

With a record number of entries, this year's West Suffolk Swimming Club's annual Club Championships saw a busy weekend of competition at Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre over the weekend of 29 November to 1 December. With over 130 swimmers aged from 7 to 47 taking part in eighteen separate events, hundreds of new personal best times were recorded. Many young swimmers were competing for the first time and established athletes used the event to set new qualifying times for January's Suffolk County Championships.

The fastest six qualifiers in the 14 years and under boys, 14 years and under girls, 15 years and over boys and girls' 15 years and over categories from the 100m Individual Medley event qualified to compete for cash prizes in the showcase medley Skins event. As ever, this event thrilled the spectators with its exciting series of back-to-back, 50m knockout races at three-minute intervals, with strokes picked at random each round by the eliminated swimmer. Congratulations to all the finalists who took part (pictured below).



In the male 15 years and over category, 24-year-old Myles Turner dominated, with 16-year-old Harvey Durham taking second place. Elizabeth Wright claimed the prize as top 15 years and over girl, beating last year's runner up Becca Brown in a breaststroke sprint in the final race.

In the U14 years group, Ethan Gatley narrowly beat Eoin Bourke in a thrilling freestyle head-to-head, with Poppy Moore besting training partner India Clement into second place in the girls' competition.

Points awarded across a series of pre-selected races will be totalled and the top three girls and boys in each age group awarded prizes at WSSC's presentation evening to be held in January.