

## SCARBOROUGH SWIMMING CLUB CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF ANNUAL A/B GALA 2014

On the weekend of 20th/21st/22nd June Scarborough Swimming Club hosted the 20th Anniversary of its annual A/B Grade Gala, which is the town's premier meet at Scarborough Indoor Pool. Swimmers and supporters travelled from all over the region. With a list of over 2000 entries, this was set to be a staggering weekend of competitive swimming.

The first session commenced on Friday evening with the distance events of 200m and 400m freestyle for boys and girls aged 9 and over. Scarborough Swimming Club was well represented in all events with some excellent performances - Joe Kelly, Finnian Hutchinson, Nathan Munday, Adam Dawson, Dak Cappleman, Elliot Hutchinson, Chris Cook and Sam Broadley all took medals in the boys 200m freestyle.

Not to be outdone, Matilda Tomlinson, Sophie Boddy, Amy Corcoran, Phoebe Dawson, Emily Harrison, Ceri Boddy, Lizzie Swift, Emma Keith, Emma Clapton and Eleanor Woodroffe all swam superbly to bring home medals for the club with Ellie-Mae Gavin, Isobel Metcalfe and Briony Hart swimming personal bests.

In the 400m freestyle boys event Nathan Munday and Chris Cook took gold medal position, with Joe Kelly and Adam Dawson earning Silver Medals with Tyler Hutchinson earning the Bronze Medal.

Phoebe Dawson, and Lizzie Swift took Gold for the girls with Amy Corcoran, Ceri Boddy, and Emma Clapton following in Silver position.

Personal best times were also achieved by Sophie Boddy, Ellie-Mae Gavin and Briony Hart. This laid the foundation for the forthcoming weekend of sprints and 100m events.

Saturday was an early start for the swimmers, with warm up starting at 8am for the very popular 200 individual medley for boys and girls. For the second year running, the event has attracted a record number of entries, so the organisers have created a separate session to accommodate demand. This has been proved to be a successful decision for the swimmers, as better preparation for the event could be applied. With the temperature at poolside and on the balcony rising sharply on the longest day of the year, the swimmers needed to be completely focused for their race.

In the 200m IM event, the fastest six competitors from the A Grade and B Grade sections battled for cash prizes in a knockout event called the SKINS, later in the

day, so there is a lot to swim for! Also, this event traditionally produces the most personal best times of the gala. The balcony was full and the atmosphere electric as competitors lined up to race. Scarborough swimmers were out in abundance to try their best to record fast times for future competition.

Medals from the boys included Joe Kelly, Nathan Munday and Adam Dawson. Speeding medals were awarded to Dak Cappleman, Finnian Hutchinson and Chris Cook with a 4th place for Luke Kelly.

Girls Gold medallists were Matilda Tomlinson, Phoebe Dawson, Lizzie Swift, Silver for Emily McDiarmid, Isobel Metcalfe, Bronze for Ceri Boddy, with a speeding medal awarded to Amy Corcoran and Emily Harrison. Speeding medals are new this year and are awarded to swimmers who surpass the entry time and therefore need to move up to a higher level. This is classed as an achievement and not a penalty. Some great times were recorded and most of the Scarborough swimmers recorded new personal best times, including Sophie Boddy, Briony Hart, Dannii-Rebecca Doubtfire, Emma Keith, Emma Clapton and Eleanor Woodroffe. Also new and very popular were the PB bears being sold sporting a t-shirt with the slogan "I got a PB at Scarborough A&B"

Following a short break the warm-up for session 3 was underway. Many more competitors arrived and so did their supporters. The balcony was at capacity as parents were eager to witness the swimmers race each other. Many friendships and rivalries are rekindled at this level of competition, bringing the best from swimmers (all in the spirit of a great weekend of competitive swimming.)

The boys 100m backstroke event saw Luke Kelly, Chris Cook and Luke Oldfield earning medals, with Zak Doubtfire (15) coming in 5th in the 15yrs and over category.

Girls 15 yrs and over 100m breaststroke saw Emma Clapton take a gold medal in a time of 1:29.19. Ceri Boddy gained a silver medal, and Emily Harrison, Isobel Metcalf, Briony Hart and Dannii-Rebecca Doubtfire all swimming strongly.

The boys 50m butterfly for 9-12 yrs produced best times for Nathan Munday, Bronze medal, Adam Dawson 4th and Dak Cappleman 5th.

Event 206 was the girls 9-12 yrs 50m freestyle. This was a strongly contested event and always produces future stars for every club. For some of the younger competitors this was their first open gala and they rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and determination. Georgina Calvert (9) in her first A&B gala stormed

her race to earn a Yorkshire qualifying time of 43.4 and Chloe Holloway (9) also in her debut A&B gala, swam confidently in her very first 50m event, earning herself a pleasing personal best time of 50.31. Holly Millard and Khyarna Foster took the Silver and Bronze for the 10year olds, whilst Dasha Kreslina took Gold in the 11yr old B grades and Sophie Boddy ,Emily McDiarmid swam personal best swims in the 11yr old A grades. Phoebe Dawson swam competitively to win silver with a time of 31.74, while Amy Corcoran took the Bronze in a very close 31.81 for the 12yr olds A grades, with Shanice Dobson taking Silver in the B Grades and Ellie-Mae Gavin swimming a Personal Best.

Event 207 Boys 13yrs and over 50m breaststroke saw Rory Hobkinson(14) record a great personal best time to earn a Silver in the A grade, with Chris Cook swimming determinedly in his 15yr and over race.

Next event, girls 13yrs and over 50m backstroke, saw a gold medal in A grade for Lizzie Swift in a time of 33.27 and Gold for Emma Keith in B grade in a time of 37.06. A silver for Eleanor Woodroffe in a time of 34.06 and a Bronze for Emma Clapton. It also included personal best times for Dannii-Rebecca Doubtfire , Ceri Boddy and Emily Corcoran.

Boys 10-12 100m freestyle produced some great battles, with medals going to Finnian Hutchinson (gold) and Nathan Munday (Gold), Dak Cappleman (bronze) and Adam Dawson (5th) .

While the 10-12 yrs 100m butterfly event saw Scarborough's girls take control with medals for Amy Corcoran (Gold) Phoebe Dawson (Silver) and Matilda Thomlinson (Silver) and a speeding Medal for Sophie Boddy. A great finish to the morning session and for the host club who certainly set the standard for more action after the break.

Just before Lunch Representatives from SSC , presented a surprised Sue Taylor with a Birthday cake and gifts to celebrate her 70th Birthday and also to thank her for giving over 40years service to Scarborough swimming Club.

The Cowen Senior Mixed Relay SKINS took place immediately after lunch. A change from previous years when it used to place at the end of the day. The change of time produced an electric atmosphere and huge support. This is an event that takes the fastest six swimmers from the A Grade and B Grade Individual Medley (boys and girls) in a swim to win situation. The swimmers compete in pairs against each other, with one elimination after every race. All strokes are used and the last swimmers in

the event are the winners. This is always very exciting as the tension mounts after every round. With supporting parents getting involved the pressure to win is immense.

Representing Scarborough this year were Luke Kelly, Emily Harrison and Lizzie Swift - who all collected their prizes after some fantastic swims. The eventual winner for the boys was Robert Buton of Sheffield and the winner for the girls was Claire Berry of Bame, who produced excellent swims to take the first prize purse. It was a day to remember for all involved.

Session 4 then got underway with the boys 9-12years 50m Breaststroke. Opening the session with a Gold Medal race was 9 year old Rhys Doubtfire swimming determinedly in his first A&B gala , followed by a Gold for the competitive 12yr old Nathan Munday , Silver Medals were earned by Matthew Wilson and Dak Cappleman and Speeding Medals gained for Thomas Macdonald and Finnian Hutchinson, with some strong swimming also coming from Joshua Coates and Adam Dawson in this event.

In the girls 9-12 yrs 50m backstroke, a Gold medal went to a delighted 9 year Georgina Calvert and a Gold for the talented Sophie Boddy (11). Phoebe Dawson and Ellie-Mae Gavin swam strongly for the 12 year old to earn speeding medals in the A and B grades respectively while Amy Corcoran earned an A grade Bronze and Shanice Dobson took the B grade Silver. Emily McDiarmid, Holly Millard and Khyarna Foster all swam best times.

In the 13yrs and over 100m butterfly, Zak Doubtfire powerfully swam his heat to earn a silver medal, with a time of 1.16.15 in the B Grades and Luke Kelly gained a Bronze in a time of 1.10.57 in the A grades.

The 13yrs and over girls 100m freestyle event is always one of the most popular in the gala. With plenty of support from the balcony, Scarborough swimmers did not disappoint Gold medals went to Emma Clapton and Lizzie Swift in their respective age groups, with Ceri Boddy and Emma Keith taking Silver positions. Briony Hart and Eleanor Woodroffe earned Bronze Medals. Isobel Metcalfe gained a speeding medal and good swims by Emily Corcoran in a time of 1.10.03 and Dannii-Rebecca Doubtfire in a time of 1.10.81.

Event 265 was next, the boys 10-12 yrs 100m backstroke. With medals taken by

Adam Dawson (gold 1:17.77) Finnian Hutchinson (Silver) Nathan Munday (bronze )  
A personal best was achieved by Dak Cappleman.

The next event was the girls 10-12yrs 100m breaststroke. Gold was taken by Amy Corcoran and Matilda Thomlinson. Silver was won by Sophie Boddy and best times for Emily McDiarmid, Phoebe Dawson, and Holly Millard.

The boys 50m Freestyle 13yrs and over, is sometimes known as the 'splash 'n' dash'. This is a very fast event - blink and you miss it! This event produced a with a bronze medal for Luke Kelly and Luke Oldfield, a best time to Chris Cook, Zak Doubtfire and Rory Hobkinson. Also in the 50m freestyle, was Scarborough Swimmer, Jacob Mensah. Jacob (20) competes as a multi-disability athlete, and recorded himself a personal best time of 49.44. He is now awaiting confirmation from the A.S.A. to see if he has qualified for his National Championships held later this year.

In the girls 13yrs and over 50m butterfly, Emma Keith earned a Silver Medal and best times were recorded by Dannii-Rebecca Doubtfire and Emily Harrison rounding off the end of a successful day for the Scarborough swimmers.

Sunday Morning was again bright and sunny with warm up again commencing for session 5 the 100m Individual Medley event for the 9-12 yrs (boys and girls) at 8am. This is the event which produces the finalists for the Cowen Junior SKINS later in the day. This is the busiest event of the meet. Scarborough swimmers were energetic and excited, singing and dancing on the poolside during warm up. There was 96 entries for the girls and 63 entries for the boys from 11 clubs. The boys involved in this event were Jacob Mensah, Jack Northgraves, Joshua Coates, Joe Kelly, Owen Hobkinson, Adam Dawson, Nathan Munday, Dak Cappleman, Rory Hobkinson, Luke Kelly and Chris Cook. The Scarborough girls competing were Rachel Lynn, Georgina Calvert, Holly Millard, Sophie Boddy, Emily McDiarmid, Amy Corcoran, Phoebe Dawson, Ellie-Mae Gavin, Shanice Dobson, Dannii-Rebecca Doubtfire and Ceri Boddy. After some great battles, with many personal best times achieved, the fastest six from each category were rewarded with their place in the SKINS later in the day. Jacob Mensah was rewarded with a bronze medal in this event after another superb swim in a personal best time, and he has hopefully gained his National qualifying time for this event.

A short break was taken and Session 6 started at 11am with the boys 10-12 yrs 100m butterfly. Only 6 competitors in total took on this challenging sprint race with the Scarborough entries, Joe Kelly (11) and Nathan Munday (12) both earning themselves a Gold medal in their age groups.

Event 304 , Girls 10-12 100m freestyle, produced some excellent swims from the junior competitors, with medals and best times for the Scarborough swimmers. The talented Phoebe Dawson earned Gold (1.06.94) just ahead of team mate Amy Corcoran in Silver (1.07.03). Matilda Tomlinson took Silver for the 10 year olds while Sophie Boddy took Bronze for the 11year olds. Emily McDiarmid, Dasha Kreslina and Ellie-Mae Gavin all recorded best times and completed a great set of results for the club in this event.

The next event was the boys 13 yrs and over 50m backstroke. Luke Oldfield earned a bronze medal and Matthew Harvey swam with determination to earn a Speeding Medal. Strong swims also came from Luke Kelly and Chris Cook.

The girls 13 yrs and over 50m breaststroke event was next, with club representation from Ceri Boddy, Isobel Metcalfe, Jace Cappleman , Dannii-Rebecca Doubtfire , Megan Ward , Emma Clapton and Eleanor Woodroffe. They all achieved personal best times with Megan Ward (14) earning a pleasing Silver Medal in the B grade and Ceri Boddy (13) earning a bronze medal in the A Grade in a time of 40.43.

Back came the boys in the 9-12 yrs 50m freestyle. Gold medals were awarded to Nathan Munday (31.70) and a delighted Jack Northgraves (9) in his first A&B Gala (46.13) . Joshua Coates (9) also in his first A&B Gala (46.71) took the Silver and Adam Dawson took the bronze. A speeding medal was presented to Thomas MacDonald for his time of 34.53 seconds and a personal best time was earned by Owen Hobkinson.

The following event, the 9-12 yrs girls 50m butterfly, saw a speeding medal awarded to Amy Corcoran (34.00) Sophie Boddy made Gold, with her time of 40.79 and Phoebe Dawson took the Silver in (35.88) Rachel Lynn, Matilda Thomlinson, Khyarna Foster, Holly Millard, Emily McDiarmid and Shanice Dobson all made personal best times.

Boys 13 yrs and over 100m breaststroke saw Scarborough Swimmer Rory Hobkinson swim an impressive silver medal performance (1.22.16) in the 14 year old A Grade race, with Chris Cook swimming a best time.

The last event of the session was the girls 13 yrs and over 100m Backstroke. Gold Medals were earned by Lizzie Swift in the A grade and Briony Hart in the B grade, Jace Cappleman and Emma Keith took Silver in their respective A Grade swims with Ceri Boddy bring home a Bronze. Dannii-Rebecca Doubtfire, Eleanor Woodroffe and Emma Clapton all recorded best swims. A fantastic end to the morning.

Just before session seven, the final session of the weekend, Scarborough Swimmer Luke Kelly was treated to a full pool of swimmers and spectators singing him Happy '20th' Birthday at the 20th Scarborough A&B event! The Cowen Junior Mixed Relay SKINS were next, again moved to the earlier time making for another Electric atmosphere. The finalists were swimmers who had qualified from the earlier 100m Individual Medley. Representing Scarborough Swimming Club were Nathan Munday, Amy Corcoran and Twins Adam Dawson and Phoebe Dawson.

This year the swimmers were randomly selected into boy/girl pairs and swam their heats as a relay. The atmosphere was intense, with all swimmers focused on the job in hand. Huge cheering from the crowd and the poolside urged the swimmers faster , swimming up to five 50m races with only a couple of minutes rest between. Great swims from all followed, with the final two pairs of swimmers containing Nathan Munday in one pair and Phoebe Dawson in the other. A thrilling neck and neck final heat saw Phoebe swim powerfully into the wall to earn the winning touch. An exciting start to the afternoon.

The next event was the boys 13 yrs and over 50m butterfly. A Silver Medal was earned by birthday boy Luke Kelly with Zak Doubtfire and Chris Cook both earning best times. Jacob Mensah once again produced a fantastic swim, in a time of 53.80. This smashed his personal best time, and he won a silver medal in his age group. This was Jacob's final event of the weekend and, due to his hard work and dedication to training, he hit all of his target times.

Event 354 was the girls 13 yrs and over 50m freestyle. Jace Cappleman claimed the Gold Medal in a time of 29.31 with Eleanor Woodroffe claiming the Bronze (30.14) and Emma Clapton earning 5th ( 30.29) in the exciting A grade race. Ceri Boddy, Dannii-Rebecca Doubtfire and Isobel Metcalfe also produced best times in the girls 13 year race.

The next race that followed was the boys 10-12 yrs 100m breaststroke. Scarborough swimmers included Owen Hobkinson, earning a Speeding Medal, Nathan Munday taking the Silver and Adam Dawson in 4th. Personal best times were coming in thick and fast, along with more medals for the club.

In the girls 10-12 yrs 100m backstroke event, the girls continued boosting the medal table for Scarborough with a Gold for Matilda Tomlinson, a Silver for Phoebe Dawson and Ellie-Mae Gavin and a Bronze for Amy Corcoran. Best times were recorded by Holly Millard, Sophie Boddy and Emily McDiarmid

Another highlight of the gala was the boys 13 yrs and over 100m freestyle event. Rory Hobkinson won gold, Zak Doubtfire claimed the silver medal position with Chris Cook recording a best time.

Event 366 was the girls 13 yrs and over 100m butterfly. Emma Keith showing her skill won gold in a time of 1.15.19 in her age group, A Grade with Briony Hart recording a best time.

The penultimate event was the boys 9-12 years Backstroke. The younger swimmers Jack Northgraves and Joshua Coates again showed their potential recording best times in the A Grade. With Thomas Macdonald earning a speeding Medal while Adam Dawson produced a superb swim to take the Gold and Nathan Munday taking the Bronze.

The final event of the weekend was the girls 50m 9 - 12 years Breaststroke. Once again the younger swimmers showed they were stars of the future. Rachel Lynn (9) swam strongly in the A grade to claim the Gold medal, while Georgina Calvert (9) and Chloe Holloway (9) showed their class, taking the Gold and Silver Medals in the B Grade in personal Best times. The 10 year olds were also flying with Matilda Tomlinson taking the silver , Holly Millard taking a Bronze and Khyarna Foster earning a Speeding Medal. Representing the 11 year olds were Sophie Boddy claiming the Silver A grade , with Emily McDiarmid and Dasha Kreslina recording best times. Finally for the 12 year olds Amy Corcoran claimed the Silver A grade and Shanice Dobson claimed the Bronze B grade. Phoebe Dawson and Ellie-Mae Gavin both recording Best times. A thrilling end to the long weekend of swimming.

Scarborough Swimming Club would like to thank: all the participating clubs who attended their 20th annual A/B Gala; the swimmers for providing the highest standard of competition possible; the organisers and committee members for their relentless work in bringing the gala together; coaches, team managers, officials and timekeepers for their commitment; caterers and fundraisers for the endless work; and all gala volunteers who gave their time to make the weekend run smoothly. A final thank you goes to the supporters on the balcony, who helped create an unrivalled atmosphere and make the Scarborough A/B Gala 2014 an outstanding success.

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