

Novice Championship / Age Group and Intermediate Invitationals

WCA hosted the final PASS meet of the season, the Novice Championship and Age Group and Intermediate Invitationals, the weekend of June 20-21. On the first day of competition in Age Group, the 10 & Under A, 11-12B and 13-15B teams competed. The 13-15B swimmers, in preparation for the Age Group Nationals, competed solely in figures. Their results: 1st Karina Boyle; 2nd Leah Read; 4th Devan Murphy-Hopson; 5th Laila Shaker; and 6th Sofia Bouzos. Among the 11-12's, Daria Torba placed 4th and Rachel D'Lima came in 6th. Haley Watson earned 3rd, Amanda Portier 4th and Lauren Simonelli 7th in the 10&U figures event.

Continuing with the routine competitions, the 10&U's Kristen Berardi, Dana Drury and Renee Stehlik won silver for their trio, followed by teammates, Gennifer Malpass, Katya Mizin and Amanda Portier capturing bronze. In duet, Lauren and Haley earned a silver and Kristen and Dana placed 4th. Haley got another silver and Lauren a bronze in the solo event. The 10&U team wrapped up their season winning gold for their Wizard of Oz themed routine. The undefeated team is comprised of Kristen, Dana, Gennifer, Katya, Amanda, Lauren, Renee and Haley.

In the 11-12 age group, the trio of Lucia Bautista, Rachel D'Lima and Gabriella Garcia-Roy won 1st place. Teammates and duet partners, Peyton LeGate and Daria Torba joined them with a gold in duet. In the team routine, Lucia, Rachel, Gabriella, Peyton and Daria culminated their season with a silver.

The next day's competition included the Novice Championship and Intermediate Invitational. WCA's youngest and newest members, the 10&U B team participated in both categories. In Novice figures for the 8 & Under, Grace Mesenbring won silver, Eve Uriarte got bronze and Kristina Victor received 7th place. In the 9-10 Novice figures, Romina George came in 6th, followed by Pauline Akcam in 7th.

Competing in their first Intermediate figures event, the 10&U B team members placed in the top nine spots: Romina 2nd, Calia Lockey 4th, Eve 5th, Grace 6th, Fiona Burrows 7th, Pauline 8th and Kristina 9th.

In the Novice routines, the duet of Grace and Eve won 1st for the 8&U. In the 9-10 duet event, Romina and Calia also captured gold while Pauline and Fiona earned a bronze. Kristina earned 4th for her solo in the 8&U event. Pauline, Fiona, Romina, Calia, Grace, Eve and Kristina earned a gold for their team routine in the 10&U Intermediate team routine.

All in all, the Walnut Creek Aquanuts had a winning season and ended on a high note.