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Seagulls flying high

At the recent Rother League event, 16 wins and 15-second places helped Seagulls Swimming Club, Christchurch, ease to victory.

Seven victories came from the boys U14s with Chris Chamberlain and Taylor Priest winning the 2 x 25m backstroke with a combined time of 35.27 seconds. Chamberlain and Anand Vaithilingham took the 2 x 25m breaststroke in 38.04 and Chamberlain and Kieran Burgess the 2 x 25m freestyle in 29.09. Priest and Burgess then won the 2 x 25m fly in 33.38 secs. Chamberlain also won the individual medley, earning himself an impressive trophy along the way, in a time of 1.17.39. The quartet of Chamberlain, Burgess, Priest and Vaithilingham completed the clean sweep of victories with the 4 x 25m medley and freestyle relays.

The U12 boys also contributed heavily to the points tally with victories from Sam Webber and Peter Griffiths in the 2 x 25m freestyle in 33.62 seconds and Webber and Peter Lawson in the 2 x 25m butterfly in 39.03. Webber, Lawson and Griffiths were then joined by debutant Jack Case to win the 4 x 25m medley and freestyle relays.

Emma Duffell, Lucy Burgess and Stacey Angliss were involved in all the points gained from the girls under 16s with Angliss and Duffell winning the 2 x 25m fly in 1.09.00 and Burgess and Duffell winning both the 2 x 25m breaststroke in 1.24.85 and 2 x 25m freestyle in 1.04.76. Angliss and Burgess, swimming up an age group, also took the 2 x 25m open freestyle in 1.01.74. Seagulls final victory came in the thrilling 8 x 25m freestyle squadron relay.