

City's Club of the Year wins eleven events

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Nottingham Rowing Club, Nottingham City's Club of the Year 2014, won eleven events rowing on the River Trent this weekend.

On Saturday February 28th the club competed in the inaugural 'Masters of Trentside' for veteran athletes aged from 27 to 85. The course was from Clifton Bridge to the Training Ship Orion - a distance of 5,700m. Conditions were cool and windy, but generally the water was flat.

Division One for Men's Fours and Women's Eights was won by a Peterborough City/Star Quad.

Dave Knight

and

Kevin Titterton

in a Nottingham/Derby combination won Masters F Coxed Fours.

Paul Williamson

,

Mike Walker

,

Shane MacSweeney

and

Andy Brown

, coxed by

Clare Angus

, cleared the opposition early on and won Masters D Coxed Fours.

In Division Two for Men's Eights and Women's Fours, a combined Bedford Rowing Club/Nottingham Rowing Club Masters G Crew were overall winners; **Kevin Titterton** was in the boat. Nottingham, with Chris Beesley, Shane MacSweeney, Andy Brown, Andy Townsend, Iain Hill, Alan Crowther, Mike Walker, Paul Williamson and cox Clare Angus took the Bronze Medal in the hotly contested Masters D Eights which was won by York City, with Bridgnorth RC taking the Silver just 2s ahead of Nottingham.

The Women's Masters D Coxed Fours was a win for **Ruth Hyde, Jill Titterton, Ellie Welham** and

Sarah Royles

coxed by

Ellie Townsend

and coached by Mark Cooke. The Nottingham Women are the City's Team of the Year 2014.

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Sunday 1st March saw the annual Head of the Trent and the Club was once more in action, adding six more wins to Saturday's five. The course was the same but weather conditions were worse, with strong westerly winds all day. Against expectation, Division Two for less experienced crews was called off on safety grounds when the wind proved stronger than forecast. Division One was rowed in sunshine; Division Three in pouring rain.

Star Club was the fastest Men's Eight in the first Division, winning the Cliff Booth Memorial Trophy. Nottingham Rowing Club's Intermediate 2 eight, coached by Olympian Lenny Robertson, was second; the crew was **Ben Farrell, Alex Evangelidis, Josh Tolley, Ayrton Carlton**

John Stimpson

Kenny Gray

Jon Okon

Alex Watkins

and cox

Hannah Watts

. Nottingham's Open Intermediate 3 eight of

Matt Bowles

Sam French

James Winsor

, coach

Stuart Sykes

George Eden

Max Hearnden

Daniel Benton

Joe Heade

coxed by

Matt Mitchell

also won, placing 12th. The Junior Girls

Katie Swales

(South Notts Academy),

Ellen Tweed

(Long Eaton School),

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Lucy Holgate

(Sutton Coldfield G.S.) and

Ella Kay

(West Bridgford School), coached by Martin Kay, were Women's Intermediate 3 Quad winners.

In Division Three, rowed in a downpour, Nottingham's IM3 Quad of **Josh Tolley, George Hallewell**

Jon Stimpson

and

Ayrton Carlton

, coached by Lenny Robertson, were overall winners. The Women's IM1 Eight of

Kat Aguilar-Agon

Caitlin Olney

Jess Denman

Kyra Edwards

(George Spencer School),

Laura Wheeler

Laura Champion

Anna Thornton

(Becket School) and

Kirsty Maxfield

, coxed by

Hannah York

and coached by Dez Atkins, was the first Women's Eight home and for the sixth year in a row won the Robin Haslam Trophy for the fastest Women's Eight in the Head. The men,

Alex Watkins

Jon Okon

Kenny Gray

and

Ben Farrell

also won IM2 Coxed Fours.

45 Nottingham Rowing Club athletes won trophies over the week-end. Several won two. All of which points to another successful season for the Club in 2015. So far 55 wins have been recorded this winter. The Club record currently stands at 65.

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Nottingham RC's open eight on the way to winning the IM2 event and placing 2nd overall.

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Nottingham RC's women's eight - fastest women's crew of the day.