

## YDSC Dual in the Pool 2019 & Level 1 Swim Awards

**Dual in the Pool 2019** - As the sun shone in crystal clear skies on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019, YDSC held a fundraising swim event at the Oxley Sports Centre. Clare Abbot and many other volunteers had gathered a cornucopia of lovely “Bake or Fake” sweet treats for the table, which had the stall fit to burst and even included a delicious looking “Guess The Cake Weight” competition. The visiting team, RNAS Yeovilton’s ‘Heron Swim Club’ were more than up for the fun and the two clubs quickly mingled, working together extremely well. YDSC fielded 42 swimmers, while Heron brought along 19, which is an excellent turn out for such an event. The two clubs were then split in to 5 teams of 10 and one team of 11...so the stage was set. Compere for the event, supported by Coach Paul and the volunteers (great band name) was Coach Mark, who immediately charged each group of swimmers with choosing a name with some interesting results! During this amazingly well organised event, there were some fantastic swimming, brilliant swimmers, great team spirit, excellent cooperation and great poolside work. Although it was a very close-run thing but Team 2, aptly named “The Dolphins” took first place in the end. A win for both the young swimmers and inter-club relations. I’m sure that everyone who attended would agree that it was enjoyed by all.



Team No.	Team name	Round 1	Round 2	Total	Placed
1	The Dead	41	52	76	3
2	The Dolphins	51	64	93	1
3	Lightning	42	53	79	2
4	Apollo	34	45	67	6
5	Swordfish swimmers	44	52	76	3
6	Jaws	41	50	73	5



When it came to the medals, it did seem that the award most coveted after the final placings was surely the best team name and after considered deliberation by Coach Mark and the other grown-ups it was decided that Team 1 had in some way, with their choice of the team name “The Dead”. Short, sharp and to the point but in no way an indication of their chances on the day as they managed a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Special thanks to all the Coaches, wonderful cake stall, poolside volunteers and parents cheering on with almost as much enthusiasm as the kids swam & buying cakes till their pockets withered. Money raised from the event was £120 and the cake weight competition was won by Emma Hudson. Money raised will go towards badges and T-shirts for the Southern Junior League.









**May 2019 Level 1 Swimming Awards** - With a view to recognising the hard work and dedication of club swimmers and further formalising the structured training, the club has introduced a 6-tier swimming award scheme. The first to achieve Level 1 were presented with their badge & certificate by Head Coach Ian & Coach Mark prior to the 20th May training session. These were: Lily Nutland, Ellie Swan, Lily Charter, Grace carter, Robyn Dowling, Joshua Hudson, Summer Langford, Ruby Miles, Florence Parsons, Casper Rawbone, Jessica Stainton, Lily Senneck, Jess Tron, Josh Tron, Freddie Wilson, Oliver Wilson, Jack Wilson and Bruce Wilson-Jenks. The club staff would like to congratulate all and wish them the best for Level 2.



*Recipients of the Level 1 Swimming Award*

The Pink Army is always looking for new swimmers to join the club so if you are interested in joining our club, please contact our membership secretary by emailing: [membership.ydsc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.ydsc@gmail.com) We offer a week's FREE trial and an extremely comprehensive programme of swimming and cater for young swimmers who are thinking about moving into competitive swimming and want to complete

Stages 7-10 of the Swim England program, through to National swimmers. All forms required can be found on the YDSC Website: <http://www.ydsc.co.uk/information/join-the-club>.