

## Dunedin Challenge Meet 2009

Dunedin Swim Team held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Challenge Meet at FIPRE (Glenrothes) on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Competing for the host club were a team of 19 young swimmers. Over the 2-days of the meet the team won 3 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze plus 6 fourth place finishes, 4 fifth place and two sixth place, a total of 35 top 10 finishes. The swimmers amassed 74 lifetime personal best times with great performances by all swimmers.

The meet saw the teams most experienced swimmer 12yr old Caitlin Hamilton lead the way with 12 swims claiming 3 gold, 4 Silver, 1 bronze and 4 further top 6 finishes in the 11/12 Girls. In her favoured FC events Caitlin showed dominance claiming a clean sweep of gold medals. The 50 FC saw her take break the 30 seconds barrier for the first time short course finishing in 29.24 over 1½ second ahead of the next competitor. Then 100 FC followed a similar pattern with Caitlin taking 2 seconds off her PB to finish in 1.04.61 over 2 seconds ahead this time and again she reduced her PB by 2 seconds in the 200FC winning by a similar margin as the 100. Caitlin continued her form in the Butterfly events finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the 50m (0.5sec PB) and 100m (3sec PB) and also in the 100m IM (0.5sec PB) and 50m BC (0.2sec PB). Caitlin claimed bronze in the 200 IM (0.5sec PB). In other events Caitlin finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100m BS, 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200m BS and 200m BC (7sec PB) and 6<sup>th</sup> place in 50m BS (0.2sec PB). This all round success saw Caitlin claim the top girl prize for the 11/12 Girls. Her 50 FC time also saw her narrowly miss out on the Best points swim finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Two of the other more experienced swimmers Kenneth Drummond and Lewis Longden were also in fine form. The weekend saw Kenneth finish with a Bronze medal in the 50 m BC taking off over 1sec and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 50m BS (0.2PB). Kenneth also set new times in the 100 BC by 3 sec (9<sup>th</sup>), 100 C by 1 sec (16<sup>th</sup>), 100 FC by 6 sec (11<sup>th</sup>). Lewis ended the weekend with 3 fourth place finishes in the 100FC with a 9 sec PB, 50 FC (0.2sec PB) and huge 10 sec PB in 100BC. Lewis also finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in his first venture into the 100m BF event with a very gutsy swim.

The weekend also saw Georgina McGonagle on blistering form drastically reducing her PB in almost all swims. Georgina took off 1.2 Sec in the 50 FC (15<sup>th</sup>), 11seconds in the 100 FC (29<sup>th</sup>), 14 seconds in the 200 FC (33<sup>rd</sup>), 6 seconds in 50 BS (12<sup>th</sup>), 12 seconds on 100BS (11<sup>th</sup>) and 8 seconds in 200 BS (15<sup>th</sup>). Hannah Gallacher was also on a mission reducing her time by 0.5 seconds in 50m BS (16<sup>th</sup>), 5 seconds in the 100 BS (10<sup>th</sup>), 3 seconds in 200 BS (16<sup>th</sup>) and 2 seconds in 50 FC (17<sup>th</sup>). Not to be out done by her little Sister Megan Gallacher saw her time reduced in the 200 BS by 0.5 seconds (14<sup>th</sup>). On the way to her 200 BS PB Megan also broke her her PB at the 50m (2sec) and 100m (3 sec) splits.

With the PB's coming thick and fast everyone wanted in on the action with Alex Forsyth reducing his time in the 50 BF by 4 seconds (5<sup>th</sup>) and 100 FC by 7seconds (18<sup>th</sup>). Alex also competed in the 100 IM for the first time producing a very respectable time of 1.34 to finish 8<sup>th</sup>. Sister Kirsty was on her brothers heels with PB's in the 100 IM 16 seconds, 100 BC by 10 Sec (9<sup>th</sup>) and 50 FC by 5 sec (12<sup>th</sup>). Emily Hill was flying taking a massive 17 seconds off of her 100 FC (11<sup>th</sup>) time and 6 seconds off her 100m BS (7<sup>th</sup>).

The confidence filtered through the team with Katie Gullane-Smillie continuing her form from last weekend by reducing her PB in the 50 BS (0.7sec, 15<sup>th</sup>), 50 BC (0.2sec, 9<sup>th</sup>), 100FC (4sec, 12<sup>th</sup>), 100 BC (7sec, 8<sup>th</sup>) and 50 FC (9<sup>th</sup>). Tamzin McQueenie who was competing in her first competition shrugged off any nerves to swim an 8 second PB in the 50FC (16<sup>th</sup>) and 7 seconds in her 50 BS (11<sup>th</sup>). Also competing in her first competition Anna Christians equalled her entry time in the 100 FC (31<sup>st</sup>) and took 6 seconds off her 100 BS time (18<sup>th</sup>) Cara Pullar saw her time fall in the 100 FC by 1 sec (28<sup>th</sup>) and she was on her PB in the 100 BS (12<sup>th</sup>) and 50 BS (11<sup>th</sup>). Caitlin McRobbie also showed great determination taking 10 seconds off her 100m FC time (15<sup>th</sup>) and 2 seconds off her 100 BC time.

Victoria Robertson continued the PB demolition in the 100 FC where she reduced her time by 1 sec (12<sup>th</sup>), 50 FC by 4 sec (10<sup>th</sup>) and 100 IM by 3 sec (20<sup>th</sup>). Brother Adam saw his time fall in the 50 BC by 1 second PB which was only set last weekend, while taking 5 seconds off in the 100 BC (9<sup>th</sup>). The family affair continued with Harry and Joesef Tait stepping up to set their own personal best times. Harry saw all his times fall in the 50 BS by 2 sec to finish 4<sup>th</sup>, 100 BS by 6 seconds (6<sup>th</sup>) and 100 FC by 10 sec (11<sup>th</sup>). 8yr old Joesef the youngest competitor in the competition gained vital experience while reducing his time in the 40 FC by 4 sec (10<sup>th</sup>), 100 FC by 5 sec (12<sup>th</sup>) and 100 IM (7<sup>th</sup>).

Cameron Longden was on top form also taking 3 seconds of his 50m Bs time to finish 8<sup>th</sup>. Cameron also produced the PB of the meet in the 50 FC taking a colossal 18 seconds off his PB (12<sup>th</sup>). This PB will earn Cameron the Barker Trophy for the Bets PB of the meet.

Well done to all the swimmers for an excellent weekend work.

Well done swimmers and huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped out in any capacity this weekend - a **brilliant job** was done by **all** - a **great team effort** and all contributed to a very **successful** meet.