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PRE CHRISTMAS RACE REPORTS

HILLINGDON WINTER MEET 18/19 DECEMBER 2010

Never let it be said that SPBSC swimmers are anything other than tenacious in their pursuit of excellence! The temperature was sub zero, the sky was dark and heavy with snow but, wrapped up warm with scarves, hats, and club hoodies a determined 9 swimmers made it to Hillingdon to compete in this tough Level 1 meet. Whether they would make it home again didn't shake their focus for as the snow fell and the temperatures continued below freezing outside, in the pool the swimmers were on fire! Competing at this meet were National and International swimmers from all over the country and abroad. Our swimmers performed beyond expectations, some swimming in a 50 metre pool for the first time. Over the course of the weekend, 9 swimmers made it to Hillingdon, they picked a total of 9 medals (3 Golds, 3 Silvers and 3 Bronze) many PB's and an impressive 15 County times. A huge thanks must go out to the intrepid parents and supporters who braved the weather, cheered the swimmers on and then dug out their snow bound cars from the car park before driving through awful conditions back to London, only to get up the next morning and come back for more!

GUILDFORD LONG DISTANCE 18 DECEMBER 2010

Let it snow! We'll still go! Let it snow! 6 of SPBSC long distance swimmers made it to this meet on this cold and snowy weekend. Not only did everyone manage a huge PB but Tom Owens brought home a Silver medal with which to decorate his Christmas tree. Once again, many thanks to the parents and supporters for braving the weather and getting the swimmers there (and back) safely.

HASLEMERE LEVEL 2 OPEN MEET 19 DECEMBER 2010

Oh it was cold and oh it was early, especially for those competing in the 400 hundred free! Another splendid day's racing for swimmers from SPBSC at this tough Level 2 meet. Despite the fact that most of the 6 swimmers had competed in the 800m at the Guildford Long Distance meet the day before, they still managed to bring home an awesome 19 medals (4 Golds, 12 Silvers and 3 Bronze), PB's a-go-go and an impressive 14 County times! It was a long day and the support from parents and carers at this busy time of year was once again much appreciated.