

## Upcoming Events:

- Devon County ASA Championships 2009 During February/March
- 25m Certificate Gala at Torquay ages 8&U,9,10,11 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Devon Relay Gala 28th March
- Junior Sprint Gala 29th March
- Avalon Open Meet 4th/5th April
- Devon Interclub 26th April

**Good Luck  
to all our  
County  
qualifiers**

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### National Swimming League 2008

In 2008, Torquay Leander had one of the best results we have had for many years. **26** first places and **34** personal best times, which resulted in a very good position. This great performance placed the team 2<sup>nd</sup> for this gala and gave them after 3 rounds an overall position of 9<sup>th</sup> out of some 25 teams, which is a great improvement over the last few years. Every swimmer swam to their full potential and the club was extremely proud of their achievements.



### Club Championships 2008

**43 club records** were broken in this year's club championships. With over **400 personal bests** and outstanding personal achievements, this year's club championships was one of the best ever. This year for the first time awards were given for the most improved senior swimmers and the recipients of this special coaching award were Ethan Luke and Alice Hayes. The picture shows a large number of the club swimmers at the recent presentation night, which was held at Boots & Laces, together with all the silverware.

### Swim 21 Accreditation

An excellent end to a great year for the club was achieving **Swim 21 Accreditation** in both Teaching and Skill Development. Torquay Leander is one of a very small number of local swimming clubs who have achieved this Quality Mark. Swim 21 is the ASA's Club Development Quality model. It recognises nationally and regionally the clubs that are committed to providing safe, effective and quality services for the benefit of their members.

### **Roger's Volunteer Coach of the Year**



TORQUAY Leander's Roger Downing has been honoured with the Top Volunteer Coach Award at Devon Amateur Swimming Association's annual meeting.

### Golds Galore for Torquay Leander Swimmers



A large number of Torquay Leander swimmers won Gold Medals when they represented their schools in both the Torbay Primary and Secondary schools Swimming Galas.

Swimming for their primary Schools were: Christopher Andrews (2 Golds), Abigail Powell (1 Gold), Nancy Musk (1 Gold) and Olivia Hargreaves (1 Gold)

Swimming for their Secondary schools were Dan Scott (2 Golds), Connor Adamson (1 Gold), Tom Lofthouse, Chloe Setters (3 Golds), Phoebe Sage (3 Golds), Alice Davis (1 Gold), Morwenna Gilbey and Emily Hayes.