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## **Rother Junior Trophy Gala 2012**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2012, Worthing travelled up to the Spectrum Centre in Guildford to compete in the Rother Premier Junior Trophy. Just like the Sussex League Galas earlier in 2012, it was known in advance that the standard of Competition, was going to be of a high level.

It was very pleasing to not have any last minute pull outs, allowing us to have a full strength squad in attendance. Worthing got off to a bright start, placing 4<sup>th</sup> after 10 events. This included 1 of 2 race victories on the night, from William Clark in the Under 10's races. Despite some fantastic swims throughout the squad, we gradually began to slide down the placings, in what was a close fought gala from all of the 8 teams in attendance.

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| 1st             | Staines SC          | 298 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Haslemere SC        | 273 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Rushmoor Royals     | 239 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Sutton and Cheam SC | 226 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Elmbridge Phoenix   | 213 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Littlehampton SC    | 205 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Hart SC             | 184 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Worthing SC         | 181 |

There were 5 different age categories in the gala, with 9 yrs, 10 yrs, 11 yrs, 12 yrs and 13 year olds swimming both individuals and mixed relay races, giving the chance for the girls to work with the boys to try and win races.

It was pleasing to see many swimmers supporting those who were racing, at the end of the lane. Many thanks to Mark Savill and Sarah Coulson, who were part of the official's team at the Gala and to Justine Burgess, Matthew Laker and Nic Piper, Head Coach, who were on poolside, organising and motivating swimmers. Also, thanks go to Laura Joseph, Junior Girls Captain who was in attendance to cheer on and help prepare the young swimmers.

Although it may be frustrating to wait for the results at the end of the Gala, it is out of respect for the other competing teams that this is done and will continue to be done, at the end of every gala that we compete in.

The Club's Age Groups Competition involving every Club swimmer who wishes to compete and the South East Region Championships for those who have qualified are fast approaching in the next couple of weeks. The next date for the Club Gala diary is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May at Gosport, where the following age groups are involved. Under 11's, Under 13's, Under 15's and Open swimmers. Please try to be available if selected.

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