

Cheshire Masters Annual Report : 2011



Position in the 2010 Inter-County Masters Competition: FIRST !! Top County in the country for the second year in succession. This national competition involved 29 counties with the NW & NE round being held at Leeds on the 20/11/10. The Cheshire team won with 1664 points over Middlesex with 1657.5 points.



The 2011 Inter-County Masters competition is on the 19th November 2011 in Leeds.

World Record, European Medallists and British Records: This year it was congratulations to Trafford Metro who took a World Record in the 4x100 freestyle mixed team relay for combined age 240+ years. Neil McKinnon led the race off handing over to Rachel Barton. Jill Jones swam the third leg and the team was brought home by Nev Barton to set a new world mark of 4:40.35.

Neil Mackinnon broke two British records at the British Championships in June 2011 competing in the 70-74 years age group 50m butterfly in a time of 33.93s and the 50m freestyle in 30.17s and collected a third gold medal for the 50m backstroke. Nev Barton, age 57 won the 50m freestyle and set a new British record for the 50m breaststroke with a time of 34.63 seconds.

Tom and Brenda Walker participated in the European Masters in Yalta, Ukraine on the 5-9th September 2011. Tom won gold in the 200m backstroke and three silvers in the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke, plus relay medals. Individually Brenda went for a set of medals, winning gold in the 200m backstroke, silver in the 100m backstroke and bronze in the 200m freestyle, in addition to collecting relay medals.

Development Plan: Just before the GB Masters in June we introduced three 2 hour sessions at the 50m pool in Liverpool for the Cheshire Masters. This proved to be very popular. The swimmers reported afterwards very positively and felt it made a big difference to their performance at the GB championships in Leeds. They cited benefits from getting accustomed to the longer course and adjustments to their pacing but also the coaching on starts. We are planning on repeating this in 2012.

Cheshire Masters & Senior 400m & Sprint Championships

Cheshire Masters: 24th September 2011
Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Competitors:

2011	92 (34w+58m)	26 relays	26 clubs
2010	86 (35w+51m)	20 relays	20 clubs
2009	93 (38w+ 55m)	18 relays	20 clubs
2008	109 (47w+ 62m)	21 relays	25 clubs
2007	102		19 clubs

Results: Tom Walker Trophy awarded to Trafford Metro with 445 points
2nd place were Warrington Dolphins with 253 points
3rd place were Macclesfield Masters with 234 points

26 Cheshire records were broken (15 in 2010) by 17 swimmers

Swims: Hazel Grove swimmers Grant & Yvonne Quigley and Russell Crabtree were in record breaking form. Helen Jenkins broke four Cheshire records. Delighted to see Gerry Kelleher, Neil Mackinnon & Julie Mainwaring win their 50m butterfly races. Holly Newsome's 28.71 for 50m freestyle and Craig Ward's 24.33 50m freestyle swims were impressive. Some exciting and competitive swimming was seen in the 40/44, 45/49 and 50/54 age groups. Great relay swims from newcomers Chester Academy in the 100-149 years age group.

Finance:	(in)	Entry Money Banked	~£1300 (subject to Paypal costs)
		Admission/Programme Sales	£41
	(out)	Pool Hire	~650 (unconfirmed and be adjusted)
		Officials Expenses	£520.40
		Engraving	£4.50
		Miscellaneous	£25

What went well: Significant number of new swimmers entering for the first time.
Introduction of the on-line entry system.
Good control of the warm-up by Tom & Brenda Walker
We started on time !
Nice atmosphere, everyone was having a good time socially.
Good team effort.
Good number of technical officials - very many thanks for the hard work on this by Sandra Smith.

What was challenging: Andy White worked hard, re-writing the on-line entry system.
The Sportsys data entry would not accept the cannon, combined age groups and mixed relay formats of our programme.

Further information on Masters events is found on the Cheshire Swimming & Water-Polo Website www.swimcheshire.org

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Claire Dickinson, Cheshire Masters Secretary

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