



Achieving Excellence in Synchronized Swimming

PRESS RELEASE

The 2010 Alberta National Age Group Provincials

The Calgary Aquabelles, Calgary's premiere Synchronized Swim Club, is pleased to announce the results of the National Age Group (NAG) Provincials which took place in Edmonton on February 19-20.

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 very well in all age groups:

Tier 6, 15 & Under

In the figures component, Kali Wong placed first and Erica Slavin second.

In the solo competition, Kali Wong won both the Routine and Championship components, with Erica Slavin placing third in Championship and sixth in the Routine component. Kathryn Hall placed a strong fourth in the Routine component.

In the duet competition, the Aquabelles placed first and third in the Routine and Championship portions. Kali Wong and Jordan McKenzie placed first, while Andra Millage and Savannah Sami-Bacon came in third.

In the team event, once again, the Calgary Aquabelles captured gold with a significant lead 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 Carly Grier placing third in the Routine and Championship components of the solo competition.

As well in the team event, the Aquabelles placed third in the Championship

component. The members of this team are McKenna Armstrong-Vanlaar, Sarah Birkbeck, Carly Grier, Anna Mattei, Olivia Roth, Victoria Schmeiler, Karla Strecker, and Katherine Taylor.

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 1st – Claudia Holzner, 2nd – Gabriella Brisson, and 4th – Kristine Irwin.

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

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 third 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. The athletes and coaches are now preparing for the Westerns competition which will take place in Edmonton from March 24-28.

The Alberta NAG Provincials featured over 75 athletes belonging to competitive synchronized swim clubs from across the province.

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.