

CHIPPENHAM WIN SWIM TROPHY

CHIPPENHAM Swimming Club won the Joseph Buckle Memorial Trophy in a three-club contest at the Monkton Park Swimming Pool, Chippenham, on Saturday, despite being disqualified in three races.

They finished with 152 points, followed by Marlborough in second place with 148 and Swindon Dolphin third with 126.

They were congratulated for their fine win by Mr A. Staples, the county president, who presented them with the trophy.

Chippenham gained another honour with Alan Benest becoming county champion over 440 yards freestyle.

Five teams from Chippenham took part in the county life saving competitions at Devizes last week.

RESULTS

Men — 1 Bishop Wordsworth School 'A' 139 points, 2 Chippenham Scouts 135, 3 Devizes ASC 129.

Women — 1 South Wilts Grammar 'A' 139, 2 South Wilts Grammar 'B' 138, 3 Chippenham ASC 'A' 124.

A record number of awards will be taken by members in the life-saving section this year. Five are taking the award of merit, four the teachers' certificate, ten the bronze cross, 21 the bronze medal and 17 the intermediate certificate.

SWIMMING NOTES

When presenting the Joseph Buckle Memorial Trophy to the Chippenham club on Saturday evening, Mr A. Staples, the county president, said he was very proud to be presenting it to Mr Joseph Buckle's home team.

The contest was one of the most exciting seen at Monkton Park this season.

Chippenham were unfortunate to have been disqualified in three races. But the team refused to be beaten, displayed one hundred per cent effort, and finally came out on top.

Result: Chippenham 152 points, Marlborough 148, Swindon Dolphins 126.

Club members then paraded their trophy on a lap of honour, after which one kind gentleman filled the Cup and everyone celebrated the victory.

Congratulations to all team members on their efforts, Chippenham should be proud of them.

More honours came our way when Alan Benest became county champion over 440 yards freestyle. Well done Alan.

On Tuesday last week at Devizes the county life saving competition was very closely contested. With five teams from Chippenham, we gave a good account of ourselves.

Results: men, Bishop Wordsworth School A 139 points, Chippenham Scouts 135, Devizes ASC 129; women, South Wilts Grammar A 139, South Wilts Grammar B 138, Chippenham ASC A 124.

Trophies were presented by Mr A. Staples, county president.

A record number of awards will be taken in the life saving section this year: award of merit (5), teacher's certificate (4), bronze cross (10), bronze medal (21), intermediate certificate (17).

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