

## Four Blue Fins qualify for Age Group nationals

It's been a busy month in the pool for the Halton Hills Blue Fins' Swim Club and it's not over yet as four team members are headed for the national championships in a couple of weeks.

Matt Fox, 12, along with 14-year-olds Kyle Haas and Mitchell Krafczek and 16-year-old Karl Massey are headed for the Canadian Age Group Championships July 21-26 at Winnipeg's Pan American Games Pool thanks in part to their efforts at recent Ontario meets.

As a club, the Blue Fins enjoyed their best standing ever at the Swim Ontario Long Course Championships in Ottawa, placing 26th overall out of 63 teams attending. Ten local club members qualified and another Blue Fins' record was set for the number of individual medals garnered at the competition, headed up by Fox's silver and three bronze, a silver from Tessa Cieplucha and two third-place results for Haas.

Accolades also went to Blue Fins' head coach Mike Thompson, who has been chosen to guide the Swim Ontario Central Region team at the Ontario Summer Games, to be held in Sudbury Aug. 11-13.

Halton Hills athletes accounted for several top-10 finishes at the Etobicoke Olympium for the Central Region Long Course Championships:

Keri-Lyn Copeland, 12— 1st 100m free, 400m free, 3rd 50m free, 6th 100m back, 6th 200m back

Krafczek— 2nd 400m free, 3rd 50m free, 4th 100m free, 5th 200m free, 5th 800m free

Veronica Fong, 11— 6th 100m free, 7th 800m free, 10th 50m free, 100m breaststroke

Massey, 16— 8th 800m free  
Emma Fender, 11— 9th 50m free

Quinn Jaggard, 12— 10th 100m free

Age Group International was also held at the Olympium, attracting the top swimmers from

across Ontario, and the Blue Fins had more provincial qualifiers.

Top-10s included: Haas— 1st 50m free, 2nd 100m free, 50m back, 100m back, 200m back, 3rd 200m IM, 7th 200m free, 10th 100m breast, 10th 100m fly

Fox— 100m back  
Bjoren-Ole Schrader, 12— 6th 100m back, 8th 200m back

Massey, 16— 7th 200m back, 8th 100m back

At the Ontario Senior Provincials in London, Haas earned a bronze in the 50m backstroke.

On the same weekend in Guelph, the GMAC Long Course Invitational took place and top-five Blue Fin finishers included:

Fox— 1st 100m free, 1st 200m free, 1st 800m free, 1st 100m back, 1st 200m back

Krafczek— 1st 100m free, 1st 400m free, 1st 800m free, 100m back, 200m back, 2nd 200m breast, 3rd 100m breast

Fong— 1st 800m free, 4th 100m breast

Fender— 1st 100m breast, 2nd 200m breast, 2nd 800m free, 5th 100free

Tessa Cieplucha, 11— 1st 200m breast, 1st 200m IM, 1st 400m IM, 2nd 100m back, 2nd 200m back

Schrader— 1st 100m fly, 1st 200m fly, 1st 400m IM, 2nd 200m free, 2nd 100m back

Copeland— 2nd 800m free, 3rd 100m free, 200m back, 5th 200m free, 5th 100m back

Aaron Brautigam— 2nd 100m breast, 2nd 200m breast, 3rd 800m free, 3rd 200m IM

Ryan Smith, 15— 4th 100m free, 5th 800m free

Nicolas Levesque, 15— 4th 800m free, 200m back

Taylor Cawte, 16— 100m breast

Kristen Gergely, 15— 400m IM

Trevor Burwell, 16— 5th 100m free

Tatyana Austria, 15— 5th 800m free

Nikolay Videnov, 13— 5th 200m breast



Bjoren-Ole Schrader of the Halton Hills Blue Fins was one of several local club members who posted top-10 results at the Age Group International competition held recently at the Etobicoke Olympium. The Blue Fins are wrapping up their season with provincial and national-level meets. *Photo by Robert Copeland*

## Tyke Bulldogs' big comeback earns them Kingston B title

Trailing 7-3 at one point against Kahnawake, the Halton Hills tyke #2 Bulldogs rallied back and got the winning goal by Branden Peet with 2:18 left in the game to earn the B championship at the Kingston Invitational lacrosse tourney.

**Preliminary round— Halton Hills 8, Kingston 1:** Brett Hilts (3G); Spencer Booth (2G); Branden Peet, Cole Campbell, Joshua Burchart (G).

**Nepean 11, Halton Hills 3:** Spencer Booth (2G); Zach Booth (G).

**Halton Hills 8, Kitchener-Waterloo 2:** Spencer Booth (3G); Campbell, Peet (2G); Zach Booth (G).

**Semifinal— Halton Hills 5, Kitchener-Waterloo 2:** Spencer Booth (3G); Campbell, Gabriel Rowsell (G).

**B Championship— Halton Hills 10, Kahnawake 8:** Spencer Booth (4G); Zach Booth (3G); Hilts, Jayden Dietrich, Peet (G).



After a 0-6-1 start to their Ontario Lacrosse Association box campaign, the Halton Hills tyke #2 Bulldogs broke out with a victory at a tournament in Kingston. Team members (front, from left) are: Cole Campbell, Branden Peet, Joshua Burchart, Brett Hilts, Gabriel Rowsell, Ayden Clare, Sarah Frost, Andrew McGarrity, Jordan Reyce. Middle row: Spencer Booth, Quinn Last, Zach Booth, Hunter McNair, Mathew Hunks, Jayden Dietrich, Gregory Dance. Back row: Head coach Jason Peet, assistant coach Bruce McNair, trainer Jay MacKay. Absent: Manager Leeann McNair. *Submitted photo*

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