

INVERCLYDE GALA - September 2007

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped to make this years gala a resounding success.

There are to many people to mention by name but to all the volunteers at the poolside the results backroom support and the staff at the waterfront whose professionalism and friendly manner impressed the visiting competitors.

Thanks to the committee, coach and club members for all their efforts throughout the year both in terms of organizing and fund raising to make the event possible.

It was extremely pleasing to see the growing team spirit within the club, particularly demonstrated with the relay teams where we had 10 Teams entered covering all 4 age groups and the 2 events (Medley + Freestyle). Every single entrant participated in at least one relay it was clear to see the extra efforts expended for team mates, by the end of the day we had won 4 of 8 relays and came close second in 2.

Overall we had an age range from 17 to 72 and this was another pleasing factor. It was good to see some success for Individuals but the most noticeable point was the vast improvement and growing confidence from all our swimmers.

For the youngsters thank you for your participation and support of the Masters, we look forward to seeing you at training and hope you will compete along with us again, I say compete but remember the Masters moto is Fitness Fun and Friendship, you are the future of Inverclyde Masters.

Following the gala celebrations were in order and another superb night was enjoyed by all.

The last gala in Scotland for this season is the Glasgow International Open Short Course Swim Meet, at Tollcross 9/10th November (Closing Date 8th Oct) , it would be great if we could bring a strong team to it with Male and Female relays, I'll talk later about that.

For now thanks and well done to you all.

Yours in Sport

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