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AT THE END OF MY AGM REPORT LAST YEAR, I SAID THAT WE HAD SET THE BAR HIGHER FOR 2009. WELL, I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT WE DID INDEED REACH NEW HEIGHTS THIS YEAR.

WE HAD A RECORD NUMBER OF SWIMMERS COMPETE AT BOTH COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, MAKING A RECORD NUMBER OF FINALS WITH ANCHOR SWIMMERS BEING CROWNED COUNTY CHAMPIONS IN 4 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

ALSO ANCHOR SWIMMERS WERE PART OF THE GOLD MEDAL WINNING 13 YR OLD GIRLS FREESTYLE MEDLEY TEAM.

IN THE END CASA CAME AWAY WITH 17 GOLDS, 19 SILVERS AND 23 BRONZE MEDALS, 59 IN TOTAL, UP FROM THE 44 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

AT DISTRICT LEVEL, ANCHOR CONTRIBUTED 13 SWIMMERS TO THE 30 PLUS CASA SWIMMERS WHO COMPETED. ONCE AGAIN WE PUT IN SOME GREAT PERFORMANCES AND CAME AWAY WITH LOTS OF PB'S, FINALISTS AND MEDAL WINNERS.

AT NATIONAL LEVEL CASA TOOK 6 INDIVIDUAL SWIMMERS AND A RELAY TEAM. IN THE BAGCATS, JOSH JONES PROVIDED 6 OF THE 13 NATIONAL TIMES AND CAME 8<sup>TH</sup> IN 3 EVENTS AND WAS RESERVE FINALIST IN THE OTHER 3. A BRILLIANT ACHIEVMENT THAT RESULTED IN HIM BEING SELECTED FOR THE NORTH EAST LEVEL 1 PERFORMANCE CAMP. ANOTHER 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR ANCHOR. THE WAY OUR SWIMMERS ARE TRAINING, I AM HOPEFUL THAT MORE ANCHOR SWIMMERS WILL MAKE NATIONAL STANDARD THIS YEAR.

IN LOCAL COMPETITION, CASA HAD TEAMS IN BOTH THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR Lincs LEAGUE AND ANCHOR HAD A TEAM IN THE BARNESLEY LEAGUE.

IN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE, OUR A TEAM WENT IN TO THE FINAL UNBEATEN KNOWING THAT THEY HAD TO ONCE AGAIN FACE LINCOLN VULCANS WHO ON THIS OCCASION WERE JUST TOO

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STRONG FOR US AND WE CAME AWAY IN 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE. NON THE LESS, IT WAS AN INSPIRED PERFORMANCE FROM THE CASA SWIMMERS. OUR B TEAM ONCE AGAIN CAME IN THE TOP 6. AN ACHIEVMENT NOT MATCHED BY ANY OTHER CLUB.

IN THE SENIOR LEAGUE, CASA RED CAME 2<sup>ND</sup> WITH CASA GREEN COMING 4<sup>TH</sup>. NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE PUTTING IN AN A AND B TEAM.

THE NEWLY PROMOTED BARNESLEY TEAM ALSO PUT IN SOME GREAT PERFORMANCES TO COME 2<sup>ND</sup> IN THEIR LEAGUE.

AS I WRITE THIS WE ARE COMPETING IN THE NEWLY NAMED NATIONAL ARENA LEAGUE. THE A TEAM IS ONCE AGAIN GOING TO THE FINAL AT COVENTRY. UNFORTUNATLEY, ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE PULLED THE B TEAM FROM THE COMPETITION DUE TO THE TRAVELING INVOLVED. FOR NEXT YEAR, WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE FOR THE B TEAM AS IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE ARENA LEAGUE COMMITTEE ARE NOT LISTENING TO OUR CONCERNS. ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE, WHEN WE FIRST STARTED COMPETING AS CASA, THE A TEAM WAS MADE UP OF LESS THAN 15% ANCHOR SWIMMERS. THIS YEAR IN THE FINAL THAT FIGURE HAS RISEN TO ALMOST 50%. THIS IS TESTIMENT TO OUR PROGRAM AND THE WORK OUR SWIMMERS PUT IN.

WE HAVE JUST HELD OUR ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPS AND I AM HAPPY TO SAY IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST SINCE I JOINED THE CLUB. WE HAD 262 PB'S AND 16 CHAMPIONSHIP AND AGE GROUP RECORDS BROKEN. ALSO A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF COUNTY TIMES WERE ACHIEVED.

I ALSO SAID LAST YEAR THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PEOPLE GETTING INVOLVED IN THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB SO IT IS GREAT TO SEE OUR SENIOR SWIMMERS HELPING ON POOLSIDE AND

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TAKING THEIR TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS. A BIG THANK YOU TO THEM ALL.

ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOTH ANDY AND STUART FOR THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED OUT BEHIND THE SCENES. THE CLUB COULD NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT YOU.

FINALLY, WITH THE WAY WE ARE PERFORMING AT PRESENT, I THINK 2010 WILL BE EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THIS YEAR.

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