

Press Release



Magnificent end to the year

2009 has been a momentous year for the club. We have seen numbers increase massively, doubling in size by the beginning of the Autumn term, and almost tripling by Christmas. We have celebrated our fifth anniversary as a club. We have had outstanding competition success at all levels, showing our strength in depth and our ability to win medals in every competition we enter, demonstrating that Cangaroos remains the best club in the region. We have raised over £15,000 in grants to purchase new equipment in all our centres and to assist six of our members take coaching awards. We have also achieved GymMark status, demonstrating our ability to be a child safe and child friendly club.

The last few weeks has seen us rise to new heights.

First we attended the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Living Sports Awards, having been nominated in the Community Club and Head Coach category. The club won the Community Club award and Tony Fagelman was runner up in the coach category. The club was then put forward to the Eastern region shortlist.

We then received a grant for £720 from Living Sports, the county sports partnership for the national scheme 'Sports Unlimited', designed to encourage children interested in sport to take up something new. This grant will assist in running our new classes at Linton Sports Centre and Saffron Waldon County High.

Then on Tuesday 8th December, Neil Pike our treasurer and Stuart Kelly, former deputy chair travelled to Tattersalls, Newmarket for the BBC East Regional Sports Awards. Amongst a host of sporting and television stars, Cangaroos was delighted to take runner-up spot as the Community Club of the Year. What a massive achievement for the club and it demonstrates what a dedicated group of people we have to make this club run so successfully.

We ended the year with our club competition and annual awards at Sawston Sports Centre on Saturday 12th December. This was a closed competition, and we still managed 71 members competing in the individual competition and 12 pairs in the synchronised competition. Highlights of the day were many, a fantastic competition all-round, with a huge turn out from our Roos, a keenly fought contest in the Grade D event and the Club Champion staying in the family, but changing sisters.

We started at 9.00am with a general warm-up. The hall was packed with members and families and everyone was enjoying the atmosphere. A number of our senior performers took judging duties during the competition, along with parents new to the sport. First to compete were the Roos, these are our specific under 8 group, who train at Sawston. 19 of our Roos members competed in the biggest single grade of the day and after a great competition, the eventual winner was Sydney Kelly.

Name	Total score	Position
Sydney Kelly	47.0	1 st
Georgina Wrigley	45.4	2 nd
Molly Edwards	44.1	3 rd

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This was followed by our K competitors, these are our entry level bouncers from all the sessions.

Name	Total score	Position
Rachel Flack	44.0	1 st
Sophie Kenny Troughton	43.6	2 nd
Tegan Rouse	41.3	3 rd

Next up were our J competitors, we had a larger entry before the day, but due to drop outs, we were left with a competition between two sisters, with Justine coming out on top.

Name	Total score	Position
Justine Ross	43.1	1 st
Scarlett Ross	41.3	2 nd

Then our I group, which was the 2nd biggest of the day and was split into under and over 13's. Again a very good competition resulted in Lois coming away champion.

Name	Total score	Position
Lois McGuire	44.3	1 st
Lilly Holloway	43.8	2 nd
Freya Watrasiewicz	43.1	3 rd

In the Over 13 grade I, Nicky Farrer just held off a strong challenge from Bradley to take gold.

Name	Total score	Position
Nicky Farrer	40.6	1 st
Bradley Cantel	40.0	2 nd
Chloe Watrasiewicz	33.0	3 rd

The Grade H was also split into two groups, the over and under 13's. In the under 13's Alice Tebbit romped home a clear winner.

Name	Total score	Position
Alice Tebbit	43.4	1 st
Jess Henry	35.3	2 nd
Georgina Harris	32.6	3 rd

Michelle Bones, one of our assistant coaches at Coleridge and Cottenham took 1st place in the Grade H over 13's.

Name	Total score	Position
Michelle Bones	42.1	1 st

Our G group followed, also split into under and over 13. Trinity maintained her winning run in the Under 13 group, however it was great to see the improvements by Matthew and Grace being reflected in their scores and their medal positions.

Name	Total score	Position
Trinity Kelly	46.7	1 st
Matthew Burson	45.0	2 nd
Grace Pike	44.5	3 rd

In the over 13 group Becky showed her considerable improvement to win comfortably from Imogen. I was delighted for Beth in taking 3rd after the disappointment at her first competition, so well done to all three.

Name	Total score	Position
Becky Midgely	43.5	1 st
Imogen Howard	42.5	2 nd
Bethany Latham	42.4	3 rd

In the F group we have a very close competition, but Sophie Housden, who competed for the 1st time since her serious injury last February, came 1st. If Sophie had been able to bounce at her actual grade, Frances would have picked up a 1st trophy, as it was she had to settle for a good 2nd place. In 3rd place it was good to see one of our satellite performers, Harry, take a medal.

Name	Total score	Position
Sophie Housden	46.7	1 st
Frances Pickup	45.6	2 nd
Harry Kitson	44.0	3 rd

In E, we also had a very high standard, with Naomi just piping Jo after two extremely close rounds and Imogen not very far behind.

Name	Total score	Position
Naomi Waldock	47.6	1 st
Johanna Withington	47.2	2 nd
Imogen Pickup	46.3	3 rd

Finally in D, our top performers put on a show for the audience and if Joe Chandler hadn't touched the mat on his out-bounce, he would have won it. In the end Luis Pires took it by just 0.1

Name	Total score	Position
Luis Pires	48.4	1 st
Joe Chandler	48.3	2 nd
Katie-Beth McKenna	47.3	3 rd

After the individual events we held our annual fancy dress synchro. Pairs were judged not only on their form and ability to bounce in synchronisation on two trampolines, performing mirror routines, but they were also judged on their costumes.

We had 14 pairs taking part, all in some form of fancy dress, we had our returning teen boys, last year, dressed in hoodies, this year in caps and low slung trousers, we had a pair of cyclists, a pair of scary santas, some witches and some Christmas elves, who proceeded to bribe the judges and audience with chocolate coins thrown from their purses. The synchronisation of the teams was fantastic and in the end we had a tie for first place, with Molly and Sydney just beating Imogen and Trinity on form scores and so taking 1st place.

Pair	Total score	Position
Molly Edwards Sydney Kelly	37.8	1 st
Imogen Pickup Trinity Kelly	37.5	2 nd
Katie-Beth McKenna Becky Midgely	37.1	3 rd

The annual awards were presented after the competition and were given as follows:



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The most improved awards are given to the member who has shown the greatest improvement over the last 12 months, not just in performance, but also demonstrating their commitment and attitude to their fellow members, to the coach, to the club and to the sport.

Coleridge – most improved: Lilly Holloway

Honourable mentions go to: Molly Keating & Ella Shannon-Sinclair

Cottenham – most improved: Beth Neville

Honourable mentions go to: Naomi Waldock & Anna Dawson

Sawston – most improved: Naomi Waldock

Honourable mentions go to: James Able, Trinity Kelly, Becky Midgely, Joe Chandler & Sophie Housden for her fight back from injury and willingness to come back

Roos – most improved: Lucy Perry

Honourable mentions go to all the Roos for their continued efforts throughout the year

This award is presented to the senior club member who supports the club the most over the year. Presented by the committee it is in recognition of the time and effort put in to support the club, coaches and members in all areas of activity.

Greatest contribution to the club – Stuart Kelly

Honourable mentions go to: Fiona Hill, Michelle Bones, Francoise Lucas, Tanya Reynolds

The club Champion is awarded to the performer who has the highest points for form awarded on the day. Last years winner, Trinity Kelly was beaten into 2nd her place by her sister, Sydney Kelly. Their mantelpiece continues to flow with trophies.

Club Champion: Sydney Kelly

Cangaroo of the year is awarded to the member who in the opinion of the head coach has contributed most to the club, by their attitude, attendance, willingness to learn, willingness to help and general support.

Cangaroo of the Year – Grace Pike

Honourable mentions go to: Jo Withington

Press information:

Cambridge Cangaroos was formed in June 2004. It now has over 160 active members and 10 coaches, plus a large number of enthusiastic assistant coaches. We are based at Sawston Sports Centre and operate satellite centre's at Cottenham Sports Centre, Coleridge Sports centre, Linton Sports Centre and from January, Saffron Waldon County High. For more information please see our website at www.cangaroos.org.



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