

## ACTIVE NORFOLK SPORTS AWARDS 2012

Dyson Pendle – WINNER BEST COACH OF THE YEAR 2012

Norwich Canoe Club – WINNERS BEST CLUB OF THE YEAR 2012

An amazing night of success at the Forum in Norwich where our club won two of the handful of awards on offer (and Albert Hicks just missed out on Young Sportsman Of The Year getting down to the final three). Winning these awards was a big achievement and a reflection of a brilliant year at the club.

ACTIVE NOROLK BEST CLUB OF THE YEAR is a huge achievement for NORWICH CANOE CLUB and not only reflects the inspirational success of our elite paddlers both senior and junior at major races, and of course, the huge achievement by all the club paddlers both young and old on winning the NATIONAL MARATHON CHAMPIONSIPS 2012, but it's is a recognition of the way the club tries so hard to include everyone no matter what their aspirations, and to encourage families, and to have a fun atmosphere that contributes as much as it can to the local community. This is a club award and every single member has played their part in winning this award– so well done you!

DYSON PENDLE is ACTIVE NORFOLK COACH OF THE YEAR. We all know that Dyson's influence is far more than just organising the training schedule for our athletes, he is an inspiration to everyone, and he has driven the club forward for many years with charisma and determination to get us where we are today, and because his positive influence is so strong it has an effect on every single member from the elite paddlers right down to the Lightnings. And let's not forget that without him there probably would never have been a Norwich Canoe Club in the first place, and many of our members might never have had the chance to paddle at all.

Of course, as he said when he accepted the award, he couldn't have achieved so much without the help of all the other coaches and all the parents and helpers who give up so much of their time, and of course

that is true, all those people work incredibly hard, but part of Dyson's skill is that he is able to get everyone working together to achieve a common goal.

When it comes down to it, he is at the heart of everything we do at the club and that's why it was great he won this award.

Well done to Dyson!