

Dorset County Interskills Competition – Sunday 13th October 2013

The 2013 Dorset County Championships were held at Poole over the weekends of 13th and 20th October. The first weekend saw novice divers from Poole based Wessex DC and Portland based Chris Esmond DC participate in the interskills competition. For many this was their first taste of a competitive event and the divers certainly rose to the challenge despite their inexperience.

In particular the 8-11year age groups saw some excellent performances. New comer Bethany Primmer from Wessex Dc performed some beautiful dives showing grace and style. It was this performance that saw her awarded with the Chris Esmond Memorial Trophy for outstanding novice. This was the 2nd year the trophy was presented following the sad death from cancer of Chris Esmond, former coach based at Tornadoes of Portland – hence also the change of name of the dive club.

On 20th October the Age Groups and County Championships were held for the more experienced divers. Sadly, numbers were extremely low this year, something that Beth Stannard, County Secretary and coach at Wessex DC aims to address with the clubs over the next few months. Despite the low number the quality of diving was still high and did not detract from the fact that the divers performing are the only ones capable of doing so at this level in the county.

Results:

Girls 16-18yrs

1st Alexandra Banfield 77.10points Wessex DC

Boys 8-11yrs

1st Max Harris 72.30points Wessex DC

2nd Benjamin Knight 67.70points Wessex DC

3rd Paul Kolendo 67.60points Wessex DC

4th Robbie Mckenna 53.65points Wessex DC

5th Jack Midgley 52.80points Wessex DC

Guest Owen Court 50.45points Wessex DC

Girls 8-11yrs

1st Bethany Primmer 94.55points Wessex DC

2nd Sophie Faulkner 75.20points Wessex DC

3rd Charlotte Harris 72.40points Wessex DC

4th Charlotte Myers 60.25points Chris Esmond Dive Club

5th Lily Cole 60.20points Chris Esmond Dive Club

Boys 8-11yrs

1st Alex Pearlman 75.90points Wessex DC

2nd Jack Philpott 71.50points Wessex DC

3rd Ethan McDonnell 66.30points Wessex DC

Girls 12-15yrs

1st Emily Banfield 87.30points Wessex DC
2nd Sophie Phenix 83.75points Wessex DC
3rd Nancy Whitlock 64.65points Wessex DC
4th Alia Clarke 62.35points Wessex DC
5th Helen Lawrence 55.25points Wessex DC