

Carnegie Mini Meet – Sunday 30th August

The first competition of the new swimming season for Dunedin saw the young team of 15 swimmers head to Glenrothes pool to compete in the Carnegie mini meet. The day saw a total of 36 personal best times broken.

In the 8 year old boys were in outstanding form with Joesef Tait winning gold in the 25m breaststroke taking 4 seconds off his PB, Silver in the 25m FC (1/2 second PB) and 25m BC (1second PB) and also bronze in his 25m BF taking 2 seconds off of his best time. This saw Joe finish in 2nd position for the top 8year old boy award. The 8 year old boys also saw Cameron Longden in reduce his best times in the 25m BC (4secs) which saw him narrowly miss out in 7th position, 25m BS (2 sec) and 25m FC (3sec). The final 8 year old boy was Ben Ferguson who was competing in his first competition and was not to be out done by the others taking 4 second off his best time in the 25m BC and 4 seconds off his 25m freestyle time.

The 9 year old age group saw more swimmers competing for the first time. In the girls age group Sophie Annan was not fazed by the new environment and proceeded to reduce her best times by 4 seconds in 50 FC and 0.5sec in 50 BC. In the boys events Adam Robertson and Jamie Falconer were also first time competitors. Adam showed no signs of nerves as he reduced his 50 FC time by a massive 10 seconds and his BC time by 2 seconds. In a bid to not be out done Jamie hit the ground running by also claiming a massive best time by 11 seconds in his 50 FC and 4 seconds in 50m BC.

The 10 years age group saw the largest number of swimmers competing. In the boys event the most weathered Dunedin swimmer at the meet Lewis Longden showed his less experienced team mates how to continue to improve by setting new best times in all event. In the 50 FC and BS Lewis took 2seconds off times, claiming 6th place in the FC and the BF and BC saw Lewis reduce his times by 1 second with Lewis narrowly missing out in 7th place in the latter. Kier James was also in good form claiming 3 personal best times in 3 swims. His first attempt at the 50 BF saw him reduce his best training time by a huge 10 seconds. The BS and FC also saw Kier PB reducing his time in both by 2 seconds. Harry Tait rounded up the 10 year old boys with two brilliant PB's taking 3 seconds off his 50m FC time and 1 second off his 50m BC time.

The 10 year old girls were on fire with 11 Pb's being broken between them. Katie Gullane-Smillie saw her Pb's fall in the 50 FC (2seconds) taking her for the first time below the 40 second barrier, 50 BC (2.5 seconds) and 50 BS (2 seconds)allowing her to break 1minute for the first time. Caitlin McRobbie saw her Pb's fall in the 50 FC and 50 BC (both 2 seconds). Emily Hill saw her 50 FC time dramatically reduced by 7seconds and 50 BS (3 seconds). In their first competitions Eadidh Monteith saw her times fall in the 50 FC by a massive 8seconds and 9 seconds in 50m BS. Jessica Irving saw her times fall in also in the 50 FC by 4seconds and 50 BS by a substantial 6seconds.

The 11 year old age group saw the best PB of the meet for the young team coming from Ryan Ferguson in his 1st competition. Ryan pushed morning nerves aside to take to the pool in the 50m FC to set at magnificent 14 seconds PB. The afternoon saw another PB for the only 11 year old in the team where he reduced his time in the 50mBS by 2 seconds.

The morning session was rounded off with a 4x25m FC relay in the 8-9 age groups to with the team of Cameron, Adam, Sophie and Joesef put in a great performance to finish in 6th position. In the afternoon the day was ended with another 4x 25m relay in the 10-11 years age group. The 'A' Team of Katie, Eadidh, Emily and Lewis put in a great shift to finish in 13th and 'B' team of Kier, Jess, Harry and Caitlin swam a brave race to finish in 16th place. .

Well done to all the swimmers involved for a great days work.

A special mention to Ryan Ferguson on being the first recipient of the Barker trophy for the biggest PB at the competition.