



The Rother League

Named after a river that runs through the region of the founder clubs, the league currently consist of 5 Divisions (1 to 3, with division 4 divided into East & West region), each division contain 6 teams totalling 30 teams in the league.

Swimmers from 9 years to open age compete in 3 rounds swum in June, July and September (and a Trophy competition). Each round has a different programme, including a relay gala and the standard is very high.

Round 3 – Aquadome – Basingstoke – 20.09.2008

Worthing Swimming Club is in 2nd place in Division 2 after 2 rounds of tough competition at Fareham & Cranleigh, coming into round 3 and with the top two teams overall gaining promotion to Division 1. Fierce competition was expected from Basingstoke, Alton A, Cranleigh, Hamble & Dorking. The evening certainly produced some exciting racing, Worthing eventually taking 3rd place behind Hamble and Cranleigh with Alton A closely in 4th place.

Promotion

Having swum so well in the previous two rounds, 3rd place was enough for Worthing to take 2nd overall and promotion to Division 1, this is a fantastic achievement considering Worthing was in Division 3 two seasons previously.

Junior Champion

Worthing Junior Team – 9 to 13 year olds also won the Junior Cup in this division. The cup is awarded to the best junior team performance over the 3 rounds. A special '**well done**' and congratulations to all younger swimmers involved in this competition.

On the night there were many excellent swims throughout the team, Charlotte Barnett was the first Worthing swimmer to impress with a fine win in the Girls U/12 50m Freestyle.

Joe Hazeldine scored maximum points with fine victories in the Boys U/12 50m Freestyle, Butterfly & Breaststroke.

Lauren Meredith won an exciting Girls U/14 50m Freestyle.

Boys U/12 4x1 Freestyle & Medley Relay team of Joe Hazeldine, Ben Goddard, Nathan Jones & Harry Burnell won both events.

2nd Places

Charlotte Barnett – Girls U/12 50m Butterfly

Joe Hazeldine – Boys U/14 50m Breaststroke

Karen Chan - Girls U/14 50m Butterfly

Rachel Piper – Girls U/16 100m IM, U/16 100m Freestyle

Natalie Smith – Girls U/16 100m Backstroke

Girls U/12 4x1 IM Relay, Charlotte Barnett, Hannah Joseph, Alice Wardley & Natasha Cranford

Boys U/14 4x1 IM Relay, Sam Wildman, Joe Hazeldine, Charlie Jones & Callum Long

Girls U/14 4x1 Freestyle Relay, Laura Joseph, Amy Quach, Lauren Meredith, Eloise Slaughter

Girls U/16 4x1 Freestyle Relay, Natalie Smith, Rachel Piper, Sarah Blacker, Tuesday O'Brien

Squadron 8x1 Freestyle Relay

In the special event, the Veterans Trophy 120 years+ 4x1 Freestyle Relay the Worthing team of Dominic Cranford, Karen Wardley, Emma Piper and our Head Coach Nick Piper came 3rd overall.

A big Thank you to all swimmers who took part and all parents who made the trip to Fareham, Cranleigh & Basingstoke to support the team. Many congratulations for the excellent swimming and the general level of enthusiasm for the galas.

Our next major focus is the National League, which takes place next month and we shall be looking forward to your support as Worthing will be in Division1 having gained promotion last year.

For further information please visit the Worthing Swimming Club Web site at:
www.worthingswimmingclub.org