

Penguin Gala at Pocklington

Saturday 14th October

It is possibly the most difficult venue because of restrictions of space and a bar round the pool that some swimmers find intimidating.

Catherine and Philip Ansell, Wayne Oakley and Emily and Charlotte Smith representing, BSC for the first time, conquered their nerves well.

It was an inexperienced team and so mistakes were bound to happen but all swimmers showed effort and enthusiasm.

Unfortunately BSC were one down in the youngest age range which meant they began the Gala with 15 penalty points.

This did not deter the swimmers, who certainly made their support known.

Penquins have time limits to give early swimmers an opportunity to have Gala experience. BSC did lose some penalty points for swimming over the limits.

Matthew Faulkner, Jason Faulkner, Jon Ansell, Jack Dare, Conor Adnitt, Maria Hornsey, Joe Harvey and Jenny Burton won their individual event.

Relay winners; 13 & U medley Jason Faulkner, AJ. Shepherd, Joe Harvey and Philip Ansell. Freestyle;

11 & U Wayne Oakley, Conor Adnitt, Adam Morland, Jason Faulkner;

13 & U Joe Harvey, Philip Ansell, Conor Adnitt and AJ. Shepherd; Cannon Kai Hall, Wayne Oakley, Philip Ansell, Jon Ansell, Jack Dare, Jason Faulkner, Joe Harvey and AJ. Shepherd.

This was a good learning experience for the swimmers and gave them a chance to show what they can do.

The coaches gain valuable knowledge of where improvements can follow.

Team Manager, Margaret Greenall was pleased with the swimmers especially those who turned up early Sunday morning for training following their late night.

Pocklington are not allowed to have spectators in the pool area so thank you to the supporters who squashed into the small viewing area.

Thank you Geoff, Margaret, Barbara, Jim and Sharon for officiating.

There was a great atmosphere round the pool and swimmers enjoyed a good Gala.

Result; 1st South Hunsley, 2nd Pocklington, 3rd South Holderness, 4th Bridlington.