

SUFFOLK COUNTY ASA
MARCH CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT
AGM - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH 2008

The Championships began earlier this year at the UEA with the 800 & 1500 being swum Long Course for the first time. I think we can confidently say that our swimmers stood out from their Norfolk counterparts and the events were well subscribed and were a success.

March saw team Ipswich dominate again but were challenged by St Felix School once more and the three weekends certainly produced some exciting races culminating with the excellent Skins event and the relays.

2009 will, as always, see some changes with finals being introduced for each individual age group and a change to our age groups to coincide with Regional and National requirements. QT's for the 9 & 10 year olds have been relaxed to ensure good competition in those finals and other changes to the schedule will, we hope, provide good competition.

As everybody is aware, this is our last report to the County as Championships Secretaries as we are standing down from the post on March 31st 2009. We have enjoyed every minute of our tenure and would not have missed it for the world - the good bits and the bad. We'd like to think we have left the championships in good health and that our successors will continue to raise the standards for a fantastic group of dedicated athletes, and support teams behind them across the County.

The support given to us over the years from Club's and individuals has been overwhelming and has been the cornerstone of the success of the championships and we have nothing but gratitude and respect for everyone that has been connected or has helped. Thanks doesn't seem enough but it certainly comes from our hearts.

Bernie & Vicki Buck
CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARIES