

Hythe Aqua Awards Night - Summary

Hythe Aqua Swimming Club Members gathered at the Tin Tabernacle in Hythe last Saturday for their annual awards night. The awards night had been delayed due to the lengthy pool closures during 2016 affecting Hythe Pool.

The club still had a very successful 2016 despite the lack of pool time. The venue was packed with award winners and their friends and families. Hythe Aqua is a voluntary community based sports organisation that is nationally recognised by its governing body as a Swim21/Clubmark Club that offers opportunities for swimmers from 4.5 years through their learn to swim programme to the various club disciplines that are offered at Hythe Aqua Swimming Club, including competitive swimming, synchronised swimming, water polo (junior and senior) and Masters swimming.

Section Coaches provided information on the successes their sections had achieved during 2016 including excellent results at national level.

The Club is looking forward to training again at Hythe Pool when it reopens on the 23rd January and towards another successful year.

Competitive Swimming

Katie Oliver won all the 8yrs and Under strokes

Emma Howes-Lawrence and Sandra Vroemen won the gold medals in the 9/10yrs girls

Buddy Wiseman, Herbie Stewart and Harry Oakes won the 9/10yrs boys gold medals.

Ema Calvo & Amelia Priestley won gold in 11/12yrs Girls

Rico Newman-Morgan and Ben Mills won the 11/12yrs golds

Evie Wood won all golds in her 13/14yrs age group

Leon Santer and Tristan Calvo shared the golds in their 13/14yrs age group

The 15/16yrs age group winners were Jessica Helliwell, Daisy Tanner, & Emily Chambers, with Finn Wood winning the boys age group events.

Grace Walker won all strokes in the Open Ladies, whilst Finn wood was champion in three events with Ben Walker winning a gold as well. Finn broke a long standing club record in his 100m butterfly race.

Water Polo Awards

The Water Polo Section awarded merits to: William Cavanagh, Harry Oakes, Matthew Holman.

Most improved player was Tom Broadbridge, Junior Player of the Year was James Croud, Ladies Players of the year were Abbie Oakes and Ellies Stewart (shared)

Toby Masray was the most deserving player, with senior player of the year being William Crouch with Jamie Leppard being nominated as Senior Men's Players Player.

Synchronised Swimming Section Awards

Synchro merits awarded to: Ruby Stonestreet, Daisy Cooke, Stevie Redman & Suzanna Byles.

Newcomer of the Year was Lucy Horton, Attendance Trophy winner was Suzannah Turner, with the Laura Berkin Trophy going to Olivia Ellis. Performer of the Year was Amy Bondzio, Swimmer of the Year was Allan Winstanley, most improved swimmer was Jessica Ellis with Contribution to the Club being Juliet Bondzio.

Special Awards

Competitive Squad merits were awarded to Daniel Baigent, Chloe Voyle and William Fuller.

Eat Invicta Championships Top Point scorers were: Finn Wood and Amelia Priestley.

Top Club Points scorer at the 2016 Kent swimming Championships was Amelia Priestley, with the SE Region Top Points scorer being Finn Wood.

The Club Coaches Squad Trophy was awarded to Eleanor Priestley with Rico Newman-Morgan and Sandra Vroemen taking the Junior Squad Shields.

The national trophy for 2016 was awarded to the Clubs Cross Channel swim team who held the fastest 4 man crossing time of 2016 and raised over £7,000 for a pancreatic cancer charity.

The awards was followed by a buffet with air hockey and strike a light games being provided by Altitude Events

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