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Swimmers end on high note

Six Polar Bear Swim Club athletes net medals in B.C. competition

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As the old saying goes: if you're gonna go out, do it with a bang.

The Yk Polar Bear Swim Club did just that and then some.

The senior team went to the Kamloops Classic Swim Meet in Kamloops, B.C., which wrapped up on June 6. This was the final meet of the season for the squad and if you take a look at the results, it was definitely worth the trip.

No less than 21 club records fell by the wayside and six swimmers managed to net a medal of some sort. Stephen

Giovanetto was the class of the Yk swimmers, winning three medals, including a gold in the boys 15 and over 200-metre breaststroke, and breaking four club records,

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two of which, the 50-metre freestyle and 50-metre breaststroke, had stood since 1993.

Tanner Dolynny competed in the same 200-metre breaststroke

race as Giovanetto and won bronze. He said it was a come-from-behind effort on his part.

"I was third going into the final and I almost missed my race because I was late getting onto the starting blocks,"

he said. "I was fourth for most of the race and there was a guy ahead of me for most of the race, but I caught up to him and out-touched him by two-hundredths of a second."

Cassie Mooney was also a big winner as she won silver in the girls 15 and over 100-metre and 200-metre breaststroke. Her brother, Keelan Mooney, won bronze in the boys 13-14 50-metre breaststroke, while Bronson Dolynny and Neo Gleason

also took home bronze medals. The results were a big thrill for head coach Jane Mooney, who said the entire team of 20 rose to the occasion.

"To put things into perspective, we swam 54 B finals, 30 A finals, won 12 medals and set 21 new records," she said.

"Last year, we only won four medals, so the calibre was much more higher this year."

The club finished eighth

overall in total points with just over 600, something which Mooney said was a testament to the team's effort.

"We had to swim with the big clubs this year and we're not used to that," she said.

With the season now over, the focus now shifts to the 2010-2011 season for the coaching staff. Mooney said she's optimistic about the team's chances for next season.

"If we don't lose a lot of talent, we should be there

again," she said.

"We're losing Stephen to the University of Alberta next year, but we still have Cassie and Tanner and a lot of junior swimmers who are starting to progress. Our swimmers are starting to be scouted by southern clubs and when that starts happening, it shows you're doing something right. We're being taken a lot more seriously now and I think we've moved past the stage of just being there."

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Skills in the sun

Basketball NWT is planning to host a summer camp this July with hopes of finding some new talent.

The camp will be held from July 5 to 9 at Weledah gymnasium between 9 a.m and 5 p.m. each day. Brian McCormick, the founder of the Youth Basketball Coaches Association, will be running the camp all week long. There will also be a referees and nutrition clinic alongside the regular camp.

The camp is designed to try and identify players for the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games, North American Indigenous Games and 2013 Canada Summer Games.

Boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 16 are welcome to register and you can do so at the Sport North office. Contact Nick Diem of Basketball NWT for more information.

Three in one

The Midnight Sun Triathlon is back for 2010 and is once again being organized by the Yk Multisport Club.

The event this year will feature sprint, super sprint and kids divisions for athletes to tackle and will include swim, bike and running portions just like a regular triathlon.



Five of the six medal winners from the Polar Bear Swim Club are all smiles following the end of competition at the Kamloops Classic Swim Meet in Kamloops, B.C., on June 6. From left, Tanner Dolynny, Stephen Giovanetto, Cassie Mooney, Bronson Dolynny and Keelan Mooney.

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