

PADDLESPORT CHALLENGE

2010/2011 – B3C WIN OVERALL

THIRD PLACE IN THE SERIES

B3C have won third place in the Southern Region Paddlesport Challenge Series for the 2010/11 season.

This is a great achievement with lots of new paddlers joining the team this season and the first time for many of them trying and competing in new paddlesport disciplines. This season, the rules were changed to allow any reasonable number of paddlers to represent each club for most events and this allowed some young paddlers to try just one or two events. There was however a strong team of regular attendees who worked well as a team, most of the time!

This season there 9 events held over 11 dates (allowing for 3 polo sessions). Sadly the indoor pool even was cancelled due to bad weather, but we managed to pack in a Triathlon (kayak, run, swim plus more), Open Canoe Medley, Wild Water Racing, Polo (organised by B3C), Generation Game Indoor Event, Dragon Boating, K1/K4 Sprints, Slalom, and a Visit to Nene WhiteWater Centre with 7 clubs taking part and 8 separate venues. We also attended the Pangbourne Youth Regatta where members of the team competed and also collected the Challenge Prize for us!

So many congratulations to all those who took part: Luke, Alex, Harry, Tom, Nathan, Max, Andrew, Richard, Katie F, Wendy, Daniel, Katie E, Minty, Adam, Matt and Nick!

Final results were:

	Season Total	Season position
READING	275	2nd
PANGBOURNE	298	1st
BASINGSTOKE	236	3rd
BLACKWATER VALLEY	218	4th
OXFORD	169	6th
WOKINGHAM	170	5th
Newbury	50	7th



Many thanks to the parents who have all been a fantastic support this season, as well as Murray our Dragon Boat coach and Lee our polo ref!

The **Paddlesport Challenge** aims to keep our younger paddlers paddling over the winter months and at the same time introduce them to the various forms of paddlesport, both in a competitive and a fun way. We have entered up to 20 youngsters each year over recent years.

Activities are varied and some are more serious than others but are aimed at including mixed ages and abilities. Each team entered can include youngsters that must be under 16 on the 1st Sept of the series year (e.g. 2011 next season) and over 8 years at the same date. (i.e. born between 1st Sept 1995 and 31st Aug 2003 next season).

We aim to have one event a month. We aim for participants to attend as many events as possible but come and try one or two! Each participant is asked to pay an event fee, of £2.50 per event (some events are free) to cover costs.

Want to take part in 2011/12 – just let me know through the website www.b3c.org.uk !

Paul Jeffs, July 2011

PS – thanks Julian for some great ‘candid’ photos! The boring ones are mine.

