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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **The 2010 Alberta National Age Group South Trials**

The Calgary Aquabelles, Calgary's premiere Synchronized Swim Club, is pleased to announce the results of the National Age Group (NAG) South Trials which took place at the University of Calgary Aquatic Centre this past weekend.

The Aquabelles competed in the Tier 6 – 15 & Under, Tier 6 – 16 & Over, Tier 7 Junior and Tier 7 Senior age groups. The Aquabelles placed well in all age groups and swept the top rankings in the Tier 6 15 and under and Tier 7 age groups:

#### **Tier 6, 15 & Under**

In the figures component, the Aquabelles placed in the top three with Kali Wong placing first, Jordan McKenzie placing second and Erica Slavin in third.

In the solo competition, Kali Wong won both the Routine and Championship components, with Erica Slavin placing second in both components. Completing the top rankings, Kathryn Hall came in third in Routine and fourth in Championship.

Similarly, the Aquabelles placed first and second in the Routine and Championship portions of the duet competition. The duet comprised of Kali Wong and Jordan McKenzie placed first, while Andra Millage and Savannah Sami-Bacon came in a strong second.

In the team event, once again, the Calgary Aquabelles captured gold in both the Routine and Championship components. The members of the winning Tier 6, 15U team are Kathryn Hall, Jordan McKenzie, Andra Millage, Chantal Miller, Savannah Sami-Bacon, Erica Slavin, Clare Talbot, and Kali Wong.

#### **Tier 6 – 16 & Over**

The Aquabelles also had a strong showing in the Tier 6, 16O group with Karla Strecker placing third in figures, and Carly Grier placing third in the Routine and Championship components of the solo competition.

As well in the team event, the Aquabelles placed third. The members of this team are McKenna Armstrong-Vanlaar, Sarah Birkbeck, Carly Grier, Mickayla Jones,

Anna Mattei, Olivia Roth, Victoria Schmeiler, Karla Strecker, and Katherine Taylor. Congratulations on a strong showing!

### **Tier 7 Junior**

The Calgary Aquabelles had an excellent showing in the Tier 7 Junior level, with top rankings in all of the events. Beginning with figures, the Aquabelles were 1<sup>st</sup> – Claudia Holzner, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gabriella Brisson, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Braley Traub.

In the solo competition for both the Routine and Championship components, Gabriella Brisson placed first, while Claudia Holzner placed second and Kristine Irwin came in third.

The duet of Gabriella Brisson and Claudia Holzner captured gold in the Routine and Championship events and the duet of Kaylene Scheil and Braley Traub earned a silver in both.

In the team event, the Aquabelles comprised of Gabriella Brisson, Claudia Holzner, Kristine Irwin, Leah Malcolm, Kaylene Scheil, Stefanna Spoletini, Braley Traub, and Katrina Waldhauser, captured gold as well.

### **Tier 7 Senior**

Moira McAvoy placed first in the technical routine, free routine and championship components of the Solo event.

### **Combo**

Rounding out the meet, the Aquabelles had Combo teams in both Tier 6 and Tier 7 Jr. and placed first in both of these events.

Congratulations to all of the NAG Aquabelle athletes! Overall it was a very successful meet and sets up the Club well for the NAG Provincials meet which will be held in Edmonton from February 19-21.

Held in conjunction with the Alberta NAG North Trials, the Alberta NAG South Trials featured over 75 athletes belonging to competitive synchronized swim clubs from across the province. The Aquabelles would like to thank the University of Calgary Aquatic Centre for hosting this event.

The National Age Group category is highest level of synchronized swimming in Canada and athletes in this category compete at provincial, western Canadian, national and international competitions throughout the year.