

Worthing Swimming Club Press Release 21/9/2013:

“Worthing misses out on promotion”

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On Saturday 21st September 2013, Worthing attended Cranleigh for the 3rd time this year, for the final round of this year’s Rother League. Worthing had done very well in the 1st two Gala’s to be placed 1st in Division 2 going into the Gala. However, the results in the previous Gala’s had been very close, so we were expecting a tough challenge from Cranleigh, the home team and Alton.

A trophy would be awarded to the winning team in the league with additional trophies to the best Junior, Senior and Masters teams in the final Gala. From the outset, Worthing were finding the competition tough going in this final Gala, which comes just a few weeks after the quiet summer months.

Most races were close, but again and again Worthing were just being pipped at the post. By the end of the evening Worthing finished 4th on the night which was enough to secure 3rd place in the league for 2013, behind winners Alton and 2nd placed Cranleigh.

Worthing swimmers secured 1st Places in 7 races, 2nd place in 8 races and 3rd in 12 races.

Alton 241, Cranleigh 204, Farnham 194, Worthing 188, Eastleigh 159, Wey Valley 128.

Our best results came in the juniors races which are in the under 12 and under 14 age groups, enough for 2nd place in the junior trophy. The final race of the evening saw a Worthing master’s team enter the veterans trophy where the combined age of the 4 swimmers has to be 120 years.

Like the whole evening, being only 16 points from winning the Division 2 trophy, Worthing came 2nd in the veterans race by just 1 second. Although disappointing not to have gained a 2nd promotion in 2013 following our Sussex League promotion, Worthing have shown great potential this year in the Rother League and with hard work in training in the coming months, future success in this competition is a good possibility for 2014.

Congratulations to all swimmers who swam in the Rother League in 2013.

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