

2008 / 2009 End of Year Report

This has been the most successful year within the club ever. We achieved our aims from previous year.

- To avoid relegation in the PTL league
- To improve our position in the Teletot league
- Encourage more swimmers into Open Galas

In the PTL league we managed to finish in third place in division 3, remembering we were just promoted into this division last year. Our group A (Born in 1998/1999) were the overall winners in this section and group B (born in 1997/96) were the runners up. In the end of season gala we had 11 swimmers whom represented the club gaining 2 gold, 6 silver and 2 bronze medals. I feel next years season will be even more successful.

In the Teletot league we finished as runners up last year in section B and how do go one better but to win and gain promotion into section A. This was well deserved as the young Teletot swimmers had a fantastic season. The only thing I can say about next season that it will certainly be a challenge but an experience in itself but sure we are up for it!

Our open gala entries this season has been an eye opener. In the 3 Age Groups Superstars our swimmers achieved a gold, 6 silver and 5 bronze medals. The stroke development meet in Newry was a great success with medal winners and some great distance time swims. In the Age group Championship weekend which was the highlight of the open galas we had 34 entries compared with 2 or 3 in previous years. 20 of our swimmers were placed in the top ten positions throughout the weekend with our 10yrs & under girls coming third in the Freestyle relay. As well as the 100m swims we had quite a few swimmers entering for the longer distances of the 200m and 400m swims achieving excellent times.

We had a special invitation to the Keith Buchanan Memorial Relay Gala this year. It was a most enjoyable event with the girls 11yrs & under winning bronze medals in the Medley and Freestyle Relays.

As well as our swimmers participating in these meets, the parents themselves have become experts in timing, stroke judge, finish judge, marshals and announcing. So a big thank you to all whom helped in any way.

In our own 20th annual gala we have noticed our achievement times are being broken by younger swimmers every year with some 10 year olds this year only one second of them. I feel next year the treasurer should put a few pounds aside for all these record breakers and I know a lot of club records will be smashed in our 21st annual gala. Congratulations to Jordan Davies who was the first swimmer under 27s in the 50m freestyle, guess what Jordan ? you have to break that next year!

So hopefully next season we will have much more of the same.