went under the club record set in the heats, a fantastic way to end the Gala!!

There were many other memorable swims during the event, from the Learner's Widths race through to the Junior and Senior Schools Challenge Shields. Swims of note include the Girls 11/12 Breaststroke final with Stephanie Issatt and Molly Tinker swimming such a close race, a judge's decision was required. Steph ultimately took the win, by a fingernail!! Sam Bruce also deserves a mention with very strong swims to win her age group finals, 9/10 Girls, in both the Backstroke and Butterfly events.

2010 saw a great annual Gala; if you would like to compete at next year's Gala, why not become a member of Glossop Swimming Club. The club is currently holding try out nights for new members at Glossop pool, details of which can be found on the website www.glossopasc.org.uk