



SSMAC SENSATIONAL INTERNATIONALLY

This past Saturday, January 9, twenty-one of SSMAC's competitive swimmers crossed the international bridge to challenge our American neighbours at the annual Rudyard Piranhas Invitational Swim Meet. The meet brought together almost 300 swimmers and all of the 21 swimmers managed to finish at least one race in the top 6. Trophies were given out for first place results, medals for 2nd to 6th and ribbons up to 12th place. SSMAC swimmers received 14 trophies, 33 medals and 13 ribbons for individual swims. This resulted in 60 out of a possible 63 top 12 results. The relays all finished in the top ten with 2 trophies 6 medals and 1 ribbon.

Leading the way for SSMAC where Carrie-Lynne Smale (14) and Shane Rock (14) with a perfect three firsts for their individual events.

Chenoa Naylor (13), Paul Widgett (12) and Michael Lawrence (15) all finished strong with two-1st and a 2nd for their individual events.

Erin Lee (12) finished the day with a 1st, 3rd and 4th place while Andrew Budau (10) swam to 1st, 2nd and 11th place. Mikayla Steele (13), Steven Lee (14) and Aron Mohammadi (13) received medals in all three of their individual events. Steven received two-3rd and a 4th, Mikayla won 2nd, 4th and 6th and Aron came home with a 4th, 5th and 6th place.

Emily Boucher (12), Desiree Rouse (14), Emma Stroyan (7), Matthew Budau (13), Mitchell Fillmore (9), Lucas Luciani (12) and Dante Severini (11) all went home with 2 medals and a ribbon for their individual performances. Matthew finished the day with two-2nd and 8th place. Lucas swam away with 2nd, 3rd and 7th place while Dante received 3rd, 4th and 9th place. Emma succeeded with 3rd, 5th and 7th place results. Desiree finished off with 3rd, 5th and 8th place. Mitchell also swam to 3rd and 5th place as well as 12th place. Emily captured 4th, 5th and 7th place.

Sheridan Worth (11) secured a 6th and two-7th place results for her work in the pool.

Kanchi Bajjal (14), Kate Mohammadi (11), and Mitchell Stroyan (10) all ended the day with a medal and a ribbon. Mitchell swam to 4th and 7th place while Kate achieved 4th and 9th place. Kanchi capture 5th and 10th.

The swimmers got the rare opportunity to team up and form mixed relay teams of two male and two female swimmers. Shane, Carrie-Lynne, Matthew and Chenoa teamed up in the 13-14 year old 200-yard medley relay and swam to a first place trophy. Shane and Chenoa then teamed up with Erin and Michael to secure a first place trophy in the 15-18 year old 200-yard medley relay while Carrie-Lynne, Matthew teamed up with Paul and Mikayla for a 4th place medal. In the 13-14 year old relays, Paul and Mikayla in return teamed up with Desiree and Aron for a 3rd place ribbon in 200-yard medley relay and Desiree and Aron teamed up with Kanchi and Dante to a 5th medal in the 200-yard free relay. In the 11-12 year old age group, Mitchell F, Sheridan, Erin and Dante swam the 200-yard mixed relay to a 3rd place medal while Mitchell F and Sheridan also teamed up with Andrew and Emily to a 4th place medal in the 200-yard free relay. Emily, Mitchell S, Lucas and Kate formed a team in the 200-yard medley relay and swam to a 6th place medal. Kate, Mitchell S, Lucas and Emma won a 10th place ribbon in the 200-yard free relay.

The coaching staff consisting of head coach Dan Stratton, and coaches Maxine Smale and Craig Stroyan were extremely proud of how well the SSMAC swimmers performed in the water. The team represented the club and the city well and should be proud of their accomplishments at this international meet.

The next meet for the SSMAC swimmers is the NEOR #3 developmental meet being held this weekend at the John Rhodes pool Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. This is the second year the Soo Y Dolphins (Sault YMCA) and SSMAC have teamed up to co-host this event. It proved to be an excellent opportunity last year for the two clubs to share resources, work together and showcase the many talented swimmers to the people of Sault Ste Marie. So please drop by the John Rhodes pool if you want to see some sensational swimming.