

British Gas

Oxon and North Bucks County Championships 2011

Long Distance Events

The 2011 British Gas Oxford and North Bucks County Championships Long Distance events, held this year at Aqua Vale, witnessed numerous personal best times, many regional qualifying times, 3 national qualifying times, 12 meet best times, 2 county records and 1 British disability record.

Ben Flaherty, 16 years old, from City of Milton Keynes Swim Club, won both the Senior and Junior 1500m freestyle events in 16.13.13, just outside his own county record time. In a repeat of last years junior places Matt Masters, 16, CMKSC, came second in the junior title with Guy Giles, 16, from City of Oxford SC, third. Matt swam a 19 second PB that also gained him third place in the Senior title whilst Guy took 28 seconds off his previous best time.

Ollie Brewer, 20, representing Maxwell SC, came second in the Senior championships.

In the girls 800m freestyle 15 years old Joss Ulyett from CMKSC won both the Senior and Junior Championship trophies in a personal best time of 9.08.20. In a closely fought final heat (9.16.84 and 9.16.94) City of Oxford swimmers Elizabeth Oliver, 13, and Leanne Brooks 16, took second and third places respectively. Both girls swam personal best times.

Lucy Chenery, 16, from Maxwell, took 12 seconds off her own British Disability record.

The following weekend the CMKSC trio of Matt Masters, Ben Flaherty (both 16) and Courtney Dos Santos, 15, took top honours in the boys 400m freestyle in both Junior and Senior titles. Matt's winning time of 4.00.64 was not only a 6 second PB but also a national qualifying time.

In the 400m individual medley Junior Champs the top two positions were reversed with Ben first, then Matt and Courtney. The Senior title was won by Oxford's Joe Canlan-Shaw, 23, in 4.25.57, breaking his own Open county record. Ben and Matt were second and third.

The girls' events were dominated by CMKSC's Joss Ulyett. In the 400m IM Joss won both the Junior and Senior champs in 4.48.11, breaking her own County record by 7 seconds. Joss was joined on the podium with CMKSC teammates Emma Joyce, 16 and Rebecca Marshall, 15.

Both Junior and Senior 400m freestyle titles were won by Joss Ulyett in 4.24.59, a national qualifying time. Emma Joyce, 16, from CMKSC was second and Anna Evison, 16, representing Maxwell, came third.

Meet best times were set by Maxwell swimmers Billy Martin (2), Leah Picillo (2, with an NQT in the 400m freestyle) and David Witham. More meet best times were set by Emma Joyce (2), Ben Flaherty, Matt Masters, Joss Ulyett, all from CMKSC, and Joe Canlan-Shaw, Oxford.

In addition to those already mentioned age group winners included; Max Murphy (11 years old) CMKSC, George Manser (11) Maxwell; Luke Scales (13) Maxwell, Nathanael Armstrong (13) Oxford; Frederick Woodcock (14) Maxwell, Elliot Moulder (14) CMKSC and Ben Chapman (17) Oxford. Lauren Leese (10) Witney, Lauren James (10) Wantage; Emily Nisbet (11)

Wantage, Isobel Miekle (11) 4 Shires; Lucy Gaen (12) Oxford, Merryn Odell (12) CMKSC; Emma Lomas (14) Oxford, Ellie Bunce (14) Maxwell; Yolande Spear (17) Witney and Kezia Pullinger (17) Oxford.

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