

# HYTHE AQUA JUNIOR POLO PLAYERS AIMING HIGH

March 2016

Junior polo players from Hythe Aqua have been very successful in recent months, both at County, Regional and even International Level. This success has seen a dramatic improvement in attendance and in player development with the section thriving and it has a real buzz about it.

Toby Masray represented Kent in the U/14 team whilst Jess Helliwell was a member of the winning Kent 16/U girls' team. Currently we have Jess, Grace Walker and Ellie Burch training for the 19/U Kent Inter-counties team with their competition In April

For South East Region Libby Macarthur and Lucy-Mai Helliwell both played for the 2002/U team and Jess Helliwell was in the recent 2000/U SE team. Jess, Lucy-Mai, Libby and Mhari Macarthur, Grace Walker and Ellie Burch all train regularly with the SE Region squad and Grace narrowly missed selection for the GB team that played in the European Games in Baku in June ending up non-travelling reserve.

For the SE Region boys training squad we have Toby Masray, Joel Dawkins, James Croud, Tom Broadbridge, William Cavanagh and Leon Santer all currently training with the younger boys hoping to make the team that goes to Inter-Regionals later in the year.

Even the youngest members are winning with the 12/U winning the Kent Water Polo mini polo tournament and the B team coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. Many of these players are only 9-10 years old so have plenty of time to win next year as well.



Anyone interested in trying the sport please contact Hythe Aqua via the Hythe Aqua website [www.hytheaqua.org.uk](http://www.hytheaqua.org.uk) or come along Sunday night at 5pm to Hythe Swimming Pool for a taster session.