

## **STAR AQUATICS is Golden!**

Star Aquatics had many swimmers win gold this past weekend at the North Carolina Long Course State Championship swim meet which was held at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary, NC July 16 -19. The top 14 & under swimmers throughout the state of NC competed at the meet.

Kathleen Baker (11 & 12 girls) won eight gold medals in her 100 fly (1:07.52), 400 free (4:39.72), 100 back (1:06.89 – Winter Junior National Cut), 200 IM (2:25.81), 50 back (30.95), 50 fly (29.96), 200 back (2:26.18), and 200 breast (2:49.99). Her 100 back was a new State Record (old record from 2006, 1:07.22) and she set a new State Record in the 200 back (old record from 2009, 2:28.96). She also won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in her 50 breast (36.13) and 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 100 breast (1:18.59).

Levente Bathory (10 & under boys) won five gold medals in his 50 free (31.25), 50 breast, (44.61), 200 free (2:26.99), 200IM (2:47.57), and 100 free (1:08.66). He also won 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals in his 100 fly (1:16.77) and 100 breast (1:34.52) and 7<sup>th</sup> place in his 50 fly (35.58).

Faith Johnson (13 & 14 girls) won two gold medals in her 50 free (26.64) and her 100 free (57.64 – Short course National cut and Summer Junior National Cut). The 100 free was a new State Record (old record from 2005, 58.15). She also won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in her 200 free (2:10.12) and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 back (1:10.22).

Alistair Stephens-Pickeral (13-14 girls) won two gold medals in her 100 breast (1:18.10) and her 200 breast (2:49.65).

STAR girls were first, second and third place on the podium in the 13-14 girls 200 breast event where Alistair Stephens-Pickeral won the gold (2:49.65), Susannah Thorne won the silver (2:51.48) and Caroline Neil won the bronze (2:51.99).

Other Star swimmers finished in the top eight:

10 & under girls: Copeland Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 free (31.98), Leigh Ann Curry, 4<sup>th</sup> 100 back (1:24.60) and 4<sup>th</sup> 50 fly (36.46), Makena Markert, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 breast (40.94) and 2<sup>nd</sup> 100 breast (1:30.24).

10 & under boys: Zach Weir, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 breast (44.94), Andrew Taylor, 6<sup>th</sup> 50 free (32.48), 7<sup>th</sup> 100 fly (1:25.43), 6<sup>th</sup> 100 back (1:24.71), 3<sup>rd</sup> 50 back (37.82), 8<sup>th</sup> 50 fly (35.68) and 6<sup>th</sup> 100 free (1:12.61).

13-14 girls: Alexandra Marshall, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50 free (27.66), 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 free (1:00.27), Caroline Neil, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200 breast (2:51.99), 4<sup>th</sup> 100 breast (1:19.21) and Susannah Thorne, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200 breast (2:51.48) and 6<sup>th</sup> 100 breast (1:20.80).

STAR Aquatics had three relays finish in the top three: 13-14 girls won GOLD with their 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 400 free relay with a time of 4:04.61 (Rachel Baker, Laura Johnson, Alexandra Marshall, and Faith Johnson). The 13-14 girls medley relay won bronze (Rachel Baker, Caroline Neil, Alexandra Marshall and Faith Johnson). The 10 & under

girls relay won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 200 free relay (Copeland Jones, Hannah Rouse, Makena Markert, Catherine Wagoner).

Kathleen Baker and Levente Bathory won NC Swimming High Point Awards for their individual age groups.

Kathleen Baker and Alistair Stephens-Pickeral were also chosen to participate on the NC Zone Team which will compete in Orlando, FL July 28 – August 1. Harrison Brogden will also represent STAR on the NC Zone Team.

### Meet Team Results – Star Aquatics 7<sup>th</sup>

1. SwimMAC Carolina	2289.5	2. Marlins of Raleigh-Wolfpack Aq	2123
3. Raleigh Swimming Association	1596.5	4. New Wave Swim Team	1433
5. YMCA Triangle Area Swim	1342.5	6. NC Aquatic Club	1096
<b>7. Star Aquatics</b>	<b>1041.5</b>	8. Stingray Aquatics	578.5
9. Waves Of Wilmington, Inc.	559	10. Duke Aquatics	475.5
11. Greensboro Swimming Assoc	352	12. ATOM	230
13. Greenville Swim Club	226.5	14. YMCA Seahorse Swim Team	225
15. Winston-Salem YMCA Swim Team	209	16. Rowan Aquatic Club-YMCA	202.5
17. Fayetteville YMCA Sea Dragons	199	18. New South Swimming	153.5
19. Sharks Aquatic Club	148	20. Team Charlotte Swimming	133