

The past couple of months have proved to be very busy ones for the swimmers of our Premier local Swimming Club; Hastings Seagull.

At the beginning of April, Seagull competed against Hailsham and Lewes in the first round of the 2011 Sussex Swimming League Competition at Crowborough.

It was certainly a night to remember. Seagull won the match convincingly. So convincingly that in many events, they finished almost an entire length ahead of their adversaries and the Seagull's points total was very nearly equal to the other competing Clubs' accumulative points total.

Many of the Seagull swimmers were also swimming in a higher age group in order to put their developing skills and their competitive edge to the test. None were found wanting. It was a truly remarkable night.

There were so many outstanding performances that it is impossible to single out individuals.

Seagull swimmers recorded 37 Personal Bests, won 39 of the 55 races including 14 out of the 17 Relay races and furthermore; the two Seagull swimmers who featured in every non Relay race achieved a 'clean sweep' of 1st and 2nd on no fewer than 14 occasions.

The following day, four of the Hastings Seagull swimmers who had featured at Crowborough, travelled to Surrey to compete in the Cranleigh Open.

Harry Turner, Katherine Turner, Chloe Baker and **Charlotte Baker**; all had the stamina to log personal bests for every swim at Cranleigh.

15 year old Harry; was the pick of the four. He came away with four Gold Medals in the 100m backstroke, 100m freestyle, 100m I.M, 50m freestyle and Silver in the 100m breaststroke. All were Personal Best times.

Harry's younger sister, Katherine; continued to take chunks out of her Personal Best times; with top ten finishes in the 100m backstroke, 100m freestyle and 100m I.M.

12 year old Chloe picked a well earned Bronze medal whilst swimming a Personal Best time in the 100m backstroke whilst her younger sister Charlotte continued on from her County Championship successes to win Gold in the 50m breaststroke in an improved time.

A further three of Hastings Seagull's racing swimmers competed against a high quality field at the Spring Long Course Open at K2 Crawley.

The outstanding 14 year old, **Jodie Shoemith** was the busiest of the trio, featuring in five events overall. Jodie swam four Personal Best times. Her best placing of second was achieved in the 100m Breaststroke, which perhaps a little ironically, was the only event in which she did not swim a Personal best time.

15 year old **Charlotte Rouncivell** swam two Personal best times whilst achieving top ten places in both the 50m and the 100m backstroke events and 15 year old **Tom Creed** achieved a creditable third place in both the 50m and 100m Breaststroke.