

**PRESS RELEASE – *HUNTINGDON PIRANHAS SWIMMING CLUB***

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**Seventeen finals for Piranhas swimmers in Sheffield**

For the second year Huntingdon Piranhas swimmers took 37 swimmers to the Ponds Forge, International Sports Centre in Sheffield to compete in the Annual Teaspoon Gala, which is all age-group 50m sprints. Over the course of a very long day Piranhas swimmers reached 17 age-group finals.

Top honours went to Charlotte Harrison (13) and Ryan Skeels (14) who both reached all four finals in their age group. In three very close finishes Ryan was just pipped into second place in the 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle events. Charlotte took second in the 50m butterfly.

Also reaching their respective finals were: 11 years – Chloe Gibson (3). 12 years – Remmick Sargianopoulos. 13 years - Laura Vuylsteke. 15 years - Chelsea Prouten and Tamara Richards (3).

Competing against four other teams the senior girls 14 years+ relay squad of Tamara Richards, Chelsea Prouten, Natasha Skeels, Alex Youngs and Samantha Green took second place in both their 200m freestyle and medley relay races. The girls 13 and under squad of Chloe Gibson, Laura Vuylsteke, Charlotte Harrison and Kate Meechan swam to third place in the 200m medley relay.

“This was a long day but a great opportunity for all the swimmers to experience a competitive event in an international 50m pool. This is the second time we have attended this gala and once again all the swimmers really rose to the occasion,” said John Richards, Head Coach.

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