

Cheshire Masters' Sprint & 400m Freestyle Championships 2007
22nd September 2007, Macclesfield

The feedback after this year's championships says much: "The officials should be congratulating themselves it was a fantastic meet"; "The gala was a big success "; "As usual the meet went well and I think it was enjoyed by all."

102 swimmers from 19 clubs across the region, aged between 20 and 79 years took to the Macclesfield water for this year's championship. And, the standard of swimming was never better.

Jill Jones swimming in the 50-54 age group set the organizers into action with the British Record Application forms after fine swims in the 400m Freestyle (5:03.55) and 100m Individual Medley (1:16.02). The announcer was kept very busy declaring the 62 (!!!) Cheshire records. This included Linda Worrall and Amir Belkelladi swimming in the novices races; and relative newcomers to Masters swimming, Hannah Allen (3), Craig Ward (4) and Marie Jones (2) in the 18-24 year age group. Congratulations to all.

The Tom Walker Trophy for the top scoring club was presented by Tom to Trafford Metro after they amassed a massive 548 points. It was closer for 2nd and 3rd places, with City of Chester finally edging forward with 219 points from Halton SC with 214 points. Jill Jones was fittingly sent by Trafford Metro to collect the trophy – please see photo.



Trafford Metro, winners of the Tom Walker Trophy for the top club.

With high hopes a Cheshire County team has been selected for the national inter-county masters' competition due to be held on the 18th November 2007 in Sheffield.

The Cheshire Masters Championships will next be held on the 13th September 2008 (provisional date) at Macclesfield – entry forms and further information available from

<http://www.cheshirecountywpsa.co.uk/masters.php>

May I thank the masters swimming community, technical and non-technical officials and in particular the Masters sub-group, Elaine Ludgate, Alan Rowson and Tom Walker for their support in organizing the event.

Claire Dickinson
Cheshire Masters Secretary

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Some facts and figures

- 24 relay entries
- 327 individual entries
- Swimmers from 19 clubs
- 62 men, 40 women
- Main costs
 - Cost of pool hire £523.38
 - Poolside officials travel £201.20
 - Transport for County Masters Team