

MILLENNIUM LEAGUE ROUND 1

The Millennium league 2017 got underway on Saturday 21st January hosted by Larkfield. For those new to Dartford District SC, our participation in the Millennium League provides an opportunity for our younger & less experienced swimmers to gain competition experience and is excellent for building confidence.

From a total of 32 individual events our swimmers achieved a phenomenal 21 new 'personal bests' (PB) during the evening. Whilst several of these great swims ultimately led to 'Time Faults' it was fantastic to see the swimmer's faces when told they had achieved a new PB. With so many of the team improving on their previous times it is difficult to pick out individuals. However, I must mention Josh Hurley, who having represented DDSC in this league for many seasons, achieved a 'PB' in his 50m breaststroke. This means he is now too fast in all four strokes to compete in this league going forward. I am sure Josh will continue to be present at future gala's in his role as vice captain. Well done Josh!

My swimmers of the evening are Charlie Titchmarsh for the boys. He won both of his events, achieving personal bests in his 50m backstroke & 50m freestyle. In his freestyle, Charlie convincingly broke through the 40 second barrier for the first time. For the girls, I have chosen Liberty Anscumb who won her 50m fly event, improving her time by nearly 4 seconds and consistently swam well in her relay events.

Special thanks to Gracie Pye and Maisie Chambers for swimming a number of extra events due to the late withdrawal of a couple of swimmers.

Thanks to all the poolside helpers, particularly Izzy and Jess, our girl captains, who controlled lane end so proficiently. Thanks also to the parents who came in numbers to support the team and made themselves heard throughout the evening. It's always encouraging to hear 'Come on Dartford' during the evening and I'm sure it is fully appreciated by the swimmers.

Finally, thanks to the swimmers who all remained on poolside until the end of the evening to support their team mates. You were also excellently behaved, which didn't go un-noticed by some of the officials.

Next round is at Eltham on 11th February. Selected swimmers will be notified shortly via email by Sally Willis.

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