



Race Report: Bro Ddyfi Junior Aquathlon

6th April, 2014

Bro Ddyfi leisure centre, Machynlleth, Powys

Race start: 12.00pm

Organiser: Cerist Triathlon Club

The Bro Ddyfi Junior Aquathlon took place in Machynlleth on Sunday 6th April, 2014. Frequent heavy showers made for unpleasant conditions, but despite this a fantastic race took place! This year's race was part of the Welsh Tri-Stars Series for the first time, and entries were considerably higher than in recent years. An impressive 117 competitors started the race, and the Cerist team did fantastically well to get through registration smoothly!

The girls **Cerist Kidz** (5-7) age group was won by **Fallon Haird**, with **Gwen Haf Jones** and **Nela Dafydd** (Cerist Juniors) second and third respectively. For the boys, **Tygan De Melverda-Davies**, and Cerist Juniors **Finlay Thapa** and **Louis Roberts** claimed the top three spots.

Tri-Start girls top three were **Daisy Davies**, **Aimee Gorman** and **Ellen Watts** (Cerist Juniors), and the boys were **Jac Dolben** (Ruthin Tristars), and **Ioan Reading** and **Iestyn Evans** (both Cerist Juniors).

The Tri-Stars Series age groups were very keenly contested. **T1** girls was won by **Eden Rae Davies** (Celtic Tri), followed by **Demi Williams** (OO Tri) and **Freya Thapa** (Cerist Juniors). T1 boys were led by **Leon Heppenstall** (Ruthin Tristars), **Harrison Coppin** and **Jac Owen Hughes** (Ruthin Tristars). **T2** girls winners were **Ocean Poultney-Maddy** (Celtic Tri), **Molly Reardon** (Taff Eli Tri) and **Shannon Rae Haird** (INTRtri), and the boys winners were **Joseph Reardon** (Taff Eli Tri), **Alex Fowler** (Taff Eli Tri) and **Cian Roberts**. **T3** girls saw **Ellie McCormack** (Celtic Tri), **Emily Johnson** (Conwy Tristars) and **Mali Jones** (Cerist Juniors) grabbing the top positions, and three Celtic Tri members did best for the boys - **Ben and Luc Bartlett** came first and second, with **Nathaniel Harries** third.

Only one girl, **Sara Rees** (Cerist Juniors), entered the **Youth** category, and for the boys, **Samuel Johnson**, **Samuel Holt** and **Jake Tapping** (all Conwy Tristars) took the honours.

So, some great racing by the youngsters in very challenging conditions. Support was fantastic despite the rain, and Bro Ddyfi leisure centre was buzzing with activity all day. Cerist Triathlon Club wishes to congratulate all the competitors, and to thank everyone who helped make the event so successful – especially parents and guardians, race marshals (most of whom got very wet!), Bro Ddyfi leisure centre staff, and to Dwr Cerist for providing the water on the finish line. Hopefully the Bro Ddyfi Junior Aquathlon will now go from strength to strength!

