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2nd November, 1965.

Dear Member,

ANNUAL REPORTS 1965.

I have pleasure in presenting the Ninth Annual Reports on the activities of the Association.

Membership has increased to 287, composed of 33 Life Members and 254 Annual Members. Our nineteen Regional Representatives are spread throughout England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, with one representative appointed for New Zealand, and another en route at the moment for Australia.

The season has once again been one of outstanding interest and progress for individual members as well as for the Association and our sport in general. Three [illegible] Championships have been held - the Windermere Lake Championship organised by the Barrington Dolphins, the Windermere two-way Championship organised by the Bradford & District L.D.S.C., and the B.L.D.S.A. Fairhaven Lake Junior Championship.

We welcome Middlesbrough Long Distance Swimming Club, formed this year by our enthusiastic members in that area and congratulate them on their initiative in being the first Channel relay team under the new C.S.A. rules.

Pride of place amongst individual achievements are the Channel swims of Derek Gill (Otley) and Philip Gollop (Weymouth). Both swims were from France to England, Derek in 17 hrs. 7 mins, Philip in 14 hrs. 31 mins.and the youngest man ever to accomplish the swim. We have watched Derek building up to his swim steadily during the last few years, with quiet determination. We knew that given reasonable conditions he was a certainty. With Philip, vague rumours had reached us from the Cider counties and we knew nothing of him until he came to Morecambe early in the year, then in our Torbay Championship we realised that he was a really likely lad for the Channel. Our hearty congratulations to two outstanding Swimmers of the Year.

[illegible] showing a steady and nearly [illegible].

Since the attached reports from our respective Officers, Championship and Swim Hon. Secretaries cover our major activities during the year, I am satisfied to content myself by reporting on individual achievements and minor items which may not be noted under any other heading.

Individual Swims.

Coniston. (5¾miles)

June Birchall.	3.25.
Christina Genge. (Br. Rec)	3.15.
Bryan Finlay.	2.49.
Ron Williams.	4.12.
Denis Sullivan.	3.21.

(See also Bradford Championship results.)

Windermere(10¼ miles)

Brenda Sherratt.	9.40.
Stanley Birtley.	7.55.
Barry Watson.(Amatr Record)	5. 5.
Philip Kaye.	6.18.

(See also Windermere one-way and two-way Championship results.)

Weston Super Mare to Watchett.

C.Gerald Forsberg.	5.59.

Weymouth-Lulworth Cove-Weymouth. 20 miles.

Gregory Schofield.	10.40 +
Philip Gollop.	10. 5 +

+ no application for official recognition.

Births. Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Owen on the arrival of Hilary Louise, a sister for Howard; and to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dove, a daughter Catherine Mary.

Marriages. Our very best wishes to Michael Oates of Halifax, and his bride.

Hospital Bulletin. In dry dock this year have been Peter Forrest, Alison Greaves, Pat Simpson and Margaret Butcher. Peter was so looking forward to a hectic season and was greatly disappointed at having to relinquish his post as Trentham Championship Hon. Secretary. Our best wishes to you all for a full and speedy recovery, and to any [illegible] who might [illegible].

[illegible] Mr. Alex Millar [illegible] programme. Next time you can thump your mate the Custos Rotulorum instead of me!

Deaths. We were deeply shocked by the death of Trevor Jones of Coventry. Your Association was represented at the funeral by local members and the W.L.D.S.A. Mr. Wm. Fantom, Chairman of the W.L.D.S.A. visited the parents and I wrote a letter of sympathy to the parents. Will Championship Hon. Secretaries make a special note so that no further communications will be sent.
Mr. C.G.Cooper, the Bath Superintendent at the Morecambe Swimming Stadium for many years, whom many of you will have known quite well, died during the season. Your Association was represented at the funeral by local members, and I wrote to the local press expressing our appreciation for the services that Mr. Cooper had rendered to the Association and our deepest sympathy to his family in their loss.

Championship Score Board.

(R.E.) means restricted entry, and carries ONE POINT. FIVE POINTS are awarded for an 'Open' Championship.

25. Elaine Gray - Torbay. Windermere. Bala 2w. A.S.A. Fleetwood to Morecambe.
20. Peter Hatfield - Irish. Bala 1w. Bala 2w. Morecambe Inshore.
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10. Barry Watson - Fleetwood to Morecambe. Lancaster to Morecambe.
10. Geoffrey Lake - Torbay. Windermere.
10. Tony Milton - Trentham. A.S.A.
6. Carol Jeffs - Bala. Coniston, (R.E.)
6. Stephen Halls- Bala. Weymouth, (R.E.)
5. James Grimshaw- Morecambe.
5. Susan Shallcross- Windermere.
5. Malcolm Read - Fairway Buoy.
5. Christine Long- Fairhaven.
5. Alan Humphries -Fairhaven.
2. SusanHolroyd - Derwentwater, (R.E.). Otley, (R.E.).
2. Norman Robson - Derwentwater, (R.E.). Otley, (R.E.).
2. Raymond Cossum- Belfast Lough, (R.E.)
[illegible]
1. E.Blair Leonard -Rumbles, (R.E.).
1. John Glover - Swansea, (R.E.).

Teams.
5. Bradford L.D.S.C. - A.S.A.
5. Middlesbro' L.D.S.C. -Morecambe.

Boats. We have been more than thankful to see 'Skipper' Peter Crowe arrive on the scene at several Championships, with his large fibre glass launch and outboard engine. He, his family, boat and caravan, have all joined in our activities with great gusto. Whether it be ploughing up and down a lake for hours at a time, pulling swimmers out, towing boats or transferring crews, roasting potatoes at the camp fire, or brewing up for fellow members at any hour of the day or night. At Bala we should certainly have been in extreme difficulties without his assistance - many thanks Peter.
This brings me along to another point. In several of our Championships we are not short of swimmers, but we are short of boats, dangerously short. Can any of our members help out by bringing along a small rowing boat to assist at Bala, where the need is greatest ? Even a canoe would be acceptable provided that the canoeist is a competent swimmer and can look after himself and someone else in an emergency until assistance arrives. If we don't have additional boats then we must cut down on the Bala entries. Fibre glass boats are light and need no maintenance, and can be carried on a roof rack. It will be proposed that the Association purchase an outboard motor for use at the Championships.

Junior Championships at Witham St. Hughs. This new venture went extremely well and no doubt the venue will remain the same for next year. Miss Stephanie McCaul, the Championship Hon. Secretary is now working in London, but has indicated her willingness to carry on in office if required to do so. It's a really good swim for Juniors, no worries about accompanying boats or Pilot Life Savers, ample room and facilities. Members who would like to try water ski-ing have ample opportunity to try it out, and there is a splendid ski-jump for the more ambitious. 10/- 50 mins.

Cursus Rotulorum. (Brian Fleming). Any member who has swum Windermere and almost every other course, and who is able to attend all our Championships and Executive Meetings, and who has sufficient breath left with which to expound his views at such meetings is obviously going to be an asset to us. The member concerned has set up records, and as he swims in a peculiar manner with his head well out of the water he has the distinct advantage of being able to make himself familiar [illegible]

as a Bachelor of Science then he is obviously well equipped to undertake the duties of Custus Rotulorum for the B.L.D.S.A. and keep a record not only of the swims made since the formation of the Association, but to delve into the whole history of long distance swimming and compile records of who, when, how far, how long, from where to where precisely. Bearing in mind that the records will include not only swims in Great Britain, but anywhere in the world, amateur as well as professional, this will be a Herculean task. By the time our Custus has brought his Rotulorum up to date we might be planning Championships on another planet. Nevertheless this will be interesting and important work which when completed will be the only record of its kind. I think by now you might have realized that Bryan Pinley has been unanimously elected as the Keeper of the Records. He will also be assisting Mr. W.'Bill' Anderson to keep records of the attendances of Pilot Life Savers both at Championships and on individual swims.

Channel Swimming Association Annual Dinner and A.G.M. Splendid meal and function at Lydd Airport. A most interesting A.G.M. and I was greatly impressed by the firm but diplomatic manner in which the Chairman assumed control; and by the fortitude and forthrightness of the Hon. Secretary Miss Kellam-Smith, who had to be carried in and out of the meeting. May she have a very speedy and full recovery. Trevor Smith and I indulged in an early morning spear fishing expedition and came away with a 16½ inch sea trout, a real tasty beauty. Many members took part in the usual Sunday Channel Swim and appeared to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. 'Woody' his usual cheery self, wishes to be remembered to all and sundry. A most entertaining weekend. The Dinner next year may be held "Somewhere in France". More on this in the Inf. Bull.

Oh, dear, what can the matter be.. At Otley Baths one evening, our tallest B.L.D.S.A. member addressed us in tragic tones from the 'smallest room' which has a tiny window about 6 feet from the ground and faces onto the Bathside. A crowd of amused members quickly gathered round, to the further discomfiture of the occupant. An amused onlooker bore the news to Mrs. P. and asked "Can your Colin sleep better standing up or sitting down 'cos he looks as if he's there for the night." With a penalty of £5 to be paid by anyone daring to commit damage to the property of the Otley U.D.C., we were in a dilemma. Was it worth £5 to us or to him if the door was damaged getting him out, or, in view of the lateness of the hour and the difficulty in obtaining the services of the Council's Joiner would it not be better if we tried to make him as comfortable as possible and have someone sit outside to chat cheerily to him through the night. Yes, we assured him, we would bring his breakfast in the morning. However, we found the Bath attendant had delayed his usual departure, and he undertook to be responsible for the damage, so, with a large chisel, much splintering of wood, signs of relief from inside, much loud cheering and waving of towels and goggles from outside - he was out.

After the swim was over. You may possibly find a swimmer that will tell you he's fallen asleep whilst swimming, but you can never find an oarsman that admits to falling asleep while rowing. Obviously the latter have to bear much more responsibility. Let's face it, where would we be if they both fell asleep. I digress again. The two-way overnight Windermere Championship was all organisation even down to the Television men who greeted the oarsmen at the end of their two-way stint. Just one point I feel had been overlooked, i.e. the lack of beds and that human desire to sleep at least once in a period of 48 hrs. We were talking in Polly's Cafe at Ambleside after the swim when two members simply folded up and fell asleep on the table. After being doused with the contents of the vinegar bottle they quickly came too. We then departed for home. Mostly taking the same road, but setting off at different times. George Owen must have been the last to depart because he reported B.L.D.S.A. cars parked in many a lay-by. He overtook one car as it was slowing down, thought it might have engine trouble so he stopped a couple of 100 yards in front and walked back. By the time he got there 45 seconds after the car pulled up, both occupants were sound asleep. Thanks for the note under the wipers George, I read it when I woke up two hours later.

Bournemouth Swimming Club. It is pleasing to note the increased interest in L.D.S. In the Essex 32 mile Championship, tidally assisted, Andrew Wood finished 8th in 58.32. Six other Club members finished in the first 20. In the Brighton Pier to Pier the Club won the Team Prize, with Billy Price 4th, Andrew Wood 6th, Philip Bristow 7th. Roger Howkins 14th. Billy Price was the first Junior. Southsea Pier to Pier, Terry Hansi 11th. Poole, - Roger Howkins was 12th in the unofficial 2 mile swim. Andrew Wood [illegible]

of rowing for Andrew in the Windermere Championship when he caused a flutter in the Dovecote by leading the field at the 4 mile stage. Here is a potential distance Champion if he can get some regular open water training without neglecting his sprinting.

Halifax Swimming Club Have sprung into prominence during the last year or two. Colin Procter is well known enough, you can't very well miss him (you can't very well get round him in a Pol. March either), but there are others who will bear watching. A promising 9 year old lad now training over the mile, Alan Jeffs (12) with a debut at Derwentwater, and several girls including Carol Jeffs (14) who won at Bala and Coniston, Susan Holroyd (14) who won at Otley and Derwentwater. All products of a small town with the nearest open air pool 8 miles away and not regularly used. No doubt about it, hard sprint training, enthusiastic Coaches and interested parents are a first class combination, united by an Hon. Secretary par-excellance, who takes a keen and active interest in all branches of swimming.

Channel Relay Races. The conditions which caused so much confusion last year were settled amicably at the C.S.A. A.G.M. earlier this year. Briefly, 6 swimmers either male or female or a mixture (!) (they are all swimmers) one hour each. If the course has not been completed the swimmers enter the water again in the same order until reaching terra firma or France or England. Team to be named before first swimmer enters water. No substitutes. Full details from Miss Kellam-Smith, see C.S.A. report.

Under the present rules the C.S.A. do not organise, they help if necessary, and they Record and Observe. The C.S.A. is not at the moment affiliated to the A.S.A. If two or more teams wish to compete against each other in a Cross Channel Relay, this will present numerous difficulties if the organisers and competitors are to comply with A.S.A. rules. Please remember that it's quite proper for one team to swim, but if two teams take part in a competition then you must be sure that you are complying with the rules of the A.S.A. This will be an organised competition in public, starting in France and finishing in England, or vice versa. Have you studied the latest copy of F.I.N.A. rules? Are the teams balanced by an equal number of male/female swimmers in each team? Do you need passports ? Does your Club Insurance cover you on this swim ? Will the Boat owner's Insurance cover you ? Will you go through the customs ? This is rapidly becoming a popular swim, and the next thing will be a two-way. Why not, you have to make the two journeys somehow !

Ireland. Vague news of swims other than our Mathlin to Ballycastle Championship reaches me. I should be glad to have full details, including a copy of the programme if possible. Please make sure before you enter any swim, that it is properly conducted under the authority of the appropriate organisation governing amateur swimming. With the best and friendliest of intentions in organising or entering a swim it is so easy to antagonise established swimming authorities if they have no knowledge that the swim is to be held and it is not conducted under amateur rules. If in any doubt please contact me before entering.

Relay Races in Derwentwater. No challenges to Bradford's supremacy ? Three swimmers per team, two miles per swimmer. Beautiful lake and scenery, clear water, jetty to jetty. Full details from J.K.S.

NEW YEAR SWIM (ICE-BREAKING EXPEDITION) AT TODMORDEN, Lancs. This well established Annual out-of-season event will be held on Sunday the 2nd January, at 2 p.m. at Lee Dam, Lumbutts, near Todmorden, on the Yks - Lancs border Changing accommodation and hot soup at the Dog and Partridge (Extension of Licensing Hours granted last year - first time ever in Todmorden) 100 yards from water (ice). Full details from Mrs. Betty Sutcliffe, "Hillcrest" Castle Lane, Todmorden. Over twenty B.L.D.S.A. members took part in a 50 yard dash last year. Trophy's to winners, and replicas. I look forward to seeing you there.

Coniston Dolphins.

[illegible] with Smart [illegible] created a great impression. [illegible] credit to Mr. & Mrs. W.Anderson, Ian and Bob, and the rest. Christina can smile even when the rest of her must be frozen, and it typifies a right friendly team spirit.

Association Handbook. This publication will be on the market before the next season starts and is a MUST for every member. Price 5/-. Responsibility for the production of the handbook rests on the sturdy shoulders of 'Whitby Jim'. The Handbook sub-committee includes Lewis Craven, whose advice on the printing problems is invaluable, and J.K.S. This is going to be a first class publication, covering every aspect of our sport, right up to date, all courses, all Championships, Clubs, History, records, maps, officials, 'phone numbers, photographs, - the lot. Copies will be sent to [illegible] Press. B/W [illegible]

New line of publicity. A suggestion from Miss Willy van Rysel that instead of the home made 'Flash' worn on track suits by some of our members, (denoting the courses they have completed) there should be an official 'Flash'. If all the organisations would adopt this suggestion it would be a very economical way of publisising our swims. Cost would be approx. 8/1 for 3 dozen from 'Cashs' the name tape firm. Perhaps someone might propose this at the next Exec. meeting.

The most promising Junior Swimmers. My selections this year are:- Stephen Walls, of Weymouth and Carol Jeffs of Halifax. Stephen is a youngster well worth watching, beside his swimming ability he takes an interest in the more formal affairs of the D.L.D.S.A. and is not frightened to put his thoughts into writing. He won the Bala Junior Championship, just outside the record time, and was successful in the Weymouth Bay swim. If he hasn't already done so, he will surely catch that most compulsive of all swimming ailments, - Channel fever. Mixing with such contagious types as Gregory Schofield, in the same Club as Philip Gollop, I don't see how he can possibly avoid it. However I would like to see him staying with and enjoying the middle distance swims for a year or two yet. Fourteen-year old Carol Jeffs shows outstanding promise. Her swim at Bala when she broke the Junior Ladies record, and her Coniston win, are convincing enough evidence. Hard sprint training is the foundation of her success. Still another year to go as a Junior.

One of the nicest gestures of the year was made by Brenda Evans and Morris, on the occasion of Brenda's 21st Birthday and Engagement celebration (and Bala victory). The party took place in a local Tavern in Bala, with many D.L.D.S.A. members present, but several members were unable to attend due to 'baby sitting' duties at the camp-site half a mile away. Brenda and Morris filled up the Bala Trophy with Champagne, slipped away from the party and walked down to the campsite to share the celebration with the baby-sitters. Then back to the party - needless to say they didn't have to walk back.

Poet Laureate to the D.L.D.S.A. Amongst the many new posts created in the Association we may have to consider the claims by 'Newley Gonunder'. 'N.G.' has composed in grand literary style, nearly 170 lines of verse under the appropriate title of "MARATHON". To give you some idea, I quote -

"I discoursed oft with Finger's friends, who told with wordly wit
"How swimming men from Warwickshire foregather at their pit;
"'Twas said in Polly's Snack Bar and 'twas gossiped at Glanllyn
"Of the wondrous way by the Loch Cafe that Craven waded in.."

In another section, being in the concourse described by the Devil :

"And for that sin ye should come in were I the Lord alone,
"But sinful pride has rule inside, and mightier than my own :
"[illegible] Scribe [illegible] and paddle [illegible]
"And relay teams from Thames to Tees in boiling toil contend
"As turn by turn my Ouse they churn, Hell's records to defend;
"John Slater braves my boiling waves and torments by canoe,
"While Robinson, condemned, has gone, to bathe in purging brew.
"Jack Somerfield the cauldron strains with hirsute top-lip rake,
etc., etc.,

A most topical and at times near libellous composition which will cause laughter and tears to all marathoners. Copies of this gargantuan versed epistle may be obtained from 'N.Gs' business manager 'Whitby Jim' i.e. James Robinson, 54, Melrose Avenue, Billingham on Tees. Price 2/- per copy, please include a stamped and addressed envelope. ALL PROCEEDS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FUND (In respect of which I must quote 'N.G.' again :

"And this said men at the A.G.M. of the hope that Trevor spoke,
"That there'd be no need the funds to bleed for the swim for foreign folk"....

the Mayor of Bath, Mrs. Elsie Hanna; the President of the A.S.A. and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. W.T.Tiver; the President of the Western Counties A.S.A. and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Thorndale; the President of the Somerset County A.S.A. and his wife Mr. & Mrs. D.O'Brien; the Torquay Publicity Officer and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. S.Lovegrove, and the Bath Spa Director and his wife
together with the Editor of the Bath Newspaper and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. J.White.

Swimmer's Diary. A publication which is in the pockets of many of our members. Norman W.Sarsfield, M.C. Editor of the Diary has invited us to send an article of 360 words for consideration for the 1967 Diary. It is proposed to send an article in the form of an abbreviated Information Bulletin, i.e. list the swims, distances and Hon. Secretaries.

To all fellow Hon. Secretaries and Swim Organisers and Committee Members.

When we founded the B.L.D.S.A. 9 years ago, there were only three long distance Championships in Great Britain. Now there are nearly thirty. This tremendous surge of interest and enthusiasm in long distance swimming and the promotion of long distance swimming Championships brings a number of problems in its wake.

Most of the Championships and Swims are well conducted, but from time to time [illegible] officials to give serious consideration [illegible] following complaints received this year. [illegible]

1. Entry forms have not been accompanied by a separate sheet giving sufficient information on the Championship and the venue and time of the pre-Championship meeting, or the presentation after the swim.
2. Where the entry fee includes membership fee, the membership cards have not been sent to the entrant.
3. Advertisement, locally, in the "Swimming Times", or by information to the competitor's local press has been neglected altogether.
4. Trophies were not available for presentation, or had not been engraved up to date, or were presented then taken back for engraving. At least one trophy has still not been presented to the winner.
5. Medals, plaques and certificates have not been available for presentation at the time of the official presentation, or being presented have been taken back for completion or engraving.
6. There has been no official to liase with swimmers and officials(who may have travelled over 100 miles to their swim) to 'put them in the picture' and introduce them to other swimmers or officials.
7. If there is a trophy to be presented, was there a plaque or replica to be retained by the winner?

Some of these complaints apply to B.L.D.S.A. Championships as well as Championships organised by affiliated Clubs and Organisations. Will you all give very serious consideration to the above points. Next year I hope to be able to report that I have received no complaints. If I do receive a complaint I will forward it to the Hon. Secretary concerned and ask for his reply. The complaint and the reply can then be published in the Annual Reports. This will apply to the International Windermere Championship also. No Hon. Secretary is infallible, no organisation is perfect, but some of these complaints arise out of extreme carelessness and lack of thought.

All-comers. Long distance swimmers are from all walks of life, religion doesn't enter into it, but Nationality might. I'm thinking now of that little jingle about "Mad dogs and the Englishmen go out in the midday sun." Perhaps our sport may be peculiar to the British, - to swim happily about in cold water ! However, age doesn't seem to matter as we have young people who have not yet reached their 'teens, and people young in heart who are in their umpteens. Our most senior member, Commander C.Gerald Forsberg, O.B.E. (R.N.) of Bath is still a top class marathoneer, although he attained his half century a little while ago. Commander Forsberg has competed in all but one of our Championships and I have no doubt that this deficiency will receive his attention at the earliest possible opportunity. He has made an invaluable contribution to the sport by his books and reports in many magazines, and has set up and broken more records than any other marathoneer.

One of our lady members, Miss Willy van Rysel only returned to the sport two years ago after an absence of several years, and is thoroughly enjoying herself again. Her swims this year include Torbay, Double Bay, Douglas Bay, Bala, Trentham, the unofficial Poole swim, and the Swansea to Mumbles swim. A versatile lady, Willy also coaches [illegible] to Cardiff, [illegible] studies music, [illegible] would be gallant for me to say, but may they and we continue to enjoy our sport for many years to come.

No doubt, in due course, we can consider age group Championships. The next obvious step is the "Under 50's" and the "Over 50's". Dr. Brewster would certainly volunteer. In a recent letter he told me that he saw no reason why he shouldn't live and swim till he was over the century, and he looks as if he's going to succeed. He further wrote to me "Look after yourself John, there are not many of us left." Roll on the age group Championships.

Our Canoe-Camping Club Member, R.E.Platten of London tells me that he crossed from St. Margaret's Bay to Cap Gris Nez on 20th July in a bottle, powered by an outboard engine. He writes "Delivering the first verbal message by bottle mail - BUY BRITISH - GILBEY'S GIN AND FRENCH - was my contribution to the export drive."

B.L.D.S.A. Ties. Price 13/6d, black Terylene, with upper part of swimmer and letters B.L.D.S.A. in gold, in repeated pattern. From Keith Seymour, 13, Ha elhurst

[illegible] Lapel Badges. Price 9/- from your Hon. Treasurer, G.Trevor Smith, 30, Oak Tree Terrace, Lepton, Huddersfield.

Blazer Badges. Available only to members who have completed the Windermere course or served on the Committee (B.L.D.S.A.) for two years, or who, in the opinion of your Executive, have merited the wearing of the badge. Price £1 from your Hon. Treasurer G.T.S. Hand made, wire embroidered Badges from Keith Seymour (see "Ties")

Honour's Book. Presented by our President and entered-up painstakingly by our Hon. Treasurer Trevor Smith, it is completely up to date and will be available for inspection at our Annual Dinner.

To all members who responded to my annual call for information for these reports - my sincere thanks. You may not all have been quoted (I may even have misquoted you) but your information has been included in one form or another.

May I extend my personal and sincere thanks and good wishes to all who have assisted the Association in promoting yet another highly successful season, and my special appreciation to our President, Hon. Treasurer and other Officers for all the time and energy they have devoted to the Association.

John K.Slater.
Founder Hon. Secretary of the
British Long Distance Swimming
Association.

Notice of proposed Alteration to B.L.D.S.A. Rules.

Additional Rule. No.14. "Alteration to these rules shall only be made by a two-third majority decision of any General Meeting, provided [illegible] of such proposed alteration [illegible] General Meeting."

Delete 9 (b) and subst. "The Hon. Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting at the written request of six members."

Proposed by the 'Handbook Committee'. J.Robinson. L.Craven. J.K.Slater.

SEE ALSO THE PROPOSED NEW RULES ACCOMPANYING THESE REPORTS.

Inaugural Championships held on the 19th June, at Fairhaven Lake, Lytham St. Annes. Still water, temperature 60-61F. The advertised course of approximately 2 miles was reduced (with the approval of all officials and competitors) to 1 mile, due to the strong wind causing rough conditions on the Lake. All the entrants were at the Lake in good time for the Briefing Meeting, and all the competitors completed the course.

Results:- Girls Championship.
(For the Mrs. R.Oldman Trophy)

1. Christine Long	(15)	Bradford.	29.30.7.
2. Patricia Baker.	(14)	Morecambe.	31.30.3.
3. Helen Gill.	(11)	Otley.	33.38.4.

Boys Championship.
(For the"Ass'n of Active Founder Hon. Sec's etc., etc., Trophy")

1. Alan Humphries	(15)	Warrington.	27.3.1.
2. Russell Oldman.	(14)	Chest'fld.	29.7.5.
3. Norman Robson.	(13)	Bradford.	32.5.4.
4. Jeffery Hannan.	(14)	Warrington.	35.28.4.
5. Neil Murphy.	(12)	Horbury.	48.36.0.

Appreciation - my sincere thanks to the Council and Town Clerk of Lytham St. Annes; Mr. Jones the Lake Manager; the officials of Lytham St. Annes Swimming Club who acted as timekeepers; Charles M.O'Callaghan President of the N.C.A.S.A. who acted as Starter and who also made the presentations; to the Championship sub-committee whose invaluable assistance ensured the success of the swim; to Mr. F.O.Oldman, members of the Pilot Life-Saver Scheme; and to the enthusiastic competitors and spectators who made the event so enjoyable. Our special thanks also to Mr. & Mrs. F.Oldman for the donation of the Girls Trophy for annual competition and for the Winner's medal; and to the gentlemen of the"Association of Active Founder Honorary Secretaries of Amateur Long Distance Swimming Associations, Championships and Clubs affiliated to the British Long Distance Swimming Association," for the donation of a similar Trophy and Winner's medal for the Boys Championship.

General observations. The venue is ideal for the nature of this Championship. It offers conditions which are typically those of the tougher long distance Championship but with a lesser distance. This encourages the Juniors to enter a very "safe" open water swim and gives them confidence to look forward to participating in the Association's longer and tougher swims. Judging by the enthusiasm of the spectators (who were able to walk all the way round the course never more than 20 yards from the swimmers) and the local press, this Championship should prove to be a most successful and popular swim.

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TORBAY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Perhaps the best year we have yet had in the history of this swim. Initially a record entry of 26 competitors, eventually 24 reaching the programme stage, and 17 men and 4 women entering the water at Beacon Cove, of which 13 men and all the ladies finished; consolations being extended to Messrs Brewer, Burt, Keating and Lucien Hankart who retired. Geoffrey Lake in his first attempt in Torbay showed the rest of the field the way home, only 5 minutes outside the record set up by Mike Jennings of 3 hrs. 39 mins in 1962. A truly notable swim - Peter Hatfield managed to get to the starting line some 20 minutes after the others had started (after being involved in two car break-downs !) - swam through all the field to finish in 4th position. If he had been in at the start with the others it is highly probable that the final placings would have been different. As it was, he finished 4th at the first time of trying. Another very good first time swim was by young Phill.Collop from Weymouth, finishing 8th. To prove that this was no fluke, a few months later Phill.swam across the 'ditch' to become the youngest ever man to have accomplished a

accepted ultimate in long distance swimming, and Me now follows in the wake of his clubmate Gregory Schofield, also Kendall Mellor, Michel Jennings, June Gilbert, Dorothy Perkins, Margaret White, Peter Fergus, world record holder Barry Watson, Derek Gill, with others I regret I cannot call to mind at the time of writing; who have

B.L.D.S.A. Torbay Championship continued/

Ladies Championship.

Miss Elaine Gray.	4 hrs.	3 mins.	12 secs.
Miss Brenda Evans.	4	11	3
Mrs. Mair Leonard.	5	6	28
Miss Willy van Rysel.	5	49	3

(Miss P.Webb - non-starter)

In the Men's Race, John Earls & Michael Jennings were non-starters. R.Brewer, J.Burt, L.Hankart and R.Keating retired.

Men's Championship.

Geoffrey Lake.	3 hrs.	44 mins.	14.
Norman Trusty.	3	50	56
Gregory Schofield.	4	11	36
Peter Hatfield.	4	14	49
Frank Robson.	4	17	48
Gerald Forsberg.	4	26	32
Kendall Mellor.	4	40	37
Phillip Gollop.	4	45	58
Bryan Finlay.	4	56	3
Arthur Ayres.	5	2	31
Peter Tyrell.	5	11	11
Leon Walkden.	5	14	45
John Taylor.	6	10	18

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SCHELDE INTERNATIONAL LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP. 10th July.

A trial swim to select our representatives was held at Langold Lake, near Worksop on Sunday 13th June, through the good offices of Mr. Jack Revill, Organiser of the Pirbeck Life Saving Section. From these trials, Colin Procter, together with Pat Simpson were selected to represent the Association in Holland. Elaine Gray going automatically to defend her title. Peter Hatfield went over at his own expense. Due to rough conditions in the Estuary the race was swum in the local canal, and our swimmers were not too happy about this, but the conditions were equal for all.

Results:- Men's Championship.

1.	J.Janzen (Holland).	1hr.	9 min.	32 secs.	
2.	T.Schonden (Holland)	1	11	54	
3.	R.Cruppelarr (Belgium)	1	13	56	
4.	A.Dutchman (Holland)	1	13	58	
5.	P.Hatfield. (G.B.)	1	13	58	
9.	C.Procter. (G.B.)	1	22	27	

Ladies Championship.

3. Elaine Gray. (G.B.) 1. 29. 32.
5. Pat Simpson. (G.B.) 1. 47. 57.

The course was approximately 3 miles, water temperature 65F. Twenty-three swimmers took part. Elaine retained the trophy as the canal swim did not count as a Championship.

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B.L.D.S.A. IRISH CHAMPIONSHIP. 24th July.

All the swimmers, officials and other interested parties met in Ballycastle on the Friday prior to the swim, and in the evening the swimmers were entertained at a Civic Reception given in honour of the Captain and Officers of the United States Ship "Brownson" which was paying a courtesy visit to Ballycastle. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and the event was an excellent start to our Irish weekend.

This year, in order to give a more satisfactory start to the race, it was decided to enter the water at Church Bay on Rathlin Island. The distance would therefore be increased by one and a half miles more than the 1964 Championship.

The party of swimmers and officials left the small quay at Ballycastle in [illegible] at 3 p.m. [illegible] and headed out for a [illegible] until we reached the middle of Rathlin Sound. It was here that the mist suddenly rolled in from the Atlantic and cut visibility down to a 100 yards. The next 45 minutes were not very pleasant and I for one was not comforted when Danny O'Brian, one of the Pilots went up for'ard to keep a look-out for rocks. We were in constant touch with the shore, and at one time asked the American Destroyer if she could help with her radar. However, without radar the seamanship of the Islanders brought us through the blanket of mist and at 5 p.m. the lighthouse at Rue Point appeared through the mist and we headed [illegible] Ballycastle.

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A large crowd of Islanders had gathered to gaze with amazement at the five men who, having only just landed safely out of the mist, wanted to set off and swim back to Ballycastle. However, it was eventually agreed by Pilots and swimmers that it would be unwise to set out in small boats into the mist and strong currents. It was decided to return to Fair Head, a point five miles West of Ballycastle and to start a race from there, where the coast line could be kept in constant observation. This we did, and at 6.30 p.m. five swimmers entered the water for what can only be described as a 'mad dash home'. The tide at this time was running very strongly in our favour.

Results:-

1.	Peter Hatfield.	1 hr. 21 mins.	Non-starters - Gregory Schofield and
2.	Kendall Mellor.	1 25	John Earls.
3.	Bryan Finlay.	1 29	
4.	Raymond Cossom.		
5.	Graham McIntyre.		

The temperature ranged from 51F in the middle of the Sound to 57F in Church Bay, but the chill of the water was soon forgotten when the competitors walked up the beach to be greeted by the very large crowd that had gathered during the evening. The Trophies were once again presented by W.D. & H.O.Wills.

Our weekend ended as it had begun, in the company of the United States Navy. Commander Condon invited our party to spend what proved to be a very interesting Sunday morning on board the "Brownson". Finally the steak dinner that was set before us in the Petty Officer's Mess outfaced all of us, bar one - top marks to "Fingers"Finlay who came away as Champion on this occasion. The thanks of all who took part are very cordially extended to Mr. James O'Kane and the Ballycastle Entertainments Committee. My personal thanks to David Bell, our Regional Rep. in Belfast who was a great help to me during the Championship.

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Steeton, near Keighley.

S.L.D.S.A. WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIP. 7th Aug.

Water temperature 57 - 59F. Slight head wind at times, conditions cool but generally quite good. Entrants - 6 Ladies and 17 Men.

Again a very successful and exciting Championship. I do not think I have seen so many retirements since our first Championship in 1957, possibly due to the slightly lower than normal temperature. What a pleasure it was to see Geoffrey Lake swim into first place and break the record too. Many of us remember the decision that had to be taken two years ago, to take Geoffrey from the water when he was within a 100 yds of the end of the course - [illegible] came back, well done Geoffrey. Well done [illegible] Watson swam steadily along into 3rd place, finishing and walking unaided to the shore steadily and cheerfully. One wonders if Barry might have been weakened slightly by his record breaking Windermere swim of 5 hrs. 3 mins earlier in the season, or whether he should have put more pressure on earlier in the race. Young Kevin Murphy, only just old enough to compete in this Championship, swam very well indeed and if he keeps up this progress will certainly be a strong contender for the Championship next year. Our stalwart Commander C.G.Forsberg, O.B.E. R.N. ploughed a straight and steady course as usual, probably 'whistling for a wind' to slow down some of these speedy youngsters. John Taylor came happily in, with a greatly improved time, and once having acquired the two essential items waiting for him, he beamed cheerfully at us.

Now the Ladies. Hearty congratulations again to Elaine Gray, winner for the second year in succession and another fine swim. Surprise - Brenda Evans retired at Bowness, and so the anticipated battle never took place. In second place came Mrs. Mair Leonard. This Lady is a bundle of joy, she joked her way down Windermere, and was absolutely radiant with joy when she stepped gaily ashore at Ambleside. Well done Mair.

I should like to thank everybody who helped with this swim. The Windermere and Lakes Councils, the Lancashire and Westmorland Police, the Lake Warden, Red Cross and St. Johns, boatmen, oarsmen, life-savers and all who helped in any way. To those swimmers who did not succeed this year - please come again next year. To those who completed the course - please come again next year and improve your time or position.

Results:- Overleaf.

B.L.D.S.A. Windermere Championship continued/

Gent's Championship.

1.	Geoffrey S.Lake. (new Championship record)	5 hrs.	17 mins.
2.	Norman J.Trusty.	5.	23.
3.	Barry Watson.	5.	30.
4.	Kevin Murphy.	6.	25.
5.	Cmdr. C.Gerald Forsberg, O.B.E. R.N.	6.	31.
6.	John Taylor.	8.	26.

Retired:- Bryan Finlay, Peter Hatfield, Peter Stewart, Andrew Wood, Arthur Ayres, Kenneth Brewer, Alexander Duncan, Martin McNulty, Ron Kellerman, Bob Kestrick.

1.	Miss Elaine Gray.	5 hrs.	56 mins.
2.	Mrs. Mair Leonard.	6.	33.

Retired:- Miss Brenda Evans, Miss Helen Warnock, Mrs. Phyllis Sullivan, Miss Maureen Reilly.

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B.L.D.S.A. BALA LAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS. 29th & 30th Aug.

[illegible] Championships - no rain for three days. This certainly pleased our numerous members camping around the Lake. Water temperature 58-60F, with the wind causing rather rough water at times during the Championships.

The popularity of this Welsh Lake Swim is maintained, with 65 entries for the six Championships, and we were again given full co-operation, hospitality and assistance from all our friends at Bala. Although not a record entry, the entries remain at a level which continues to cause difficulty in providing adequate safe coverage by boats and personel to man the boats. There are fewer boats available and it becomes increasingly difficult to efficiently organise a Championship of this scale and still maintain our usual safety standards by providing a boat with each competitor. Approximately 12 rowing boats were placed at our disposal on the Saturday, and on the Monday we had approximately 24 canoes manned chiefly by members of the Welsh League of Youth. This is about the maximum of small craft available at Bala, and with all the rowing boats and canoes from the Welsh League of Youth Hostel there are certain conditions which we have to respect for the safety of the members of the League who man the boats - quite a number of whom are non-swimmers. We wish to encourage all members who have trained up to the required distance to enter the Championships, but I am afraid that future entries will have to be limited, as priority must be the safety of competitors.

Camping and caravanning was again enjoyed by many members in the Loch Cafe grounds, our thanks to Mrs. Scott and David for their co-operation. On Sunday evening we had the second annual "Burn-up on the beach" and singing round the camp fire.

Congratulations to Peter Hatfield who broke the record for the two-way swim, and to Elaine Gray for retaining the Ladies Two-way Championship for the third year.

Congratulations also to a newcomer to long distance swimming, Carold Jeffs, of Halifax, who broke the Junior Ladies record.

Our sincere thanks to the Chairman, Councillors and Mr. John Davies of the Bala Council, to Captain G.H.M.Boyle, British Red Cross, Mr. Elwyn Hughes, The Welsh League of Youth at Glanllyn, Mr. A.Pugh, Bala W.V.S. and all who helped to make the Championships and other weekend activities such a success.

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Results. Men's One-Way.

1.	Peter Hatfield.	1hr.	12 min.	29 secs.
2.	Michael Read.	1	16	17
3.	Colin Procter.	1	16	43
4.	Brian Metcalfe.	1	20	55
5.	Anthony Bishop.	1	24	33
6.	[illegible] Todd.	1	32	18

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7.	Bryan Finlay.	1.	27.	33.	
8.	Kevin Murphy.	1	30	17	
9.	Robert McCaughey.	1	38	18	27 entries.
10.	Stephen Higgins.	1	41	27	3 non-starters.
11.	John Conisbee.	1	47	49	8 retired.
12.	George Moore.	1	48	27	
15.	Arthur Ayres.	-	-	-	
15.	David Daniel.	4	37	38	
16.	Percy Bull.	2	39	31	

Men's Two-Way Championship.

1.	Peter Hatfield.(Record)	2	47	10	
2.	Colin Procter.	2	52	3	
3.	Geoffrey Lake.	2	55	2	13 entries.
4.	Kevin Murphy.	3	23	45	4 non-starters.
5.	Arthur Ayres.	3	55	54	4 retired.

Ladies One-Way Championship.

1.	Brenda Evans.	1	52	19	6 entries.
2.	Willy van Kysel.	2	7	0	3 non-starters.
3.	Mrs. Jeanne Fantom.	2	49	35	

Ladies Two-Way Championship.

1.	Elaine Gray.	3	4	10	
2.	Christina Genge.	3	58	0	9 entries.
3.	Heather Treadwell	5	15	-	4 non-starters.
					2 retired.

Junior Men's Championship.

1.	Stephen Halls.	1	27	0	6 entries.
2.	Paul Starforth.	1	29	0	1 non-starter.
3.	Glyn Davies.	2	21	0	2 retired.

Junior Ladies Championship.

1.	Carol Jeffs. (Record)	1	29	41.	4 entries.
2.	Lynda Steel.	1	33	30.	1 non-starter.
	[illegible] Carmichael.	-	-	-	

Summary - 65 entries. 33 finished the course, 16 non-starters, 16 retired.

S.L.D.S.A. HANDBOOK.

Work on the compilation of the S.L.D.S.A. Handbook, - which the Handbook Sub-committee plans to make as complete and authoritative source of information about amateur long distance swimming in Britain as can be slipped into a pocket, - is well in hand.

Factual and helpful information concerning all aspects of S.L.D.S.A. organisation, All the Association's Championships and recognised courses for individual swims will be included, together, it is hoped, with similar information concerning the activities of all affiliated organisations. It is planned to include maps of all standard [illegible], brief but pertinent [illegible] on swim management, safety, equipment, etc., [illegible] of training and preparation.

All but a few affiliated Clubs have now agreed to contribute and bear a proportionate cost of the publication. Although one or two have not yet responded to our appeal it is encouraging to report that no Club or Association has declined our invitation.

The Handbook will be published before the 1966 swimming season begins. Tentatively the committee envisages producing it at a selling price of 5/- per copy. Full details will be given in the 1966 Spring Bulletin.

James Robinson.
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B.L.D.S.A. TRENTHAM LAKE 5 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Due to the unfortunate illness of Peter Forrest, who had to relinquish the post of Championship Hon. Secretary very early in the year, the writer was asked at very short notice to take over these events for this year. I must take this opportunity of expressing apologies to those members who were inadvertently caused some delay in the answering of correspondence due to this changeover.

There was a record entry of 47, 46 of these making the programme. At his first B.L.D.S.A. Championship Tony Milton (London) the A.S.A. 5 mile Champion took the lead right from the start and was never challenged. Seventeen of the other Male competitors completed the course. Behind Tony Milton, after the first 50 yards, Colin Proctor (Halifax) and Brian Metcalfe (Middlesbro')came clear away from the rest of the field, and battled between them for the first mile until Colin drew steadily away. Brian then swam easily into third place.

Now for the most exciting finish of the year:- Elaine Gray was beaten by Brenda Evans - by one second, after trailing her by only a few feet all the way round the Lake, a really magnificent sprint by Brenda just pulling past Elaine in the last few yards. Brenda has been following Elaine for several seasons now, taking second place, but this time the Middlesbro' lass swam an excellently judged and determined race. Brenda deserves great credit, showing the tenacious spirit necessary for all long distance types, in that over the last few seasons, taking second place to Elaine, she never [illegible] undaunted. I am sure that Elaine [illegible] this and will [illegible] next opportunity. Five other Ladies completed the course, two laps totalling just over 3 miles, with the temperature in the low fifties - real cool. !

Results:- Men's Championship.

1.	T.Milton.	1 hr.	13 mins.	22 secs.	Retired:- Messrs A.Williams. C.Carter, J.Cookson. F.Hogg. E.Gale. J.Smith. G.Hutchinson. J.Grimshaw. T.Pitt. M.Marsey.
2.	C.Proctor.	1	16	48	
3.	B.Metcalfe.	1	19	35	
4.	R.Kellerman.	1	30	26	
5.	B.Finlay.	1	32	4	Non-starter - P.Hatfield.
6.	J.Turnbull.	1	34	38	
7.	J.Connisbee.	1	35	-	
8.	D.Sykes.	1	38	8	
9.	J.Taylor.	1	39	40	
10.	A.Moore.	1	43	53	
11.	A.Ayres.	1	47	50	
12.	F.Allen.	1	51	46	
13.	J.Heapy.	1	54	-	
14.	R.Williams.	2	6	6	
15.	P.Tyrell.	2	9	23	
16.	P.Bull.	2	32	34	
17.	R.Ainsworth.	2	42	19	
18	H.Sidhu.	2	50	19	

Ladies Championship.

1.	B.Evans.	1hr.	23mins	36.secs.	Retired:- Miss P.Kellerman.
2.	E.Gray.	1	25	39	
3.	D.Genge.	1	46	3	Non-starters - Miss D.Beynon & Miss A.Greaves.
4.	S.Shallcross.	1	46	20	
5.	M.Leonard.	1	54	56	
	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	

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B.L.D.S.A. LOCH LOMOND CHAMPIONSHIP.

[illegible] report is the same as last year, and the year before that, and the year before.....
SUE - in 1967, so your Executive Committee has decided, there will be an all-out effort to stage another Championship. Next year, as you know, there will be the International Windermere Championship, but Bank Holiday in August 1967 (when the powers that be will decide which [illegible] will be [illegible]

[illegible] longest amateur swimming championship in the world.

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George Swan
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WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

I have pleasure in presenting the first Annual Report of our Club. From the small band of four swimmers last year, the ran have swelled into a happy and harmonious team of ten, and to include our enthusiastic Executive members and Officials this brings the total number of 'Dolphins' to fifteen.

The season has been very eventful in many ways, and although it is difficult to place the year's outstanding items and events in proper order I hope that this report will fully cover our activities. As Hon. Secretary in our inaugural year I must convey my thanks to all our officials and swimmers and say that it has been a great pleasure working with you. A special thanks to Bob Keating, our Hon. Treasurer, who has been my right hand through our trials, tribulations and triumphs.

[illegible] seemed rather ambitious, but we felt that if we wanted a long distance Championship in Warrington area - there was only one certain way of doing it - so we did it ! The Championship was held on Saturday 4th September. Temp. 57-58 F. The Course was two circuits of the Lake. Mens Championship - the 'J.E.White Tropny'. Ladies Championship the 'J.Mounfield Trophy' I would like to mention that the course had been cut down owing to the bad weather. In the early part of the morning difficulty had been experienced with mooring the buoys which kept drifting due to high winds and rough water, and finally when the wind slackened it was too near zero hour and the Briefing Meeting for us to alter the course. Apart from this slight setback the schedule went off quite smoothly. Spectators at the lakeside just prior to the swim stood agog and in amazement at an invasion by small boat, nearly sinking under the weight of six 'Coventry Cavemen' in full regalia and carrying bludgeons, choppers and other ancient instruments calculated to impress their fellow competitors. Our thanks [illegible] the lads for [illegible] entertainment [illegible] [illegible].

Results:- Mens Championship.

1.	Colin Procter,	Halifax.S.C.	43.	6	8.
2.	Andrew Wood,	Hornchurch S.C.	46.	0.	0.
3.	James Redfern,	Liverpool Sea Cadets.	49.	4.	2.
4.	Gerald Forsberg,	Otter.	49.	6.	0.
5.	Bryan Finlay,	Coventry.	49.	10.	0.
6.	Robert Keating,	Warrington Dolphins.	56.	4.	2.
7.	John Taylor,	Bolton.	56.	4.	8.
8.	Christopher Carter,	Warrington Dolphins.	56.	4.	10.
9.	Ian Thompson,	Warrington Dolphins.	58.	35.	6.
10.	Christopher Faulkner,	Warwickshire L.D.S.A.	58.	35.	8.
11.	Rex Williams,	" "	65.	8.	9.
12.	John Cookson,	" "	66.	16.	9.
13.	Ralph Cahill,	" "	67.	7.	8.
14.	Arthur Williams,	Warrington Dolphins.	71.	50.	9.

Ladies Championship.

1.	Susan Shallcross,	Warrington Dolphins.	55.	0.	5.
2.	Christina Genge,	" "	57.	37.	5.
3.	Willy van Rysel,	B.L.D.S.A.	62.	20.	5.

I would like to give a special thanks to all B.L.D.S.A. friends and swimmers who supported us, and especially to Miss Willy van Rysel who made a special dash from Cardiff to be with us and had to travel back again the same evening - that's enthusiasm for you. First local man home, Bob Keating, received "Auntie Andy's Egg Cup" (a silver cup presented by ...a well known swimming personality who wishes to remain anonymous.). after the swim - a hot meal in the Lakeside Cafe, a friendly chat midst the usual elbow bending.

[illegible] undoubtedly goes to the [illegible] section of the Club. You may recall in the Dolphins initial report in 1964 I mentioned a young lady who had done extremely well at Trentham Lake, with only three weeks prior training. I said we would be seeing more swimming by Christina Genge. I am pleased to report that although Chrstina has not yet won any Championships, she has most certainly lifted the Dolphins prestige, and in all her swims this year she has set up a new breast stroke record. Coniston, Bala one-way, Bala two-way, Whitby - Sandsend, Pickmere and Trentham, well done Christina.

The Most Promising Junior.

Without question this is Alan Humphries - 15 years - who won the Fairhaven

Warrington Dolphins continued/

S.L.S.S.A. Junior Championship at 3½ miles in June. This is the right kind of encouragement to young swimmers.

Most outstanding swim.

Christopher Carter, a most promising junior undertook his first really long swim at Coniston on a bitterly cold day. He never complained of the cold and gave no indication that he thought of retirement, but our trainer Mrs. Anderson, after keeping a close watch on him for 5 miles, most reluctantly had to order him from the water. Our sympathies to Christopher, and also to Bob Keating who, after swimming for 7 hrs. 15 mins in the Windermere Championship had to retire due to stomach cramp.

A 'fishy' story.

In June, whilst training in Blackmere Lake, your Hon. Sec. was bitten by ... something. Whatever it was left a three inch gash. As no one was attacked during our Championship at the Lake I hope that 'its' first taste has put it off for good.

Miscellaneous.

We are proud of the fact that the Club now owns a 16' rowing boat and trailer. This is mainly due to the efforts of our Coach and Trainer. Let's hope we can repay this by many successful swims in 1966. I am pleased to report that six of our members have qualified as S.L.S.S.A. Pilot Life-Savers.

Ian Thompson. Hon. Secretary.

WEYMOUTH SWIMMING CLUB.

This has undoubtedly been our most successful season yet, with several outstanding swims, and the arrival of two new swimmers, Phillip Gollop and Steven Halls, who although only 16 and 15 respectively, have proved they are both first class swimmers.

The Club entered a team in the Morecambe Bay Relay, Gregory Schofield, Phillip Gollop and Steven Halls. Unfortunately we came a very poor fourth, finishing some three laps behind the winners.

Exmouth Fairway Buoy was the next swim entered, with Phillip Gollop placed 4th, Gregory Schofield 11th and Jim Burt 17th. This was a shortened swim due to rough seas, which was somewhat disappointing to those preferring a longer race.

A 14 year old record was broken by 20 minutes when G.Schofield swam the twenty miles to Lulworth Cove and back to Weymouth in 10 hrs. 40 mins. The record was previously held by Godfrey Chapman of Weymouth, who swam the Channel in 1951.

The Torbay Championship was next to receive attention, with three Club members entering. J.Burt retired after 3 miles. G.Schofield improved his position to 3rd this year in a time of 4 hrs. 11 mins, and P.Gollop came 8th in a time of 4 hrs. 43 mins. Condolances to Peter Hatfield who arrived late, he would certainly have taken a place, it was a tremendous performance to finish 4th when starting 25 minutes behind everyone else.

The two-way Lulworth record was again broken, this time 16 year old P.Gollop knocked 5 minutes from G.Schofield's record.

Weymouth's first Championship win, 15 year old Steven Halls won the Bala Junior Championship, in a fairly fast time. He has his eyes set on some of the longer Championships next year, a promising lad. The most outstanding achievement of the year - Phillip Gollop became the youngest man ever to swim the Channel, and only the second youngest ever, a truly remarkable performance. A detailed report of this swim will follow the Club report.

Our two and a half mile Cross Bay Championship was won by S.Halls in a time of [illegible] mins. We may have another Championship next year - Lulworth Cove [illegible]

[illegible] Swimmers, Godfrey Chapman, 1951 F-E. Gregory Schofield, 1964 (E-F, and Phillip Gollop 1965 (F-E, ages 21, 20 and 16 respectively.

Phillip Gollop's Channel Swim Report:- Pilot H.Sharp. 4th October, 1965. Observer - R.Barrett. Water temp. 59F. Trainer - F.Watch. Time - 14 hrs. 31 mins. Started at Cap G.N. 04.01, having been greased with a base of vaseline followed by lanolin. With the wind blowing over his shoulders S.E. force 3 he was soon making good progress. After three hours he stopped for the first feed of chicken, honey and Ribena, chocolate and fruit. After that, feeds were every two hours, then every hour, except for the last three hours when no food was taken at all. When the sun rose, mist closed in quickly, and visibility was soon only half a mile. The Pilot then warned us that if the fog got any worse, the swim would have to be called off. [illegible]

to the mist land was not sighted till about 4 o'clock. Phillip landed at 18.32 hrs below Abbotts Cliff, which is between Folkestone and Dover, still comparatively fresh.

Gregory E.Schofield.
"Stanfield" 13, Royal Crescent,
WEYMOUTH. Dorset.

CHANNEL SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

This season 26 attempts have been made to cross the English Channel, and less than half have been successful. Not to be wondered at when one thinks back to the innumerable postponements, cancellations and frustrations which have characterised this so-called summer. However, there have been bright spots too; as when Van Vooren of Belgium completed his E/F swim in 17 hrs. 55 mins. Not a record time, but the weather conditions prevailing at that period, have caused this effort to be regarded as an epic for sheer determination and physical strength. Then there is Ted Erikson, with his eye on a double non-stop crossing for years, at last has achieved his ambition, and has wrested the record from Abertondo, by completing the double in 30 hours 3 mins., and reducing the overall time by 13 hrs. 12 mins. At the other end of the scale, as it were comes Philip Gollop of Weymouth, with a F/E success in 14 hrs. 31 mins., and who can claim to be the youngest boy to complete a crossing - he is 16 yrs. 7 months.

Other noteworthy successes have been made by Derek Gill (G.B.) F/E in 17 hrs. 7 mins Greta Anderson (U.S.A.) who again tried to complete a double, but could only manage the first leg, in 13 hrs. 49 mins., E/F - she had to retire because of deteriorating weather conditions: Linda McGill (Australia) F/E in 11 hrs. 12 mins., only 11 mins., away from Greta's F/E record time. Keith Hancox (New Zealand) in 15 hrs. 33 mins: Danilo Lopez (Guatemala) in 16 hrs. 45 mins. F/E. The last named swimmer is the first visitor we have had from Guatemala.

Relay teams (6 swimmers in each team) which have made the successful crossing are:- Rochester S.C. F/E 10 hrs. 47 mins. Middlesbrough L.D.S.C. F/E. 10 hrs. 15 mins. Phoenician Athletic S.C. F/E in 9 hrs. 58 mins, and B.P.S. Club E/F in 13 hrs 37 mins.

The unfortunate and disappointed ones were Gregory Schofield, Miss E.Gray, P.Kaye (who made two gallant efforts, and the last one he had to give up when he was only half a mile from St. Margaret's Bay, but 'twas the weather !!!) H.Bracewell, M.M.Revell, M.A.Malek, D...Inquiao and H.Neukirchen.

An interesting feature of Erikson's double attempt - he has made three attempts [illegible] The first [illegible] previous attempts [illegible] and has obtained the correct [illegible] which he used. On the final attempt he was content to use a time-honoured and proved human pilot. Thus we see electronics edging their way into Channel swimming, and there is no doubt that we must expect to see more use made of this new science (or whatever it is) in the future. It is a fascinating thought - Time marches on, and the tide is already setting for 1966, with firm bookings creeping in.

No news of the Annual Dinner at this stage - I shall be writing to all members on this all-important subject anon.

Miss I.Kellam-Smith, Hon. Secretary
of the Channel Swimming Association.

"WhiteStacks"
Walnut Tree Lane,
LOOSE. Maidstone. Kent.

WEST WALES REPORT.

The season was opened by the wedding of Charlie Taylor and Miss Valerie Hughes. We offer Charlie and his wife all our best wishes for the future and welcome him back into the marathon spray after a season of retirement.

At Torbay two swimmers from Swansea were present:-

E.M.Leonard.	5 hrs. 6 mins.
P.E.Tyrell.	5 hrs. 11 mins.

This was a fabulous affair with impeccable hospitality from the Torquay Corporation and delightfully organised by that genial character Mr. F.Oldman. At the risk of becoming a bore I must re-echo our appreciation of this swim. I am sure all the long distance boys and girls who have trained at the Maesteg Open Air pool will join me with the highest praise for the Superintendant Mr. Glyn Maddocks. Ready to help at all times, his abundant enthusiasm, cheerfulness, and the inevitable 'cuppa' after training, has made him the firm friend of us all.

West Wales Report continued:-

At Windermere two competitors but only one success:

E.J. Edwards.	8 hrs. 35 mins.
P.E. Tyrell.	- -

This was a great swim by E.J. and has made this grade in only two seasons of distance swimming. We wish her every success in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] the whole of the swim. Thrilled by the performance of Mrs. Leonard they presented two trophies to the Swansea S.C. for the purpose of encouraging entrance into an 'open' event for the 3½ mile piers swim. We cannot thank Mr. & Mrs. Rees enough for their generosity and we feel sure that the trophies will encourage swimmers from other Clubs to participate in the long distance field.

The seven mile Mumbles - Aberavon swim was held on Sunday August 29th. The temperature was 63F and a fully assisting spring tide with good weather conditions which made this swim a really enjoyable one. Charlie Taylor won with a well calculated final mile sprint after being second place for most of the race.

The Kitty Nash-Davies Trophy for the first lady in, was won by Mrs. B.M.Leonard, who broke the 33 year old record by 40 mins. The other lady competitor Mrs. Marceline Emmanuel had to retire through sickness after a really commendable effort.

The hospitality of the Aberavon Council was perfection itself. Each swimmer was presented with a beautifully designed trophy.

Results:-

C.Taylor.	Aberavon S.C.	2 hrs.	57 mins.
A.Mathews.	"	2	58
J.Glover.	Swansea S.C.	3	0
R.Landeg.	Aberavon S.C.	3	2
A.Davies.	"	3	3
D.Andrews.	"	3	8
B.Donovan.	"	3	15
A.Dood.	"	3	18
B.M.Leonard.	Swansea S.C.	3	54
P.E.Tyrell.	"	3	45
P.Carr.	Aberavon.	3	52.

In every district sporting a team of distance swimmers one can usually find a pioneer. One who has devoted his time and energy selflessly to the sport. Such is Dick Landeg, a near veteran who is still making respectable times in long distance swims and is able to devote some time to training his more youthful colleagues. We would like Dick to know we appreciate his efforts and hope he will continue with the good work for many years to come.

Trentham Lake was a delightful swim:-

B.M.Leonard.	1 hr. 59 mins.
P.E.Tyrell.	2 hrs. 9 mins.

Once again we must praise the organisation of our Association and the diligence of all who made the swim a success.

The storm that swept the country on Friday the 17th September also swept all the available boats out of the water, causing so much damage that only a few were available for the 3½ mile Swansea - Mumbles pier swim. Three swimmers unable to get boats could not compete. Mrs. B.M.Leonard gave her boat to Miss Willy van Rysel knowing that she would be the only lady competitor for the "Sylvia Rees" trophy.

The swim took place on Sunday 19th September. Temp. 60F. some tidal assistance and fairly good conditions. John Glover won the "Freedom Trophy" and the 'Open' gents "Sylvia Rees" trophy. Plaques and certificates to all competitors. Miss Willy van Rysel being the only lady competitor won the "Sylvia Rees" Ladies Trophy.

Results:-

J.Glover.	Swansea S.C.	1 hr.	39 mins.	45 secs.
R.Landeg.	Aberavon S.C.	1 hr.	51 mins.	38 secs.
B.Donovan.	Aberavon S.C.	2	12	50
W. van Rysel.	B.L.D.S.A.	2	22.	0.
C.Crayford.	Swansea Otters.	-	-	-

In his first distance swim, 20 year old C.Crayford made a good first attempt retiring after about an hour's swimming.

West Wales Report continued/

Last but not least, a solo swim by Robert Phillips, a 16 year old Grammar School boy who completed the Mumbles - Aberavon swim in 3 hrs. 35 mins. The youngest swimmer ever to do so. A fine performance by an enthusiastic swimmer who shows good prospects for the future.

Peter Tyrell.
7, Chesshyre Street,
Brynmill, SWANSEA.

WARWICKSHIRE LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Once again the W.L.D.S.A. has travelled to the far corners of the country to take part in swims. From Whitby to Wales, Warrington to Weymouth, the Association has entered swims. In fact the R.A.C. nearly awarded us a trophy in one of the rallies after we'd gone past them so many times on the M.6.

Starting off at the beginning of the year, a car load of us went to the Todmorden annual ice-breaking event, and a perishing good time was had by all. Arthur Eyres was so impressed by the precautions taken that he has asked for a bottle of rum to be fitted to his embrocation).

The first lake swim, was as usual, in Lake Bala at Whitsuntide. The water was approx. 56F. John Cookson, Ralph Cahill, Chris. Faulkner, George Richardson and Percy Bull entered the water at the hostel end. The water "claimed" all but Percy. Nigel, Bryan and I rowed, now we are thinking of other excuses to stay out of the water.

The 20th June saw us at Exmouth, being swept into the Harbour mouth by a tide second to none. Ralph, John, Percy and self completed the swim.

Third of July, the Torbay Championship. Bryan and Arthur entered and completed the swim Bryan 9th in 4.56.3. Arthur 10th in 5.2.31.

Saturday, 31st June saw Bryan and I on a pilgrimage to Morecambe. Owing to adverse conditions the boat crews could not leave the shores. Bryan said "We are going to Coniston." It was not until John Earls was getting into the car with us that I realised that I had a boat crew, and I was going into Coniston. We arrived at Coniston late in the afternoon, and Bob Clark looked at us rather peculiarly (de[illegible] Bob Clark has [illegible] to that.

Windermere [illegible]nship, Arthur and Bryan both forced to retire. That in itself shows the conditions when both of them get out.

Whitby, once again Whitby Jim and his Seals fairly glowed. The swim was as much of a challenge as ever. Percy, Arthur and Jeanne Fantom taking part in this one. The hospitality after the swim was, as ever, 100% (proof ?). My only regret is that I missed seeing Mr. Proctor in a barrel on the Sunday morning. It bears thinking about. Bala one way, and as always we had a good entry. Six men and one lady in the race. (I'll not go into detail as to the results, they are all in the Swim Secretaries reports (there's craft for you, Bach) The two-way saw three of us in the water, with myself retiring just before the half way stage. In the Junior swim our entry June Birchall did very well.

From Bala we went to Warrington to swim in the first of the Pickmere Lake Championships, and a very enjoyable time it was indeed. Bryan, John, Ralph, Chris. and self swam this one.

Trentham, its usual chilly self, we are pleased to say that we had the largest entry from any one Club. Even if it was thinned out at the half way stage, it was the largest at the start! Eleven men, all true blue started, and four completed the swim. I still think that those who retired after once round were the wise ones.

To finish off the season, Poole Harbour. Rough luck on the organisers. No fault of theirs, but the seas was too rough for the planned swim. For those that doubted it, they should have been with us in the boat at the harbour mouth in the lunch hour. As the race was off, up spoke John Mooney, and within a few minutes, a swim was arranged. Out of the forty entries for the race, twenty of us went for a short swim up the harbour, to a breakwater and back, a very pleasant swim even if some of us ran out of water at one stage. One point that seemed amusing to some of us, we heard one or two complaints about there not being an alternative swim for the Championship, "Long way for nothing"etc., When the swim up the harbour was organised, these [illegible] were missing.

[illegible] Association, [illegible]
(an ex-cyclist who won our first handicap race...he'll have to go) and Francis

Warwickshire Long Distance S... continued/

Allen. Francis has swum Bala, one-way and two-way, and the Poole swim.
June Birchall and Bryan Pinlay have both swum Coniston this year, Bryan leaving his swim until the ground frost made things look pretty.
In closing may I thank all swimmers, boat crews and hoteliers for another great season.

Rex G.Williams.
Hon. Secretary Warwickshire Long Distance Swimming Association.

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MIDDLESBROUGH AND DISTRICT [illegible] SWIMMING CLUB.

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In June, our "A" team won the Morecambe Bay Relay Race and also beat the then existing time for a Relay Team to swim the Channel.
In July, we held our first Club swim over a 2½ mile course in the River Esk, not far from Whitby. It was our intention to swim from Sandsend to Whitby, but unfortunately conditions were against us, rain and fog prevented the sea swim and we were obliged to go inland to Ruswarp.
There was some current in the river, but nothing to upset the swimmers except for the jungle of weed which we had to plough through from time to time. Our Chairman - Jim Robinson assures me that the weed is unlikely to occur again, but to be on the safe side provisional arrangements for next year may well include scythes and billhooks.
Peter Hatfield has had a very eventful year, he won the Rathlin Island to Ballycastle Race. Took part in the Sonelde Swim. On the way to Torbay was involved in a car crash, arrived 20 minutes late, but still managed to finish fourth. In the Windermere Championship he had to be taken from the water after a very courageous swim. Peter was also awarded the Birtle Cup for the best first attempt on Morecambe Bay.
Another of our swimmers whom I feel deserves mention is Brian Metcalfe, he is only a youngster - still at school, but in all his swims this year, Morecambe Bay Relay, the Channel Relay, Bala, Sandsend to Whitby and others, he has shown improvement and ability.
The Club experienced some disappointment in that of our four swimmers in the Windermere Championship, no one finished the course, this has made us more determined than ever that next year we will have some success over this course.
The Club is increasing in numbers, several prominent persons in the Boro' have shown interest in our efforts, and we hope in 1966 to press on and maintain the progress made this year.

Martin McNulty.
Hon. Secretary Middlesbrough & Dist. Long Distance Swimming Club.

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A.S.A. LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1965.

Held in the River Wear at Durham, on a 4¼ mile course. Conditions were not good, a low water temperature and a strong wind ruffling the water. Thirteen starters in the Men's Championship. Two starters in the Ladies' Championship. Ten men and both ladies completed the course - all were members of the B.L.D.S.A.
Tony Milton never looked like being anything but the winner, - though Peter Hatfield gained considerably on him on the last lap. Milton had much in reserve and at the end of the race was, I think genuinely surprised to learn that he'd finished and had/ another lap to do. Equally, Peter Hatfield looked, as he proved to be, a sure second place throughout most of the race. Colin Proctor, [illegible] was never challenged for third place and should never [illegible] second.

Results:-

1. H.P.Milton.	1.40.10.	5. B.Metcalfe.	1.54.54.
2. P.W.Hatfield.	1.41.12.	6. F.Robson.	2. 0.15.
3. [illegible].Proctor.	1.47. [illegible]	7. J.Turnbull.	2.13.20.
[illegible]	[illegible]	8. E.Bellerby.	2.14. 5.
		9. [illegible]	[illegible]
		10. [illegible]	[illegible]

Ladies.

1.	Elaine Gray.	1.58.13.
2.	Brenda Evans.	2. 0.26.

The Team Trophy, presented by Vaux Brewery to "the best placed three swimmers of a competing Club", resulted in Bradford & District L.D.S.C.'s team of:- C.Procter, P.Robson and S.Hird each carrying a splendid pint pewter tankard back with them over the border. Three competitors retired during the race, R.Johnson (1964 Champion) after three laps; Martin McNulty completed three laps and decided to retire after appreciating that he would be unable to finish the course in the 2½ hours allowed. P.Starforth also retired after three laps.

Whitby Jim and J.K.S.

SANDSEND - WHITBY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Saturday August 14th. Course : Sandsend beach to Whitby Harbour; tidal; temperature 56F (130) to 59F (140).

Somewhere in B.L.D.S.A.'s 1964 Reports someone wrote : "Off now, to the Whitby Swim.....every bit as much a challenge as last year, (you ran like the clappers down the beach).....this year a surf board might have been some use is 200 yards of froth and foam.....what's for next year.....a water spout ?" Looking up the record I find that the author took his own hint and this year kept well clear ! Perhaps wisely - we got the lot : the run, the surf and a wind which, if it didn't actually create up a water spout , played other kinds of havoc. The start was delayed by much and proper debate as to the wisdom of launching Sandsend Boat Club boats; Oarsmen, pulling into the teeth of the breeze had a hard, heavy task; contact between competitors and [illegible] difficult and more than one swimmer had to stop from time to time and wait for [illegible] escort. [illegible] The organisers were [illegible] than a little relieved when the last man had left the water.

In these conditions, not surprisingly, times in general were below par. All the more credit therefore to Colin Procter who marginally improved on his 1964 performance to beat the reigning Champion and record-holder Peter Hatfield. But it will long be debated, - (and never resolved), - as to whether Peter wasn't beaten as much by difficulties with his boat as by Colin's clear improvement. Brian Metcalfe, swimming this year for the first time as a senior, had no difficulty in retaining the third place.

In the Ladies Championship Brenda Evans comfortably retained her title, - though it was very much a measure of the conditions that she did so in a time more than 10% slower than in 1964. Christina Genge swam very soundly to establish a ladies breast-stroke record and Gillian Renwick, 1964 Junior Champion was the only other lady to complete the course.

The only Junior entry, - 13 year old Neil Murphy of Dewsbury, suffered a hard initiation into the ways of sea swimming, but swam courageously until he retired at about the half way mark.

Results:-

Men's Championship (for the "Whitby Chamber of TradeChallenge Cup")

=1.	Colin Procter.	Halifax.	1. 4. 38.	9.	John Taylor.	Bolton.	1.31.29.
=2.	Peter Hatfield.	Middlesbro'	1. 5. 25.	10.	Ian Thompson.	Warrington.	1.33.18.
3.	Brian Metcalfe.	Darlington.	1. 8. 18.	11.	Arthur Ayres.	Coventry.	1.40.23.
4.	Ron Kellerman.	Middlesbro'	1.15. 45.	12.	John Irving.	Bill'ham.	1.53.15.
5.	Dennis Buckton.	Stockton.	1.22. 7.	13.	Arthur Williams.	Warrington.	2.11. 0.
6.	Martin McNulty.	Middlesbro'	1.23. 55.	14.	Percy Bull.	Rugby.	2.11.50.
7.	Kenneth Clegg.	Shipley.	1.27. 7.				
8.	Bob Keating.	Warrington.	1.28. 18.	Retired:-	Frank Towning & Wm. Wicks.		

= Junior Champion and record holder (1. 4.50) 1964.
= Senior Champion and record holder (55.15) 1963 and 1964.

Ladies Championship. (For the "Whitby Ladies n.S.C. Silver Cup")

=1.	Brenda Evans.	Middlesbro'	1.15.45.	Retired:-	Jeanne Fantom &
=2.	Christina Genge.	Warrington.	1.25. 5.		Pamela Kellerman.
x3.	Gillian Renwick.	Otley.	1.48.31.		

= Ladies Champion 1964.
= Ladies breast-stroke record.
x Junior Ladies Champion 1964.

Junior Championship.

1. Neil Murphy.

Whitby Championships continued.

Junior Ladies Championship. (for the "Whitby Conservative Club Silver Cup")
No entries.

Following the usual Whitby pattern, the swim was followed by an informal supper and presentation at Botham's Cafe. Still later, for those who were so inclined - (they were many !), - the day's events were celebrated at the Hart Inn, Sandsend, - spiritual home and headquarters of the Sandsend Boat Club and week end haunt of Whitby Friendship Amateur Rowing Club, - to both of which Clubs the Sandsend - Whitby Swim owes an enormous debt of gratitude. If such debts can be paid by conviviality, S.L.D.S.A. paid well !

Sunday morning. In the tradition now established, a little race was to have followed the big one. Once it was [illegible] v. Friendship in row-boats; then Friendship v. Warwicks in aquadroms, - this time a free-for-all in tubs. But launching proved difficult and paddling impossible to all but a few, so starter's orders were never called. Doug. Procter's centre of gravity was all wrong. Percy Bull fitted his barrel just about as badly. Richard Quince looked as though he might have made it with a bit more practice.. Gillian looked pretty and actually made a little progress. The writer is too modest to want to report that only he made a successful harbour crossing and that he only failed his 'double' because Proctor nobbled him in a jealous fit, - but the record demands it.

Middlesbrough and District Long Distance Swimming Club. On Tuesday 20th July, Whitby Seals acted as hosts to M.D.L.D.S.C. on the occasion of the new Club's first An[illegible] Championships. A full report of this will no doubt be given elsewhere.

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[illegible]
Co. Durham.

Jim Robinson.
Hon. Secretary Whitby Seals [illegible]
[illegible].C.S.A.L.D.S.A.C.o.C.a.t.t.B.L.D.S.A.

HUDDERSFIELD A.S.C.

An uneventful season, but an interesting one. Phillip Kaye and Brian Ingham started the year with successes in the Morecambe Inshore Swim in June. Phillip broke the breast stroke record on this 4 mile course. On the 4th July, Brian Ingham covered a distance of 10 miles on breast-stroke in the Huddersfield & District A.S.A. Annual Open water swim held in Sparth Reservoir, Nr. Marsden.

Phillip Kaye made two unsuccessful attempts on the English Channel, and although not having the best of conditions he put up a very good performance; with a little more luck he could so easily have been successful. The Club's Hon. Secretary Mr. G.T.Smith [illegible] [illegible], Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. J. O'Hara, Club Captain.

Four members of the Club entered the Trentham Lake Championships in September. David V.Sykes, Geoffrey Hutchinson, Hardip Singh Sidhu and Mrs. Dorothy Hirst. Sidhu was really proud to have completed the swim, and the crowds of spectators at the end of the course applauded him with as much enthusiasm as they did the winner. H.S.S. also completed 5 miles in the Huddersfield & District's open water swim. The placings for our swimmers are shown in the Trentham Hon. Sec.'s Report. Geoffrey Hutchinson retired due to cramp.

All credit to officials and members of the Club, from the President down to the youngest member who helped to finance the "Phillip Kaye Channel Fund". Thanks also to friends outside the Club who donated to the fund.

[illegible], Laurel Terrace,
Willow Lane East,
Huddersfield.

Wilfred Toulcher.
Huddersfield A.S.C.

WINDERMERE CROSS LAKE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The swim should have been held on Thursday the 5th August, but conditions on the Lake made it impossible for us to risk the lives of swimmers and boat crews, and we had no option but to cancel the swim. The strong wind, at right angles to the one mile course, - broadside on to the accompanying boats, would have made it impossible for them to keep with their swimmers. It was most unfortunate that a number of the competitors had to return home that evening having travelled long distances in [illegible]
[illegible]

Windermere Cross Lake Championship continued/

Thirteen of the competitors did in fact take part in a swim the following day, but as so many were not available, in all fairness to them we could not award the trophies. Those taking part in the swim were Peter Hatfield, Colin Proctor, Andrew Wood, Ian Armiger, William Yorke, Miles Willman and Peter Moran. Sandra Gray, Brenda Evans, Sandra Wright, Susan Crowe, Jean Pattinson and Susan Piggott.

At the start of the swim, one competitor had a severe attack of cramp, and Mr. Jack Couplethwaite and myself had to enter the water to assist him. Mr. Couplethwaite was fully clothed, and during the rescue lost his glasses and pipe and tobacco tin. His glasses were subsequently recovered, but if anyone comes across a pipe and tobacco tin during subsequent Championships, Jack would be obliged if they could be returned to him. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Lake Warden and Lake Police for their assistance.

We would welcome member's opinions as to whether, (in the event of any future swims having to be cancelled due to rough conditions) an alternative date should be fixed, i.e. the following day.

Mrs. Margaret Hallinson. (RLSSA Pilot Life-Saver)
Hon. Sec. Cross Lake Championship.

"Stonecliffe"
Lake Road,
Bowness on Windermere,
Westmorland.

Relay Race. 6th June, 1965.

Races across the Bay have to be arranged when the time and height of tide are suitable for week-end swimming. No tides were suitable for a cross Bay Swim in June. Our Chief Pilot, Dick Woodhouse suggested that we should have a relay race between the Stone Jetty and the Central Pier. Considering that it was so early in the season we were pleased to receive entries from B.L.D.S.A. teams.

A fishing boat was stationed at each end of the course, distance .4 mile. Rowing boats were moored on the seaward side. A large power boat cruised the length of the course for the duration of the race, and escorted competitors to starting points. A speed boat and rowing boat were on hand to assist. Starting at the Stone Jetty the first swimmer in each team had to swim five laps, finishing at the Central Pier. The second swimmer had to swim five laps, finishing at the Stone Jetty. The last swimmer starting at the Stone Jetty to swim three laps and then finish on the beach in front of the Flag Staff Foreshore.

Radio contact from Ship on Shore was used, spectators on the Promenade to follow the progress of the competitors. The course being tidal it was important that the race should start 1½ hours before high water. Due to the co-operation of all concerned the race started with 5 minutes to spare.

Radcliffe S.C. with W.H.Pearce first man took the lead, followed by Ron Kellerman of Middlesbro' "A". In third place Bradford "A"; Weymouth S.C. fourth, then Bradford "B", followed by Middlesbro' "B".

Peter Hatfield, Middlesbro' "A" second man, by a terrific effort was able to considerably reduce Radcliffe's lead. It was left to Brian Metcalfe to finish off with a grand sprint with a full two minutes to spare.

The 2nd and 3rd places were a real thrill, with Radcliffe only 10 secs in front of Bradford "A". Before the Weymouth and Bradford "B" teams finished, thunder came, clearing the crowds from the Promenade.

In a new roll, Cmdr. Forsberg, who we promoted from competitor to timekeeper, had to end up along with me, soaked to the skin and seeking shelter under the pleasure boat slip-way, found water running our way.

Teams and results:-

Middlesbrough "A".			
R.Kellerman, P.Hatfield, B.Metcalfe.	2 hrs.	34 mins.	10 secs.
Radcliffe S.C.			
W.H.Pearce, A.Heaton, D.Dewsbury.	2	36	35
Bradford "A".			
J.M.Slater, B.Watson, J.Procter.	2	36	45
Weymouth S.C.			
P.Gollop, G.E.Schofield, S.M.Wells.	3	7	2
Bradford "B".			
D.Gill, S.Hird, F.Robson.	3	18	35
Middlesbrough "B".			

Morecambe Cross Bay Swimming Association continued/

Fleetwood to Morecambe Channel Swim. 20th June.

This event was held in conjunction with the Morecambe Festival of Sport. Competitors:- Elaine Gray, St. Albans. Arthur Ayres, Coventry. Derek Gill, Bradford. Barry Watson, Bingley. Derek Turner, Droylsden. John Taylor, of Bolton gashed a foot in training and had to withdraw from the race.

After a week of high winds and [illegible] The prospects for the swim [illegible] but after [illegible] decrease of force 2-3 and [illegible] easterly direction, which is towards Morecambe, it was decided that an attempt should be made.

The boats left Morecambe at 7.30 a.m. Normally the trip on the fast ebb tide should take about 1 hour. With the dive in time set for 9.30 a.m. there should have been time to spare. After rounding the end of the Stone Jetty the Westerly wind increased in force to about 6, which being a head wind made the boats toss about. It was wind against tide. At 9.30 a.m. the officials waiting at Fleetwood could not see us and thought we had turned back. Arrival at Fleetwood was 10 a.m. After a dash across the Promenade to the North Western Hotel, the competitors wasted no time. The Deputy Mayor of Fleetwood, Coun. E.Bulk started the race at 10.19 a.m. which was 49 minutes late.

Starting so late with the tide at low ebb we feared that the competitors would have a difficult task swimming past the Wyre Light on the turn of the tide. Barry set off at a very fast pace with Derek Turner in hot chase, followed by Elaine Gray, Arthur Ayres and Derek Gill. At low water the swimmers were sheltered in the River Wyre. Swimming close to the Westerly side the sandbunks protected them from the wind.

With his speed Barry was able to pass the Wyre Light and into the run. The wind at this period had now increased to force 4-5. Derek Turner and Elaine Gray had a rough crossing. Arthur Ayres and Derek Gill were faced with the increasing tidal run round the Wyre Light, they did extremely well and it is to their credit that they had a harder swim than the leaders.

Barry at this stage was going like a bomb, with the wind increasing in force and the tide running very fast through Heysham Lake. Elaine Gray, now in Heysham Lake had passed Derek Turner who was sick and had to retire. Arthur Ayres and Derek Gill having passed the danger point, they avoided being swept back up into the Wyre or into Heysham Lake with the wind and tide in their favour.

It was about three hours after the start that I had to transfer to Barry's boat to be sure of being in at the finish. In passing the entrances to Heysham Harbour and the end of the oil jetty there was a terrific swell caused by a tanker moving at the end of the Jetty. Peter Wood, the Pilot and Coxswain row with the fastest strokes takes all the short cuts, once under a mooring rope nearly giving me a hair cut in the process.

Upon reaching the finishing point on the beach in front of the Flag staff Forebay, Barry was welcomed by Coun. Colin Mayor and a tremendous crowd on the promenade.

The next swimmer to arrive was Elaine Gray who finished quite fresh after breaking Dorothy Perkins record. In keeping with the spirit of comradeship that prevails amongst long distance swimmers, Dorothy Perkins was in the rowing boat to assist Elaine. The crowd on the Promenade gave Elaine a rousing reception when she was presented with the Bill Baxter Cup.

Arthur Ayres finished in grand style to round off his accomplishments of swimming Morecambe Cross Bay, Two-Way, Round the Bay, and now Fleetwood to Morecambe.

Derek Gill, who was using this swim as preparation for his Channel attempt, kept up his steady Channel pace and finished as fresh as when he started.

Results.

Elaine Gray.	4 hrs.	50 mins.	16 secs.	Record.
Barry Watson.	4	19	10.4	Record.
Arthur Ayres.	5	29	22.5	
Derek Gill.	5	33	0	
DerekTurner.	Retired.			

Morecambe Cross Bay Championship.

Six tides were suitable for week end swims this season. Twelve competitors were accepted to swim on the two days July 31st and Aug. 1st.

For about a week before the events, very heavy seas were running. Competitors were notified about conditions. There was no improvement in the weather, and the race was cancelled and transferred to Aug. 28th 29th. Again very heavy seas were running and swims had to be cancelled.

It was decided to make an attempt on Sunday 26th September, with seven competitors. Arrangements being made for the event to be held in the Swimming Stadium if conditions

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Competitors. Arthur Lyons, Coventry. James Grimshaw, Pyldesley. Peter Hatfield, Scarborough. John Taylor, Bolton. John Turnbull, Newcastle. Stuart Hopkins, Bolton.

Water temperature 54-6, not much wind. At Grange it was very pleasant, swimmers undressed in the sun on the terrace of the Grange Baths. The tide 30ft. [illegible] straight water close to the promenade so that competitors were not required to struggle over the rough rocks on the beach. A prompt start was made at 1 p.m. a point that is most important with tidal swims.

From the start Peter Hatfield was taken round the front of the Baths [illegible] Pilot, in the direction of Humphrey Head. The reason for this route was to attempt to break the Cross Bay Record with a fast swimmer. This record was made by John Taylor in 1914, time 2 hrs. 2 mins. 55 secs.

Jimmy Grimshaw, John Turnbull, Stuart Hopkins, John Taylor and Arthur [illegible], in that order, took a course right across the sandbanks in a straight line [illegible] Morecambe. Jimmy Grimshaw gradually increased his lead, about a mile to the West Peter Hatfield was now on the same line. Gradually Peter seemed to draw ahead and disappeared in the mist when a black cloud and sea mist came over. When the mist cleared there was no sign of Peter or his rowing boat. We thought he had finished in record time. It was only when we arrived in Morecambe that we were informed that Peter had arrived off Morecambe in about 2 hours, but with the tide running out so strong it was impossible to get across the run and he was swept towards Sandylands, Heysham.

After keeping up well with the leaders, 14 year old Stuart Hopkins had to retire because of the cold. The next to retire was Arthur Lyons who was now feeling [illegible].

John Turnbull and John Taylor were keeping a steady pace about half a mile behind Jimmy Grimshaw who was able to swim round the marker buoy which was the turning point for the Stone Jetty. The tide was ebbing so fast that only by a very hard effort he was able to cross the line from the Beacon to the Stone Jetty.

John Turnbull and John Taylor just missed going round the buoy, with the result that they got into the full run of the tide. John Taylor could have landed on the beach at Heysham but finished just past the Beacon but out of bounds. John Turnbull after a hard swim had to retire before reaching the Beacon.

Results.

Jas. Grimshaw.	3.30.	Awarded Ashton Shield and Killi Cup.
Peter Hatfield.	2.16.	Awarded Birtle Cup for Best First Attempt (finished [illegible] wounds)
[illegible]	5.0	(retired).
Stuart Hopkins.	1.0.	(retired).

Trophies were presented to J.Grimshaw by Coun. R.Taylor on the Promenade in front of the Midland Hotel.

I regret to have to report that the Cross Bay Swimming Association and the E.L.D.S.A. lost a good friend by the death of Mr. C.C.Cooper, Superintendent of the Morecambe Super Swimming Stadium. Mrs. Cooper and family were grateful for the messages of sympathy sent by John Slater on your behalf.

The new Superintendent is Mr. C.Smith, who was appointed in August, but did not take over his duties until the week before the Stadium closed. We welcome Mr. Smith to Morecambe and hope that his mutual interest in swimming will be to the advantage of Long Distance Swimming.

Jack H.Brown.
Hon. Secretary Morecambe Cross Bay Swimming Association.

20, Acre Moss Lane,
Morecambe. Tel. 10.

A.M.C.T.A.C.A./F.S.C.A.L.J.S.A./C.C.C.A.t.t E.L.D.S.A.

[illegible] & DISTRICT LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

I will start my report with the details of our Club's fourth success in the Channel. As this was my own swim I am claiming pride of place purely to keep it in line with previous reports. That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it. On the 7th August I crossed from France to England in 17 hrs. 7 mins. The water temperature was 60-61 F and I was favoured by a warm sunny day. The start was uneventful for me, but for the people accompanying me, Jamie Tait, Geof. Oddie and Dorothy Parkins, all got nearly as wet as I was before they managed to scramble into the rowing boat. After nine hours PLEASANT (no prizes for guessing for whose benefit that word is used) swimming I was told that I was about 7 miles from England. How the hard part of the swim started. The wind freshened up to Force 5 and the water became rather choppy. The tide also seemed unusually strong and the cliffs appeared to be [illegible]. However [illegible]

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and Sandra that my ambition was achieved. The swim was done on a bottle of glucose drink and a flask of coffee. The peach slices I tried were not effective as their return journey to the sea followed immediately after their consumption.

Trial Swim.

Our Club season started with a trial swim at the Bradford Lido to help officials pick our teams for the Morecambe Relay Race. The swim was scheduled for two miles, but on a cold May evening the swimmers outvoted the officials and decided that one mile was enough. Five swimmers took part, but names will not be mentioned after the foregoing remark. I wish to spare our blushes.

Otley River Race.

Our first Club Championship event of the year resulted in a record entry list of 23 swimmers. On a cool evening with a river temperature of 54F, nineteen competitors entered the water, but only nine managed to finish.

Results:- Susan Holroyd. Hx. 32. 20.

Girls. Julie A.Smith. Hx. 33. 55.
Lynn Stabler. Hx. 37. 0.
Christine Long. Bfd. 38. 0.
Anita Radcliffe. Hx. 39. 0.
Jill Mortimer. Hx. 40. 55.
Diane E.Aked. Hx. 50. 55.
Helen Gill. Otley. 56. 45.

Boys:-
1. Norman Robson. Bfd. 41.12.

After the event we were again made welcome by Otley S.C. at their Club night, when we presented our Trophies and certificates.

Derwentwater Junior Club Championship.

This new event was held in July and was very successful. On a fine day, with the water at 61F. all five swimmers completed the course of approx. 2½ miles.

Results. 1. Susan Holroyd. Hx. . . 1. Norman Robson. Bfd. . .
2. Christine Long. Bfd. . . 2. Allen Jeffs. Hx. . .
3. Susan Crowe. Otley. . .

[illegible] won their [illegible] event of the Season.

Coniston Championship.

Our Club Senior Championships were this year for the first time held at Coniston. A certain member who has been advocating this venue for years was so pleased with this that he actually decided to swim.

Again Mother Nature smiled on us and the day was still and calm with the water at 60/61F. An encouraging sign to the Club was that we had three young lady competitors.

Results:-

1. Colin Procter. Hx. 2h. 52mins.
2. John Slater. Hx. 2h. 54 mins.
3. Derek Gill. Otley. 3h. 21 mins.
4. Selwyn Hird. Bgly. 3h. 48 mins.

1. Carol Jeffs. Halifax. 3h. 24 mins.
2. Christine Long. Bfd. 3h. 32.mins.

Gillian Renwick was forced to retire after about 4 miles with shoulder trouble caused by a fall at work the week before.

After the event a crowd of fifty or so friends and helpers attended a reception at the Institute, Coniston, where the presentations were made.

Two-way Windermere Championship.

Another new event, this was an open swim started by us as we felt that there was a need for a swim of this calibre. Quite a lot of early interest was shown and eventually we received four entries, all proven marathoneers. The start was at 11.25 p.m. on 4th September, with an air temperature of 42F and the water at 56F. Not at all pleasant. I was the first to retire after about 1½ hours with ear trouble, and dizziness. After completing about seven miles Elaine Gray succumbed to the cold and she joined me on the Official Launch. Norman Trusty swam very well and arrived at Lakeside in 5 hrs. 54 mins, a cracking time in these conditions. At that stage Norman decided that one way was enough. Barry Watson followed soon after, reaching Lakeside in 5 hrs. 56 mins 20 secs. and immediately set off back. Up to about 7 mile from the Ferry, Barry was still swimming as fast as ever and was well

[illegible] after completing over 15 miles in about 9½ hours Barry accepted advice and he too retired.

Although disappointed that no one completed the course we do not feel that the event was a failure. Our organisation proved adequate and more experience was gained. The entry list of four proved the need for such a swim and next year we hope for

[illegible] District L.D.S.C.

Lancaster to Morecambe. 7th June. Barry Watson and I again tackled this swim after our disappointments of the previous year. This year we were both successful, finishing in 7 hrs 8 mins and 7 hrs. 35 mins respectively, both under Kendall Keller's inaugural record of 7.45. We now have the proud record that the three successes on this route are all Bradford Club members.

Blackpool to Morecambe. Another June swim, held in pretty rough conditions. Barry Watson knocked 51 mins off the record, on finishing first in 4 hrs. 19 mins. I took 5 hrs. 33 mins for third place. My main thought as I alternately looked down on the water from the crest of a wave or looked up at the underside of it from a trough, were that this was darned good training for the Channel.

[illegible]. Long Distance Championships. We were represented in this event by Colin Procter Graham Robson and Selwyn Hird. In finishing 3rd, 6th and 9th, they won the team competition and put our Club on the map for the first time in A.S.A. events.

Schelde Swim. We were very proud that Colin Procter's consistent good swimming gained recognition in his selection for this swim.

Coniston Lake. In this inaugural A.S.A. Championship we were well represented by Christine Long, 1st; Helen Gill 3rd, and Norman Robson 3rd.

Ullswater. On the 17th July Barry Watson broke the Amateur Record with a time of 5 hrs. 3 mins. only 5 minutes outside Canadian Helge Jenson's all-comer's record. This swim was done practically off the cuff, as Barry was only in the district to attend our Derwentwater swim the day after. We thought that conditions looked good and decided to have a go. The swim was completed in the dark, without proper lights etc. On the day after this, I did a length of the Lake in 3 hrs. 15 mins, swimming against the wind.

General. We have been well represented in most swims this year, with success at Morecambe, Whitby, Torbay, Bala, Windermere and Pickmere among others. Of these I would like to mention Carol Jeffs new Junior Ladies Record at Bala in 1 hr. 29 mins, and Colin Procter, very consistent swimming which has gained him several firsts and many placings this year.
Our Club score this year is:- Championships - 7. Records - 4. Placings - 10.

Barry pipped me for top spot on the mileage chart. On recognised swims he covered 67 miles to my 63.

"Westbourne View"
Bradford Rd.,
Otley. Yks.

Derek Gill.
Hon. Secretary Bradford & District
Long Distance Swimming Club.

A M.C.T.A.C.A.F.N.S.C.A.L. S.A.C.C.C.T.T.B.L.D.S.A.

[illegible] SCHOOL SWIMMING CLUB.

1964 was an extraordinary year for the Solent record book, despite a summer [illegible] when the English climate was at its worst.

Although there was less sunshine than usual, the summer night were not particularly cold and the sea temperature remained high compared with the rest of the country. It reached 56F before the end of May, peaked at 65F in late July and has only this week dropped below 55F as we write these notes in a blaze of October sunshine.

The performance which will always remain in our memory was ELAINE GRAY's fantastic 'double' in early June. From Ventnor to Ryde she returned 9.25.45, beating Jean Ramshaw's 1960 record of 2.34. On the way back Elaine recorded 2.32.35½ breaking ANDREA McDONAGH's 1960 record [illegible].

Elaine's 'double' time of [illegible] not only beat the previous ladies' record of 5.47.0 (JEAN RAMSHAW, 1960) but also [illegible] 1961 men's record of 5.7.0d. As the only swimmer in history to complete the double in under 5 hours, Elaine holds the place of honour in our books and it will take a very good man to beat her.

[illegible] BARKER broke ANTHONY MOORE's Ryde to Southsea Record (1.36.4 in 1964) with 1.31.0 also in June. Temperature 56F in the middle and only his second attempt.

PETER JOLLY, a local solicitor's articled clerk, broke Anthony's four year old Southsea to Ryde record (1.54.40) with an exciting 1.54.17. Right up to the last minute it was touch-and-go whether the record would fall since Peter rather over-extended himself in the early part of the swim and was very tired indeed. Peter is not yet well-known outside Hampshire. He will be; anyone who saw him up with Mike Read and ahead of Geoffrey Lake at the unofficial Poole swim can have no doubts as to his potential.

Again this year we entertained many visiting swimmers. [illegible] (Barnsbury)

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recorded 2.31.25. Both swam breast stroke throughout.

FRED WOODLAND (Portsmouth) swam from Southsea to Ryde in 3.43.32 at his first attempt. PAMELA MERRY BATTEN (Portsmouth) accompanied him to return a time of 3.34.59 on her first attempt. Both are members of the Portsmouth Lifeguard Corps. NEVILLE SMITH (Portsmouth) went along with them in a time of 3.34.59 making his second successful swim despite being in his late 40's.

DEREK PEARCE AND PETER MAINES came down again for a swim in the other direction and recorded 3.44.39 and 3.45.36 respectively from Southsea to Ryde (Compare these times with their earlier swim in the reverse direction.)

BRIAN RAWN and RICHARD GLYNN each had another successful swim but of which we have not yet had written confirmation. Brian and Richard have probably 10 crossings each to their credit and are compiling statistics to see who is leading.

DAVID GREEN improved upon his last year's time in crossing from Southsea to Ryde but this time is again awaiting official documentation.

Finally, and in October, KEVIN MURPHY attempted a double under windy and rough conditions. He swam from Southsea to Ryde in 2.13.3 but was forced to come out after more than 5 hours on the decision of his father and the observers when a strong headwind almost brought him to a standstill.

After his long spell as Founder Honorary Secretary (John Slater, please note !) Anthony Moorey has gone to work in London and his address now is 22, Spencer Walk, Putney, S.W.15 (Putney 6086). He has come down to Portsmouth most week-ends to Pilot swims, but this obviously cannot continue as a permanent arrangement. Whatever re-arrangement of official duties is necessary will be made known before the 66 season. Strangers to this area are often baffled by the peculiarities of the tides; every now and then we have to explain, for example, why Southsea to Ryde is "further" than Ryde to Southsea.

Sea swimming can be a very different business from Lake swimming and further hazards are provided at the most inconvenient times by the Royal Navy, Cunard White Star and Esso Petroleum. This answers a point which has puzzled some of our visitors as to why accompanying boats are large and expensive. Living here, Anthony built up a tremendous amount of knowledge on our stretch of water. Gerald Forsberg recently agreed that the mathematics of this swim have become as important as the ability to complete the distance. In a recent edition of the "Swimming Times" Gerry pointed out that nearly all recent record swims have been piloted by Anthony and that it said much for the spirit of the long distance game when a record holder would give up his time piloting others to break his own records. In paying him this tribute, we are sure that we have not seen the last of him as a participant once he has settled down to the responsibilities of married life and a new job.

The local address for the Secretary and committee remains as 72, Evelegh Road, Farlington, Portsmouth. (Cosham 77164).

John Moorey.
Chairman of the Solent Swimming Club.

MORECAMBE INSHORE SWIMMING CLUB. Inshore Championships.

A very successful season in spite of weather and pilot problems etc. The first Ladies Boat was won by Gillian Renwick, followed closely by 14 year old local girl Pat Baker. Brian Ingham completed the course the same day, together with Phillip Kaye who used this swim as training for his Channel attempt.

Second Heat of the Ladies Championship, first - Brenda Evans, second, - a young lady from Burnley, making a welcome return to distance swimming, Alison Greaves. Third was Joan Wallace of Otley. Winner of the First Heat of the Men's Championship was Brian Metcalfe, second was Robert Allen, third was a local 15 year old, - Terry Dunne. A gallant effort in this swim by Ian Penegar, 13 years, another local lad.

The Second Heat of the Men's Championship was won by Peter Hatfield, with Ronnie Shackleton second, and Brian Middleton third.

The Finals took place in the Swimming Stadium, - 32 lengths (two miles), followed by a tea and presentation. A good crowd of members and friends enjoyed the swim and meal. Championship results - 1. Peter Hatfield. 2. Brian Metcalfe. 3. Ron Shackleton. Ladies Championship results:- 1. Brenda Evans. 2. Joan Wallace. Alison Greaves unfortunately had to retire with stomach cramp. Brenda has now won the Ladies Championship for the past 4 years, a record number of times. Local girl Pat Baker was unable to take part in the final due to a throat infection.

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The Local Junior Men's Trophy was won by Terry Dunne, who also won the Senior Trophy for local competitors. Ian Penegar, second in the Junior Championship was also awarded the best first attempt trophy.

Pat Baker won the Local Junior Ladies' Trophy for the second year in succession, and was also awarded the Trophy for the best local senior swimmer. Pat also did well at the Fairhaven Lake Championship, and has also won the Morecambe Club's Junior and Senior Championships.

Phillip Kaye and Pat Baker broke the breast stroke course records in the Inshore Championships.

The Lancaster - Morecambe Swim proved a success in spite of the delayed start. [illegible] and Derek Gill both came inside Kendall Keller's record. A very good swim by two top marathoneers. Conditions in the Bay were not at all good.

Two of our members who came to the Todmorden Ice-breaking Swim last year, - 12 year old Ann Ridehalgh and 13 year old Elizabeth have recently emmigrated to New Zealand with their parents. They have been in touch with Duncan Bennett, the B.L.D.S.A. Regional Representative there. Duncan has recently changed his address :- 9, Belle Vue Road, Lower Hutt, Hutt Valley, near Wellington.

The standard of swimming in the finals of the Inshore Championships were of very high standard this year. In the first mile, Peter Hatfield, Brian Metcalfe Brenda Evans and Joan Wallace were well inside the Gold Standard; Ron Shackleton the Silver Standard; Robert Allen the Bronze. In the Junior Championships Pat Baker and Terry Dunne were both within the Silver for their first mile.

Very best wishes to everyone for the New Season.

Arthur Shipley.
Hon. Secretary Morecambe
Inshore A.S.C.

[illegible],
Lancaster.

THE ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE FOUNDER HONORARY SECRETARIES OF AMATEUR LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS and CLUBS AFFILIATED TO THE BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Yet another year has flowed beneath the pens of the ageing scribes who sag a little more each year 'neath weight of administrative duties. Many hundreds of pleas and begging letters have gone out, but we find that we still have to buy our own beer at the Dinners.

At the Warrington Dolphins Dinner on the 2nd October, Ian Thompson was given [illegible] the 'Inner Circle' and joins such renowned company as John Slater (BLDSA) James Robinson (Whitby Seals); Jack Somerfield (Bala Hon. Sec.) Rex. G.Williams (W.L.D.S.A.) and Fred C.Oldman (Torbay Hon. Sec.)

The Association now has its own Convention Badges, bearing all of the twenty-six letters. The first of the full Conventions will be held this year after the Annual Dinner at Bath.

Members have been busy, in and out of the water at, - Coniston, Warrington, Bala, Poole, Trentham, Whitby, and in the Warrington Ship Canal.

R.G.W. Coventry.

A careful reading of the title of the Association will give full indication of the qualifications for membership. I am pleased to report that the membership has increased from 5 (1964) to 6. Three additional members have been nominated. These nominations will be considered Inter Pocula at the 'Founder's Meeting' in the early [illegible] at the [illegible] Bath.

[illegible] a suitable motto. Suggestions so far:- "Horas non numero nisi serenas." (freely translated - "We only like to swim when the sun shines.") "Adsum ab initio." ("We started it and we're stuck with it.") From R.G.W. comes "Pax Vaselium, aux Greasarium." If I tried to sort that one out it would be "Ignotum per ignotius."

A sporting fixture has been arranged at Bath 'twixt the 'Keeper's of the Accounts' and the 'Scribes', i.e. the Hon. Treasurer's and the Hon. Sec's.(us lot). Three venerable toga clad representatives from each side will take part in a relay race, Roman style, approximately 19 yards apiece. Trunks or drawers (?) will also be worn, A.S.A. style. Any member being found "in puris naturalibus" underneath his toga will be instantly disqualified.

We were pleased to be associated with the Junior Fairhaven Lake Championship and trust that our Trophy and Winner's medal will encourage youngsters to take to long distance swimming in easy stages using this as the first stepping stone into the British Championships.

[illegible] SWIMMING CLUB.

This year, for the first time, Richmond, primarily a small water polo Club, entered a number of swimmers in long distance events. The only "old hand" in the Club with previous experience of the sport is Torbay and Windermere swimmer, - Dr. Leon Walkden. Brighton Pier to Pier. Nowadays this swim seems to [illegible] sprinters, [illegible] sprinters finish well down the list, with the seasoned stalwarts well to the fore. Richmond came fourth in the team event. All swimmers completed the course. Terry Lyons 15th, John Conisbee 18th, Steve Higgins 25th, Stan Piper 30th, Bill Handley 45th. Torbay. Dr. Leon Walkden finished again in what was a colder than usual swim. Next year we hope to have more of our members taking part in this event. Bala. Our four entrants found Bala rather cold - our southern waters are usually several degrees warmer than this. John Conisbee 10th in 1.47. Steve Higgins 12th in 1.50. Stan Piper retiring with cramp after 2 miles, soon after Terry Lyons surprise retirement. Probably Terry was bored without having anyone in an accompanying boat to chat to. Southsea Pier to Pier. Only one and a quarter miles, but a tough swim in strong tides. John Conisbee 12th in 51 minutes, Stan Piper one place and 6 minutes behind. An innovation which might be welcomed by competitors in other swims, - we all sat in galvanised tubs after the swim and were hosed down with hot water. [illegible] [illegible] in the last 50 yards. Poole Harbour. In the 'spontaneous' swim Pat Harwood in his first long distance trial finished 6th in 35 mins. Next year I forecast that Richmond will be taking a keener interest in the Northern events.

John Conisbee.
16, Park Rd.,
Richmond, Surrey.

FAIRWAY BUOY CHAMPIONSHIP.

June 20th. A tidally assisted swim in sunshine and strong onshore wind. Due to the wind strength and direction the race was reduced to a one way swim from No. 5 Buoy upriver to Starcross, the swimmers taking the channel course. Conditions were difficult, moreso for the boatmen than the swimmers. Our thanks to Exmouth Rugby Club for hot baths, and to the E.D.S.F.O. for the use of their boats.

Results.

1.	M.Reed.	54 mins	40 secs.
2.	A.Bishop.	56	20
3.	R.Brewer.	59	35
4.	D.Green.	61	26
5.	P.Collop.	61	40
6.	C.Bamsey.	61	54
7.	J.Beech.	62 mins	7 secs.
8.	C.G.Forsberg.	62	59
9.	M.Price.	63	17
10.	A.Moorey.	63	45
11.	G.Schofield.	63	56
12.	P.Horn.	69	30
13.	B.Rann.	70	38
14.	L.Hankart.	71	59
15.	R.Rimmer.	71	38
16.	J.Burt.	71	59
17.	C.Faulkner.	73.	5
18.	J.Cookson.	77	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
20.	D.Cahill.	79	21
21.	P.Bull.	79	25

Retired during the race -
S.Jordan.

17, Marpool Hill,
Exmouth.

D.W.Binmore.
Hon. Secretary Exmouth Swimming & Life Saving Society.

POOLE HARBOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Scheduled for 18th September, everything 'laid-on' boats, oarsmen, radio communication, presentation etc., then we were hit by the "tail end of Hurricane Betsy". Most regretfully we had no alternative but to cancel the swim.

Jean M.Bartlett.
8, Churchfi[illegible]

[illegible] TOUGH CHAMPIONSHIP.

From Grey Point, County [illegible] Carrickfergus, County Antrim, approximately 4½ miles, on 3rd October. Temperature [illegible] still water. Very rough conditions with a force [illegible] North West.

Results.

1. Raymond Cossum. 2 hrs. [illegible] mins.
2. Bobbie McVeigh. 3 "

Retired during the race:- Hugh [illegible]. Paddy McLaughlin. George Gulbert. Our thanks to the Carrickfergus Sport Club and the Editor of the Carrickfergus Advertiser. Bobbie McVeigh finished the course in great form and without a shiver.

Ray Cossum.
36, Altnamore Gardens,
Londonderry.

[illegible] SWIMMING CLUB.

A rather quiet year, only one member upholding our long distance swimming prestige, - Kevin Murphy, who, apart from his successes in the Windermere and Bala Championships was also a member of the Phoenician's S.C. record breaking Channel relay team. See also the Solent Report.

Brian Dove.
40, Vanbrough Crescent,
Northolt. Middlesex.

[illegible] ISLES LONG DISTANCE [illegible] SWIM (proposed)

Two long distance swims have been accomplished in Jersey waters this summer, both by 15 year old Denize Le Pennec, a breast stroke swimmer. The first was from St. Helier Harbour to Gorey Harbour, a distance of about 6½ miles - 4 hrs. 15 mins. The second was a swim from St. Catherine's Breakwater to the Dirchons, a group of rocks half way between Jersey and France, time 4 hrs. 56 minutes, distance approx. 9 miles. Denize hopes to swim from Jersey to France, approx. 19 miles, and if all goes well, in due course to attempt the English Channel. We had a number of swims planned for this season, but the atrocious weather has caused their cancellation.

Maurice Lakeman.
28, Beaulieu Park,
St. Saviour's Road,
St. Helier. Jersey. C.I.

HORNCHURCH SWIMMING CLUB.

The monthly magazine of the Hornchurch Swimming Club, published monthly, price 6d, contains a very full report on several S.L.D.S.A. Championships. Andrew Wood writes with great enthusiasm on the Windermere Championship. Mr. A.G. Wood writes [illegible] detail [illegible]

[illegible] rather too lengthy to reproduce here, but I would quote from Andrew, - "What impressed me more than anything else at Windermere was everybody's friendliness." "Thank you, members of the S.L.D.S.A. for all your help and friendship." From Mr. A.G.Wood's reports, - "Congratulations to our two pioneers of long distance swimming, Lynda Steel and Andrew Wood, John Verrier must be proud of the two Hornchuch swimmers who have done so well." Mathematician Roger Howkins, - "Abertondo ...in 1957 performed a colossal feat in the River Parance..by swimming from Rosario to Puerto Nuevo a distance of 427 kilometres, in 80 hours 40 minutes ! I suppose this equals 273 miles at an average speed of 3·4 miles per hour....how would you contemplate tackling roughly 13,000 turns over a period of 3½ days non-stop."

Copies of the reports from "Hornchurch Swimming Club" 17, Balmoral Road, Becon Park, Romford. Essex.

J.X.S.

[illegible] BAY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

[illegible] the half way stage. Of the twenty five starters, seven retired. The organisation was first class. Hot baths. Trophies presented to 1st and 2nd in each Championship. Thousands of Holidaymakers watched the swim.

Results.	Men.		Ladies.	
1.	W.Pearce. Lancs Constab.	26.22.	1. C.Corteen.	Peel S.C.
2.	D.Dewsbury. " "	[illegible].	2. Willy van Rysel.	E.T.D.S.A.
3.	A.Heaton. Radcliffe.	[illegible].	3. J.Patrick.	Peel S.C.
4.	[illegible]	[illegible]	4. A.Williams.	Peel S.C.
5.	[illegible]	[illegible]		
6.	[illegible]			
7.	[illegible]			
8.	[illegible]			
11.	G.Draper.			
12.	P.Clague.			
13.	S.Crellin.			
14.	E.Cassidy.			

[illegible], Carnsbrooke Way,
Cyncoed, CARDIFF.

NO REPORT FROM HON. SECRETARY.

[illegible] BAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held on the 14th August, from Broughty Ferry to Tayport and back, approx. 1½ miles, rough conditions in a cool sea. The usual Scottish friendliness and hospitality [illegible] with enthusiasm and efficient organisation.

Results.	Men.		Ladies.	
1.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible] and J.Devlin retired at the turning point, but qualified for their one way certificates.			3. H.Warnock.	1.30. 7.
			4. P.Sullivan.	
			5. E.Keefe.	
			6. Willy van Rysel.	
			7. J.Simpson.	
			8. M.Reilly.	

Miss Willy van Rysel.
133, Carnsbrooke Way,
Cyncoed, CARDIFF.

[illegible] REPORT FROM HON. SECRETARY.

PLEASE READ OVERLEAF FIRST.

13 (a) All funds and other properties of the Club shall be applied to the furtherance of the Club's objects or for any charitable purposes and shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Club.

(b) In the event of dissolution the funds remaining shall be devoted to objects similar to those of the Club and to other purposes approved by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

14. (a) Any dispute which may arise concerning these Rules shall be decided by the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.

(b) Any matters not dealt with in these Rules shall be decided by the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

INFORMATION BULLETIN 1966.

16th March, 1966.

Dear Member,

The dates and details of the season's activities,(together with other relevent information)are given below.

1. Windermere Cross Lake Championship. Approx. 1 mile. Average 30 mins. Probably Thur. 4th Aug, or Thur. 1st Sept. Trophies. Men & Women. No age limit. Cert's. Hon. Sec. Mrs. Margaret Mallinson, 4, Stonecliffe, Bowness, Westmorland.

2. 5th Bradford & Dist. S.D.S.A. Junior "Champs" Championships. Members must reside within 15 miles Bradford Town Hall. Approx. 1 mile. Thur. 30th June. Assemble Otley Bath6.30 p.m. Age limit 15. Trophies. Cert's. 2nd Junior Derwentwater Championships. Approx. 2 miles. Sun. 17th July. Conditions as above, and competitors must certify a prior swim of 2 miles. 7th Ullswater Championships. approx. 7 miles. Men and Women. 16 and over. Sun. 31st July. Trophies. Cert's. Strong possibility venue may be changed to Coniston (as last year) 5¼ miles. Venue decided by 1st June. Details for all three Championships from Hon. Sec. Derek Gill, "Westbourne View" Bradford Road, Otley. Yks.

3. Double Tay Championships. Approx. 1⅝ miles. Probably 13th Aug. Report A.A.S.A. Clubhouse. Trophies. Cert's. Men & Women. Hon. Sec. Denis Sullivan, 191, King Street, Broughty Ferry. Dundee. Angus.

4. Douglas Bay (I o M) Championships. Approx. 2 miles. Usually Sun. mid-Aug. Trophies Men & Women. Hon. Sec. Mr. L.T.Pratley, 46, Ballabrooie Way, Douglas I o M.

5. 2nd B.L.D.S.A. Fairhaven Lake Junior Championships. Lytham St. Annes, Blackpool. Sat. 25th June, 12 noon. Approx. 2 miles. Average 1 hour. Two circuits of lake. Spectators can accompany within 20 yards all way. Boys and girls under 16 on date. Trophies. Cert's. Medals. Hon. Sec. Miss Stephanie McCaul, Flat 3, 61, Mersney Lane Gardens, Highgate, London. N.6.

6. 15th Morecambe Bay Inshore Championships. 2 miles in Swim Stadium. Average 60 mins. Heats and final 25th June. Report 9.30 a.m. Ladies final 3 p.m. Gent's final 4pm. Trophies. Men & Women. No age limit. Hon. Sec. Arthur Shipley, Lu-lena, Caton Rd., Lancaster.

7. 6th Sandsend to Whitby Championships. Approx. 3 miles. Sat. 23rd July. Temp.55-59F. Men, women, seniors & juniors. Trophies, cert's. Silver medal for winners. Entry £1, includes membership subscription & fodder after swim. Juniors under 16 on day, and may not compete in senior event. Late start this year. Hon. Secretary Jim Robinson, 54, Melrose Avenue, Billingham, Co. Durham.

8. 7th B.L.D.S.A. Bala Lake (North Wales) Senior 3 mile Championships. Sat. 27th Aug. Average 1.40. Trophies. Men & Women. Cert's. 16 & over. Report 1.15 p.m. Loch Cafe Beach. Buffet and presentation after swim. Hon. Sec. Jack Somerfield, Village Stores and Post Office, Tiddington, Stratford on Avon. Wrwks. Tel. 2006.

9. 5th B.L.D.S.A. Bala Lake 3 mile Junior Championships. Bank Holiday Sun. or Mon. 28th / 29th Aug. Average 1.40. Trophies. Certificates. Boys & girls 15 & under on day. Hon. Sec. Jack Somerfield. See No. 8 above.

10. 4th B.L.D.S.A. Trentham Lake Championships. Approx. 3 miles. Sun 11th Sept. Average 1.45. Trophies. Men & Women. Cert's. Report Bathing Pool 12 noon. Over 16 on day. Presentation etc., after swim. Hon. Sec. Rex G.Williams, 20, Kimble Close, Allesley Park, Coventry. ('phone Cov.73484) Warwicks.

11. 5th Poole Harbour Championships. Approx. 3 miles. Sat. 24th Sept. Trophies etc. Hon. Sec. Miss Jean Bartlett, 6, Churchfield Rd., Poole, Dorset. Parkstone 4557.

12. 4th Exmouth Championships. Approx. 4½ miles. Sun. 5th June. Average 1.45. Men only. 17 & over. Entry fee 5/- includes membership. Prizes and Cert's. Alternative swim if rough, same day. Report Exmouth Pool 2 p.m. Meet Crncard Cafe after swim. Hon. Sec. Douglas W.Binmore, 27, Marpool Hill, Exmouth, Devon.

13. 5th (post war) ASA National Long Distance Championships. In Trentham Lake. 5 miles. Sat. 20th Aug. Men & Women. Trophies, medals cert's. B.L.D.S.A. acting as hosts and organisers. Members are again particularly requested to support this Champ'p. Entry forms from Alderman H.S.Penn, C.B.E. J.P. 64, Cannon St., London E.C.4. or B.L.D.S.A. Liason Officer, Bernard Bell, 17, Millcroft Estate, Pool in Wharfedale, nr. Leeds. Tel. Arthington 2487.

14. Clyde Firth Championship. Approx. 5 miles. Some doubt as to it being held this year, but write to Robert McCaughey, 37, Bruchelston St., Greenock, Scotland. 21710.

P.T.O.

25. Solent Swim. Ryde-Southsea, Southsea - Ryde, or two-way. Approx. 4¾ one-way. Cert's for individual swims. ...a race yet. Boat costs approx. £3.10.0d one-way, £5 two-way. Average 2.30 men. 3.15 women. Hon. Sec. John Moorey, 72, Evelegh Rd., Farlington, Portsmouth. Tel. Cosham 77404.

26. 3rd B.L.D.S.A. Irish Championship. Rathlin to Ballycastle. 5½ miles. Sat. 30th July. Average 2.40. Temp. 53F approx. Alternative course same day if rough. Trophies. Cert's. Men only. Hon. Sec. Kendall Mellor, "Rathlin" Station Rd., Steeton, Nr. Keighley. Yks. Competitors to be selected. Expenses previously paid.

27. 59th Morecambe Cross Bay Championships. Approx. 9 miles. Grange-Morecambe. Average 3.15. Mens Championship dive in 2.35 Sun 10th Sept. Womens Champ'p same day ? Trophies and plaques. Derby Heats. 3 men per team Must be members. Between Stone Jetty and Central Pier. Max. 2 miles per swimmer. In Stadium if rough. Sun. 10th July. 3.45pm. Trophies and plaques. Hon. Sec. Jack Brown, 30, Acre Moss Lane, Morecambe. Tel. 10.

28. 4th B.L.D.S.A. Bala Lake Two-Way Championships. Approx. 6 miles. Bank Holiday Mon. 29th Aug. Men & Women. 16 & over. Trophies & Cert's. Entry fee 30/-. Average 3.10. Report Loch Cafe Beach 10.30 a.m. Start there 11.30 a.m. See No.'s 8 & 9.for Hon. Sec

29. 9th B.L.D.S.A. Torbay Championship. Approx. 7½ miles. Sat. 2nd July. Torquay-Brixham-Torquay. Average 3.45. Trophies, cert's. Men & Women, 16 & over. Entry fee £2. Briefing meeting Wed. 8pm at Spa. Report Sat. 10a.m. Marine Spa. Start 11am. Beacon Cove. Reception & presentation in Spa after swim. 9.30 p.m. Hot baths for all. Hon. Sec. Fred C.Oldman, 163, Handley Rd., New Whittington, Chesterfield. Derbyshire. Office tel. Chestfld 7271. Ext.217. Home Chstfld 51100.

30. 1st Lulworth - Weymouth Championships. Approx. 10 miles. Sat. 16th July. Antcptd average time 6 hrs. Men & Women, no age limit. Entry fee £2. Briefing meeting Fri. 8 p.m. Star & Garter, Weymouth. Report Sat. 7.30 a.m.(!) at Weymouth Pleasure Pier. Start 10 a.m. Lulworth Cove. Reception & presentation to be arranged. Hot baths or showers. Hon. Sec. Gregory Schofield, "Stanfield" 13, Royal Crescent, [illegible] Dorset. Tel. Weymouth 2051.

31. 2nd Lancaster to Morecambe Championship. Approx. 20 miles. Sun. 12th June. Dive in 8am. Entry fee £5. Closing date 1st June. Hon. Sec. Arthur Shipley. See No.6.

32. B.L.D.S.A. 10th Windermere Championships. Approx. 10¾ miles. Sat. 3rd Sept. Average 6.30. Men and Women 16 & over. Trophies and cert's. Report Fri. briefing meeting, Crown Hotel, Bowness, 8 p.m. Start 9 a.m. Lakeside or Ambleside depending on wind direction & strength. Presentation & buffet supper Crown Hotel, 8 p.m. Hon. Sec. John O' Hara, 21, Woodhouse Grove, Fartown, Huddersfield.

33. 1st B.L.D.S.A. International Windermere Championship. Approx. 10½ miles. Sat. 6th August. Men & Women 16 & over. Medals, gold, silver, bronze. Plaques. Cert's. Open to any amateur swimmer of any nationality. Briefing meeting Fri. Presentation etc., afterwards. This is the first amateur International Championship ever to be held in Great Britain. Please give your support. Organisation etc., will follow on similar lines to the annual Windermere Championship. Hon. Sec. John K.Slater, 29, St. Albans Avenue, Halifax. Office 60695. Home 60229.

34. 4th Fleetwood to Morecambe Championship. Approx. 16 miles. Men & Women of proved ability. Sun. 12th June. Dive in 12.15 at Fleetwood. Trophies and plaques. Average 6.30. Hon. Sec. Jack Brown, 30, Acre Moss Lane, Morecambe. Tel. 10.

35. Bradford & Dist. L.D.S.A. Two-Day Windermere Championship. 20½ miles. Start 11 p.m. Sat. 17th Sept.- 18th. Average 15 hrs. Hon. Sec. Derek Gill, "Westbourne View" Bradford Rd., Otley. Yks. An open Championship. Men & Women.

36. 2nd B.L.D.S.A. Loch Lomond Championships. Approx. 23 miles. Average 17.30. Longest & toughest amateur Championship in the World. Will be held next year. Start training now. Hon. Sec. George Owen, "Gwynfa" 22, Harbour Rd., Wibsey. Bradford.

37. Scheldt (Holland) International Championship. 3 miles. Usually 1st Sat. in July (clashes with No.19.?) B.L.D.S.A. Hold trial Sun. 22nd May. 11.30 a.m. Langold Lake, nr Worksop. [illegible] miles from Blyth [illegible] Expenses paid by S.[illegible] Weightlifters. Write to [illegible]

38. B.L.D.S.A. Annual Dinner & [illegible] O.M.S.M. ANNIVERSARY. Dinner at the HOUSE OF COMMONS. The date.....bring your own fireworks...5th November. Sat. morning swim in Serpentine. A.G.M. details still to be fixed. All arrangements by Dr. Leon Aikden, 46, Popesgrove, Twickenham.

39. Channel Swimming Association Annual Dinner and A.G.M. May Sat/Sun. Lydd and Dover. Write C.S.A. Hon. Sec. Miss T.Kellam-Smith, "White Stacks" Walnut Tree Lane, Loose, Maidstone. Kent.

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30. B.L.D.S.A. Ties. 13/- from Keith Seymour, 13, Hazelhurst Rd., Ilkley 9. also gold wire blazer badges 5/-, for Windermere Swimmers and committee members serving a second year of office. See also No. 31.

31. B.L.D.S.A. Blazer Badges - Cloth. etc. Lapel badges - metal 5/- from G.Trevor Smith, 105, Station Rd., Denby Bridge, Huddersfield. Yks. Qualification for Blazer Badge as in no.30.

32. Pilot Life-Saver scheme. You are urged to qualify and give the benefit of your experience and assistance to others. Write to Hon. Sec. Mrs. Anderson, 64, Festival Avenue, Orford, Warrington, Lancs. Successful candidates entitled to wear Association Blazer Badge set on crossed oars.

33. Late entries are not accepted for any B.L.D.S.A. Championships. You have been warned. Write for entry forms and information N O W.

34. Swim Flashes, suitable for costume or track suit, in respect of all Championship courses, will be available shortly from Custos Actulorum - Bryan Finlay, 46, Glencoe Rd., Stoke, Coventry. Warwicks. Example "B.L.D.S.A. Bala. 3 miles."

35. The Channel Swimming Association is a well known and respected organisation, and we have a high regard for its activities and its officers. A new organisation called The English Channel Swimming Association" has apparently been formed, the Secretary is Mr. Wilfred Westley. This latter organisation is not affiliated to the B.L.D.S.A. or to the A.S.A.

36. To all B.L.D.S.A. Championship Hon. Sec's. A reminder that the next Executive Meeting is at the Halifax H.Q. Sunday the 15th May, 1966, at 2.15 p.m. All entry forms and certificates must be available at this meeting. The certificates will be signed by the President and returned to you. This is to ensure that there will [illegible] Delay in presentation [illegible] Championships [illegible] proceedings will be to the advantage of both officials and swimmers, & the B.L.D.S.A.

37. Our Hon. Treasurer, Trevor Smith and family have now moved to a new abode...Trevor asks me to apologise on his behalf for the delay in replying to correspondence, due to this upheaval, and hopes to be on an "even keel" again very soon.

38. FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL B.L.D.S.A. Due to the large increase in entries for B.L.D.S.A. events over the past few years and the shortage of qualified pilot life-savers (P.L.S.) it may become necessary to limit entries to B.L.D.S.A. events. If this should happen, then preference may be given to those entrants who have arranged a P.L.S. for themselves. In any case, future entries that do not bear the name of an oarsman and life saver for their crew may be rejected.
Note. For B.L.D.S.A. events a boat's crew should consist of :-
(1) A Lifesaver who is qualified to bronze medallion standard and who can also act as a relief oarsman and an oarsman.
or(2) A lifesaver who is qualified to bronze medallion standard and two oarsmen.
All competitors in 1966 events will be expected to attempt to arrange a boat's crew for themselves. To aid them in this respect there follows a list of P.L.S. (qualified under the Pilot Life Saver Scheme) who will be available for Championships this season. The addresses are included so that swimmers may contact them in cases where they cannot provide their own oarsmen and lifesaver. It must be noted that because a P.L.S. name is on the list this does not mean that he/she will be available at all Championships. Swimmers must therefore expect to have to write to two or three P.L.S. before finding one that can attend a particular swim; they should therefore allow themselves the necessary time for such arrangements when completing their entry forms.

1. Mrs. Ethel Anderson ("Sunny") 64, Festival Avenue, Orford, Warrington. Lancs.
2. Bernard Bell, 17, Milleroft Estate, Pool in Wharfedale, near Leeds. Yks.
3. Frank Broadhurst, 5, Moxon Grove, Newton Hill, Wakefield. Yks.
4. Miss Christina Senge, 32, [illegible] Drive, Rudgate, [illegible] Yks.
5. [illegible] Gill, "[illegible] [illegible] Rd., Ilkley. Yks.
6. [illegible] Hankart, [illegible] B.L.D.S.A. Harwell, Berkshire.
7. Derek Hewitson "Scargill House", Kettlewell, Yks. (individual swims only).
8. John O'Hara, 21, Moorhouse Grove, Fartown, Huddersfield. Yks.
9. Mrs. Margaret Minchliffe, 5, Lydgate, Lepton, Huddersfield, Yks.
10. Robert Keating, 30, Sandsley Avenue, Dallam, Warrington, Lancs.
11. Mrs Margaret Mallinson, 4, Stonecliffe, Lake Rd., Bowness on Windermere. Westmrlnd.
12. Kendall Mellor, "Ratnlin" Station Rd., Steeton, Keighley. Yks.
13. Peter Miller, 231, Kensington St., Rochdale, Lancs.
14. Donald Myers, 143, Leeds Rd., Thornhill, Shipley. Yks.
15. George Owen, 22, Harbour Rd., Tibsey, Bradford 6. Yks.
16. Thomas Pocklington, "The Flat" Tudor Grange Baths, Solihull, Warwicks.
17. Douglas Proctoer, 17, Taylor St., Barson Lane, Halifax Yks.

18. Eddie Robinson, 25, Belmont Avenue, Otley. Yks.
19. Keith Seymour, 13, Hazelhurst Rd., Bradford 9. Yks.
20. John Slater, "Dryden" 29, St. Albans Avenue, Halifax. Yks.
21. Mrs. Mary P.Slater, " " " " " " .
22. G.Trevor Smith, 205, Station Rd., Farnley Bridge, Huddersfield. Yks.
23. Michael Smith " " " " " ".
24. Jack Somerfield, Middlington Stores & Post Office, Stratford on Avon, Warwicks.
25. Jeffrey Taylor, 15, Myrtle Terrace, Golcar, Huddersfield. Yks.
26. Ian Thompson, 13, Roome St., Orford, Warrington, Lancs.
27. Arthur Williams, 11, Seaford St., Stockton Heath, Warrington, Lancs.
28. Fred Windsor, 21, Parkstone Drive, Eccleshall, Bradford 2. Yks.
29. Thomas Worrall, "Lanyon" 30, Prospect Rd., Fell Lane, Keighley. Yks.

(This information supplied by Custos Rotulorum - Bryan Finlay)

39. Small boats, canoes, inflatable dinghies etc., can be of good service on some of the Championship courses such as Bala, and if any entrant can bring a boat with him, please indicate this on the entry form. Small boats can be purchased for as little as £10, can be carried easily on a car roof rack (or in the case of "inflatables", in a hold-all) and are very useful in giving extra cover to competitors on the shorter swims.

40. 2nd Pickmere Lake Championship. Approx. 2 miles. Sat. 10th September. Men and Women. Trophies, certificates. Presentation after swim in Lakeside Hotel/Cafe - Licensed. Mr. Warrington, Secretary. Open Championship organised by Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C. Hon. Sec. Ian Thompson, 13, Roome St., Warrington. This is the same venue as the test for the Pilot Life-Saver Scheme, see attached info.

41. What funny feeling. What's that I've got at the moment - I feel sure I've either missed something out or given you details of a swim at Land's End when it should have been John o'Groats. Oh well, not to worry, they're both grand places.

Best wishes for a happy and successful season,

Yours sincerely,

John H.Slater.

Hon. Secretary.
"Dryden" 29, St. Albans Avenue,
Halifax. Yorkshire.
Home 60229.(5.30p.m. or 12 p.m.)
Office 60595 (9-5 p.m.)

Addendum.

42. B.L.D.S.A. Handbook, covering all aspects of our sport, organisation, history, rules, maps, courses, Pilot Life-Saver Scheme, and general information. Available in May, price 6/- if ordered by post from Jim Robinson, 54, Melrose Avenue, Billingham, Co. Durham. Every member MUST have a copy to be really up to date with our activities. The handbook is as essential to a swimmer as his trunks - he should never be without either.

43. Windermere International Championship Fund. The fund has been officially opened and our President and several other members have given most generously towards our first venture into the International Championship. Please note the details on the reverse side of the renewal of membership form.