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Lions' roaring success

Coach proud of team's performance

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Kids from three Northern swim teams competed in time trials in the capital over the weekend.

The Yellowknife Polar Bear Swim Club, Iqaluit Breakers and the Hay River Lions took part in the competition held at Ruth Inch Memorial Pool May 12-14.

Hay River Coach Kelvin Yee came with a team of seven kids, two of them his own sons.

"We have five boys and two girls, aged 10-14 years," he said.

One of those kids, his son Colton, is a particular source of pride.

"Colton went to the Canada Winter Games and was beating all the 17-year olds," Yee said.

Colton did very well in the butterfly time trial, placing first with a time of 33.20, and the 200 freestyle time trial, placing first with a time of 2:24.29.

The rest of the team – Simon Barry, Mason Hache, Lyndon Yee, Graham St. John, Malcolm St. John, Jasmine St. John and Jackie Strong – also put on a good showing.

Strong placed second in the Girls 11-12, 50 metre breaststroke, with a time of 57.78, and Jasmine St. John placed second in the Girls eight and under 25 metre freestyle with a time of 28.70.

Jasmine also placed second in the Girls eight and under 100 metre backstroke with a time of 3:14.58.

Barry and Malcolm St.

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Kelvin Yee, the Hay River coach, gives a helping hand to a swimmer during warm-up at the BHP Billiton Kimberlite Classic Swim Meet Saturday in Yellowknife.

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Awards banquet

Sport North's Award banquet will be held next week on May 27. The cream of the NWT sports community crop will be honoured for everything from athletic ability to volunteerism.

Northwestel funding

Last week, Doug Rentmeister, executive director of Sport North, said that a funding deal with Northwestel would help fund NWT Kid Sport, along with other Sport North initiatives.

The money will not be used for Kid Sport funding, which

Hay River pool not big enough to host meets

Swimmers take their marks in the mixed 400 metre freestyle event held on Saturday in Yellowknife.

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John placed first and second in the Boys 9-10 50 SC metre breaststroke, with times of 55.05 and 56.34 respectively.

Barry Simon and Lyndon Yee placed first and second in the Boys 9-10 – 25 SC metre freestyle with times of 19.13 and 20.13, respectively.

Lyndon Yee also placed second in the Boys 9-10 – 25 SC metre butterfly with a time of 29.82.

Kelvin Yee was very pleased by how well the Lions swam.

"Some of the kids exceeded my expectations, I was really pleased," he said.

The Hay River Lions will probably have to keep coming to Yellowknife for future meets, even though they have a new pool back home.

The \$7 million pool recently completed in Hay River only has a maximum occupancy of 80 people,

which makes it useless for holding swim meets, he said.

"I'm glad the pool is 25-metres, but I'm not totally satisfied," Yee said.

The Hay River swim club has 35 members, and the Yellowknife team has 160 members.

Add coaches, officials, and spectators to the mix, and the number of people would rise to more than 200.

"It would be impossible to hold a meet there," Yee said.