

### **Report-Minor League Final 2009**

After a solid first round at Fareham in March ,where Rushmoor finished in third place to Alton & Seagulls (both Division 1 teams) it was off to Woking on May 9<sup>th</sup> to compete for the Division 2 championship against Alton B, Epsom, Fareham, Gosport & Woking.

It was a very close & exciting evening with many excellent swims. Overall Rushmoor achieved fifteen 1<sup>st</sup> places, twelve 2<sup>nd</sup> places & ten 3<sup>rd</sup> places with the remaining events all contributing points. We only had one disqualification all evening and 17 PB's.

During the last few events the lead went back and forth between Rushmoor and Woking but at the end Rushmoor was declared Division 2 champions and received the cup for all their hard work & effort.

Well swum everyone and great supporting from the parents in the gallery. Some of you were very hoarse at the end on the evening!

### **Report- Premier League Final 2009**

It was back to Woking on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the scene of Rushmoor's victory the previous week in the Minor League, for the final round of the Premier League. It was all to swim for after winning the first round. This round was definitely going to be tougher as we were up against some strong teams from Hamble, Haslemere, Hart, Portsmouth & Northsea & Woking, but we had triumphed against Hart (just!) & Hamble in Round 1.

It was tougher! After the first 10 events Haslemere & Portsmouth & Northsea were equal first & that's how it continued all evening with the lead going back & forth with Portsmouth & Northsea eventually being 'crowned' league champions. Rushmoor were locked in a battle with local rivals Hart & Woking for third place. After 40 events Woking had pulled clear of Hart & Rushmoor but even with 2 DQ's in the final 11 events we still managed to hang on to fourth place by one point.

Some great swims during the evening (18 PB's) with every swimmer trying their hardest in both individual and relay events. Special mention must go to the 9 year old boys: Luke Gudge, Jamie Lee & Joseph Kite. Both Luke & Jamie answered the call to swim at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour (literally!) and Joseph swam twice as many events as originally planned, to help give us those vital points to hold on for fourth place.

**So it really is all to swim for next year!**