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Taupo trio vie for tri series glory

NEW Zealand's best age group swimmers, including three from Taupo, will press their claims for international selection in the annual Swimming New Zealand Tri Series Tour next week.

The 59 leading age group swimmers, split into three teams, will contest the six session series in three venues, including Taupo.

Local swimmers Mitchell Nairn,

Bianca Bradley and Sarah Fraser have been selected for the series which aims to expand age group talent and provide a stepping stone towards selection for the international Trans Tasman Tri Series against two Australian teams in July.

Their coach Peter McCallum will be one of the three head coaches involved in the series,

aided by five assistant coaches.

The swimmers in the 14-17 years age group will contest the Tri-Series in Masterton on January 26, Taupo on January 28 and Wanganui on January 30.

Swimming New Zealand's Youth and Age Programme manager, Trevor Nicholls, said the competition is vital in swimming development in this country.

"The competition is an opportunity to expand the base of our age group talent, provide some strong race competition and give the developing age group swimmers the chance to improve standards before tackling the best of the Australian age group swimmers in July," Nicholls said.

"It is an opportunity for these young people to be in a team with

swimmers from other clubs and areas and to take them out of their comfort zone both mentally and physically. We will see some of these swimmers in our New Zealand open teams of the future perhaps within the next two years and on to the 2016 Olympics."

The Taupo sessions will run from 9am-11am and 5pm-7pm on Thursday, January 28.



Silver medal for Bradley

AN out-of-his-skin swim earned 11-year-old Bradley McKnight a silver medal in last weekend's New Zealand Junior swim champs in Hamilton.

Bradley, a member of the Taupo Swim Club, went into the 50m breaststroke ranked sixth nationally of the 31

SILVER SMILE: Bradley McKnight (left) and Keegan Pook had a successful NZ Juniors Swim meet last weekend, with Bradley winning a silver medal.

Photo: MARY MCCARTY

swimmers who qualified for the event. With meets being held simultaneously in the North, Central and Southern region it was the Central region swimmer Joshua Taylor-Martin who took the gold ahead of Bradley who recorded a PB of almost 2 seconds to claim silver.

Buoyed by his medal winning effort Bradley went on to clock PBs in his other two swims the 50 Free and 50 Back.

Fellow 11-year-old Keegan Pook, while not in the medals, had a busy weekend having qualified for eight events and

also being named in two Bay of Plenty regional relay teams. His first swim saw him record an outstanding 5.38 second PB in the 200 Back to finish fifth. Keegan also recorded PBs with top ten placings in the 100 and 50 Back, and also notched another PB when 11th in the 100 Free.

A grant from the Lion Foundation assisted Bradley and Keegan get to the national event.

Next week it is the turn of the senior members of the Taupo Swim Club to take their place in

a national competition with the Mayfair Pools 2010 New Zealand Age Group championships taking place in Christchurch from Tuesday.

The club will be represented by Mitchell Nairn, 16, Patrick McCarty, 16, Jack Clarke, 14, Glen Fraser, 13, Sarah Fraser, 17, and Bianca Bradley, 16, who have a total of 31 swimmers among them over the five-day meet.

The senior squad would like to thank the Southern Trust for funding to help them make the trip to the South Island.



Hometown victory for talented teen

IN PERFECT conditions on Saturday morning 16-year-old Mitch Nairn added the 2010 Across the Lake victory to his previous year's success on the alternate course.

Fresh from the Australian Open Water championships, Mitch was delighted to take out his local event for the second year in a row

PRIZEGIVING: Mitch Nairn accepts the trophy for the 2010 Across the Lake swim from MC Rob McKnight on Saturday.

Photo: SMILEEZ KODAK EXPRESS

and pleased that this time it was actually over the original 4.2km course. The 2009 event took place along the lakefront after organisers decided not to risk the course from Acacia Bay due to adverse weather conditions.

Mitch made the crossing in a touch over 50 minutes with his training buddy, triathlete Cameron Todd, following him home in second place. Peter Cook finished third, ensuring a hometown trifecta.

The first female, and fourth overall, was Bianca Bradley in

what was her first open water swim. The 16 year old is, like Mitch Nairn, a member of the Taupo Swim Club. The talented duo have now reverted back to pool swimming for the remainder of this week. They will be in action at the Mayfair Pools New Zealand Age Group championships in Christchurch which get under way today.

About 289 swimmers completed the Across the Lake swim, with a further 29 tackling the 1km option which was taken out by Mitchell Weal.

TUESDAY MARCH 2, 2010

Swimmers reach finals

TAUPO Swim club members met with success at the 2010 NZ Division II competition at the Wellington Aquatic Centre, with every member of the six-person team making finals.

A highlight was the four female members finishing third in the 200 Free club relay. Beth Nixon (14), Paige Flynn (13), Stephanie Johnson (13) and Brooke Taylor (13) combined to qualify third for the final and maintained their form to pick up green ribbons in the event.

Paige had an outstanding meet, winning red ribbons in her specialist 200 Back, 100 Back and 100 Free. She also placed second in the finals of the 50 Back and 50 Free. Paige recorded an outstanding 9.32 second PB when taking out the 200 Back and also recorded PBs in the 100 Free, 50 Back, and 200 IM.

Brooke swam consistently, making three finals and recording six PBs from her seven swims. In the 200 Breast Brooke turned in a great 10.03sec PB to finish fifth and placed sixth in the 100 Breast and seventh in the 50 Breast.

Matt Douglas (14) ensured his place in the final of the 50 Breast with a 1.34sec PB and went on to better that time in the final, placing seventh.

Denholm Orr (16) competing in the 16 & over age group qualified for four finals and with a smart 56.88 won the final of the 100 Free, a 4.04sec PB. Denholm also clocked a further PB in the 50 Free when finishing second in the final in 25.92. Adding to his tally was another blue ribbon as a member of the Bay of Plenty regional 15 & Over team in the 200 Medley relay.

TAUPO TIMES, MARCH 26, 2010

Two boys are kicking asthma

By CAITLIN MADDEN

THIS week is Asthma Awareness Week and one of the key messages of the campaign is that asthma affects real peoples' real lives.

But two Taupo residents are showing this does not have to impact on what you can achieve.

Last year both Johnson Bishop and Patrick McCarty received Asthma Achievers Awards from the Asthma Foundation.

Johnson, 9, was nominated for his award last year by his school principal, Dave Hughes, who said Johnson has not let having asthma stop him enjoy the thing he loves; sport.

"In the past he would often have to stop or wouldn't partici-

Awards mark their work to overcome condition

☺ If it is just a short run it is okay but if it is something really energetic like a rugby or soccer game I am aware ☺

— Johnson Bishop

pate because of his asthma which seems to be exercise and allergy induced. He has worked hard with his doctor and parents to control asthma and is now participating and achieving in sports.

Johnson said the asthma sometimes stops him when he is

running around but he is dealing with it.

"If it is just a short run it is okay but if it is something really energetic like a rugby or soccer game I am aware."

He is now attending swimming training three times a week as well as going to competitions and club nights. His Jump Jam team last year finished second at the nationals and he is training again with an all-boys team for this year's event. Johnson also plays rugby for the Giants under-11 rugby team.

"As a parent I constantly think about it," his mother Janet said.

☹ If you make excuses for it ... that is just not what I do ☹

— Patrick McCarty

"You don't want to panic children about it but it is a nasty condition."

Both she and Johnson agreed that keeping fit and sports have helped him a lot.

Patrick McCarty said he does not let having asthma play a huge part in his life. "I have a preventer that I take and it is part of a routine now."

A swimmer who this year

competed at National Age Group champs for the first time, Patrick said he does sometimes get short of breath during training, but gets through it.

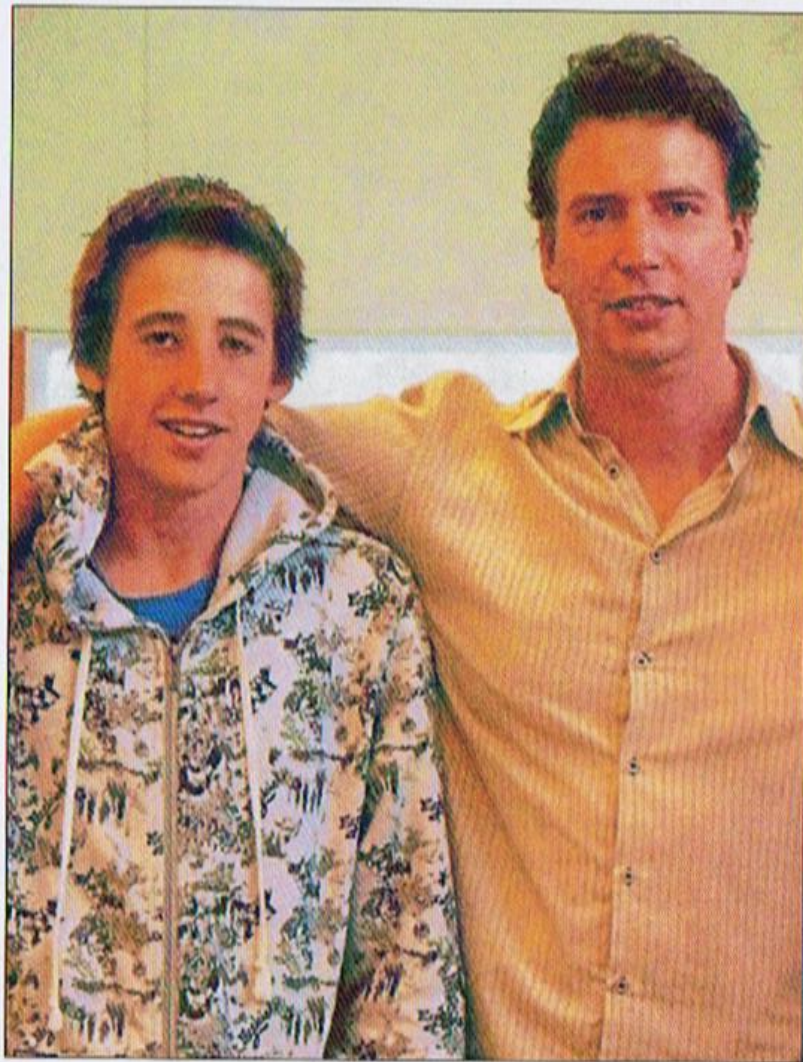
"If you make excuses for it ... that is just not what I do," said Patrick, adding his swimming idol Danyon Loader suffered exercise-induced asthma throughout his career.

Balloon Day is on May 7 and Asthma Awareness Week runs from May 3 to 9.

Point of sale boxes containing red Balloon Day lollipops will be set up at participating Mitre 10s across the country.



AWARENESS: Johnson Bishop, 9, is not letting asthma get the better of him and has seen a real change since starting a lot of different sports. Photo: CAITLIN MADDEN



SPORTING SKILL: Patrick McCarty, 16, uses the inspiration of Olympian Daryon Loader (right) who suffered exercise-induced asthma throughout his career. Photo: TAUPO TIMES

Prizegiving for success in the pool

TAUPO Swimming club celebrated the past season's successes with a prizegiving at Centre Stage on Saturday night.

Trophy winners were: AGE Group Girls 8 & U, Toni Saunders; Boys, Thomas Bishop; Girls 9 years, Tahlia Pook; Boys, Johnson Bishop; Girls 10 years, Alice Orr; Boys, Ronin Whelan; Girls 11 years, Matilda Fulljames; Boys, Bradley McKnight; Girls 12 years, Tania Thomson; Boys, Keegan Pook; Girls 13 years, Paige Flynn; Boys, Glen Fraser; Girls 14 years,

Nicole van der Kaay; Girls 16 years, Bianca Bradley; Boys, Mitchell Nairn; Girls 17 & Over, Sarah Fraser.

Most improved stroke Freestyle: Kirsten Robinson, Ben Cudby; Backstroke: Jamie Cudby, Johnson Bishop; Breaststroke: Emma Cordell, Johnson Bishop; Butterfly: Tahlia Pook, Ronin Whelan.

Away points 1st = Keegan Pook and Glen Fraser 48 points; 3rd Tania Thomson 35; 4th Denholm Orr 32; 5th Brooke Taylor 29.

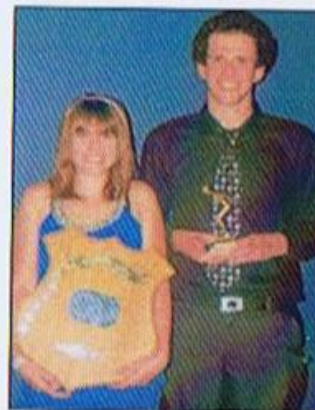
Kiwi Cup (non-club member) 8 & U: Amber Lafferty.

Anne Hines Memorial Trophy 100M Handicap event: Claire Hume.

Nana Moffett 400m freestyle: Bianca Bradley, Mitchell Nairn.

Club Spirited: Denholm Orr
Keehan Family Trophy Swimmer of the Year: Anna Haynes.

BIG WINNERS: Anna Haynes, took out the Swimmer of the Year title, while Denholm Orr won the Club Spirited trophy.



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Starlight swim event attracts 300 entrants

THE new swim season gets under way for the Taupo Swim Club this weekend with the annual Starlight Cinema Xcelerate meet at the AC Baths.

More than 300 swimmers from throughout the North Island including a team of 52 from Ace in Hamilton; 31 from Kings' Club in Auckland; 30 from St Peter's Cambridge and others from Waiouru, Hawke's Bay and Wellington will take part in the two day meet.

The Taupo club will be represented by a team of 46, with many

swimmers having their first taste of competitive swimming.

The event gets under way at 1pm on Saturday and that session looks likely to be a marathon eight hours, according to Taupo Swim Club's Jan Pook.

"As you can imagine, putting together a meet of this size involves a huge number of volunteer hours and we are extremely grateful to those parents who contribute their time to help with the successful running of the meet," she said. Sunday will see finals being swum from 8.30am.

Aussies to test Kiwis

NEW Zealand's swimming stars of the future will be in action at the AC Baths next week when they take on two Australian teams as part of a six-test series.

The 20-strong Swimming NZ team comprises the country's best swimmers and the series, which starts at Mt Maunganui on Monday, is viewed as a crucial development tool according to SNZ Youth and Age programme manager, Trevor Nicholls.

"We are blessed to have a swimming world power so close to us and therefore this series has played a significant part in our development. There's no doubt that it is a significant pathway for our best 13 to 17-year-olds," Mr Nicholls said.

This year's Commonwealth Games team includes a number of swimmers who have come through the Trans Tasman series including Natalie Wieggersma, Gareth Kean and Emily Thomas while Cara Baker qualified for the Open Water World Championships.

"The chance to compete at home is fantastic for these swimmers and provides the opportunity for club swimmers to witness some of the swimming stars of the future and hopefully motivate them to reach this level and beyond," added Mr Nicholls.

The itinerary is: Test 1, Baywave Aquatic Centre, Mt Maunganui, Mon 5 July, 5-7pm; Test 2, Mt Maunganui Tues 6 July, 9-11am; Test 3, AC Baths Aquatic Centre, Taupo, Wed 7 July, 5-7pm; Test 4, Taupo, Thurs 8 July, 9-11am; Test 5, Masterton, Fri 9 July, 5-7pm.

TAUPO TIMES, JULY 2, 2010

Swimmers scoop swag of medals

Fierce competition handled well at Hamilton winter meet

LAST weekend a small team from the Taupo Swim Club headed to Hamilton for a long course winter meeting which resulted in a swag of medals for the club's two senior swimmers.

Both Mitch Nairn, 17, and Bianca Bradley, 16, were competing in the tough 16 and over age group but managed to come out on top, collecting five gold medals between them.

The fiercely competitive meet also saw some of the younger brigade of swimmers in action with sisters Brooke and Caitlin Taylor, Sarah Kenyon and siblings Jack and Alice Clarke also taking to the pool.

Brooke Taylor, 13, was strong in her favoured breaststroke events making finals and placing fifth in the 50 Breast.

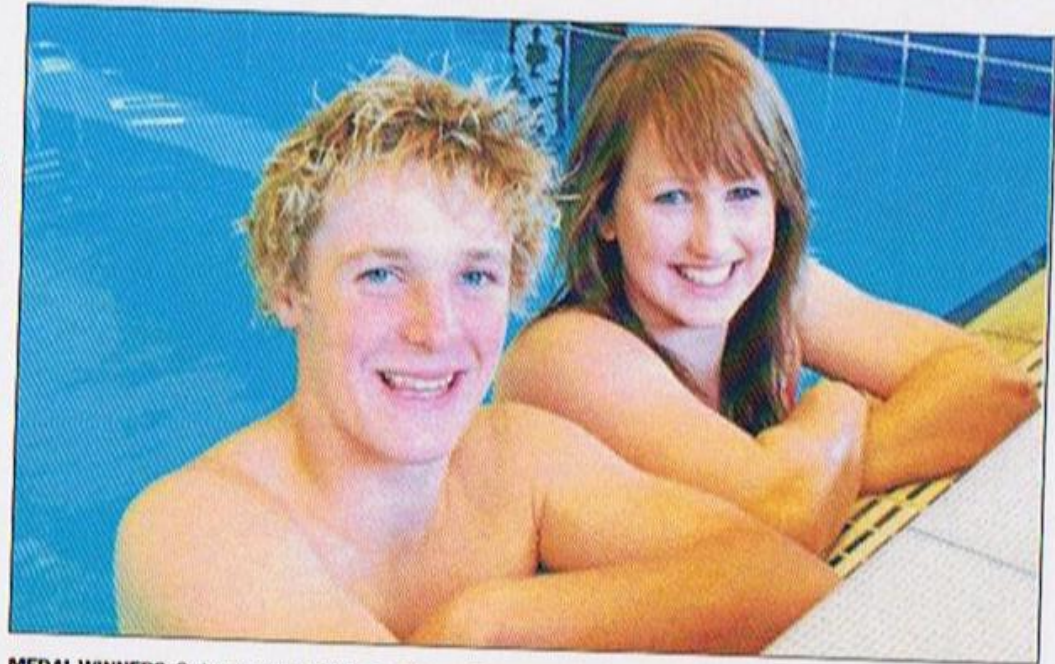
Mitch Nairn's six events netted

him gold in the 50, 100 and 200 Back, bronze in the 100 and 200 Free and a fourth placing in the 1500m.

Bianca was dominant in her favoured butterfly, taking gold in the 100 and 200 Fly. She also collected a silver medal in the 800 Free, finished fourth in the 100 Free and fifth in the 200 Free.

The swim season, which got under way for most with the highly successful Starlight Cinema Xcelerate Meet at the AC Baths, picks up pace over the next month with Winter Champs in Taranaki, Waikato, Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay, and BOP building up to a Grand Prix final in Taupo at the beginning of September.

This weekend a team of 27 Taupo swimmers head to Rotorua for a Swim Rotorua short course meeting.



MEDAL WINNERS: Swimmers Mitch Nairn and Bianca Bradley were in the medals at last weekend's Hamilton Winter meeting.

Photo: MARY MCCARTY

Taupo team makes waves at Mount

A LARGE team of 30 swimmers from the Taupo Swim Club competed over the weekend at the Bay of Plenty short course championships at Baywave in Mt Maunganui.

The meet attracted in excess of 300 swimmers from around Bay of Plenty, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki and Waikato.

Taupo swimmers fared well with 14 making finals in the 10-lane pool and eight collecting medals.

Results for finalists were as follows:

Brooke Taylor 13 (13-14yr) 50 breast 4th, 100 breast 5th, 200 breast 5th, 400 free 8th. Patrick McCarty 16 (15&O) 50 fly 6th; 50 back 10th. Ronin Whelan 10 (10&U) 100 free 9th, 50 free 7th, 50m back 5th, 100 back 9th, 50 fly 5th. Cole Grace 9 (10&U) 50 breast 6th, 100 breast 5th, 100m back 8th. Jack Clarke 14

(13-14) 100 fly 6th, 100 free 10th. Tahlia Pook 10 (10&U) 50 breast 9th, 200 breast 8th, 200 IM 9th. Claire Hume 12 (13&O) 400 IM 8th. Bradley McKnight 12 (11-12) 50 breast 3rd (Bronze), 200 IM 9th, 100 breast 7th, 200 breast 5th. Tania Thomson 12 (11-12) 200 free 3rd (Bronze), 100 IM 10th, 50 free 6th, 400 free 10th, 50 back 10th, 100 back 7th, 200 back 7th. Paige Flynn 13 (13-14) 100 IM 3rd (bronze), 400 free 1st (gold), 200 back 3rd (bronze), 200 free 4th, 50 free 4th, 100 free 6th, 50 back 5th, 100 back 7th. Glen Fraser 14 (13-14) 100 breast 3rd (bronze), 50 breast 2nd (silver), 200 IM 1st (gold), 50 fly 3rd (bronze), 200 breast 3rd (bronze), 100 IM 5th, 50 free 6th, 100 fly 4th, 100 free 8th. Sarah Fraser 17 (15&O) 400 free 3rd (bronze), 400 IM 2nd (silver), 100 IM 3rd (bronze), 200 IM 2nd (silver), 200 breast 3rd (bronze), 800 free 2nd (silver), 100 free 5th, 200 fly 4th, 200 free 4th. Bianca Bradley 16 (15&O) 100 fly 3rd (bronze), 100 free 3rd (bronze), 50 fly 3rd (bronze), 200



SWIM TEAM: Some of the 30 Taupo Swim Club team who competed at Mt Maunganui's Baywave.

Photo: SUPPLIED.

fly 2nd (silver). Mitch Nairn 1500 free 3rd (bronze), 800 free 3rd (bronze), 50 back 3rd (bronze), 100 back 2nd (silver), 200 back 2nd (silver). Keegan

Pook 12 (11-12YRS) 50 back 2nd (silver), 100 back 1st (gold), 200 back 1st (gold), 100 IM 2nd (silver), 200 IM 3rd

(bronze), 50 free 1st (gold), 100 free 2nd (silver), 50 fly 2nd (silver), 400 free 11th (13&U).

Central region swimmers compete for trophy

SWIMMERS from the four regions which make up Central Swimming New Zealand will be in action at the AC Baths this weekend for the CSNZ Grand Prix finale.

Among the 32-member Bay of Plenty team are seven swimmers from the Taupo Swim Club Mitchell Naim, Patrick McCarty, Keegan Pook, Bianca Bradley, Paige Flynn, Brooke Taylor and Sarah Fraser.

Points were amassed when competing at the Taranaki, Waikato, Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay or Bay of Plenty champs over the past month, with swimmers having to race at least two venues to qualify for selection to their respective representative teams.

The Grand Prix meet will feature the top 16 swimmers in each event, other than the girls' 800m and boys' 1500m which will see the top eight competing.

Bay of Plenty will go up

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Swimming starts at 4pm on Saturday with racing continuing on Sunday morning from 9am

against a strong 42-member Hawke's Bay/Poverty Bay team along with 22 swimmers from Taranaki and 31 from Waikato to determine which province takes the overall trophy.

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BOP REPRESENTATIVES: (front from left) Mitchell Naim, Patrick McCarty, Keegan Pook (back from left) Bianca Bradley, Paige Flynn and Brooke Taylor will represent BOP this weekend.

Photo: MARY McCARTY



Taupo swimmers off to NZ age group champs

THE Christchurch earthquake has impacted on Swimming New Zealand's 2010 NZ Age Group Short Course championships which were scheduled to be held in the city and have now been moved to Wellington.

The Taupo Swim Club has six swimmers who qualified for the event with Mitch Nairn, Patrick McCarty, Glen Fraser, Sarah Fraser, Bianca Bradley and Paige Flynn heading to Wellington tomorrow morning for the five-day meet.

Mitch, 17, is swimming six individual events and will also represent Bay of Plenty in the 16 and over medley relay.

He will target his favoured backstroke events where he is ranked highly, swimming the 50, 100 and 200 backstroke, along with the 400 freestyle and the 1500.

Patrick, 16, has qualified for four individual sprint events and will also swim for Bay of Plenty in the 16 and over medley and freestyle relays.

Glen, 14, will swim the 200 individual medley, 50, 100 and 200 breaststroke, 50 butterfly and 100 freestyle and look to make finals.

The female trio will also be all out to make finals and bring home medals, and will have no shortage of opportunities with 17-year-old

Sarah tackling the 100, 200, 400 and 800 freestyle, along with the 100, 200 and 400 IM, the 200 butterfly and the 200 breaststroke.

Bianca, 16, also has a busy programme across the five days swimming the 50, 100, 200 and 400 free; 100 and 400 IM; 50, 100 and 200 butterfly; and the 200 backstroke.

The youngest member of the team is Reporoa College student Paige, 13, who was in outstanding form at this year's NZ Div II competition.

She will hope to continue that form as she steps up to the next level, lining up in the 50, 100 and 200 free; 50, 100 and 200 backstroke and 100 IM.



WELLINGTON BOUND: (back from left) Patrick McCarty, Mitch Nairn, Glen Fraser, (front) Paige Flynn and Sarah Fraser are heading to the NZ Age Group Short Course champs in Wellington this weekend, along with Bianca Bradley (absent).

Photo: CAITLIN MADDEN

Club to race in Rotorua

TAUPO Swim Club will be well-represented at this weekend's Central North Island Swimming Championships at Rotorua.

The popular meet has attracted over 400 swimmers who have achieved qualification times for the short course events.

The meet begins on Friday afternoon.

Club aims to impress at juniors



JUNIORS: Taupo Swim Club will have six young swimmers in action at the Auckland Junior Invitational meet which began at Westwave today. Keegan Pook, Tania Thomson and Sarah Keryon, who are all 12 years old will be taking part in their last Auckland Juniors meet, while Cole Grace, 9, Kendall Grace, 11, and Tahliia Pook, 10, will be swimming at their first Auckland Juniors. Coach Cameron Durno and team manager Jan Pook are expecting good results. Photo: SUPPLIED

Flynn wins administrator award

By CAITLIN MADDEN

THE Youthtown Taupo District Sports Awards provided plenty of spoils for the Taupo Swim Club, with six nominees, one category winner and three swimmers receiving scholarships.

Lynelle Flynn won the Administrator of the Year Award, while the club was nominated for the Club of the Year title; swimmers Bianca Bradley, Nicole van der Kaay and Paige Flynn were nominated for the Junior Sportswoman of the Year award; and Glen Fraser nominated for the Junior Sportsman of the Year.

Mrs Flynn, who is the club secretary, said her win in the administrator category had a lot to do

Swimmers take home scholarships

with her being on the board for Swimming Bay of Plenty.

"In the club I don't feel that I do any more than anyone else," she said.

"But since being on the board there's a lot of stuff that I have learned that I've brought back to the club."

Three swimmers from the club, Keegan Pook, Bianca Bradley and Nicole van der Kaay all received scholarships on the night.

Keegan was the joint winner (with Beth Owen) of the Felix Prescott Cup for under 14 year olds which awarded him a \$500 sporting grant while Nicole was

the Smith Sports Shoes, More FM and Youthtown Junior Scholarship female supreme award winner, receiving \$750.

"It was great that they were acknowledged for the stuff that they do," said Mrs Flynn.

The next step for the club will be to retain swimmers through the age groups.

"The kids that are coming through can see what those older kids have achieved and we can retain the middle age group to get them to that level."

She said assisting all swimmers whether they want to compete or not is important to the club.



SWIM CLUB SUCCESS: The Taupo Swimming Club had a lot of success on Friday night at the Youthtown Taupo District Sports Awards.

Photo: CAITLIN MADDEN

Lynelle in race for regional sport prize

A CHANCE discussion led to Taupo Swimming Club's Lynelle Flynn being nominated for, and winning, the administrator category at the Youthtown Taupo District Sports Awards.

And now Mrs Flynn finds herself among four Taupo winners in contention for the 2010 Brian Perry Waikato Regional Sports Awards.

"I was putting together a strategic plan for the swimming club and had been into Sport Waikato to get some help from Christine Belfit and she mentioned the club should put some nominations in for the Taupo District awards," said Mrs Flynn.

"It was John van der Kaay who said we should put a nomination in for the administrator's award," she said, adding she was extremely excited about going through to the regional awards.

Along with the administrator award, Taupo is also represented by Shanelle Barrett from Tri Sport Taupo in the referee/umpire category; Mt Tauhara Gymnastics

Club in the club category; and sailor James Turner in the junior sportsman category.

Finalists in the Waikato regional awards include gold medalists from the 2010 Commonwealth Games, teams who have won national championships and coaches of New Zealand representative teams.

With such outstanding talent on display Sport Waikato chief executive Matthew Cooper said narrowing the field had been a challenge. "Many of this country's top sportspeople hail from the Waikato and it's fantastic to see some of the things they are achieving not only here but also on the world stage," said Mr Cooper.

Finalists have been selected across 13 categories from the winners of eight district sports awards held over the last fortnight and nominations for Hamilton sportspeople.

The winners will be announced at a gala dinner at Wintec Atrium on Thursday, January 27.

TAUPO TIMES, NOVEMBER 26, 2010

Cash meet lines the pockets of swimmers

THANKS to a number of businesses plenty of Taupo swimmers left the AC Baths on Sunday with extra Christmas spending money.

The Taupo Swim Club hosted its annual cash meet with 56 members competing alongside swimmers from around the North Island. Cash was up for grabs for the first three placegetters in each heat and for those who finished in the top three in their respective age groups.

Taupo age group placegetters: 9 and under girls, 2nd Toni Saunders; 9 and

Swimmers vie for cash

MORE than 100 swimmers from around the North Island will flock to the AC Baths on Sunday for the annual Taupo Swimming Club Cash meet.

As the name suggests, swimmers will be competing for cash prizes with each event sponsored. "We couldn't run this meet without the support of the local businesses who are so generous," said club spokeswoman Jan Pook.

"We really appreciate the fact they get behind our club and its young swimmers each year."

The meet will also see a number of first time competitors in action with 25m events scheduled to allow the younger swimmers to build on the work they have done at training and club nights.

In addition to cash prizes for each heat there is also cash up for grabs for those who take out the respective age groups which range from nine and under to 15 and over.

Spectators are welcome at the AC Baths and the action gets under way from 10am on Sunday.

Pair tackle harbour

TAUPO TIMES, DECEMBER 17, 2010

GRINNERS: Taupo Swim Club members Nicole van der Kaay and Mitchell Nairn managed to find each other among the more than 1000 swimmers who took part in last Sunday's Harbour Crossing swim. The first of the six State Ocean Swim series saw Mitchell finish seventh overall, taking out the 15-19 year age group with a time of 36.13, while Nicole, who completed the 2.8km swim in 46.46, took second place in the under 15 age group.



Next race on the programme for Mitchell is the Karapiro 10km on December 12, before he tackles the New

Zealand Open Water championships in Taupo in January. Photo: SUPPLIED

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BIG TEAM: Taupo was represented by 56 swimmers at the annual cash meet on Sunday. Photo: SUPPLIED

under boys, 2nd Thomas Bishop, 1st Cole Grace; 10 year old girls, 3rd Bianca Koenig, 2nd Katelyn Dew, 1st Tahlia Pook; 10 year old boys, 3rd Ronin Whelan, 2nd Johnson Bishop; 11 year old girls, 1st Kendall Grace; 11 year old boys, 3rd Ryan Moffitt, 1st Reuben Cannon; 12 year old girls, 3rd Chelsea Flynn, 2nd Jamie Cudby, 1st Sarah Kenyon; 12 year old boys, 2nd Bradley McKnight, 1st Keogan Pook; 13 year old boys, 3rd Reece McDonald, 1st Jake Cannon; 14 year old girls, 3rd Nicole Van der Kaay, 1st Paige Flynn; 15 year old girls 3rd Beth Nixon; 15 year old boys, 1st Matt Douglas; 16 and over girls, 2nd Sarah Fraser, 1st Bianca Bradley; 16 and over boys, 2nd Patrick McCarty, 1st Denholm Orr.