



### **Award for Outstanding Achievement -The Geoff Comer Cup**

Congratulations to Swimmer Michael Gunning, who won the Geoff Comer Cup in the Bromley Schools Sports Awards. The Celebration took place in the Great Hall at Bromley Civic Centre on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May that showcased outstanding achievement by Bromley school students.

The highlight of the evening was the Awards for the phenomenal achievements throughout Bromley. There were over 300 nominations for this award from a variety of sports, so they organized a sub committee to search through the nominations and find a winner. The Geoff Comer Cup for Outstanding Achievement was awarded to swimmer Michael Gunning from Beckenham Swimming Club. Mr. Hobbs from Coopers School said "I am delighted that Michael won this award, he works really hard and he is not only dedicated to swimming but all his school work he thoroughly deserves it"

Councillor Noad presented the cup to Michael and highlighted the great achievements in sport, of which Bromley is very proud. Councillor Noad said: "These awards celebrate the high level of sporting achievement across our schools.

"These young sportsmen and women have represented their schools at the highest level, many gaining personal bests, and serve as ambassadors for sport within the borough and nationally." Well done Michael.

### **Michael Gunning gains GB Open Water Selection**

16 year old Michael Gunning was confirmed as a part of the 20 young British squad to take part in the European Juniors LEN Cup Confirmation camp on the 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June. Michael earned his GBR selection during the British Championships in March, coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1500m Freestyle and securely booked his place on the British Squad, as the youngest male swimmer to be competing. The European Juniors LEN Cup championships will take place in San Felice Circeo, in Italy, followed by a weeks intense training Camp in the South of France. The team then returns to the UK to compete in the Great East Swim at Alton Water (19<sup>th</sup> June) due to the timings of the event, Michael was due to miss 2 GCSE examinations, but 'Team GB' will be brining a tutor out to the meet, that allows Michael to sit his examinations in Italy and France. The team are due to fly out on the 11<sup>th</sup>, but Michael will travel to San Felice Circeo on the 12<sup>th</sup> June with 5 other members of the team to allow them to sit their exams on 11<sup>th</sup> in readiness for the 10K Open Water race on the 13<sup>th</sup> June.

A delighted Michael Gunning said "I am absolutely honored to be representing my country. "I have never done Open Water Swimming in my life!!! Being the first time swimming for Great Britain will be really nerve racking, and I am sure I have still got a lot to learn, but I am looking forward to the experience, and getting some advice from the most experienced staff in the World!!!"

### **This Weekend**

Good Luck to everyone who is swimming in the London Region Age Group Championships at Crystal Palace this weekend and to those going to Margate.

**And some parish notices: -**

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the bar at The Spa.

### **Dates for the Diary**

5/6 June – London Region Age Group Championships @ Crystal Palace  
12/13 June – London Region Age Group Championships @ Crystal Palace  
12 June – Whitehorse league @ The Spa  
19 June – Kent Junior League @ Margate  
1 July – London Mini Games @ Crystal Palace  
3 July – London Youth Games @ Crystal Palace  
3 July – Whitehorse League @ The Spa  
11 July – London Region Sprints @ Crystal Palace  
4 September – Whitehorse League - TBA  
11 September – Kent Junior League - TBA  
9 October – Arena League First Round – Beckenham A @ Canterbury/Beckenham B @ Trinity School, Croydon  
13 November – Arena League Second Round – Beckenham A @ Bracknell/Beckenham B @ Pavilions in the Park, Horsham  
20 November – Kent Junior League - TBA  
11 December – Arena League Third Round - TBA

### **Website**

Don't forget that the Club website is a wonderful way of keeping up to date with what is happening. The address is: [www.beckenhamswimmingclub.com](http://www.beckenhamswimmingclub.com).

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