

# COACH REPORT JAN TO APRIL 10

THE 1<sup>ST</sup> 4 MONTHS OF 2010 HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY FOR BOTH SCUNTHORPE ANCHOR AND CASA. WE STARTED IN JANUARY WITH THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND OF THE LINCS SENIOR LEAGUE. DUE TO ILLNESS CASA GREEN FIELDED A WEAKER TEAM THAN NORMAL BUT STILL MANAGED A CREDITABLE 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE BY ONLY 3 POINTS. THIS WAS DESPITE EXTREMELY POOR JUDGING WHICH WOULD HAVE SEEN US IN 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE.

FEBRUARY SAW US COMPETING AT THE YSA JUNIOR / SENIOR MEET WHICH SAW ANCHOR HAVING 9 SWIMMERS COMPETING. CASA HAD 13 FINALISTS WITH LAUREN YORK AND JASMIN KIRK CONTRIBUTING 4 OF THESE. THERE WAS ALSO 54 PB'S. THE FOLLOWING WEEK SAW THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND OF THE BARNSELY LEAGUE WHICH SAW ANCHOR SWIMMERS GETTING 56 PB'S. THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS SAW CASA COMPETING IN THE YSA BAGCATS. ANCHOR HAD A RECORD 28 QUALIFIERS THIS YEAR. WE HAD 96 FINALISTS AND WON 28 MEDALS. MORE IMPORTANTLY JACK NEWTON GAVE CASA THEIR 1<sup>ST</sup> AGE GROUP NATIONAL QUALIFIER IN THE 100 & 200 FLY.

THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE TOOK PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH. IT WAS PLEASING TO SEE THAT 75% OF THE A TEAM WAS MADE UP OF ANCHOR SWIMMERS. THIS IS TESTIMONY TO THE HARD WORK BEING PUT IN BY BOTH THE SWIMMERS AND THE COACHING STAFF. THE A TEAM WON THEIR GALA WITH THE VERY WEAKENED B TEAM COMING 4<sup>TH</sup>. THE B TEAM GALA WAS MARRED BY LINCOLN VULCANS ILLEGALLY SWIMMING UNDER AGE SWIMMERS. THIS MEANS THE NEXT ROUND WILL BE SWUM UNDER PROTEST AND WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A COMPLAINT TO THE ASA. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

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THE NEXT DAY SAW THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND OF THE BARNSLEY LEAGUE WHICH PRODUCED A FURTHER 53 PB'S. TWO WEEKS LATER WE HEADED BACK TO PONDS FORGE TO TAKE PART IN THE YSA SPRINT AND TEAM EVENT. WE HAD 19 FINALISTS AND CAME AWAY WITH 5 MEDALS. 10 OF OUR TEAMS MADE A FINAL WITH THE 9/10 BOYS WINNING SILVER AND THE 15/16 GIRLS WINNING BRONZE.

NEXT CAME THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ROUND AT THE BARNSLEY LEAGUE WHICH PRODUCED 11 INDIVIDUAL PB'S. FINALLY ANCHOR TOOK 22 SWIMMERS TO THIS YEARS MINSTER MEET. THIS IS A GREAT MEET TO INTRODUCE SWIMMERS TO OPEN MEETS. WELL DONE TO FINLEY FOX AND SCOTT STRONG FOR GETTING TOP BOY IN THEIR AGE GROUP. ALSO WE ACHIEVED 45 PB'S AND TOO MANY SPEEDING TICKETS TO COUNT.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE JASMIN KIRK AND RHI HABER ON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THEIR UKCC LEVEL 1 TEACHING QUALIFICATION.

ALSO AS YOU MAY KNOW DAN HAS LEFT CADS FOR PASTURES NEW. I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME HIS SUCCESSOR, PAUL WOODLEY, WHO WILL BE STARTING AT THE END OF MAY. HAVING MET HIM AT THE WEEKEND, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM AND TAKING CASA TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

I AM VERY HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE CLUB IS RUNNING AT THE MOMENT AND HOPEFULLY WITH THE EXTRA POOL TIME NOW SORTED WE CAN CONTINUE GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

DAVE LEEMAN – HEAD COACH – MAY 10