

Wiltshire Masters Championship News 2009

The first two blocks of the 2009 championships have now been completed with the gap narrowing between the leading clubs.

In February block 1 returned to Trowbridge with entries from 10 clubs and 12 championship records were broken. Congratulations to: Nikki Harris (50 back and 100 free), Rebecca Smith (100 fly and 100 free), Nigel Masters (25 breast and 100 free), Chris Archer-Brown (50 back), Sue Harding-Morris (100 fly), Tony Fairfoull (100 fly), Debbie Clutterbuck (25 breast) and Swindon Dolphins ladies 120+yr 100m medley relay and Salisbury mixed 200+ yr 100m medley relay.

Dolphins on 121 points finished with a commanding lead over Swindon Area Masters on 78 points closely followed by Salisbury with 76 points. Leading swimmers were: ladies under 40 Rebecca Smith and over 40 Jose Adam; men under 40 Nigel Masters and over 40 Peter Seward and Bob Pearce.

Entries for block 2 at the Swindon Link Centre were 20% down on last year, partly due to the clash with BAGCATs. Swimmers from 9 clubs broke 7 championship records. Congratulations to: Rebecca Smith and Chris Archer-Brown – 100 back; Julia Kemp and Tony Fairfoull – 50 fly; Nikki Sexton, Phil Muspratt and Nick Hudson – 25 free; Swindon Dolphin men 120+ 100m freestyle relay.

Dolphins retain the overall lead with 222 points but Salisbury with 199 points and a strong ladies team is closing the gap, with Swindon Area Masters in third place with 167 points. Rebecca Smith and Jose Adam remain the top lady swimmers, but the men are: under 40 Jon Audis and over 40 it is now a tie between Peter Seward, Bob Pearce and Brian Davis all on 21 points.

The final block of the championships will be held at Salisbury on Saturday 3rd October.

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