



JOHN BIGSBY MEMORIAL RELAY TROPHY GALA

Edmonton Phoenix hosted the John Bigsby Memorial Relay Trophy Gala, held at Southbury Road on Saturday the 29th November 2009. The clubs competing were Edmonton Phoenix, Anaconda, Haringey Borough and Cheshunt.

This is a relay gala for five age groups ranging from the 9years and under through to the Open age group. There are age group freestyle and medley relays and single sex squadron relays for each stroke with one swimmer from each age group required to make up a team. Finally there was a 10 swimmer mixed squadron freestyle relay. All these relays add up to a lot of fun for the swimmers. Because several teams had unfortunately withdrawn from the gala we were able to swim the girls and boys races alongside each other which meant there was a constant buzz of activity both in and out of the water. It was great to see the 9yr and under swimmers compete. Chloe Howe, Zahra O'Farrell, Lily Halihan, and Maya Kirlew were the girls. Deniz Erensoy, Oskar Soulas, Tyrese Locker and Callum Dodds were the boys. They swam really well and were a credit to their coach Sarah Thomas. It will be interesting to see how they progress over the coming months.

Many of the swimmers had to work pretty hard, swimming in multiple races and often swimming up in age groups. One swim of note was Mia Hawkes breaking the club 10 year age group record for the 50m backstroke posting a time of 37.44s in the first leg of the medley relay. Overall we won 9 of the 29 races and we finished second behind Anaconda with Haringey Borough third and Cheshunt fourth.

The Swimmers

Chloe Howe, Maya Kirlew, Lily Halihan, Zahra O'Farrell, Mia Hawkes, Emily Whale, Afton Doe, Amy Carson, Hannah Thomas, Taria Carson, Bethan Holder, Charlotte Newman, Armani Antoine-Chagar, Nina McGarvey, Connie Hawkes, Sarah Browne, Charlotte Payne, Alice Smyth
Deniz Erensoy, Oskar Soulas, Tyrese Locker, Callum Dodds, Josh Kirlew, Tom Newman, Ben Howe, Josh Branch, Michael Gargaro, Joe Glazebrook, Reece Ballett, James Wallace, Zach Kirlew, Michael Tunstall, Ben Zuccolini, Joe Smith, Daniel Fellows, Louis Kirlew

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