

ASA National Masters and Seniors Inter-county Competition 20th November 2016

Cornwall

Cornwall masters team of 35 swimmers, 1 official (Tash Coon) and 2 team managers (Emma Reid and Catherine Ralph- also reserve swimmer) attended the South West Regional Intercounty gala held in Dorchester on Sunday 20th November .

Despite some considerable transport challenges the team all arrived in good spirits and thankfully in good time for the warm up. This was the strongest and largest team Cornwall have hosted for a few years and we were noticeable on poolside wearing the smart Cornwall masters team kit (supplied by Emma Reid) .

Photo not available on website:

The team : Peter Adams, Frances Baker(not in photo), Vicky Buck, Graham Bobin, Tristan Bishop(not in photo), Andy Bateman, Samantha Crosby, Aly Chatterjea, Emily Coon, David Freckelton, John Foskett, Sandy Foskett, Caroline Fox, Edward Gilbertson, Samson Hutson, Sally Hough , Emily Hoey, Hannah Kett, Kevin Instance, Amanda Losasso, Jeremy Latham, Matt Leigh, Graeme Milne(not in photo) , Rohan Maynard, John Posnett, Sarah Quartermaine, John Rhodes, Hannah Reid , Emma Rivers, Mark Richards, Jeremy Salmon, Jonny Stewart, Freya Turley and Sheryl Taylor , ranged in ages from 18 – 67 years and were representative of masters swimmers from clubs all over Cornwall including Carn Brea and Helston, St Ives, Truro City , Caradon , Launceston, Newquay ,Penzance and St Austell . The team entered a swimmer into every event including the 10 freestyle and 10 medley relays – Age groups for relays being 260+, 220+ , 180+, 140+, 100+, and 72+. A few swimmers had to swim down age which is always a tough call when you are a masters swimmer, but they all achieved points for the team.

There were 68 events to complete with fast turnaround times and little pause for thought . The gala was concluded in less than 3 hours which made for an exciting atmosphere. Full results of this regional gala can be viewed on the www.swimwest.org.uk website The points for the SW regional event are as follows :

Devon 346.5
Dorset 294.5
Glouc 245
Cornwall 211
Wilts 196.5
Somerset 131.5

The regional scores and individual times are fed into the regional results from 4 other regional galas - all swum on 20th November . Results taken from each timed event are ranked against the other 28 counties and used to calculate an overall National result . Cornwall's point total of 830 ranked them 20th out of 28 counties .Results of individual events nationally can be viewed on www.swimming.org/masters/

Congratulations to team Cornwall, with several names in the top 10 Nationally and one swimmer, Ed Gilbertson, achieving the fastest time Nationally for his 18+ years 50m Backstroke event .
Well Done team Cornwall !

Swimmers 18years or over interested in participating in masters events please look on the CCASA website (www.swimcornwall.org) for details of local galas and contacts, or email me for further information- ralphcatherine@hotmail.com .

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