



## SSMAC Performs at Brantford Aquatic Centre

Sault Ste Marie Aquatic Club (SSMAC) sent a strong contingent of thirty swimmers (30) to the Wayne Gretzky Sports Complex in Brantford, Ontario for the Swim Ontario Division 2 team championships last weekend.

Competing amongst 20 of the top mid-sized clubs in Ontario, SSMAC placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall with strong performances from both senior (13 and over) and junior (12 and under) swimmers in a combined short course and long course racing situation.

Leading the way was seventeen year old Brian Lee. Taking a short break from his training and studies at Baylor College in Tennessee, Brian had three gold medal finishes including the 100 meter butterfly, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle. **Lee's performance in the 50 meter freestyle bettered a 25 year old NEOR record, established by Olympic gold medalist and former world record holder Alex Baumann.** In addition, Brian took home a silver medal in the 100 meter breaststroke and a bronze medal in the 100 meter backstroke. Brian set club records in four of his five swimming events.

Also competing in the fifteen and over division, was fifteen year old Shane Rock, finishing second in the 200 IM, and third in three events 400 freestyle, 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle. SSMAC teammate Michael Lawrence had a strong performance in the 1500 freestyle placing second and qualifying for the national age groups in Winnipeg, Manitoba in July. Lawrence also placed in the top eight in three other events including the 200 meter Breaststroke (5<sup>th</sup>), 400 Individual Medley (6<sup>th</sup>), and the 100 Breaststroke (8<sup>th</sup>). Rounding out the fifteen and over individual medalists was sixteen year old Colin MacQuarrie, finishing third in the 50 meter freestyle, as well as finishing in the top eight in three additional swims including the 100 meter butterfly, 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle (8<sup>th</sup>).

MacQuarrie, Rock, Lee and Christopher Carlyle finished with a silver medal in the male 200 free Relay 15 and over setting a second NEOR record in the process. MacQuarrie combined with Rock, Lawrence and Lee to finish in fifth spot in the Male 200 Medley Relay 15 and over.

In the boys 13-14 division, Stephen Lee won a silver medal in the 200 meter breaststroke and a bronze medal in the 100 breaststroke. Matthew Budau finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter breaststroke as well as placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the 400 Individual Medley, and the 200 breaststroke. Aron Mohamadi finished with a sixth placing in the 400 meter freestyle and eighth in the 400 Individual Medley. Lee, Budau, Mohammadi and Paul Widgett combined for a sixth placing in both the Male 200 free relay and medley relay

In the 12 year old boys division, Paul Widgett had three gold medals including the 400 meter freestyle, 200 Individual Medley, 100 freestyle. Widgett had one silver medal in the 200 meter freestyle and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter backstroke. Eleven year old Alex Gelmych had two top eight placings, 100 meter breaststroke (7<sup>th</sup>) and 200 Individual

Medley (8<sup>th</sup>). Twelve year old Lucas Luciani finished sixth in the 200 meter butterfly and seventh in the 400 individual medley. Also finishing in the top eight individually was Dante Severini in the 200 meter breaststroke. Combining with Severini, was Gelmych, Luciani and Widgett finishing fourth in the boys 200 Medley Relay 11-12. In the male 200 Free Relay, Luciani, Gelmych and Widgett combined with Matteo Reich to finish fourth overall.

In the 10 and under boys division, Andrew Budau finished with one gold medal in the 100 meter Individual Medley, two silver medals in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke, as well as two bronze medal performances in the 100 fly and the 100 freestyle. Competing for the first time at team championships, Mitchell Filmore finished strong in the 200 meter freestyle (5<sup>th</sup>) and 100 backstroke (5<sup>th</sup>), as well as the 50 freestyle (8<sup>th</sup>) and the 100 meter individual medley (8<sup>th</sup>). Also placing in the top eight at his first team championships, Mitchell Stroyan finished in the top eight in the 50 meter backstroke.

In the girls division, 13 year old Chenoa Naylor finished with two silver medals, the 50 meter and 100 freestyle and two bronze medals, 100 butterfly and 200 butterfly. Thirteen year old Kalen Critchley had a bronze medal in the 50 meter freestyle, and finished fourth in 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke, as well as a 5<sup>th</sup> placing in the 100 freestyle and 200 freestyle. Critchley, Naylor and Desiree Rouse, and 12 year old Erin Lee combined for the female 200 Medley Relay placing seventh overall.

Erin Lee also had individual medals in the girls 11-12 age category including a silver medal in the 100 meter breaststroke, bronze medals in the 200 meter breaststroke and the 400 Individual Medley. Lee also finished fourth in the 100 backstroke and the 200 Individual Medley.

Rounding out the female SSMAC swimmers was sixteen year old Julia Turgeon, competing in the girls 15 and over division. Turgeon had two fifth placings in the 200 meter Individual Medley and 400 Individual Medley, as well as top eight placings in the 50 and 100 meter freestyle.

Head coach Dan Stratton and assistant coaches Craig Stroyan and Ryan Fiacconi wish to express their congratulations to all finalists and members of the 2010 team champs squad including the chaperones Rob Rock, Mark Luciani, Darryl Fillmore, Cora Severini, Patrica Gelmych, Amy Reich and Kim Fisher.

The SSMAC swimmers are back in action this weekend at the Fred Rams Champs in Timmins and next weekend at East Side Marios in Sudbury.