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## Presenting the 2010 EU Swimming Invitational and Host Club Red-Fish Neuchatel

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Mark your calendars for the 5th edition of the EU Swimming Invitational! This year's competition will take place on 23-24 October 2010 in the Swiss city of Neuchatel.

Neuchatel's Piscine Nid-du-Cro, a state-of-the-art aquatic center, will welcome the weekend event. The competition pool is 25 meters and has 8 lanes, with the water temperature set at 27°C (80°F). Omega electronic timing and scoreboard will be used. An additional pool in the aquatic center will be available for continuous use throughout the weekend. The aquatic center is ideally situated on the shores of the Lake of Neuchatel, and the large glass windows provide a view on the water and the mountains in the distance.

The EU Swimming Invitational 2010 will be hosted by the Red Fish Neuchatel swimming club. The Red Fish is one of the Switzerland's premier swimming clubs and the largest team in the canton of Neuchatel, comprising over 900 members total.

The competition will kick off on Friday, 22 October with an evening welcome session for coaches. The main pool will be open for a two-hour training period at this time. Saturday's finals session will be preceded by the traditional Opening Ceremonies, featuring the parade of countries and the playing of the Swiss and European anthems. All teams are encouraged to participate in the parade and to bring as many flags and team banners as they like!

Medals will be awarded to the top three swimmers of each age group category for each final, and a special Swiss prize will also be presented to the top three relay teams.

For meet information, programme of events and other details, please visit the newly designed website at [www.euswim.org](http://www.euswim.org). Pre-entry forms, required for participation, are also available under the "Entry Forms" section.

Please contact me at [julia@euswim.org](mailto:julia@euswim.org) if you are interested in participating or have any questions. I hope to see all of you in Switzerland this October! «



## Martino, Wermelinger Achieve Medalist Status at Inter-City Competition in Bienne, Switzerland

**S**wiss club CN Delémont continues its season of success at the Meeting Intervilles (Inter-City Competition) in Bienne on the 30th – 31st of January with excellent performances by Gabriella Martino and Célia Wermelinger.

Martino, 17, climbed the podium twice, with bronze medals in the 100m breaststroke (1:20.97) and the 200m individual medley (2:37.81). She also finaled in three other events, placing 6th in the 50m freestyle (30.19), the 200m breaststroke (3:00.68) and the 100m butterfly (1:17.56).

In the 11-12 age group category, Célia Wermelinger brought home a silver medal in the 200m backstroke with a time of 2:58.35 and a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke with a 1:23.72.

Congratulations to these swimmers for their performances and congratulation to the CN Delémont for their team results! «



## Charlie Proves to be a Wonder in the Water

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**A** schoolboy from Nuneaton is making a big splash in the competitive world of swimming.

Charlie Waddingham, a pupil at George Eliot School is making something of a name for himself after finishing third in a major competition in Wales.

The 11-year-old swims for Nuneaton and Bedworth Swimming Club and took part in the 'Dragon Meet' contest at the Wales national pool in Swansea.

Having lined up with fellow swimmers in a qualifying round he made it through to the final of the 200 metre breast stroke for 11 to 12 year olds.

The Year 7 pupil came a respectable third with a time of 3:07.15 - a time which is inside the national qualifying time for his age group and which guarantees him a place in the ASA National Championships which take place in Sheffield in July.

Charlie is delighted with his current form in the pool and is looking forward to a busy few months ahead as he competes in other events.

"I was really pleased to do so well in Swansea - to come third in my age group in such a big competition was really good," said the youngster who trains at the Pingles and is coached by Roy Smith.

"Hopefully I can carry on in the months ahead as I will be swimming in other competitions."

Charlie learnt to swim when he was just four and has gradually increased the time he spends in the water. He now trains for 11 hours a week.

"Charlie's got real potential," said a spokesman for the Raveloe Drive-based school. "He's only 11 years old and he's something like eighth best in the country for his age group. He may be a bit young for the 2012 Olympics but he's certainly one to watch for the future." «



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