



Blackpool Aquatics News Letter

January 2012

Blackpool Back in the Premier

Arena League reports

The final rounds of this year's arena league took place on the 10/11 of December. With both our teams being involved in the final meets. The 'A' team was in action at Bury and the 'B' team at Leigh

The 'B' team finished 2nd, in the gala. There were some excellent swims from all team members. It has been a difficult year for the 'B' team due to swimmer availability. But due to the excellent commitment of the swimmers it has been a successful year.

The 'A' Team competed in a hard fought meet at Bury were throughout the meet there was only five points dividing the top three teams.

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After 10 races Blackpool were in the lead, with Alsager and Winsford in second and third respectively.

During the second half of the meet a couple of disqualifications for Blackpool and Winsford, allowed Alsager to take a small lead. The following races saw the lead change almost every race. Culminating in very close final swims in the last two events. After a number of recounts of the points Blackpool finished second by 3 points from Alsager with Winsford coming third a further two pints behind.

As a result Blackpool have been promoted to the Premier league for next season.

It has been an excellent year for all our teams. Congratulations to all swimmers who have helped this year to be a success and now we can build on these achievements.

CHARITY SHOP

We have the use of a charity shop in Poulton at the end of January. If you have any good items of Bric a brac etc.

Please contact Janice for further details. **07984 310441**

No electrical goods please.

Northwest winter regionals

Ten swimmers were involved in the winter regionals at the start of December which were held at Manchester.

A number of personal best were achieved by swimmers. Adam Fawl achieved second place in the 100 and 200 fly events.

Two relay teams were entered for the women's and men's 400 IM relay, 400 freestyle relay. The relay teams came 9th, 10th, 11th & 10th respectively. This is the first time we have entered teams in relay events at a prestigious meet.

Blackpool achieved 16th overall at the meet, which is a tremendous achievement when compared to the size of some of the other teams.

The swimmers were: Ryan Kerr, Stephen Marshal, Adam Fawl, Oliver McMurdo, Lewis Peach, Chloe Ashe, Annalicia Bowden, Madeline Brownsword, Imogen Pearce, and Keleigh Spector

Forth Coming events / Dates for your diary's

• January 28th 2012

Bag pack at Sainsbury's on Red Bank Road All help needed both parents and swimmers please contact Sam Bowden at sam.bowden@sky.com

• Sponsored Swim Overnight swim at Palatine.

Please see details below

• Blackpool Aquatics first open meet Sat /Sum 26/27 May. Details to follow

Sponsored Swim

Fri / Sat 17/18 February.

A 12 Hour overnight sponsored swim.

This is a major fundraising event a tower to tower overnight swim (Blackpool Tower to Eiffel Tower) A distance 409 miles = 658,221.696 meters = 26,328 lengths approx.

We will require a lot of swimmers including masters to take part in this major fund rising event. More Details to follow. Please start getting your sponsors lined up.