HYTHE AQUA MASTERS REPORT ON RECENT COMPETITIONS

The South East Regional Short Course Masters Championships were held at Guildford recently with competitors coming from as far apart as Cornwall and Suffolk. Hythe Aqua were represented by a small team who were in medal winning form. Maureen Fakley won the 200m Backstroke in the 80-84 year category and her time was a new Kent record. Donna Wickens was outstanding in the 50 metre sprints in the 50-54 year age group - coming second in the Freestyle and Butterfly and third in the backstroke. David Staveley in the 75-79 year age group was first in the 100m Individual Medley and the 100m Breaststroke and second in the 200m Backstroke. In the Freestyle events Graham Ling was fourth in both the 50m and 100m for the 70-74 year category.

Also in Kent record breaking form was Fred Parker who set new marks to win the 50m and 100m Breaststroke in the 70-74 year age group at the Barnet Copthall Gala a couple of weeks earlier. Following the National Masters Championships at Sheffield later this month it is anticipated that some Hythe Aqua swimmers will be selected for the Kent team to contest the Inter County Championships which traditionally brings the masters swim season to a close for this year.

