

March saw the Start of the Lincs Seniors League, with both Casa swimming squads seeded against each other. Casa Red & Casa Green went to Scatho Road Grimsby with the intention of going for the top slots. Other teams competing were Trenton Dolphins, South Lincs and the City of Lincoln Pentaqua.

With high expectations from club coach Dave Leeman the swimmers didn't disappoint, with new club records in the first two opening events Open 100 mtr fc. Aisley Leeman 55.49 and Jasmin Kirk 1.03.83 had set the president for their following team mates and lifted expectations high.

The first round of relays opened with the boys 10/u 4x1 free relay which saw Jack Cowling, Sven Schygoil, Scott Zimmerman and Brandon Hunt all put in a good team effort to battle from start to finish for first place with the South Lincs squad, only to miss out by a finger's touch to come in on second place. It was also the 10/u girls Holly Williams, Anya Snow, Bryony Bower and Sophie Hame mirrored the same result in their 4x1 free relay gaining vital points for the squad.

The relays had all worked well as individual teams and the 14/u boys medley proved to be on top form, it saw them battle from the start with Kieran Skinner opening in the backcrawl to keep level with the CLP swimmer to hand over to Joshua Jones who put his breaststroke skills to maximum effect handing over in equal first place to Rhyss Skinner whose butterfly has improved over the past few weeks to keep the team in contention for the first place slot, anchor man Scott Strong swam the final frontcrawl leg which kept the pressure on on on put water between them and the chasing teams but in the finish it was hard to distinguish who had taken first place but in the end 2nd place was taken but that was no means a disappointment for any of the swimmers as they had put in a fantastic team effort.

It was also the same battle in the girls 14/u medley relay but this time the battle was between the two Casa squads Alicia Snow put the pressure on from the start with a convincing backcrawl handing over to Lauren York who's number one stroke breaststroke kept them slightly ahead of the Casa red team she worked hard to maintain that lead and over to her next team swimmer Rebecca Moore who's fly ability outshone the other swimmers giving a slight advantage to Rhiannon Haber in the final leg and with a fast strong last leg she brought it home and took first place 2 meters ahead of the second placed team.

Team effort was certainly the order of the day and the first round of relays certainly didn't disappoint with top two placings in the first six events the standard was high and all the hard work was beginning to pay off.

In the second round of individuals another club record took a tumble with Kieran Skinner swimming in the boys 12/u 50mtr backcrawl which he led from start to finish winning comfortably in 35.83.

With some of the senior swimmers only training occasionally due to work commitments it was good performances from Paul Edwards in the open 100mtr breast stroke and John Spouncer in the 100 backcrawl with respective 3rd and 4th place finishes in both strongly fielded races. Gareth Bowden swam in the boys open 100mtr fly with a deservedly 2nd place finish.

With the only two swimmers left in this round of individuals it was Josh Jones in the boys 12/u breast stroke and Caitlin Bower in the 12/u girls 50mtr breast stroke who didn't disappoint any of their team mates or the club coach. Josh lead from start to finish and looked stronger in the second 25mtr to finish a good first place with 39.25 and a new club record under his belt the fourth and final club record obtained on the day for the club. Caitlin swam a strong race with encouragement from everyone and took 2nd place.

With 12 out of 16 top two finishes the points were accumulating nicely and it was good to see swimmers and spectators in high spirits knowing they were going to obtain a good placing overall if they maintained the momentum.

With a break in the individuals it was the chance of the 12/u boys and girls relays with Axel Schygiol, Josh Jones, Aiden Fijalkowski & Kieran Skinner With a good team effort pulling up their position with every change over coming in strongly in to 2nd placing and this was mirrored by the same team in the 12/u medley relay.

The club coach had placed Molly Newton, Hannah Mayhall, Becki Foster & Caitlin Bower in the girls free relay with hard competition in the other teams from Casa Red and South Lincs the girls Battled well to finish third. Mirrored also in the medley relay where Saffron Nye swam in the butterfly leg.

With seven pb in the next sixteen swims the Casa Green swimmers were certainly putting in good all round team and individual swims and 50% of those were top two placed.

The last round of relays saw all the teams pull together 2nd place finishes for the open boys & girls and the 12/u boys medley.

Two of the youngest swimmers in the squad Brandon Hunt & Holly Williams finished the individuals in the 10yrs 50mtr backcrawl with Brandon Hunt putting in a good final swim in his race. Holly Williams finished a good 3mtrs ahead of the second placed swimmer, with a convincing win Holly may be little in stature but she can certainly show the chasing swimmers she means business.

Overall Casa Green finished in second place only eleven points behind Casa Red. But club coach Dave Leeman was more than happy with the effort his swimmers had put in on the day, and congratulated them all for this. It is certainly going to be an exciting season if all the meets are going to be like this one and if all the swimmers put in the same amount of effort then Casa Green are on the way up.