

Dorset Country Diving Championships – Sunday 28th October 2012

The 2012 Dorset County diving championships were held at Poole on Sunday 28th October with divers from Poole based Wessex DC and Portland based Tornadoes. Numbers were disappointingly low however those that did compete produced some great quality dives.

Nick Winfield, Wessex, put in 3 impressive performances to achieve 2 golds and a silver as did Leon Watts, Wessex who dived to his usual consistent high standard taking the senior springboard and highboard titles.

Following the Olympics diving has seen an increase in membership in the County and this was reflected in the novice interskills competition held on Saturday 27th October at Portland. It was great to see some of these new and inexperienced divers competing in their first competition. Divers from Wessex, Tornadoes and Bere Regis took part and the standard was pleasingly high.

Performances to note were that of Tom Le Voi, winner of the 8-11yrs category - I am sure there are great things to come from this young man.

In the girls 12-15yrs Rebecca Raybould, Tornadoes and Paige Harris, Wessex performed some lovely dives with style and grace particularly considering the short time they have been diving.

The competition was particularly poignant as it was the first one held following the sad death of Chris Esmond, former Tornadoes coach, who lost his battle with cancer in 2011. The County donated a trophy in his memory to be presented to the outstanding novice. Beth Stannard, County Secretary, reported that it was an honour to be able to award such a trophy in Chris's memory. More pleasing was that his wife, Jean, and son Stuart attended to present the cup to the winning diver - Rebecca Raybould of Tornadoes. Beth added that it was particularly fitting that a Tornadoes diver was the first recipient of the trophy and was thoroughly deserved by Rebecca for her outstanding performance in winning the 12-15yrs event.

Results:

Boys 8-11yrs

1st Oliver Fellows Tornadoes 68.05 points

Girls 12-15yrs

1st Kathryn Lawrence Wessex 99.85 points

2nd Cara Jones Tornadoes 84.70 points

3rd Sophie Webber Wessex 82.80 points

Boys 16-18yrs

1st Nick Winfield Wessex 129.45 points

2nd Martin Shave Wessex 98.10 points

Masters

1st Roy Shave Wessex 93.85 points

2nd Colin Baverstock Wessex 70.40 points

Junior Spingboard – Boys

1st Nick Winfield Wessex 128.25 points

Junior Springboard – Girls

1st Cara Jones Tornadoes 81.00points

2nd Kathryn Lawrence Wessex 80.70points

Senior Springboard - Men

1st Leon Watts Wessex 185.85 points

2nd Nick Winfield Wessex 148.60 points

Senior Springboard – Ladies

1st Kathryn Lawrence Wessex 131.55 points

Highboard – Men

1st Leon Watts Wessex 116.60 points