



POOLE SWIMMING CLUB

3rd Round Novice League 13/03/2010

OK so the end result wasn't what we wanted, a 5th place in the final. On paper it looks like we didn't swim well. In fact we swam too well. Mike spends time placing swimmers in events that allow for a P.B. without gaining those speeding tickets, good thinking Mike. Our swimmers have other ideas. They go out with the sole intention of winning one, and we don't stop them. This does of course mean we lose points, but in this case P.B. are much nicer. (I do hope when they learn to drive they realise speeding tickets leave a bad dent in the wallet and a bad taste in the mouth)

This event was stressful before the start due to 3 swimmers failing to turn up. No shows put pressure on the rest of the team. A comment made after the gala by a spectator (not a parent) was just how hard all our swimmers tried. You can't ask for anything more. Their best is their best.

In practice we can get the starts, turns, finishes and take overs spot on. Put the same swimmers in competition and something strange happens. You have to wonder, what do they think about? Or do they just panic!

We have brought in new swimmers each round and been pleasantly surprised at the hidden talent in this club. All the times from this league have been noted and will be used when picking the next team event. (Southern Junior in April)

There were some fantastic swims on Saturday with 7 speeding tickets plus more P.Bs. We hope this league has given our swimmers more confidence in their abilities, the push to train more and the feeling that they belong to a great club.

WELL DONE POOLE SWIMMING CLUB!!!

Maralyn