

YMCA OF DARKE COUNTY THIRD ANNUAL NEW YEARS INVITATIONAL

GREENVILLE – The YMCA of Darke County Sharks swam to terrific times as the DCY swim team earned third place with 989 points in the third annual New Years Invitational on Saturday, January 5th, with eight year old Cassidy Kaiser qualifying for “AA” YMCA Championships and most team members shaving time off of their favorite events. One hundred and seventy six swimmers from six area teams attended the event, which was held at the YMCA of Darke County in Greenville.

“What a super meet on Saturday, Jan. 5th!” said Sharks head coach Scott Smith. “I would just like to express my appreciation to all parents, siblings and Y Staff for helping make our invitational swim meet a great success. Just a few meet facts: We had 51 time improvements at the meet from 135 individual event swims. Of those 135 individual events, there were several first time swims where there was not a previous time to drop. This was including the group that did the 500 yard swim at the end of the meet. Tonight, (one of my swimmers) actually told me she wanted to swim the 500 again because she felt she could do better. How about that!”

Auglaize-Mercer Family YMCA swim team won the meet with 1272.5 points overall, followed by Sidney-Shelby YMCA with 1246.33, YMCA of Darke County with 989, Union County Family YMCA Swim Team scoring 914.5, Tecumseh YMCA with 824 points and Kleptz YMCA swim team with 609.66 points.

For the 8 & Under Lady Sharks, Cassidy Kaiser earned “AA” Championship cuts and first place for her time of 20.16 in the 25 yard Butterfly, grabbed another first place in the 25 Backstroke with a time of 23.87 and swam to second place medals in both the 50 Freestyle (43.08) and the 25 Free (18.26). Lexi Addington was awarded first place in the 25 Breaststroke with a time of 24.08, and netted a total of 49 points for the Sharks, and Faith Wilker came in second place in the 25 Breast with 26.59, earning 35 points for the team. Isabella Gable earned six points for the team for her swims in the 25 Back (28.42) and the 25 Butterfly (35.93), and Taylor Cordonnier earned one point for the 25 Breast (38.77). Katelyn Burrell-Troutwine cut 3.47 seconds from her 25 Free with a time of 44.34 and four year old Madi Townsend completed the 25 Free with a time of 2:18.83. The 8 & Under Girls 100 Medley Relay, with Wilker, Addington, Kaiser and Gable earned first place and 32 points for their time of 1:35.22, and they followed that with a first place win in the 100 Freestyle Relay.

The 8 & Under Boys were well represented by Wills Troutwine, earning six points for the team for his swims in the 25 Breast (31.82) and the 25 Back (31.93), and by Paul Smith, who cut 1.22 seconds in the 25 Free (29.22), Conner Hart, cutting 1.13 in the 25 Free (29.21), brother Garrett Hart who came in just behind at 29.36, and by five year old Carter Puckett with 1:03.11 in the 25 Freestyle.

The 9 & 10 Boys saw Casey Puckett with a first place medal in the 50 Free (36.54), and second place in both the 50 Back (46.45) and the 100 Free (1:24.43), and Harrison Detrick, who chopped 7.56 seconds in the 100 Free (2:01.25) and zapped 11.66 seconds total for the day.

Rachel Subler grabbed a first place medal and an all-day total of 41 points for the 9 & 10 Lady Sharks with her time of 42.65 in the 50 yard Backstroke. Cassie Shellabarger earned a third place medal in the 100 Free with a time of 1:47.88. Ashley Cordonnier earned 33 points all day and a third place medal in the 50 Breast (47.31), and Victoria Stump cut .07 second in the 50 Fly (1:25.79).

For the 11 & 12 Girls, Amber Seibert received a third place medal for a time of 1:16.09 in the 100 Freestyle, cutting time in her races for a total of 5.37 seconds improved. Morgan McKinney earned a total of 28 points and cut time in her 50 Free (33.15) and her 50 Breast (41.63). Carla Smith earned 16 points for the team and cut time in the 50 Fly with a time of 40.83. Katlyn Sickles lopped 4.11 seconds from her time in the 50 Back (45.94) and Hannah Cloyd shaved 3.35 from her time in the 50 Free (35.26) and 3.51 from the IM (1:43.81). Sarah Green earned 7 points for her swim in the 100 Free (1:31.54), and Jaclyn Kensinger earned nine points in the 100 Free (1:26.28) dropping time in most of her races. Rebecca Shaffer earned three points for her swim in the 100 Free (1:33.94) and Sarah Campbell earned five points in the 100 Free and chopped a total of 11.28 from previous times in all of her races.

Representing the 11 & 12 Boys, Simon Troutwine swam a 1:09.01 in the 100 Free to earn first place in the 11-12 Boys 100 Free, and 1:20.42 for second place in the 100 IM. Mitchell Stover swam for 37.60 to earn second place in the 50 Back and 1:14.50 to earn a third place medal in the 100 Free. Evan Diemler earned 24 points for the Sharks with a time of 45.57 in the 50 Breast. Jordan Thompson earned 21 points for the day, and a fourth place ribbon in the 100 Free (1:25.57), and Michael Detrick shaved 7.49 second in the 50 Back (53.00).

DCY Shark's 13 & 14 Girls were well represented by Kiley Lipps, who earned firsts in the 50 Free (28.75), the 200 IM (2:43.81) and the 50 Breast (40.86) and a second place medal in the 50 Back (35.68), and by Nicole Frantz, who was awarded a first place medal and a 5.72 time drop in the 200 Free, first place and a 3.0 second improvement in the 500 Free, and second place in the 100 Fly (1:17.07). Cory Diemler, the sole 13 & 14 Sharks Boy competing on this day, earned 41 points for the team, and shaved 4.47 seconds in the 100 Fly (1:14.48) to earn a third place medal.

“Everyone has been really working hard in practice,” said Coach Smith. “I think we are going to continue to see time drops and hopefully some more "AA" time cuts.”

We would also like to thank American Enterprise for using their facility for parking.

Upcoming Events:

Union County Invitational – January 12 – Marysville, Ohio.

Middletown Invitational - January 25th – 27th at Middletown YMCA.

Miami County Invitational Meet - February 2nd at Miami County YMCA, Troy.

“A” Championships – February 29th thru March 2nd at Springfield YMCA.