



Yeovil District Swimming Club is back with SJL success and a presentation day.

Southern Junior League Round 3 - Saturday 14th Sep 2019 - On a wonderfully sunny September day, the Pink Army swimmers gathered in Morrisons car park on Lysander Road to catch a coach up to the Link Sports Centre in Swindon for round three of the Southern Junior League. With everyone aboard, the coach set off at around 2pm and after a trouble-free journey, the venue came in to view just after 4pm. Mark and Paul immediately set to work getting the squad warmed up after their own tennis ball throwing pre warm up. Then, at about 4:40, as everyone entered the venue we found that due to refurbishment, the swimmers would all have to get changed in the squash courts. Following a little confusion, all competitors managed to make their way to the right place as parents joined the queue for spectator seating. The event warm up started at 5:30 and after much thrashing, splashing and plenty of shouting it was time for the event, which saw YDSC getting off to a flying start in lane 3, taking 2nd, 2nd, 1st, 2nd, 4th and then 1st. This carried on in a similar vein throughout the event with some amazing performances from Will Hussey, Francesca Tui, Seb Lutorborski and Theo Perrin to name just a few although every swimmer gave their absolute all. Regular position announcements had YDSC in 2nd, 1st, 1st and then finally a solid and well deserved 2nd place behind the Marlborough team by only a few points!! It was so close and wasn't for want of trying or lack of support from both swimmers and extremely loud and very supportive parents. The club would like to thank the Swindon team for being the best of hosts and for organising a great league event. After gathering back at the coach, it was straight to over McDonalds for a late tea and then all aboard for home. The YDSC coaches, volunteers and parents were all immensely proud and congratulate each and every Pink Army participant on their sterling performance! You were all fantastic!!

A presentation day at the Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club - Sunday 15th Sep 2019 - The September sunshine shone brightly once again as the event, which was organised with exacting precision by the dynamic duo known only as Clare Abbott & Kate Hudson, kicked off at 1pm. With a bouncy castle, a climbing wall, super hero sumo wrestling, tug of war, an inflatable assault course, ice cream, burgers, hot dogs, the clubs bar and even a raffle, near on 150 attendees all had an absolutely fantastic day. Presentations by Head coach Ian on various swim related subjects (videos of which are now available on the YDSC facebook group) and the club AGM had both taken place prior to the event and all had gone well but at 3pm, as people enjoyed the glorious sunshine, it was time to award the swimmers for all their hard work with medals and trophies. A list of recipients will be published at a later date. During their award ceremony, out going YDSC Team Captain Dan Hand passed on the office to Miss Georgie Paine, who, as well as being the new Team Captain, is to be featured in an upcoming edition of the Sherborne Times!! Sincere and heart felt thanks to Clare & Kate, everyone who attended and got stuck in, all who volunteered and the climbing wall man who took the aerial pictures. This has been an excellent start to the new season for the YDSC...GO Pink Army!!!!

Next event - Coming up on the 29th Sep – Duel in the Pool #2 at the Oxley sports centre, Sherborne so why not come along and see what it's all about.

Would you like to have a go? - 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 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. forms required can be found on the YDSC Website: <http://www.ydsc.co.uk/information/join-the-club>.

