

PRESS RELEASE – *HUNTINGDON PIRANHAS SWIMMING CLUB*

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A great eight from Tamara helps Piranhas stroke to best ever County Championships - The club now has seven county champions -

Huntingdon Piranhas swimmers have just stroked to their most successful Cambridgeshire County Championships ever. The squad picked up a total of 64 medals over the two weekends – 23 gold, 19 silver and 22 bronze and in the process set nearly 100 new personal best times.

The Piranhas now have a ‘magnificent’ seven county champions. Top honours go to sixteen year old Tamara Richards from Brampton who is now County Champion in eight events: the 50m, 100 and 200m breaststroke, the 50m, 100m and 200m butterfly, the 200m freestyle and 400m individual medley. Tamara was also runner up in the skins knock-out competition for the eight fastest girls.

Chelsea Prouten (15), as well as being County Champion in the 50m and 100m breaststroke was also awarded the top girl honour in the 15 and under age group. Also now County Champions are Ryan Skeels (15) in four events: the 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly and the 50m and 100m backstroke; Taylor Goodby (10) in the 50m and 100m backstroke and the 100m freestyle; Laura Chumbley (14) in the 100m and 200m breaststroke; Kristen Chadband (14) in the 50m butterfly and the 100m breaststroke; Zoe Griffiths (10) in the 50m butterfly and Roger Mallett (20) in the 100m breaststroke.

In addition to the gold medallists, who also carried off 16 silver and 18 bronze medals between them, silver and/or bronze medals also went to William Davies, Catherine Lee and Samantha Green. The squad capped off a very successful championship with two silver medals for the girls 15/16 year relay squad of Richards, Prouten, Green and Alex Youngs, and two bronze medals for the boys 13/14 year relay squad of Chadband, Joshua Read, Remmick Sargianopoulos and James Gibson.

“This is by far our best ever County Championships. Thirty four swimmers qualified for the Championships and whilst the medals were spread amongst 10 swimmers, nearly every

swimmer recorded new personal best times. All in all an excellent couple of weekends which really shows the quality and dedication of the swimmers at the club,” said John Richards, Head Coach.

Photo: The Piranhas celebrate at the County Championships.

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