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Dear Member,

24th October, 1966.

ANNUAL REPORTS, 1966.

I have pleasure in presenting the Tenth Annual Report on the activities of our Association.

Membership has increased for the Tenth successive year, and is now 324, composed of 40 Life Members, and 284 Annual members.

Our Regional Representatives are spread throughout England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and we have members in several Commonwealth countries as well as in Holland and the United States of America.

The season has again been one of outstanding interest and progress for individual members as well as for the Association. Two more Championships have come into existence - the long awaited Windermere International Championships, and the Lulworth to Weymouth Championships.

Our finances keep pace with our membership and swimming activities, - all maintaining a steady and healthy increase.

Since the attached reports from our respective Officers, Championship Hon. Secretaries and others, 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.

Pride of place amongst the individual achievements are ELAINE GRAY'S fantastic Windermere record of 4 hrs. 39 mins. -

BRENDA SHERRATT'S conquest of the "unswimable" Loch Ness in 31 hrs 27 mins. -

GRAHAM McINTYRE'S Channel swim, France to England in 16.42.
PHILIP KAYE'S Channel swim, France to England in 16.16.
MICHAEL JENNINGS' Channel swim, England to France in 13. 2.
DENIZE LE PENNEC'S Channel swim, France to England in 20.50.

Other individual swims.

Coniston.
G.S.Bhaliwal. [illegible]
[illegible]
Elaine Gray. 2.31.25.
A.Ayres. 3.26.30.
Brenda Sherratt. 11.32.00. Two-way.

St.Helier Harbour-Gorey Harbour.
Denise le Pennec. 4.19.28.

Ullswater.
A.Ayres. 4.35.

Windermere.
[illegible] 6.[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 7.42. [illegible]

Jersey - France.
Denise le Pennec. 9.25.

St. Catherine's-Ecrehove Reef.
Denise le Pennec. 4.46.

Bala Two-way.
R.W.Keating.

Births. Hearty congratulations to Rex and Shirley Williams, on the arrival of their second son.

Deaths. We record, with deep regret, the death of Archie Aldam, of Rotherham. Archie was a founder member of the Association and played an active part in the first few years of the Association's existence. Our deep sympathy to Mrs. Aldam and Pamela.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Sam Ward of Morecambe, an enthusiast of the Morecambe Inshore and Bay swims, not a member, but a stalwart supporter.

Dry Dock Bulletin. In dry dock for part of the season have been - Roger Hawkins, Barry Watson and Selwyn Hird. Norman Trusty and Brenda Evans. We trust that they are now all fully recovered.

Boats. In some of our Championships, chiefly at Bala, we are dangerously short of boats. Any kind of boat would help out. Canoes are extremely useful on the short swims, provided that the canoist is a competent swimmer, carries an inflated inner tube and can look after himself, and a swimmer in an emergency. Cost of canoes - from £10 for a good second hand easily carried on roof rack type. Canoes are ideal in conditions where the large cumbersome row boats cannot keep pace with the sprinters. Light row boats,

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preferably fibre glass, can be bought for £20 second hand. Inflatable boats are also useful, but care should be taken in buying the right type for your particular requirements. I should be glad to discuss the matter with anyone considering buying a small boat for this purpose.

Channel Relay Races.

The Rules now seem to be working quite well under the Auspices of the Channel Swimming Association, and there has certainly been a considerable amount of team activity 'twixt England and France. As I mentioned in my last Annual Report "the next thing will be a Two-Way Team swim." Sure enough, Middlesbrough L.D.S.C. pioneered it this year.

New Year "Wooden Cup" Swim. (Ice-breaking Expedition to Todmorden).

This annual out-of-season event will be held on Sunday the 1st January, at 2 p.m. at Lee Dam, Lumbutts, near Todmorden, on the Yorks-Lancs border. Changing accommodation and hot soup at the "Dog and Partridge" (Extension of licensing house to be applied for again). The "Dog" is 100 yards from the Dam, over 1,000 feet above sea level. Over 40 swimmers, including "bikini types" took part in last year's swim. Pies and peas afterwards at premises in Todmorden. Write for entry form and further details to:- Mrs. Betty Sutcliffe, "Hillcrest" Castle Lane, Todmorden, Lancs.

Association Handbook.

Delay in publication is regretted, but illness and removal of "Whitby Jim" to Billingham on Tees, has held matters up. However, progress is again being made, and it is hoped to have the handbook available shortly. It has been a much bigger task than we first envisaged, and Jim, being a perfectionist will not let it leave his hands until every little detail is complete and in proper order.

Windermere Two-Way.

This was a most interesting Championship, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Starting at 11 p.m. with over 100 interested spectators crowding round to watch the greasing of swimmers and to listen to the briefing instructions, and to gaze in awe at the compasses, lanterns, torches, canopies, thermos flasks, cooking utensils, food, two-way walkie talkies, whistles, flags, small bottles of... (you know what) tucked away but in easily accessible places, together with the 101 other items that are essential on a really long overnight cold swim. as there were sufficient pilots and oarsmen to cover all the swimmers, I put the two-seater canoe in the water, well loaded with all the usual impedimenta, gas stove, torch, lantern, fishing road and (don't laugh) a sail. The lake was beautifully calm, not a breath of wind, although the evening air was [illegible] cloudy night, [illegible] goodness, [illegible] quite a picturesque and exciting scene at Waterhead when the swimmers waded in rippling the waters reflecting the lights from the nearby Hotels and the accompanying boats. Cheerful shouts of farewell and applause from the warmly wrapped spectators mingled with the cries of agony from the swimmers as the Starter explained, in details, the nature of the Championship, the course, and the turning point, in accordance with A.S.A. and B.L.D.S.A. laws. After the start, and once outside the range of Waterhead lights, it took some 15 minutes before swimmers and boats reconciled themselves, but as they were all making their way down the lake it made little difference. I paddled along, from one to another, joining George, Keith and Madge in a midnight brew-up. Just before Belle Isle, Geof. Oddie had arranged for a red light to be placed on shore, for me to collect when everyone had passed. To stand up in a rowing boat, and hang a lamp in a tree overhanging the lake might be easy, but to try and stand up in a canoe, to take the lamp down from the tree is somewhat more [illegible] I had to [illegible] to place [illegible] passage between [illegible] the shore. [illegible] the paraffin causgot waterlogged and wouldn't light. However, with my red torch flashing on and off in the same manner as the Leading Pilot Boat, the following swimmers 'got the message'. Somewhere close by, on one of the Islands there was the sound of a hectic party, radio on full blast, clinking of glasses and bottles, much gaiety and wild abandon. All quite normal I suppose, having a party at 2 a.m. but was it quite normal for men to be swimming down a cold lake, in almost pitch darkness at 2 a.m. ? I pondered this for a few moments but couldn't find a satisfactory answer. At Belles Isle the swimmers were strung out for quite some distance, over a mile between first and last. The order was Geof. Lake, Barry Watson, Tony Moorey, Kevin Murphy and Stan. Birtley. Two miles before Lakeside, still very dark, there came a gentle breeze - a chance now for a spot of sailing. I downed paddles and hoisted sail, glad to have a change of propulsion. There was a splash, [illegible] and lantern [illegible] carefully on the masthead [illegible] from my [illegible]

Windermere, with special reference to his item on "Lighting" and bear my three experiences in mind. I would only add one suggestion that might be of

assistance with lighting.:- it is essential that the light in the boat be kept to a mimimum, otherwise the oarsman and/or steersman will be unable to adjust his eyesight when looking into the darkness for the very faint outline of the shore, islands, buoys or the nearby hills. Looking from a well [illegible] boat into the [illegible] requires several minutes before [illegible] can adjust [illegible] that time you can be [illegible] course. I would like to congratulate Bradford & District L.D.S.C. on a very well organised Championship, and to especially congratulate the Leading Pilot, Geoffrey Oddie for his expert navigation on a dark moonless night. I've been up and down that lake over 40 times, and on four two way swims, but it was very re-assuring for all of us to see and follow that red winking light on his boat.

Lulworth-Weymouth Championship.

By all reports, verbal and written, this was another very well organised Championship. Our congratulations to all concerned. Gregory Schofield was the Championship Hon. Secretary, aided by Channel Swimmer Godfrey Chapman, and Tom Watch. Very well supported by the Weymouth Town Council and other local organisations and individuals. An excellent addition to our Championship list.

The Irish Championship.

A letter from Bryan [illegible] and in the [illegible] Rathlin to Ballycastle Championship, draws attention to the difficulties of this really "tough cool swim", as well as the delights to be enjoyed in the Emerald Isle. If you read Kendall Mellor's Championship Report, where apparently a body of men marched down the main street in Ballycastle beating a newly aquired drum... then Kendall finishes up by having an "enormous plate of fresh salmon while in THE POLICE BARRACKS."..... I can see now why C.G.F.,O.B.E. R.N.withdrew just over the half way mark and why Brien Fionnlagh went for a haircut, - obviously discretion was the better part..... and, there but for the grace of.....

And they all want to go again next year !

Bala.

I think the most outstanding incident at Bala was on the two-way Championship, with Anthony Smith, for the second year in succession, leading the way up the lake in front of Peter Hatfield, Bill Pearce and Brian Metcalfe. The three swimmers were separated by inches, not feet, and going flat out in very rough conditions. It was impossible for any rowing boat to keep up with them, but Anthony was keeping in front quite easily in a racing canoe. However, about half a mile from the turn came a sudden gust of wind, combining with the crest of a wave, and Anthony performed a splendid first half of an Eskimo roll. Fortunately another canoe quickly took the 3 leading swimmers up, whilst Anthony swam with the canoe to the shore. Soaked through, and in a chilling wind, one could reasonably have expected him to retire, but not so, as the swimmers turned and came down the lake, there was Anthony coming up to meet them. Alas, another gust of wind, another half roll, and Anthony again headed for shore pushing the canoe in front of him. That, I thought, was the last time; but no, ten minutes later and belting down the lake came our determined Leading Pilot, and took up position again right to the end of the course. If I had to award any medals this year to any Pilot Life-Savers for courage and devotion to duty.....stand forward Anthony Smith.

Again and again, year after year we have the same problem at Bala - not enough boats, - or, put it another way, we have too many entries. There is [illegible] one answer. [illegible] must be limited to [illegible] any additional competitor can ensure his own boat and crew i.e. canoe and canoist would suffice. Can we pay the camping fees for adult members of a Canoe Club for the August Bank Holiday to ensure better coverage, say £15 for 20 canoes and canoists. There will be an awful tragedy at Bala unless something is done NOW. There must be a resolution on this matter at the AGM.

Showers.

No, I'm not talking about the Coventry lot (sit down Rex) nor about the A.o.A.F. H.S.o.A.L.D.S.A.C.a.C.a.t.t.B.L.D.S.A., nor about the weather. I refer to those far distant, lukewarm or scalding, turning rapidly to cold, water sprinklers. Greasy, frozen to the marrow long distance swimmers, for the use of. They are like the flies in the winter time, or Pilot Life Savers at Bernard Bell's A.S.A. Championships, i.e. hiding, too far away to be of use, or at home. It is possible for a hot shower to be provided on the beach where the swimmer lands. Camping showers are quite successful and heated by calor gas or gaz. [illegible] this quite [illegible], I later received a [illegible] from Willy van Ryssen, [illegible] indicated could, if the committee wished, be credited towards such an item. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer have been authorised to look into this matter. If successful we're both thinking of taking up long distance swimming.

Mairhaven Lake Championship.

This is the only really safe venue of any of our swims. Much better supported by swimmers this year, and also supported by the Chairman of the Lytham St. Annes Baths Committee who very kindly volunteered to do his best to provide us with better facilities for future Championships. What we would like to do is to take over the Cafe, especially for the Presentation afterwards. Here again we were short of Pilot Life-Savers. It is not reasonable to provide boats for all, as we did, but only provide oarsmen for some. The Lake is no more than 4 feet deep anywhere, and the young swimmers many of them on their first open air swim are only 20 yards from the footpath which follows the course all the way round the lake, but on a course such as this, with very young swimmers, once the swimmers have spread out each of them need an accompanying boat. Parents and friends helped out as oarsmen, but they shouldn't have to, the obligation is upon us. These youngsters are at a stage where they may or may not take to this peculiar sport of ours. Parents are likely to give their full support or discourage their youngsters. It depends upon the support YOU give to the organisation of the Championship. Even more entries are expected next year.

Pilot Life Saver Scheme.

The scheme itself is basically sound, and there is no man better qualified to organise it than William Anderson. The main difficulty is that competitive interest in long distance swimming has boomed so tremendously in the 10 years since we founded the Association, that the organisation, officials and oarsmen have not been able to keep pace with it. A swimmer has an incentive to swim in a Championship, even if only to complete the course. He has his swim recognised by certificate etc., and his name is recorded in the 'Book of Honour' provided by our President. Someone might even buy him a pint on the strength of his swim. An oarsman comes along to the Championship, often has a far rougher passage than the swimmer and can show the marks of it for several days afterwards. He pays his own fare, receives no recognition and has to buy his own pint ! Is there any wonder that on occasions the number of swimmers exceeds the number of oarsmen. I have omitted to say that our oarsmen usually enjoy their rowing and the company with the swimmers, the fresh air and the exercise, and the sense of achievement at having rowed a particular course for the first or umpteenth time. There is the satisfaction of having brought a swimmer on the best possible route (not always the straightest) and having encouraged him to complete the course when, faint-hearted, he wanted to give up when he felt the first twinge of cramp or saw his first shark. There's many a Championship winner who owes his title to the oarsmen that mothered and bullied him into winning.

What can we do a bout it ? We need more competent oarsmen and more boats. The competitors can help more than anyone. You have friends. They may be young or not so young. Can they row ? "No." Well get them down to the nearest river lake or sea, brief 'em - bare essentials at first, then off you go (stick 'em in a boat first of course - and make sure it has oars and rowlocks) and take them for a short training swim/row.

We're a sea going Nation; way back in time we crawled out of the water [illegible]

[illegible] you use common sense and get some practice. Train these oarsmen yourself, bring them with you to a Championship, treat 'em, look after them, they're more precious than the Championship Hon. Sec. Introduce them round, get them a mention in the local press, make them famous. If they like the job they might even provide themselves with a boat!

Should we award a trophy to "The Pilot Life-Saver of the Year", or issue certificates to the P.L.S. at the same time as the swimmer, or, when giving the results announce "Joe Bloggs, the winner, piloted and oar'd by those three stalwart members of the P.L.S. Scheme, without whose assistance his victory would have been improbable, and to whom he is eternally indebted, he wishes to acknowledge his deep gratitude to TOM, DICK and 'ARRY."

There are a number of suggestions and proposals regarding alterations to the Pilot Life-Saver Scheme, but none of these will serve any really useful purpose. To make the Scheme harder will not encourage more people to attend the Championships as a pilot, life saver or oarsman. What we want is a closer liaison between swimmers and crew, and where a swimmer is coming to a Championship, for him to engage his own P.L.S. or oarsmen either from the Association's P.L.S. Scheme or from amongst his friends. If the swimmer is coming by car, then he should squeeze his P.L.S. or oarsman in with him. Don't expect him to pay from £2 to £10 fares and accommodation just for the pleasure of rowing for you across Torbay and back or from the Ardlui Hotel to Balloch beach.

[illegible] Marathon [illegible] Swimming Times", Dr. H.Baddeley wrote a very interesting article called "Grease and the Marathon Swimmer". Dr. Baddeley's problem, and ours, was how to get the grease to stick on. AFTER THE SWIM we meet with another problem; HOW TO GET THE GREASE OFF. All those swimmers who still plaster grease on know just how difficult this is. This year I have tried several grease dissolving products. By trial and error (and the loss of some skin from my hairy legs one day at Bala) I find that the best way is to wipe or scrape off as much of the grease as possible, using some old rags and a blunt kitchen knife, then get a good handful of of GRE-SOL. This is a jelly-like oil, made by the GRE-SOLVENT COMPANY, Leeds. Rub well into the skin for about 3 to 5 minutes, then wash off. The important bit is that either HOT or COLD WATER will do for the washing off. This will clear the skin of 99% of the grease, and saves a good deal of toil, mess and annoyance. The next best way over the grease problem is to do more cold-water training and become impervious to the effect of cold water."

Grease.

As John has mentioned the subject, I would fully agree with his last sentence, and as grease has very little effect (apart from psychological) in the amounts applied by the majority of our swimmers, except that it is extra weight to carry, wrinkles up and reduces the skin's streamlining and slows down the swimmer, I strongly recommend that its use be discontinued on the shorter swim courses. There is no need for grease at Trentham or Bala, except on chafing surfaces. It causes far more trouble, discomfort and difficulty that its doubtful advantage is worth, but it has a lasting effect on clothing and remains on beaches and lakesides for months in waiting for the unwary foot, flannels or dress.

A turn of phrase.

During the season the occasional letter drops on my mat, and occasionally I read something which I just can't keep to myself. I know the writer will not mind me quoting him, and I would like to give him credit for it, but I haven't [illegible] to get his consent. [illegible] "I think [illegible] [illegible] or their parochial limitations."

Reading the newspaper report on the Lulworth Cove to Weymouth Championship my admiration goes to the Reporter. I wish I could convert my prosaic style and lengthy reporting into the dashing and exciting style as "salute to greatness" "undisputed King" "tragedy and pathos" "beauty and strength" "sensation and drama" "incredible battle" "hoarse with encouragement and delirious with excitement" "deliberate tactics aimed at utilizing the tricky tides" "amazing climax, a fairy-tale situation which would have done justice to Hollywood" "The Pier Bandstand was almost quivering with excitement" "a fatal error by..... 's boat carved an opening for....., and he nipped in smartly past the post while the bewildered....." etc. I wonder what it might cost to have our reports 'Ghosted' by that Reporter at Weymouth ? We'd sell copies to the public like hot cakes, and what's more, I'll bet all our members would read the Reports.

Margaret Butcher of [illegible] has developed quite an [illegible] [illegible] on our activities [illegible] (and had accepted) quite a number of lengthy (and accurate) articles. Margaret has in fact achieved something that I have never seen in print before - a full reproduction of the Association Badge, in a Liverpool newspaper. Margaret is a newly qualified P.L.S. and has turned up at the swims regularly this year, has brought us 3 new members and has taken part in the Pickmere Championship. A welcome return to the fold. Can we utilize Margaret's prowess with a pen in some way - Assistant Hon. Publicity Officer perhaps ?

Flashes.

Bryan Finlay reports in detail a few pages further on, but I would mention that these 'Flashes' are very pleasing to the eye. I think that the A.G.M. or the Executive might consider whether the holders of the Association Blazer Badges should wear either "Executive Committee" or "Windermere" flash under the Badge, to distinguish the one from t'other. The scheme is now well under way, and we could also consider having some for the "Windermere International" and the "Schelde Championship" etc. Our thanks to Willy van Rysel for the original suggestion.

Letter from John Huggan, 152, Rawlings Rd., Bensham, Gateshead, expresses his thanks to members for photographs etc., and tells me that he would welcome further photographs and correspondence from any members.

Limited visibility risk.

Kevin Murphy, of Harrow, three times Windermere swimmer and 14 miles in the two-way Windermere, had a somewhat disturbing experience whilst attempting the Weymouth-Lulworth two-way swim on the 2nd October. Conditions at the start

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were not good, but Kevin wanted to make the attempt after being disappointed with his two way Windermere swim. Conditions worsened soon after the start, heavy rain, rough seas and a force 4-5 wind, and it was decided to abandon the swim. Before being able to tell Kevin and pull him aboard the launch, the outboard engine became entangled in a line and stopped. There was a tremendous downpour which reduced visibility to less than 50 yards, and Kevin disappeared into the mist and rain, not hearing the shouts from the occupants of his boat. After a few moments the line was cleared from the engine and took off in the direction where Kevin disappeared, but there was no sign of him. The matter began to look extremely grave. There were no other boats in sight, and it was 9 a.m. on a very wet and windy day, and there was no way of attracting assistance to help in the search. Out of the rain came a speedboat, tearing along at full speed, to be flagged down and the plight explained to the occupants. The speedboat helped in searching the area, and about 15 to 20 minutes afterwards it found Kevin about ½ to ¾ mile away, ploddding steadily on, back to Weymouth, keeping an eye on the shoreline. To say that Mr. Murphy and Greg. Schofield were relieved would be the understatement of the year. The weather had by that time improved and Gregory decided that Kevin could stand a long swim, so a course was taken across the Bay towards Portland Bell and the Naval Submarine Base, along that coast line and then back to Weymouth beach, landing at 3.5 p.m. after covering an estimated distance of 13 miles.

Lenses, shortsighted swimmers for the use of.

Cost shillings, not pounds. Available from the same opticians that supply your ordinary spec's. Remove the glass from your goggles and take glass and goggles to your optician and ask him for two sets.

Mr. Sydney Smith.

A member of the A.S.A. Council, and Past President of the N.C.A.S.A. has become such a familiar figure at our Championships, accompanied by his good lady, that we considered him one of us. We are now delighted to welcome him as a Life Member. Sydney and Mrs. Smith have been very welcome visitors to our swims and we look forward to welcoming them for many years to come. In addition to his many other swimming activities he has been President of the Lancashire A.S.A. 4 times, and Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer from 1936 to 1965, and has been President of the Manchester and District A.S.A. and Bolton A.S.A., being Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the latter for 9 years. A former breast stroke Champion of Farnsworth, water polo player and Hon. Instructor to the Club, and founded Worsley A.S.C. in 1937, being its first Coach and Hon. Secretary, and has been Chairman of the N.C.A.S.A. Education Committee for 20 years (and we thought that some of us were busy). Well, we know who to look to if the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer of the B.L.D.S.A. resign (or get the sack) at the A.G.M. Mr. & Mrs. Smith had intended coming to the Dinner and A.G.M., but on medical advice they have reluctantly had to forego the pleasure. Both look forward to our swims next year, and on our part we wish both of them good health, and a full and speedy recovery to our latest Life-Member.

Letter from Bryan Finlay.

Bryan wonders why Lucien Haumart, from Belgium, living in Berkshire, swims for Huddersfield S.C., and why only Huddersfield have such enthusiasts as Gurmit Singh Dhaliwal and Hardip Singh Sidhu. What have Huddersfield got that the other Clubs lack ? Can Trevor, John and Wilf pass the secret on ?

Torbay Championship.

Glorious weather, a very well organised and well supported Championship. It's always a pleasure to go to Torquay. Accommodation available varies tremendously. The Imperial Hotel, majestically overlooking the bay, with its own swimming pool, has its obvious attractions to some. To others, more modest accommodation, some prefer camping, but two members this year had the most economical accommodation, with the finest view and with all facilities close by. Sleeping bags 'neath a plastic cover, on the beach (just above high water mark) on Beacon Cove. What [illegible] away, sunbathing at 7 a.m. The gentle lapping of the waves lulled the two members to sleep for two nights in the warm night air.

Standing Ovation.

Never before accorded to any Championship Winner, but at the Reception after the Windermere Annual Championship a standing ovation was accorded to Elaine Gray, for her outstanding victory and all-comers record.

First Loch Ness Swim. 22½ miles (fresh water)

Report from Mr. Tom Pocklington a Life Member of the B.L.D.S.A. and coach for Brenda Sherratt. "Herewith a report on the Loch Ness Swim accomplished by eighteen year old Brenda Sherratt, of 3, Queens Close, Bollington, Cheshire, a B.L.D.S.A. member. The temperature at point of entry was 60F. Acting on

the advice of the Inverness Admiralty Station in Inverness-shire weather forecast, and under my direction and care, Brenda entered the water from the pier at Fort Augustus at 5.45 p.m. on Tuesday the 26th July, 1966, swimming breast stroke into a strong wind blowing into her face down the Loch, N.E. This she breasted for approx. 3 hours before it diminished in force and the water became a flat calm for her swim throughout the night.

Brenda having settled down was averaging a mile for every fifty minutes, s wimming breast stroke and keeping well out in the water along the road side of the Loch. About 8.30 a.m. on the 27th July, a following wind S.W. sprang up and was of some assistance while directly behind her. The temperature was variable along the whole of the route from 55 to 58 F. in cross currents experienced during the swim, [illegible] opposite [illegible] Brenda was being [illegible] opposite side [illegible] was quite cheerful throughout, then came the struggle across Borlum Bay beyond Castle Urquart, which increased her time considerably due to a diagonal wind S.E. wanting to sweep her into the Bay. She swam along s trongly against this, and in the last stretch towards Loch End, Brenda commenced a powerful crawl stroke for a long period lessening the distance to the finish. It was now dark, with a diagonal wind from behind, gradually increasing in force, which made the landing difficult. After I made an appeal through the loud hailer for lights to be shown along the whole of the beach, Brenda swam ashore and walked clear of the water at 1.7 a.m. on Thursday the 28th July, 1966.

After the welcome from wellwishers she was escorted to the home of the Loch Keeper for a well deserved bath, and I was thanking the "Good Lord" that our task was over successfully. After the bath Brenda was stiff, but in good form.

Finally I must pay tribute to all who contributed towards making this swim a triumph over extreme difficulty."

Tom Pocklington has been a member of the Association for several years, and is Trainer/Coach S.T.A.(Dip.), a B.L.D.S.A. Pilot Life-Saver, member of the British Coaches Ass. and a M.I.B.M.

Looking back over the last Ten years, those of us who were instrumental in founding the British Long Distance Swimming Association can be well satisfied with the progress that we have made. I don't intend to dwell on the past; we look forward to the future. The open water swimming season is now packed with swims, and it is now impossible to avoid an occasional clash of dates. I have no doubt that there will be two or three additional Championships as time goes by, but I think that we have nearly reached the stage where every suitable stretch of water, where there are sufficient boats available, has its Long Distance Championship.

What we should do now is to concentrate on the existing Championships and ensure that they are well organised with all essentials and the finer details, properly attended to, before, during, and after the swims. That our Association might have to bear a heavier financial burden in so doing must not deter us. That members should not have to count the cost, i.e. can they afford to be an official of the B.L.D.S.A. is another aspect that should be considered. Championship Hon. Secretaries and other officials in similar capacities should at least be able to claim travelling expenses from their own Championship Accounts, and the Association should not be subsidised by its officers.

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To our President, Philip H.Rising, J.P. and to our Hon. Treasurer, G.Trevor Smith, I extend my warmest thanks for all the assistance they have given to me personally and to the Association, during these ten years. To all of you who have swum, rowed, officiated or helped in any way at all, our sincere thanks.

Yours sincerely,

John K.Slater.

Hon. General Secretary.
B.L.D.S.A.

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B.L.D.S.A. FAIRHAVEN LAKE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Saturday 25th June. Temp. 59-60F. Showery. Moderate wind. Approx. 2 miles.

It was extremely gratifying to note that the number of competitors was double that of last year's event and also that they had come from a greater variety of areas to take part in the second Junior Championship to be held in the lake.

Results.

Girls.

1.	Susan Holroyd.	(15)	Halifax.	50m.	18.3secs.
2.	Mary J.Reilly.	(15)	Tyldesley.	52	28.2.
3.	Margaret Cox.	(15)	Warrington.	53	41.8.
4.	Carol Jeffs.	(15)	Halifax.	54.	3.8.
5.	Carole Lyon.	(14)	Lytham St. Annes.	61.	36.0.
6.	Marilyn Chislett.	(12)	" " "	51.	38.3.
7.	Jane Atkinson.	(10)	Huddersfield.	68.	40.2.
8.	Helen Gill.	(12)	Otley.	81.	55.4.

Boys.

1.	Stuart Hopkins.	(15)	Tyldesley.	47.	39.8.
2.	Paul Beadlestone.	(13)	"	48.	29.3.
3.	Alan Jeffs.	(13)	Halifax.	56.	46.6.
4.	Lloyd Gledhill.	(13)	Huddersfield.	57.	10.7.
5.	David Pendleton.	(13)	Warrington.	61.	46. 2.
6.	[illegible] Gibson.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.	Brian Steel.	(12)	Hornchurch.	71.	25.0.

Retired:- Only one. Lynne Holbrook (13) from Warrington, who completed approximately 1½ miles of the course.

There were sufficient boats, including turning boats, and also sufficient oarsmen and pilot life-savers, whom we sincerely thank for their generous support.

Our thanks also to Mr. Sidney Smith, of the Northern Counties A.S.A. who very kindly acted as starter at the event. (Our apologies to the press photographer who was standing in a very precarious position in J.K.S's boat and who was not quite prepared for so prompt a start !!) The Presentation of the trophies, medals and certificates was made by Councillor J.Barron, Chairman of the Baths Committee at Lytham St. Annes, and the timekeepers were again, Mr. & Mrs. John Yates, and Mr. J.Brown, from the Lytham St. Annes ASC.- many thanks for your co-operation.

It was very pleasing to see such an increase in the number of entries and I hope it will continue to increase as this is a venue which can cope with a few more competitors and which is absolutely 'safe'. It was a very exciting race as can be seen from some of the very close times which were recorded. It was particularly pleasing to receive entries from Jane Atkinson, who is only ten years old and who completed the swi in magnificent style; and also from 12 year old BryanSteel who came all the way from Essex to compete in this Championship, which he did, quite successfully in spite of the several degrees difference in water temperature between Hornchurch and Lytham. Hele Gill deserves a special mention as she entered the water 10 minutes AFTER the start of the race, because she had been held up by traffic on her way to the event, and who nevertheless recorded quite a good breast stroke time. We were very pleased to receive two entries from the Lytham St. Annes A.S.C. and we look forward to receiving more next year. Congratulations to all competitors for a very fine swim and some really excellent times (which will need some beating next year - so start training now !).

Councillor and Mrs. Barron were very impressed by the event and promised to approach the Council next year for more and better facilities for such ardent young swimmers whose strength and great determination provided that this event is a very worthwhile start to a long distance swimming career.

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MRS. STEPHANIE TAYLOR. Fairhaven Lake Championship Hon. Secretary.

Please note that from December, 1968, my address will be:-

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B.L.D.S.A. IRISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

Many people long to be exclusive, some succeed, others never do. This year I became exclusive, the first British Long Distance Swimming Association Hon. Secretary to have the doubtful honour of cancelling a Championship.

Swimmers rose very early on Saturday the 30th July, ate hearty breakfasts and reported to the Quay at Ballycastle, flasks, grease, and goggles at the ready, only to be told that a boat trip to Rathlin would be extremely hazardous and to [illegible] and swim back about [illegible]. Gerry Forsberg described our day in Ireland [illegible] in the Segregation [illegible] of the Swimming Times, and it is with his permission that I quote the following -

"A Force 7 Nor'wester and a swell with a 1,000 mile fetch from the Greenland coast, superimposed on the tide ripped waters of Rathlin Sound to make the area a witches boiling cauldron. Manifestly dangerous to boats and swimmers. I was not unhappy (under-statement of the year) when the event was cancelled despite the long, complicated journey competitors had made to get there.

Hospitable Ballycastrians substituted a marathon farewell party in lieu. This lasted 10½ hours and all competitors and officials completed the course except one. I gave up (withdrew, halted, suspended, discontinued, terminated the attempt) just over the halfway mark."

I for one cannot compete with a report like that and I thank Gerry for allowing me to use it here. Our swimless weekend was, I think, enjoyed by all concerned. Our friends from America said, to use their own words "Boy, this was some trip," and they proved it by marching down the main street beating a newly aquired drum. Bryan Finlay took the opportunity to visit the local hairdresser, and I will never forget the enormous plate of fresh salmon that Sgt. Gerry Duff gave me while I was in the Police Barracks.

A closing thought, maybe it was a good thing that the wind was so strong on the 30th July, 1966, we did have the World Cup Final the same day, and two successful events would have been too much to hope for.

"Rathlin" Station Rd.,
Steeton. Keighley. Yks.

KENDALL MELLOR. Irish Champ'p
Hon. Secretary.

B.L.D.S.A. TORBAY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Results.

Women.			Men - continued		
Elaine Gray.	3 hrs.	49 mins.	Kenneth Brewer.	4 hrs.	1 min.
Christina Genge.	4	35	Phillip Gollop.	4	3
Mair Leonard.	5	13	Gerald Forsberg.	4	8
Valerie Marsh.	5	18	David Sykes.	4	10
Milly van Rysel.	5	27	Kendall Mellor.	4	13
Men.			Harry Huffaker.	4	13
Peter Hatfield.	3 hrs.	23 mins.	Arthur Ayres.	4	16
Geoffrey Lake.	3	36	Bryan Finlay.	4	27
Neil Matthews.	3	45	Tony Moorey.	4	29
Norman Trusty.	3	48	Derek Gill.	4	45
Kevin Murphy.	3	51	Francis Allen.	4	49
David Green.	3	56	Graham McIntyre.	4	54
			Peter Tyrell.	5	8

32 starters, 24 finishers, record number of entries, with the first two men breaking the record.

Retired:- Lucien Hankart, Andrew Wood, John Conisbee, Frank Robson, Cyril Huggins, Peter Jolly. Miss Madge McCarthy, Miss Brenda Evans,

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FRED C. OLDMAN. Torbay Championship
Hon. Secretary.

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

Once again there has been no Championship to report on, but next year we celebrate - an all-out effort to stage the Championship again. Date - last weekend in August, Bank Holiday weekend. At the moment I have three definite entries, and further enquiries will be welcomed.

"Dromore" 22, Harbour Rd. [illegible], Bradford.

GEORGE OWEN. Loch
Lomond Hon. Sec.

W.L.D.S.A. WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Saturday, 3rd September. Water temperature 57-9F. Slight following wind. Conditions generally quite good. Entries:- One lady, twenty men.

Once again we had a very successful and exciting swim, and one that will be remembers for a very long time. Retirements were, I think, again due to the [illegible]

Pride of place this year must certainly go to the only lady competitor, Miss Elaine Gray. Elaine swam the lake in a fantastic time of 4hrs.39 mins and caught everybody on the hop, including the time-keepers who were enjoying a cup of tea in Polly's Cafe at Waterhead. I think they broke the record for the 100 yards sprint from Polly's to the finishing line to clock in in Elaine to a tremendous ovation by the rapidly growing crowd on the beach. She reduced her previous Ladies Championship Record by 39 minutes, beating the Men's Championship Record by 32 minutes and breaking the All-comers Record by 19 minutes. This must certainly confirm Elaine as ranking amongst the world's best.

In the Men's Race we had a real battle between Geoffrey Lake and Barry Watson, with Geoffrey again retaining his title and again breaking the Men's Championship Record, this time by 11 minutes. Barry hot on his heels, only 3 minutes behind, also broke last year's record. The close race and friendly rivalry between these two swimmers is well worth watching and I'm sure that they will be back next year for another aquatic battle.

Third man home provided a real surprise. Neil Matthews from Aberavon. A newcomer to Windermere, who surprised everyone by going into the lead at one stage. This lad will certainly be a swimmer to be reckoned with in future Championships if he maintains his progress.

Special mention must go to our old stalwarts - Arthur Ayres, who has competed in every Championship since it started in 1957, - Commander C.G.Forsberg, former Champion and Record holder always completes the course, - Bryan Finlay (not exactly an "old" stalwart, but a regular customer and 'Breast Stroke Champion', and Tony Moorey, who always puts up a good performance. A welcome return by Jeff. Taylor after his Loch Lomond episode, - and to Peter Fergus, the Coventry Giant, after his trip to America. To Francis Allen, Kevin Murphy, Ron Kellerman and Stanley Birtley, well done. Our commiserations to John Turnbull, who was unlucky this year, Lucien Hankart, who tries his very best, but this swim seems to be his bogey; and to the new boys, - Peter Jolly, David Green and Hardip Singh Sidhu, together with Andrew Wood and Kenneth Brewer - both getting that bit nearer each time - well done, stick at it. You know the old saying "If at first you don't succeed....." I thank you all for taking part.

We offer our thanks to the Windermere U.D.C. and the Lakes U.D.C.for all their help and facilities; to the Waterhead and Lakeredge Hotels for providing Baths; the Westmorland and Lancashire Constabulary for the preservation of order and friendly oversight by the Police Launch; Dr. C.Lancaster and the St. John's Ambulance Brigade (Ambleside Div.); Mr. T.Moss, the Lake Warden; Mr. R.Clarke, Chief Pilot; and the Officers and Men of the East Lancs R.A., T.A. Burnley for radio facilities; to the Oarsmen, Pilot Life-Savers, trainers and the many others who have contributed to the success of this Championship - I thank you all.

Results.

			hrs.mins.sec.	
	Ladies Championship.			
1.	MISS M. ELAINE GRAY.	St. Albans.	4. 39.	Championship/Ladies & All comers Record.
	Men's Championship.			
1.	Geoffrey Lake.	Harrow.	5. 6. 3.	
2.	Barry Watson.	Bingley.	5. 9.13.	
3.	Neil H.Matthews.	Aberavon.	5.28.17.	
4.	Kevin Murphy.	Harrow.	5.28.39.	
5.	Ron Kellerman.	Middlesbro'.	5.35. 4.	
6.	Anthony J.Moorey.	Putney.	5.42.59.	
7.	Bryan Finlay.	Coventry.	6.12.16.	
8.	Francis Allen.	Walsall.	6.13.43.	
9.	Arthur E.Ayres.	Coventry.	6.21.18.	
10.	Cmdr. C.Gerald Forsberg.	Bath.	6.28.22.	
11.	Stanley J.Birtley.	Northwood.	6.43.57.	
12.	Jeffrey Taylor.	Huddersfield.	7.10.44.	
13.	Peter J.B.Fergus.	Abingdon.	7.28.19.	

Retired:- Andrew Wood, John Turnbull, Peter Jolly, David Green, Lucien Hankart, Kenneth Brewer, and Hardip Singh Sidhu.

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JOHN O'HARA. Hon. Sec. Windermere Championship.

W.L.S. Dec. 30.10.66.

B.L.D.S.A. [illegible] LAKE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sunday the 11th September, and who would have thought it. For once it didn't pour down all day. In fact we had enough sun to push the temperature [illegible].

Thirty swimmers started, and 30 swimmers completed the course (this alone makes a Championship Hon. Sec. feel happy). There were 22 marker buoys set around the course, and 18 boats. Boats were stationed on the outside of the course, buoys inside the course.

Following the briefing meeting the competitors were transported to the start by coach (our thanks to the Huddersfield Swimmers Transport Co.) and watched by a large crowd lining the walls overlooking the lake the swimmers lined up for the start. The Ladies had the customary 5 minutes start, and were then followed by the Men who had the customary kicking and elbowing session.

As expected, Elaine Gray and Michael Read, closely pursued by Colin Proctor, soon led the field, but they were not to have it all their own way - Tom Holland of Hyldesley soon broke away from the rest of the field and closed on the leaders. At 16 if he maintains his progress he could well be a serious challenger for next year's title.

The other swimmers soon spread out and the spectators could identify the various competitors even if R.G.W. (who was commentating) couldn't. Mair Leonard had a wonderful three minute build-up on her Dutch swims - until Willy van Rysel went past the post. Still, it made the spectators laugh.

Gurmit Singh Dhaliwal and Carl Walker swam round together on both circuits, with only one minute separating them. James Grimshaw and Tom Holland and Stuart Hopkins had what sounded like the "Lancashire Glee Club" supporting them; a rousing cheer w' t up whenever the trio were mentioned or sighted. Using true Naval tactics, Gerry Forsberg "shadowed" Bryan Finlay round the course - "He can see where he's going, why should I get neck-ache". At the finish only 15 seconds separated them, Bryan making sure he kept his slight lead, even though the Commander had rung the bell for "Full speed ahead". The Ladies fought out their own battle after Elaine finished. Brenda gained an easy second place, but only two minutes separated Christine Long and Cherie Grant. Willy van Rysel delighted all the spectators at the finish by instantly breaking out into conversation with all and sundry as soon as she cleared the [illegible].

(M.L.D.S.A.) had the crowd very impressed with his watch (Tick a Tick T...X is his nickname) he always wears it on a swim, although in Trentham you can't see further than your elbow. Percy Bull and Roy Ainsworth came home, Percy as cheerful as ever, Roy chasing him with the famous "Bolton grin" showing half way up the Lake.

At the close of day, in the fading light of the setting sun (well it seemed that long) voices were heard in the distance. You've probably heard about it, yes, it was John Cookson and Ralph Cahill, surrounded by a small armada, arriving at the finish together. They could have got in earlier, but every time Ralph changed to crawl, John refused to swim, so they stopped for a bit of a chat, and off they went again. Time... ? well sometime just before tea.

The commentating was made much easier by the fact that John Slater,(canoeing round the course) and R.G.W. (commentating to the assembled multitude) were in contact by two-way radio, and details of tactics, conditions and remarks made by swimmers could be related to the crowd verbatim.

The Reception was held in the Highland Room, where the trophies and certificates were presented to the swimmers by Miss Christine Fletcher, the Staffordshire Press Queen. I am pleased to say that the Midland viewers were able to see the event, in brief on Monday evening on the Midland News.

To all the helpers, the "Bovril Ladies", the programme sellers, boat crews, officials, and of course the swimmers - thank you - one and all.

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REX G. WILLIAMS. Hon. Sec. Trentham Lake Championship.

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

Results.

Men.

1. M.Read.	1. 9.41.	13. D.Hopkins.	1.31.41.
2. C.Proctor.	1.11. 2.	14. D.J.Tanner.	1.36.51.
3. T.Holland.	1.12.20.	15. J.Heapy.	1.37.20.
4. J.Grimshaw.	1.18. 6.	16. F.Allen.	1.40.57.
5. A.Horwood.	1.18.12.	17. A.Williams.	1.47. 0.
6. D.Mace.	1.19.10.	18. P.Tyrell.	1.57.43.
7. S.Hopkins.	1.21. 3.	19. G.S.Dhaliwal.	1.59.52.
8. C.Carter.	1.26.12.	20. C.Walker.	2. 0. 4.
9. S.Higgins.	1.27. 7.	21. P.Bull.	2.18.43.
10. D.Sykes.	1.27.35.	22. R.Ainsworth.	2.24.20.
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Women.

1. E.Gray.	1.15.[illegible]
2. B.Evans.	1.23.[illegible]
3. C.Long.	1.33.40.
4. C.Grant.	1.35.50.
5. M.Leonard.	1.48.51.
6. W.v.Rysel.	1.52.33.

A.S.A. LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF ENGLAND.

Organised by the B.L.D.S.A.

Saturday 20th August, a scorching hot day with the temperature in the 70's, with water temperature 65F (almost unbelievable) and the best entry for years - to quote Alderman Fern - of 27 men and 7 women. Everything in favour to make my first effort at organising these Championships worthwhile and may I say what a thoroughly pleasing task it was. With more buoys to hand this year at Trentham Lake I altered the course slightly and measuring by the foot (mine size 7) I managed to get 5,"and a bit" miles, with four circuits. However, with slight amputation of the big toe next time I will achieve 5 miles dead.

Backed by a very efficient team of Officials from the Northern Counties A.S.A. the Starter, our old friend Sydney Smith, started the Championships with the women going 5 minutes behind the men. Our President, Phil. Rising, as Referee, and Lewis Craven, looked after things on the water, each in charge of a power boat, and Peter Crowe did his usual efficient job as Marshall in charge of the rowing boats. I must offer Peter my especial thanks for bringing his power boat down from Windermere for the day and breaking his holiday to do so. Despite [illegible] his wife [illegible] [illegible] lack of oarsmen (more to be safe on this later) he managed to cover the course, ensuring that swimmers were covered at all times and that the safety precautions were adequate.

The swimming, as expected was of a very high standard and for almost 3 laps, Tony Milton, Peter Hatfield and Michael Read were within 5 yards of each other, until eventually Tony pulled away and a gap also opened between Peter and Michael. Not far behind, Brian Metcalfe, Bill Pearce and Colin Proctor had their own private battle - magnificent all out swimming - but Brian pulled away gradually and nearly caught up with the leaders. Elaine Gray swam her usual magnificent race, with Brenda Evans closing up towards the finish. The final results were as follows.

Men.

1.	H.P.M.Milton.	2.36.10.
2.	P.Hatfield.	2.40.42.
3.	M.Read.	2.42.55.
4.	B.Metcalfe.	[illegible]
5.	W.Pearce.	2.50.45.
6.	C.Proctor.	2.53.45.
7.	K.Murphy.	3.10.00.
8.	R.Kellerman.	3.12.00.
9.	C.Carter.	3.16.35.
10.	C.G.Forsberg.	3.18.40.
11.	J.Turnbull.	3.22.50.
12.	A.J.Moorey.	3.33.03.
13.	J.Conisbee.	3.34.00.
14.	S.Hird.	3.36.35.
15.	H.J.Prescott.	3.37.00.
16.	D.Gill.	3.37.13.
17.	E.Bellerby.	3.37.50.
18.	S.Pickup.	3.41.15.

Women.

E.Gray.	2.47.16.
B.Evans.	2.53.01.
M.McCarthy.	3.24.47.
C.Long.	3.26.10.
L.J.Snowden.	3.43.45.
M.E.Orford.	3.50.10.

Retired:- P.F.Webb.

Men retired:- N.H.Matthews.
D.Dewsbury.
G.E.Carr.

Mr. A.Bentley, the President of the N.C.A.S.A. journeyed to Trentham to support the Championships and to present the trophies and medals at a reception held shortly after the swim. This concluded a wonderful day for me personally, and I think furthered the ambition of the B.L.D.S.A. as a whole, i.e. run entirely under the auspices of the B.L.D.S.A. and supported so splendidly by swimmers of the B.L.D.S.A. we have further proved the need for marathon swimming in the Olympic Games of the future. Provided that future long distance Championships of the A.S.A. are supported to the full, I think that the A.S.A. will acknowledge this need.

Thanks for the success of the 1966 Championships are due to many people, and to everyone who helped in any way I give my sincere thanks - especially to the swimmers and the officials. I must also mention the excellent facilities provided by Trentham Gardens Ltd., - what a great friend we have there in Mr. R.Jones, the Baths Superintendent who manages to iron out any problems which arise for us.

Finally I come to the only blot, but what a blot ! People often ask, "Where do the flies go in the winter-time ?" My question is, "Where do the Pilot Life-Savers go in the summer time ?" I located only 6 on duty at the A.S.A. Championships!

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Liaison Officer to A.S.A.

FIRST LONG DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Ten years ago, at the meeting which resulted in the founding of this Association, I put forward the suggestion of an International Championship.

There the matter rested until 1964, when our President Philip Rising, J.P. gave impetus to the suggestion by a very substantial and generous donation to ensure that the venture was set under way with sound financial backing.

The sub-committee appointed for the Championships was : Chairman Philip Rising, Hon. Treasurer G.Trevor Smith, and Hon. Secretary John K.Slater.

Contact was made via Mr. B.Gooch, with the Southern Division of the English Lake District Hotels and Caterers Association, and after a meeting at Ambleside we gladly acceptedtheir very generous offer of accommodation for overseas swimmers from the Thursday to the Saturday of the Championship week. This relieved the Association of considerable difficulties.

Circulars giving details of the Championship were sent to all Nations affiliated to the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur, and to many individual contacts and publications throughout the world. Some difficulty was experienced in translating the various replies, and the Executive could offer no helpful suggestions when the Hon. Secretary read out the Hungarian reply - in Hungarian. A number of replies indicated that long distance swimming in open water was not a popular sport in certain countries, as the expense of escort boats, i.e. ice-breakers in the cooler waters, and boats equipped with shark protection nets, water snake repellant, harpoon guns etc., in the warmer waters, was too exorbitant. On a more serious note, it does appear that Britain is the leading country so far as the organisation of Amateur long distance swimming is concerned. No doubt there are some good amateur long distance swimmers in various parts of the world, but the cost of sending a swimmer to take part in a 'first' Championship, about

Secretary of the Ivoire "Nation" Swimming Association, who lives in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. I'm glad I didn't have to deliver it by hand - where is it ? Nevertheless in my correspondence with overseas Hon. Sec's I received interesting, friendly and humerous (unintentionally) replies. No doubt if I tried to write a letter in Chinese, someone over there would have a good laugh.

Over 200 posters were distributed in Great Britain and abroad (I personally saw that posters were displayed in France and Spain - hence the Hon. Sec's heavy expense account this year). A goodly supply of literature came from the Windermere U.D.C., together with a description of the English Lake District, in German. These, together with entry forms and further details were duly despatched to the Hon. Sec.'s of the appropriate Nations.

As the entry forms trickled back to me, it soon became apparent that our friends in Holland were certainly taking a keen interest, and were prepared to send a boatload of competitors and officials. Finally, the competitors were selected - 25 swimmers representing 11 Nations. A detailed schedule and timetable, covering them from the minute of their arrival to the minute of their departure was sent to all competitors.

On paper everything was covered down to the last detail, and due to many officials and members being 'on the spot' at Ambleside and welcoming visitors as they arrived, transporting them to their accommodation and bending elbows with them etc. all went well. There were difficulties, but none were insurmountable. Bed space for officials accompanying the overseas swimmers provided a headache for a short time until we all shuffled round and Mr. Lancaster kindly helped out.

The first competitor, Harry Huffaker (U.S.A.) and his wife, arrived on Kendall's doorstep to be welcomed some 6 weeks early. There was then a lull until the Tuesday of the Championship week, when Bob and Joop Walter (Holland) arrived on my doorstep. Then it warmed up - at 3.30 a.m. Thursday, the 'phone rang....."Please, we have arrived". That was Joan van Brassen arrived at Leeds Station with Johan van Hemert and Jan van Schoijndel. Accomodation was then rather limited in the Slater household. Joan stretched out on cushions on the floor, Johan on the settee, Jan on a Lilo, Bob was in bed, Joop on the settee in the other room. Elaine arrived next day and the party was complete.

Trevor helped out with transport next day, and his Dormobil bulged as he left Halifax bound for Windermere.

The accomodation was provided at the 'Lingmoor' Hotel, with its lawns stretching 30 yards down to the lake. The staff made everyone

WINDERMERE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP continued.

feel very much at home. Lucien was the first arrival and was very firmly established behind the door marked "Private, Staff Only." when the others arrived. Naturally, where Lucien could establish himself, the rest quickly followed suit. I wouldn't say that pandemonium ensued, but the Hotel's usually placid existence was considerably 'livened up'. The sight of a solemn Lakeland trout on a plate in the dining room, with a Dutch cigarette smouldering between its lips gave rise to no little merriment.

All the visitors were taken over the course by launch the day before the swim. All competitors and officials attended the Briefing Meeting in the Salutation Hotel on the Friday evening, were briefed, introduced to their crews and given the opportunity to ask any questions.

The morning of the Championship dawned clear and dry, and the forecast was good. All concerned were taken by launch to the start at Lakeside.

The start was delayed until 9.15 a.m. so that one of the Lake Steamers could get clear away without troubling the swimmers. A large crowd saw the swimmers strike out at 9.15 a.m. on their long journey to Waterhead. The thought that they were there with the honour of representing their Nation, must surely have played some part in the speed of their departure from Lakeside. Quickly into the lead went several of the Dutch swimmers, including Bob Walter, Jan van Scheijndel, Johan van Hemert, with Geof. Lake, Peter Hatfield, Barry Watson and Elaine Gray in hot pursuit. From Belle Isle onwards, came the retirements. Johan van Hemert, Jan van Scheijndel, Ben Oomen, Harry Huffaker, Peter Tyrell, Lucien Hankart, all retired, mainly due to cold, and in some instances possibly due to lack of experience in a swim of this distance.

Bob Walter came out of Belle Isle well ahead of Peter Hatfield, Geof. Lake, Elaine Gray, Rob Grupelaar and Barry Watson, and although tiring rapidly and stopping frequently to be encouraged by his crew, he kept going across the Deeps. In the meantime Peter Hatfield retired, very cold, but Elaine Gray, Geo. Rob and Barry, kept up the pressure and were quickly gaining ground on Bob, but the gap that had been established could not be closed, and Bob landed on the beach a clear winner of the First International Championship, amidst a tremendous ovation from the waiting crowds. A very happy and worthy winner, and a great credit to Dutch swimming.

It was no surprise to those of us who have known Elaine since she started her long distance swimming career in 1961, when she rounded the jetty, swimming in her inimitable smooth, fast yet easy style, only 7 minutes behind Bob. The crowd, knowing that Elaine was not only the International [illegible] but had also broken her [illegible] record and was in [illegible] position, accorded her an ovation which was no less than that accorded to Bob. With a break then of only 8 minutes, Geof. Rob and Barry came in, all within 3 minutes of each other, after a tremendous battle between them in the last half mile, to decide the silver and bronze medals. Another 10 minutes saw the arrival of 17year old Kevin Murphy on his 3rd Windermere swim, and substantially reducing his previous time. Norman Trusty paddled easily in, followed by Cornelis Haagendoorn (Holland). Kendall Mellor arrived, very pleased with his fastest time, then Angus Smith (Scotland) made a welcome appearance, with 17 year old Philip Gollop close on his heels. We were then all delighted to see Christina Genge, still smiling, and putting up a first class performance on her first Windermere swim. Next came Mrs. Mair Leonard (Wales) chatting her way out of the water, Mair must have held more conversation during that swim than all the other swimmers [illegible] the energy she expended in laughing [illegible] surely [illegible] earlier. [illegible] (Scotland) swam in tired but triumphant. Last man in, John Earls (Ireland) after 9 hrs. 6 minutes received a deservedly warm welcome.

At the Reception Buffet and presentation of Medals Plaques and Certificates that night at the Salutation Hotel, Ambleside, tribute was paid by representatives of the Local Authorities, the A.S.A. and others, to the spirit of this first International Championship.

Not to be outdone, swimmers and one of the Dutch Officials, in turn mounted the platform to voice their appreciation for the swim and the facilities provided for them.

Our condolences to those who did not complete the course, we see no reason why they should not come again, next year, and with the experience [illegible] successful.

[illegible] CHAMPIONSHIP. continued.

To the winner - Bob Walter - our hearty congratulations on a magnificent swim. To have won an International Long Distance Championship at 18 years of age, on the first occasion over a course of that distance, shows that he has an outstanding future in distance swimming.

Sunday morning we accompanied several of the Dutch swimmers to Coniston, where young Tees Kiarenbook, aged 14, swam the full course in an official time of 2 hrs. 37 mins. the fastest time for a Junior.

Another notable feat by Bob and Joop Walter is the officially timed row from Bob Clark's jetty to the Old Steamer Jetty, in 59 minutes, carrying one passenger.

[illegible] President, Philip Rising, for his generous donations, to our Hon. Treasurer G.Trevor Smith, for undertaking all the financial arrangements, to George Owen, Keith Seymour, Lucien Lambart and many others who were there on the spot giving a helping hand with so many details, to all the Pilot Life-Savers and oarsmen who turned out in full force to ensure that all competitors were adequately and safely covered, to our friends from the A.S.A. Mr. & Mrs. Sydney Smith, Ernest Warrington, to Mr. & Mrs.B.Gooch, Mrs. E.P.Tyson, Mr. J.Tyson, Dr. C.Lancaster, Mr. R.Clarke, Counc.Salmon, The Windermere and Lakes D.C.'s, The Lake Warden, the Lake Police, The Stationmaster at Lakeside, Lancashire Constabulary, Westmorland Constabulary, St. John Ambulance Brigade, and countless others - impossible to name them all, our sincere thanks to all of you who have made this First International Windermere Championship possible, and for the friendship and hospitality we enjoy at Windermere.

We set out to hold this event to prove the need for an International Marathon Championship and to celebrate our Tenth Anniversary, and also to give further impetus to our claim that a Long Distance Swimming event should be included in the Olympic Games Programme.

We have been well justified in our efforts.

Men's Championship. Results.

1.	Bob Walter.	Holland.	5 hrs.	11 mins.	9 secs.
2.	Geoffrey Lake.	England.	5	26	21
3.	Rob Gruppelaar.	Holland.	5	28	0
4.	Barry Watson.	England.	5	28	16
5.	Kevin Murphy.	England.	5	38	23
6.	Norman Trusty.	England.	6	00	29
7.	Cornelis Haagendoorn.	Holland.	6	05	12
8.	Kendall Keller.	[illegible]	6	16	8
9.	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	31	27
10.	Philip Gallop.	England.	6	45	29
11.	Robert McCaughey.	Scotland.	8	42	50
12.	John Earls.	Ireland.	9	06	54

Retired:- Johan van Nemert (Holland) Jan van Scheijndel (Holland) Ben Comen (Holland), Lucien Lambart (Belgium), Harry Huffaker (U.S.A.), Peter Tyrell (Wales), Peter Hatfield (England).

Ladies' Championship.

1.	Elaine Grey.	England.	5	18.	40.
2.	Christina Gonge.	England.	6	59.	03.
3.	Mrs. Mair Leonard.	Wales.	8.	37.	26.

Non-starters:- Carla Janssens (Holland), Ray Cossum(N.Ireland), Abdul Malek (Pakistan).

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B.L.S.A. PILOT LIFE SAVER AWARD SCHEME.

A successful Course was held at Pickmere prior to the opening of the season, and the results have given encouragement to promote a similar Course in the coming year. The following successes are recorded and added to the Panel of Pilot Life Savers.

Miss S.Shallcross. Warrington.
Mr. A.Duncan. Dundee.
Mr. D.R.Cahill. Coventry.
Mr. C.N.Faulkner. Coventry.
Mr. P.E.Crowe. Otley.
Mr. L.Jeffs. Halifax.
Mr. J.H.Massey. Nelson.
Mr. A.R.Wood. Upminster.
Mr. R.E.Howkins. Hornchurch.
Miss M.J.Butcher. Liverpool.
Miss J.Bibby. Warrington.
Mrs. A.B.Palin. Angus.
Mr. T.P.Bull. Bratford.
Mr. J.T.Cookson. Coventry.
Mr. S.M.Livingstone. Coventry.
Mr. I.Williams. Middlesbrough.
Mr. G.Pickles. Nelson.
Mr. M.J.Palin. Macclesfield.
Mr. K.R.Bay. Aveley.
Mr. S.L.Hird. Bingley.
Miss J.C.Carter. Runcorn.
Mr. H.J.Goulden. Warrington.

Many people contributed toward these successes, and though too numerous to mention by name they are remembered and appreciated. The local Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C., the country members who arrived to give their moral support and practical help, the Officers of the Warrington Civil Defence Corps who provided the "Resusci Annie" model for demonstration, and for lecturing and examining the Expired Air Method of resuscitation, the Lake and Cafe staffs at Pickmere, and to all who have assisted I express my grateful thanks.

To all Pilot Life Savers and boat crews who were on duty throughout the season go the thanks and appreciation of the Association and the swimmers, and we look forward to your valuable services on future occasions.

This would have been the most optimistic report that I have had to prepare had it not been for the following conclusion that I am reluctant to add.

Championship Secretaries are, with some justification, greatly concerned about those swimmers who arrive without making any provision for a boatman and/or proficient life-saver, and also the poor attendance of Pilot Life Savers.

Appeals have been made in the past for swimmers to engage their own crews and to encourage them to take the P/LS examination. The advantage to the swimmer is obvious. It is suggested that they consult the Panel of P/LS for contact in this connection.

Championships throughout the season have not been at all well serviced by P/LS and the DANGER MARK is showing ! A percentage of the 65 who are on the panel are swimmers, who incidentally when not competing, do a turn in the boats, which from them is an indication of the need for this vital service. Of the remainder, some of whom do a regular duty, it is felt that there are others who could make a more responsive effort. FULFIL THE OBLIGATION FOR WHICH THE AWARD IS INTENDED, AND HELP TO RELIEVE AN ANXIETY THAT SHOULD NEVER ARISE.

[illegible] the Executive Committee my thanks for their encouragement and helpful assistance.

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WILLIAM ANDERSON. Hon. Sec. P/LS Award Scheme.

Panel of Pilot Life Savers, 1966.

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2.Mr. W.Anderson. as above.
3.Mr. F.Broadhurst. 3, Moxon Grove, Newton Hill, Wakefield.
4.Mr. J.Barrow. H.M.S.Albion. c/o B.F.P.O. Ships.
5.Mr.W.T.H.Bradley. 17, Church Rd., North, Liverpool.
6.Mr.R.Bell. 17, Millcroft Est.Pool in Wharfedale. Leeds.
7.Mr.P.D.Bennett. Wellington, New Zealand.
8.Mr.T.P.Bull. Queen's Head Row, Brentford, Rugby.
9.Mr.K.R.Bay, 'Longleas' Scrub Rdse, Billericay, Essex.
10.Miss M.J.Butcher. 41, St. Matthews Ave, Litherland,L'pool 21.
11.Miss J.Bibby. 99, Greystones Rd., Penketh, Warrington.
12.Mr. D.R.Cahill. 16,MacDonald Rd., Coventry.
13.Mr.J.T.Cookson. c/o 22, Kimble Close, Allesley Park, Coventry.
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20.Mr.D.Gill. Westbourne View, Bradford Rd., Otley. Yks.
21.Miss C.F.Genge. 22, Bruche Ave, Padgate, Warrington.
22.Mr.H.J.Goulden. 19, Dam Lane, Woolston, Warrington.

Attendances 1966.

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10.	4	1	1
11.	1	1	0
12.	-	-	-
13.	2	3	2
14.	2	3	2
15.	1	3	-
16.	-	-	-
17.	-	-	-
18.	- Hon.	-	Member.
19.	5	1	0
20.	1	6	1
21.	3	1	6
22.	1	0	0

23. [illegible]	25.	2	3	2
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42.[illegible] 30,Henry St. [illegible] Middlesbrough.
43.Mr.A.A.Wood. 1,Maple Ave, Upminster.Essex.

Attendance figures supplied by Custos Rotulorum. * means form not returned t that is is known that those members attended at least one Championship.

B.L.D.S.A. BALA LAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The popularity of this Welsh Lake Swim was again shown by having a record entry of 78 for the six Championships held on August Bank Holiday Saturday and Monday, 27th and 29th.

Peter Hatfield, for the third successive year set up a new record for the Men's two-way Championship in a time of 2 hrs 44m.59s. on the Monday, after losing the one-way Championship to Brian Metcalfe on the Saturday.

Conditions during the Championships on both days were very good for the competitors, but boat crews again had difficulty in keeping up with the swimmers on the first leg of the two-way Championship, which caused the start of the Junior Championships to be delayed. Mentioning boats brings me to the old disappointment that Bala cannot provide a boat or canoe to each competitor as we have in all our other major swims. All available boats around Bala were used for the Championships, either manned by our members or the Welsh League of Youth, a local Scout Club (who were camping at Bala that weekend), or our own members using their own boats and canoes.

As Bala Council and the Welsh League of Youth (who at present provide 75% of the boats) do not approve of a Sunday swim, it looks as if in future we shall have to split our Championships and make two weekends at Bala, and of course this would mean more travelling and difficulties for swimmers and officials and would reduce the attendance at both. So many of us look forward to our full and hectic weekend at Bala, at August Bank Holiday, camping, entertaining and the "Burn up on the Beach", together with the night singing round the fire. To assure that we can try to keep to one united weekend at Bala, I would ask that as many members as possible should provide their own boats or canoes.

BALA LAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS continued.

Our very sincere thanks go the Chairman, Councillors and Mr. Vernon Hughes (Clerk) of the Bala Council; Mr. [illegible] T.W.Edwards (Member of Parliament for Merioneth); Captain G.H.A.Boyle, R.N.; British Red Cross, Mr. Eric Williams and the Welsh League of Youth at Glanllyn for hospitality and use of rooms for briefing and changing, use of boats and provision of paddlers and oarsmen; The Bala Sailing Club; the Bala Football Club; Mrs. Scott and all others who helped to make the Championships and other activities during the weekend such a success.

Results.

Men's Two-Way.

1.	Peter Hatfield.	2.44.39. Rcd.
2.	Colin Procter.	2.50.35.
3.	Brian Metcalfe.	3. 0.25.
4.	Ron Kellerman.	3.13.42.
5.	Phillip Gollop.	3.21.10.
6.	Arthur Ayres.	3.46.56.
7.	Francis Allen.	3.57.20.
8.	Mervyn Sharp.	4.13.15.

23 entries. 3 non-starters. 12 retired.

Ladies Two-Way.

1.	Elaine Gray.	2.58.5.

3 entries.
1 non starter
1 retired.

Junior Men's.

1.	Paul Beadlestone.	1.28.15.
2.	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.	Mark Chapman.	[illegible]
4.	Lloyd Gledhill.	1.46. 7.
5.	Michael Page.	1.46.15.
6.	Robert Williams.	1.48. 0.
7.	Christopher Evans.	2.12.57.

9 entries. 1 non starter. 2 retired.

Junior Ladies'

1.	Susan Holroyd.	1.31.21.
2.	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.	Carol Jones.	1.37.25.
4.	Denise Lanyman.	1.48.45.
5.	Jane Atkinson.	1.50.45.

5 entries.

Men's One-Way.

1.	Brian Metcalfe.	1.16.25.
2.	Colin Procter.	1.16.31.
3.	Peter Hatfield.	1.16.57.
4.	Peter Jolly.	1.24.32.
5.	Stephen Halls.	1.24.50.
6.	Terry Lyons.	1.26.19.
7.	Andrew Wood.	1.28.34.
8.	Arthur Horwood.	1.28.50.
9.	James Grimshaw.	1.31.58.
10.	Phillip Gollop.	1.33.23.
11.	Christopher Carter.	1.33.22.
12.	Bryan Finlay.	1.35.37.
13.	David Green.	1.42. 3.
14.	Arthur Ayres.	1.43.28.
15.	Francis Allen.	1.46.58.
16.	John Conisbee.	1.47. 2.
17.	Gurmit Dhaliwal.	2. 5. 2.
18.	Peter Higgs.	2.13. 5.
19.	Carl Walker.	2.19.10.
20.	John Howcroft.	2.26.14.
21.	Ralph Cahill.	[illegible]
22.	Phillip Sharp.	[illegible]
23.	John Cookson.	3. 8. 9.
24.	Percy Bull.	3.27. 5.

Ladies' One-Way.

1.	Elaine Gray.	1.23.50.
2.	Brenda Evans.	1.26.52.
3.	Willy van Rysel.	2. 7.45.

6 entries.
1 non starter.
2 retired.

Men. 32 entries.
6 non starters.
2 retired.

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BRADFORD & DISTRICT LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

For the fourth year in succession I start our Club's Annual Report with an account of a Channel success. This year Graham McIntyre is the happy young man who has achieved his ambition. In August Graham crossed from France to England in 16 hrs. 42 mins and joined that small band of people who succeeded at their first attempt. The water temperature was about 62F. with a north easterly wind of Force 1 to 2, increasing to Force 3 at the back end of the swim. The sea was quite choppy at the finish. Graham completed the swim in good condition, and was, naturally very pleased with himself.

During Graham's crossing he had passed Kendall Mellor swimming in the opposite direction on an England to France attempt. However, Kendal had to give up when, having got near to France, he was badly affected by a patch of oil and was taken from the water.

On the previous tide a group of club members swimming as a team under their Firm's name "Crossley Carpets" did an England to France Relay crossing. Starting at 6.4 p.m. from Shakespeare Cliff they set off in bright sunshine, swam throughout the night and finished next morning in bright sunshine again. Who said "Lucky Devils !" They landed about two miles east of Cap Gris Nez near to Wissant at 6.31. giving a time of 12 hrs. 27 mins. Conditions throughout the swim were good. Water temp. 61/62F with a minimum air temp. of 56F. The wind at the start was north easterly Force 1/2. becoming variable Force 1. A bit of a swell caused fairly heavy surf on the French coast for landing. The team swam to C.S.A. rules and in the following order.

Alex White, Gordon Bedford, Stephen Murphy, Michael Oates, Ian Raw, Ewart Greenwood, with Geoff. Thompson as reserve.

Two-way Windermere Open Championship. 20½ miles.

We are all delighted that this event, the longest long distance Championship in England, was this year a great success. Seven entries, five starters, two finishers both under the existing record. These are the bare facts, now a little detail.

The swim started at 11.14 p.m. on Saturday 17th September. It may have got under way a couple of minutes earlier but the large crowd, present for the start, demanded and justified the vocal efforts of our Starter J.K.S. His verbosity was much appreciated by all present, with the possible exception of the swimmers whose judgement may have been a little clouded as they were, all the time, stood chest deep in dark, cold water.

From the start Geof Lake took the lead, closely followed by Barry Watson, then Kevin Murphy and Tony Moorey neck and neck, with Stanley Birtley just behind. This order changed little throughout the night. Conditions were as good as could be expected at this time of the year. The water temperature was 57-8F air 55F with little or no wind and a cloudy sky. Mist or fog had been forecast for the area, so each boat was provided with a compass and a little chart giving compass directions. Luckily the fog never materialised but just before dawn the skies cleared and the air temperature dropped to 50F.

Geof. and Barry both reached Lakeside in under six hours and after stopping for a meal were soon under way again. Geof. arrived first and was away first, leading by about ½ mile. Kevin was the next to reach the turn round point and after feeding in the water and repairing his goggles he was off again. In the meantime Tony Moorey had arrived but was stiff from the cold and was having trouble from his legs. After thinking things over Tony decided that it would not be wise to go on, and left the water. Stanley Birtley reached Lakeside looking fit but suffering from a severe headache, brought on apparently by the sudden cold spell just before dawn. Due to this he also decided to retire at the half way mark.

This now left three swimmers in the water. Up to the Ferry, Geof. Lake still led, but Barry had closed the distance between them to about 100 yards. The gap continued to close and just beyond the Lily Islands Barry took the lead.

About this time Kevin had arrived near Rawlinson's Nab, but was suffering from the cold and slowing down. He was still willing to go on, but wisely took advice and retired.

Geof. meanwhile had dropped further behind Barry, and after Geof. had stopped for a feed, the distance between the two was about 500 yards and remained much the same across the Deeps to the finish.

Barry finished in a new record time of 12 hrs. 24 mins and said that he felt cold, but was otherwise O.K. Geof. soon followed and took 12 hrs. 36 mins, another great swim. Geof. looked quite well at the finish and indeed both swimmers walked from the water unassisted and cheerfully, to the applause of a good sized crowd.

After the swim a Reception and prize giving took place in the Wateredge Hotel. Barry received the Ayrton Cup, and he and Geof both received a plaque for completing the course. A happy crowd of swimmers, helpers and supporters attended the Reception and all seemed to have enjoyed the event.

BRADFORD & DISTRICT S.L.S.C. - continued.

Before closing I must express our appreciation of the help and facilities provided for us by the following people:-
Mrs. Tyson and Jim, at the Wateredge Hotel.
Mr. & Mrs. B.Gooch at the Waterhead Hotel.
Mr. Hardy of the Ambleside Motor Launch Co.
and our own Keith Seymour for providing the official launch.

Results.

1st.	Barry Watson.	12 hrs. 24 mins.	A new record.
2nd.	Geof. Lake.	12 hrs. 36 mins.	Also under the old record.

The other competitors:- Kevin Murphy covered about 14 miles and took 6 hrs. 30 minutes to Lakeside.
Toney Moorey, one way 6.38.
Stanley Birtley " " 7.41.

Comments were made last year about the number of cars full of slumbering members which were littering lay-byes on the route from the Lakes to Yorkshire. This time I too joined them, leaving George Owen as the only one to my knowledge who for the second successive year managed the whole weekend without sleep. Well done George !

Ullswater Championship. 7½ miles, held on the 31st July.

After a lapse of two years we were able to return to our original venue of Ullswater for our Club Championships.

On a dull grey day with the water at 58-60F. six competitors lined up at the start, to be sent on their way by B.L.D.S.A. President Philip H.Rising, JP. who we were all pleased to see at this event.

From the start, Frank Robson took the lead followed by all the other swimmers in a close bunch. At the half way stage the only changes were that Christine Long had retired due to cold and Colin Woodhouse had dropped back slightly from the bunch. By about the three quarter mark, Carol Jeffs had edged up to Frank. At this stage it appeared as if Carol, at 15 years of age, could beat the Women's Record of 4 hrs. 2 mins set up in 1963, by Dorothy Perkins. However, it was not to be. Carol finished in 4 hrs. 5 mins 8 secs to set up an extremely good junior Ladies Record. Also incidentally, winning our Club's main Championship for the second successive year. Next to finish and winner of the Men's Championship was Frank Robson. Frank has a remarkable record in this event. He is the first person to win the Men's Trophy twice, and in five attempts he has won twice and been runner up twice.

Less than 37 minutes separated all the competitors at the finish and in a seven mile swim this is pretty good bunching.

Results. Ladies.

1st.	Carol Jeffs.	Halifax.	4 hrs.	5 mins.	8 secs.

Men.

1st.	Frank Robson.	Bradford.	4	10	3
2nd.	Graham McIntyre.	Keighley.	4	25	3
3rd.	Selwyn Hird.	Bingley.	4	33	14
4th.	Colin Woodhouse.	Keighley.	4	41	45

A Reception and Prize giving followed, held in the Public Hall at Pooley Bridge. Trophies and Certificates were presented to the successful swimmers. The enthusiasm at this event can be gauged by the fact that for six competitors a total of 45 persons sat down for refreshments at the Reception.

Our Thanks must go to Mrs. Brown of Pooley Bridge who helped us with hot baths. Mr. Burrows who provided the boats, Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Aspinall who helped with the reception, and of course the local lady who helped at the hall. Also of course, last but certainly not least, Mr. John N.Farrer who once again very kindly volunteered the services of himself and his boat to provide an Official Launch.

Derwentwater Relay Championship. 2 mile per swimmer (3). 17th July.

This season Hornchurch Swimming Club responded to our Challenge to a relay race at this venue. Three men to a team, course from the Lodore Hotel jetty to the Public Pier at Keswick. Water temp. a comfortable 62F. Three teams started, Hornchurch and Bradford 'A' and 'B' Teams. On the first leg our 'A' team just led, but during the second leg, Hornchurch were very unfortunate in that their swimmer suffered a recurrence of a knee injury and had to retire, putting his team out of the running. However, Andrew Wood not to be foiled of a swim, swam out the third leg against Colin Procter and was just pipped by Colin. A good day was had by all, and Officials of both Clubs feel that another year we could expand this event and include perhaps Ladies Teams and Junior Teams. Other Clubs would be very welcome to join in.

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BRADFORD & DISTRICT L.S.S.C. - continued.

"A" Team. Selwyn Hird, 1 hr. 15 mins. Harry Hanson 1 hr. 1 min. Colin Procter 56 mins. Total 3 hrs. 14 mins.

"B" Team. Cyril Huggins 1.48. Derek Gill 1.12. Frank Robson 1.13. Total 4 hrs. 13 mins.

Following that event we held our second Junior Derwentwater Championships. Nine swimmers, all under 16 years of age started. The Juniors swam with a following wind but even taking this into account the times of the four leading girls and the winning boy were very creditable. Cups were awarded to the winners and certificates to all who completed the course.

Results.	Girls.		Boys.		
1. Carol Jeffs.	Halifax.	1.5.50.	1. Alan Jeffs.	Halifax.	1.15.0.
2. Susan Holroyd.	Halifax.	1.7. 2.	2. Christopher Evans.	Bradf'd.	1.32.0.
3. Julie A.Smith.	Halifax.	1.8. 0.	Retired - David A.Sykes, Huddersfield.		
4. Diane E.Aked.	Halifax.	1.10.6.			
5. Helen Gill.	Otley.	1.42.0.			
6. Andrea S.Hill.	Bradford.	1.55.0.			

Junior "Wharfe" Championships. One mile. 30th June.

This was our opening event of the season, held in the River Wharfe at Otley. Once again we had a reasonable evening for the swim and the water temp. at 59F was a vast improvement on last year's low of 55F. We had an entry list of 16, down a little from last year's record entry of 23, but perhaps last year's low temperature had been a little "off putting". The swim is half a mile upstream and return to the start. Susan Holroyd's time of 27 mins 27 secs was a very good one, taking into account the river's flow and Susan won by a good margin.

After the event we retired to a local cafe for a light meal. There the prizes and certificates were presented. Before giving the results I must [illegible] Otley Swimming [illegible] the facilities they so generously [illegible] for the swim.

Results.	Girls.		Boys.		
SusanHolroyd.	27 mins.	27 secs.	Lloyd Gledhill.	30 mins.	45s.
Lynn Stabler.	30	12	Alan Jeffs.	30	46
Diane Aked.	30	50	Michael Rushby.	33	50
Carol Jeffs.	30	52	Peter Rushby.	39	25
Julie Smith.	30	44	Malcolm Atkinson.	39	45
Jane Atkinson.	40	0	Christopher Evans.	45	0
Helen Gill.	44	20	Trevor Hopkins.	65	30
Denise Lammyman.	45	30	Retired - David A.Sykes.		

Individual Swims.

Easenthwaite Lake. Four miles long, has been a new venue for three of our members this year. Another beautiful spot in the Lake district, this lake is quiet and unspoiled, with boats available for hire near the north end. The three swims were all done in the early part of the season, on different dates and all planned individually. Pride of place for a first ever end to end (as far as I know) goes to David A.Sykes, in 2 hrs. 6 mins. Fastest yet, by Frank Robson, in 1 hr. 51 mins. Slowest yet, goes to - guess who ? That's right, me, in 2 hrs. 24 mins.

Coniston. This is a very popular lake with our members, and here is this year's list.

Barry Watson.	2 hrs. 38 mins.	Selwyn Hird	3.8.
Kendall Mellor.	2 46	Graham McIntyre.	3. 3.
Colin Woodhouse.	3. 18		

Windermere. David Sykes had a success here, in just over 7 hours.

Bala Lake. Selwyn Hird found that his entry for the Championships was too late for acceptance so to console himself he did an individual one way.

Other Championships. Club members have had so many successes this year, in swims which should be reported in full elsewhere, so here, in brief, are the ones that come to my mind.

Fleetwood - Morecambe. 1st Barry Watson. 2nd Kendall Mellor. Graham McIntyre also completed the course.

Torbay David Sykes, Kendall Mellor, Derek Gill, Graham McIntyre.

Morecambe Inshore. 2nd. Christine Long, 2nd, Colin Procter.

Whitby. Men. 2nd. Colin Procter.

[illegible] David Sykes.

International Windermere. 3rd. Barry Watson.
Windermere Annual. 2nd. Barry Watson.

To round off the list we had two teams in the Morecambe Bay Relay. Certain results or achievements may have been missed from the above list but if so it is not deliberate, just that the information never reached me.

Lighting. I would like to pass on a little of the experience we have gained over these past two seasons during the running of our two-way Windermere Championships, on the subject of lighting. Here are a few observations on night swimming in a Lake.

1. From the boat crews point of view a bright pool of light surrounding the boat, means that the swimmer can easily be seen by them. However, the crew are looking outwards from the light, whereas the swimmer is looking into it and is consequently dazzled. The same applies to an [illegible] shone into [illegible]

[illegible] essential for a [illegible] swimmer to be able to see the side of the boat to be able to judge the direction in which he should be heading. For this purpose a lamp or light should be directed to shine onto the side of the boat. Without this the swimmer sees only the dark mass of the boat, and can can confused as to the exact direction. For breast stroke swimmers the light may be directed onto the back of the boat.

3. A hurricane lamp gives a better general light than electric lighting and does not dazzle as much. For Lake swimming in calm conditions a hurricane type lamp suspended over the side of the boat would be adequate. For rough conditions the lamp could be stood in the boat and a small torch used to direct a beam of light onto the side or rear of the boat.

4. For safety however, a hurricane lamp is not sufficient. The swimmer [illegible] swim beyond the range of its light. For this reason a powerful electric lamp is useful so that a beam of light may be directed onto the swimmer until he can regain the safety of the general lighting.

5. To sum up then for lake swimming in the dark, three lamps are desirable, one hurricane type lamp, one small torch or lamp and one powerful electric lamp.

For sea swimming of course different factors are involved and the safety angle is more important. I still feel that here it is essential that the swimmer can see the side of the boat and this should be the subject of special illumination. On my own Channel swim there were times at the start when I was not sure of our exact direction until Geof. Oddie rigged up a lamp to shine on the boat side. This I found a great help.

I hope that these observations will be of benefit to swimmers and crews and will at least give newcomers to night swimming some idea of the problems involved.

May I extend my thanks and good wishes to the many people who have [illegible] me personally and my Club throughout this past season and who have helped us to enjoy a memorable year. Thank you all.

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Bradford & Dist.L.D.S.C.

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WARWICKSHIRE LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Whilst the Association has dw indled in numbers, due mainly to the older members retiring from the water altogether, I am pleased to say that the keenness and the enthusiasm still remains in the Association.

Those, still active in the water, have as always, attended swims far and wide (that applies not only to the distance travelled to the swims, but also to the shape of some of the swims).

We started the season as always, in Lake Bala, just after Whitsun. Percy [illegible] and myself completing [illegible] times of 3 hrs. [illegible] [illegible] said "if I trained a bit etc., etc.," so next year we had better look out. I must say that I appreciated the "P.Bull Fan Club" for walking down the beach for about a mile from home shouting words of encouragement to me., only to find that I was not "P.Bull", they had to walk all the way back to the White House again to shout Percy in.

On the same day, Arthur, Bryan and Francis were swimming in the Fleetwood to Morecambe race. Bryan Finlay 5hrs. 36. Francis Allen 5.55. Arthur retiring after 5 hrs in the water.

The South of England again, and this time Torbay. Once again, only in reverse order, Arthur 4 hrs. 16, Bryan 4 hrs. 26, and Francis 4hrs. 49.

Weymouth Swimming Club had the support of Arthur and Francis, Arthur in [illegible]

WARWICKSHIRE LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION - continued.

The Bala Championships had the usual entries from Coventry (minus myself - I collected a son this season, instead of a certificate). In the one way Arthur 1 hr. 26. Bryan 1 hr. 33. Francis 1 hr. 46, and John Cookson.

The two-way saw Arthur home in 3 hrs. 15 and Francis in 3 hrs. 57.

The Windermere Championship saw the annual pilgrimage, Bryan 6 hrs 12, Arthur 6 hrs. 21. We were all pleased when Francis realised his ambition when he completed the course. Considering that he was a newcomer to the sport last year, he has done very well indeed.

Trentham Lake, once again I was pleased to see the W.L.D.S.A. out in force [illegible] Details of the [illegible] on the B.L.D.S.A. Triathlon Championship Report - this is one way of getting members to read my Championship Report !)

Poole Harbour, Percy and yours truly in at the start, and both in at the end. (It's the first time I've arrived so late that the changing facilities were locked up. Still, as Percy said, as we got changed in the car park, "You've got to have a sense of humour to be last.")

The Lake District has seen its fair share of the lads this year, Francis and Arthur have added Coniston to the list, and Arthur, Ullswater.

The 'out of the water' activities during the winter season were, as one might expect, semi-serious (you all know how serious the Coventry members are). We held our Annual Dinner in February, and on the morning after we held the usual "Event". This year we followed up the Roman Invasion of Bath, by holding a Chariot Race (three full sized Chariots, pulled by six fellows, with the Charioteer standing up). The race covered the whole of a residential estate, followed by the collectors with tins (£9.13.0d to the Mentally Handicapped. In May we donned togas yet again, to play a football match (£83.16.0d for the C.H.P.'s). In between we sang and entertained Old Folks at Christmas, two shows at a Club for the Disabled, so one way and another we are kept busy. (This is most likely why we come last most of the time - we sing ourselves to sleep !)

I must mention the attendance of our members at swims, not just in the water, but helping in the boats. When he's not swimming Percy can be seen shouting at someone in the water. Ralph Cahill, no doubt impressed with what he saw when he was in the boat at the International, came back and swam Trentham. Chris' Faulkner has toured the country helping out at swims either in a rowing boat, or as at Poole, in a motor launch assuring the officials that "The two at the back always swim like that, no need to worry about it getting late". Always useful to have someone around from your own territory.

Congratulations to Gillian Powell and John Jenning on their engagements. [illegible] them going [illegible] Trentham helping me keep an eye [illegible] for me - [illegible] confidence in the [illegible] built) Congratulations also to Barbara and Nigel Marsay on the arrival of a daughter. As I have already mentioned, Shirley and I now have a second little boy.

Following the B.L.D.S.A. Annual Dinner, the next event we will be taking part in will be the"Christmas or Boxing Day Swim." This was held for the first time last year, in our own training lake, or the "Pit". We invited the Sailing Club along to join in, and much to our horror, they nearly won. We were banking on our breaststroke swimmer to dash out to the marker buoy and back. I set off after the opposition, expecting to see "Our lad" go flashing past any moment. He didn't go by, I looked back, and there he was, still on the bank. So it was up to me. Fortunately Percy was in a position to shout to the other fellow to advise him not to stay in and get frozen. When he stopped to listen to Percy.....I went past. If we hadn't done that, we would [illegible] it down. The morning ended up with a very nice gathering in [illegible] Clubhouse with hot drinks and the presentation of a trophy to Arthur and two plaques to the Sailing Club entries. So watch out at Todmorden, we are a cunning shower. If anyone living in the Midlands, and within reach of Kingsbury (East of Sutton Coldfield) and would like to enter into the Boxing Day fun with us, drop me a line. Distance of swim about 75 shivery yards. Helps to clear the head from the day before. Look forward to seeing you.

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MORECAMBE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Fleetwood to Morecambe Championship. June 12th.

The entry of 8 competitors for a swim of this nature was quite satisfactory. For safety it is necessary for each swimmer to be accompanied by an escort boat and rowing boat. We were sorry that John Taylor had to withdraw from the race because of ill health.

Dive in time 11.45 a.m. Water temp. 59-61F. At the start a calm sea and drizzle rain. A large crowd congregated on the beach to see the swimmers off.

Barry Watson and James Grimshaw took the lead, closely followed by Elaine Gray, Kendall Mellor, leading the other swimmers. The rain stopped and the sun came out as the swimmers entered Heysham Lake.

The distance between Elaine and Barry was closing. Jimmy Grimshaw tired after about 2 hours and eventually retired. At this stage the order was Kendall Mellor, Bryan Finlay, Francis Allen, Arthur Ayres, Graham McIntyre. After about 1½ hours in Heysham Lake, Arthur Ayres retired.

Elaine kept on a course straight for Morecambe, swimming close to the outer line of buoys. Barry swimming nearer the inner line of buoys. Elaine was now in the lead and swimming very fast. The rough water was reached at the entrance to Heysham Harbour, this continued past the Oil jetty, Half Moon Bay and Heysham Head.

With the sun shining it was now very hot, and as Elaine came in to finish, close to the Flagstaff Forebay, an enthusiastic crowd estimated at 5,000 people packed the promenade for the finish. The crowd had listened to the Ship to Shore broadcast from start to finish. A rousing reception was given to Elaine and Barry as they came ashore for the presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Counc. J.F.McHale.

Results.

Ladies.					
Elaine Gray.	St. Albans.	4 hrs.	58.	4.	
Men.					
Barry Watson.	Bingley.	5	14	6	
Kendall Mellor.	Keighley.	5	23	0	
Bryan Finlay.	Coventry.	5	36	3	
Francis Allen.	Walsall.	5	44	1	
Graham McIntyre.	Keighley.	5	55	0	
James Grimshaw.	Bolton.	Retired.			
Arthur Ayres.	Coventry.	Retired.			

Ladies Relay Race. July 10th.

In 1965 the course for this race was between the Stone Jetty and the Central Pier. The operation of two Speed boats and Pleasure boats have now made this course rather dangerous.

It was decided to transfer the venue to the East side of the Central Pier, to be put it near the Yacht Club slipway.

Three swimmers per team, each member doing 8 lengths, approx. 1½ miles. 15 teams entered, total 45 swimmers. Briefing meeting was held in the super Swimming Stadium. After briefing the competitors proceeded to the Central Pier and teams were transferred to the starting boats. A prompt start was made at 2.30 p.m. There was heavy rain throughout the race...water temp. 62-3.F.

From the start, Middlesbrough 'A' and Bradford 'A' took the lead, with Middlesbrough eventually winning by 3 minutes. There was a fight for the 3rd, 4th and 5th places between Tyldesley, Stalybridge and Hornchurch, only 55 secs separated them.

Officials and supporters were nearly as wet as the swimmers with the heavy rain. It was warm and everybody seemed to be enthusiastic and enjoyed a splendid contest. To crown the finish the assistant Secretary George Sanders, urging on Chethams Hospital School Team, fell off the starting boat and had to be fished out and stood on his head to drain the water out of his Wellingtons and trousers.

The Mayor of Morecambe, Counc. B..rmstead, who was sheltering under the Green Street Shelter, made the presentation of the Shield to Brian Metcalfe, and Plaques to the Middlesbrough Team and Runners up, Bradford "A".

Results.

1st. Middlesbrough 'A'	B.Metcalfe, P.Hatfield, R.Kellerman.		1.56.10.
2nd. Bradford 'A'	F.Robson, C.Procter, B.Watson.		1.59.10.
3rd. Tyldesley S.C.	S.Hopkins. T.Holland. J.Grimshaw.		2. 4.15.
4th. Stalybridge 'A'	J.Rowlands, C.Firbrook, D.Turner.		2. 5. 0.
5th. Hornchurch S.C.	G.W.T.Moore, A.R.Wood, K.Hawkins.		2. 5.10.
6th. Stalybridge S.C.'B'.	M.Ball, S.Bull, S.Turner.		2. 8. 0.
7th. Middlesbrough 'B'.	D.Burton, F.Towning, J.Turnbull.		2.13.15.

MORECAMBE CROSS BAY SWIMMING ASSOCIATION - continued.

Results of relay race - continued.

10th.	Middlesbrough Police. M.McNulty, E.Bellerby, G.Dewer.	2.44. 4.
	Chetham's Hospital School 'B'	unfinished.
	" " " 'C'	"
	" " " 'D'	"
	" " " 'E'	failed to rep't
	Todmorden S.C.	"

The effort has increased in popularity over the last few years and we feel that if the Relay can be held in open water, with certain improvements the race can be even more popular with swimmers and spectators.

Cross Bay Championships.

There were no suitable high tides at Weekends until the end of September. Usually September is the best month, Summer Gales are over and conditions are better for the Cross Bay swims.

This year September started off with continuous high winds, and for two weeks it looked as though we were not going to be able to have the swims. Fortunately, two days before the first race the wind dropped and the barometer was rising. On Saturday there was no wind, but a rather thick fog. The Pilots were not happy about the fog because early fishermen had only about 10 yards visibility. After much persuasion the Pilots agreed to go across the Bay on compass, on the understanding that swimmers were not allowed [illegible] conditions [illegible].

Ladies Championship...Sept. 17th. Dive in time at Grange..1.55pm. Height of tide..31' Temperature 59-60F.

Brenda Evans was not able to obtain leave of absence from work which left the competition to Elaine Gray and Christina Genge. It was decided that Elaine should go to Grange by road, and Christina Genge who had missed her train connection at Preston should also go direct to Grange.

As the boats neared Grange the fog lifted and the sun came out, conditions were ideal.

A large crowd congregated at Grange for the start, but Christina had not arrived. Elaine started off on time. We decided to wait and see if Christina arrived on the next train. Douglas Procter waited at Grange Station and came back with the news that she had not come out of the Station. Actually Christina came out of the back entrance onto the Promenade and walked a mile along the Promenade to Grange Baths. Naturally being rather [illegible] did not seem to have much chance of a successful swim. After [illegible] Christina enters the water 55 minutes after Elaine and to the cheers of the crowd of sympathetic spectators, she started to swim, and with a very strong stroke soon made it apparent that she would get across as long as there was water to swim in.

Elaine was making such good progress that we thought she would break the 1914 record of Margaret Wensley. Unfortunately the tide was ebbing out so fast that she had to swim for about one hour, fighting to get across the tidal run to Morecambe and being drifted in the direction of Heysham. Eventually Elaine beat the tide and was able to walk ashore at West End Beach. A large crowd on the stone jetty watched the presentation of the "Christie Cup" by the Deputy Mayor, Counc. J.McHale.

Christina had kept up her steady stroke and finished on the West End beach without the struggle because the tide was not ebbing so fast.

Result. Elaine Gray. St. Albans. 3 hrs. 5 mins. 20 secs.

[illegible] Grange.

Christina was presented with the Musgrave-Moyle Trophy for the best first attempt.

Men's Cross Bay Championship. Sept. 18th. Dive in 2.35pm. Temp.59-60.F. Tide 30'.

It was a lovely morning when the swimmers assembled at Green Street Landing Stage for departure to Grange.

With the promise of 8 boats and pilots, places were only available for the following swimmers:- B.Finlay, Cmdr. C.G.Forsberg, OBE. RN. J.Grimshaw, P.Hatfield, B.Metcalfe, W.Pearce, S.Pickup, C.Woodhouse.

At the last minute one of the boats could not be got ready in time, but knowing that Cmdr. Forsberg had an inflatable dinghy in the boot of his car, we set off for Grange.

There was a large crowd to see the swimmers off on the return journey. [illegible] Hatfield took the lead, followed by W. Pearce, J.Grimshaw, and [illegible]. After about [illegible] Hatfield started to be losing the lead and Bill Pearce, closely followed by Jimmy Grimshaw, drew ahead. Peter retired after 2 hours, with cramp. The speed of Pearce and Grimshaw

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enabled them to get over the sandbanks and into the fast run towards Morecambe. Brian Metcalfe and his boat ran aground on the sand banks, after quite a long walk Brian was able to reach the edge of the Morecambe Channel and was picked up by one of the rowing boats.

Stuart Pickup had to retire affected by diesel fumes. Bryan Finlay was [illegible]

[illegible] finished on the west end beach close to the Stone Jetty. 10 minutes later Jimmy Grimshaw finished at the same point. There was a big crowd on the Stone Jetty to see the presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Counc. J.McHale.

Cmdr. Forsberg, finding the sand banks in his way, set off on a Westerly course and got round them, his Pilot and dinghy following the course he had set. Jerry made a bee line for a point on the West End beach, opposite the home of Dr. Hogarth. Upon reaching the beach he deflated his dinghy and then thumbed a lift on the Beach Train, thereby creating another experience to add to his long list of records.

Colin Woodhouse swimming along at a steady pace did very well in his first major sea swim, and landed on the West End Beach. He received the Cross Bay Plaque and Birtle Cup for the best first attempt.

2.	Jas. Grimshaw.	Bolton.	[illegible] hrs. 2 mins. 10.
3.	Cmdr. C.G.Forsberg.	Bath.	5 47 0.
4.	Colin Woodhouse.	Keighley.	4. 7 30.
	Brian Metcalfe.	Darlington.	Boat ran aground - swimmer had to walk.
	Peter Hatfield.	Middlesbrough.	Retired with stomach cramp.
	Bryan Finlay.	Coventry.	Retired before finish.
	Stuart Pickup.	Clevelays.	Retired affected by diesel fumes.

Extra Cross Bay Swim. Sept. 25th. Dive in time 10.04am. Temp. 58-9F. Height of tide 22.7 feet.

This swim was arranged because of the number of swimmers desirous of making the attempt, but due to the lateness of the date, the number of competitors was reduced to three, i.e. Francis Allen, Robert Allen and Lucien Hankart.

It was a low tide which normally is not considered suitable. A westerly cour was taken in the direction of Humphrey Head. It was soon apparent that good progress was being made by the swimmers. The tide was only a slow ebb. Franc Allen was swimming very strongly, closely followed by Robert Allen and Lucien Hankart. After 1 hr. 10 mins Lucien had to retire due to cramp. After 1 hr. 15 mins Francis Allen, who had been sick during the previous week had to retire due to cramp and cold. After 1 hr. 57 mins Robert Allen also retired due to cramp.

1966 has been a successful season for our Association. Between Gales we have been able to hold 5 events, keeping to the original dates.

The support of members of the British Long Distance Swimming Association has helped to make a success of the competitions.

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MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM INSHORE SWIMMING CLUB.

The new Inshore Swim took place in the Super Swimming Stadium, Saturday, 25th June. Two womens' heats and two Mens heats for the Championship, and a trial swim for other members between the Championship heats and finals.
Entries Brenda Evans & Peter Hatfield, Middlesbrough. Denise Lammyman, Philip Kaye, Carl Walker, David Sykes, Gurmit Singh Dhaliwal, Hardip Singh Sidhu, Huddersfield. Susan Gooding, Lancaster. Ian Penegar, Brian Waldie, Morecambe. Brian Metcalfe, Darlington. William Pearce, Bolton. Andrew Wilson, Andrew Wood, Robert Hawkins, & Thomas Moore, Hornchurch. Colin Proctoer, Halifax. Chris. Carver, Rhuboorn. Geoffrey Pickles, Nelson. Christine Long, Bradford. Joan Wallace, Otley. Alison Greaves, Burnley. Christina Genge, Warrington.

Finalists. Ladies.

1. Brenda Evans. 53. 31. Record. 2.Christine Long. 64.28.
3. Christina Genge 68 mins. Breast stroke record. (Alison Greaves retired after 22 lengths due to cramp, after recording the second fastest time in the heats.)

P.T.O.

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MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM INSHORE SWIMMING CLUB. continued.

Finalists. Men.

1. Peter Hatfield.	46 mins.	45 secs.
2. Colin Proctor.	47	[illegible]

Geoffrey Pickles, Gent's breast stroke record - 65 min. 43 secs.

Susan Gooding, 15 years, local senior and junior Champion qualified for A.S.A. Bronze - 1 mile. Ian Penegar, 13 years, senior and junior local Champion qualified for A.S.A. Silver - 1 mile. In spite of the rain which kept spectators under shelter for most of the time, the event proved to be a success. My thanks to all who assisted in any way, and I look forward to seeing you all again next season.

'Eu Mena'
Caton Rd., Lancaster.

ARTHUR SHIPLEY. Hon. Secretary
Morecambe & Heysham SC

WEST WALES.

The annual Christmas plunge at Aberavon beach must have frozen the enthusiasm of many of our regulars. There has been no report of any further swims by G.Taylor, B.Donovan, R.Landeg, A.Woods. Rumours have reached me that Dick Landeg has been nursing a lumbar injury after 'secret' training in the Mediterranean. John Glover of Swnasea has also had an off season. We look forward to seeing you all back again in 1967. If we cannot get any other record, let us try and get a record number of entries.

Third Lady and Third Gent., at Torbay. This should be something to gladden your hearts. Neil Matthews and Mrs. Mair Leonard bagged a place each, I followed in my usual terrapin style, reducing my last year's time by some minutes. It is impossible to say enough about this swim, so I will not try except to express our thanks to swim secretary Fred Oldman who co-ordinated the whole affair with such efficiency.

Also third at the International Windermere, Mrs. E.M.Leonard received the Bronze Medal and proved herself to be an International Marathoneer worthy of recognition. I am afraid I let the side down, but no excuses, I was not good enough (even though I had the best interpreter at the briefing meeting.)

This was the most fabulous swim meeting I have ever been to. Happiness was shared mutually and liberally. It must have been a great day for the organisers seeing this dream manifest into such a successful reality.

Only Neil Matthews was courageous enough to go to the A.S.A. Long Distance Championships at Trentham. Unfortunately a shoulder injury prevented him from finishing. It must have been severe as it kept him out of the first home swim at Swansea.

Swansea Pier - Mumbles Pier. This 3½ mile swim had to be postponed twice due to bad weather, there were many disappointed swimmers and disgruntled boatmen. We finally made it on Sunday the 21st August, with ideal conditions and a temperature of 65F. The attendance was poor, due I think, to the shortage of boats.

Winner. Ivor Sutton.	Darren Park S.C.	1hr. 25m.	36s.
1st Lady. E.M.Leonard.	Swansea S.C.	1 hr 28	30.
P.Tyrell.	Swansea S.C.	1 28	25.

Ivor Sutton won the "Sylvia Rees" open trophy. E.M.Leonard won the "Sylvia Rees" open Ladies trophy and the Swansea S.C. Trophy. This was a new Ladies record.

The seven miles Mumbles - Aberavon swim on the 27th August was a boiling pot. The wind blew into our faces and against the run of the tide. Temp.60F. White crests practically all the way. My boatmen were unable to oar the boat, and the engine packed in twice. Finally, being unable to keep with me they circled repeatedly like a barracuda. I passed Robert Phillips less than a mile from the finish, only to hear later that he had retired due to sea sickness. Mair Leonard had her own problems, her boat crew had to be changed several times before the swim was completed.

Results.

[illegible]	Aberavon S.C.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lew Andrews	"	4	33
P.Tyrell.	Swansea S.C.	4	50
E.M.Leonard.	"	5	20

Neil Mathews won the Corporation Trophy and Mrs. Leonard the Kitty-Nash Davies Trophy. The swim was well organised by the Aberavon S.C. and we are [illegible]

WEST WALES REPORT continued.

indebted to His Worship the Mayor of Aberavon for his appearance at the start and finish of the event.

Incidentally I was chatting to Commander Forsberg about this swim, he seemed very keen to have a go. What about it Aberavon, any spare boats available ?

If I had to select the swimmer of the season, it would be Neil Mathews for his 5 hrs. 28 mins at Windermere. This was Neil's first real marathon and he came through with flying colours. This is not only my opinion, the S.E.D.S.A. awarded him the "best effort" trophy to bring back to Wales. We are proud of this boy and wish him well for the future.

Our hosts at Pickmere gave us an admirable welcome, we enjoyed this swim so much we are looking forward already to it again next year. One would never have guessed from the organisation that it was a comparatively new swim.

The Reception following was a delightful success.

E.M.Leonard 1 hr. 15 m. P.Tyrell 1 hr. 18 m.

Great stuff at Trentham, everybody turned out, at least it seemed like it, [illegible] the big[illegible]

I arrived at the finish and was greeted by E.M. who promptly dragged me round to the swimming pool for a free swim ! A fabulous reception, I tried to get a seat next to the Staffordshire Press Queen for 1966, but was hedged out by the Association's President and the Championship Hon. Secretary. Being an Official must have its compensations of course !

E.M.Leonard 1.hr. 48 m. P.Tyrell. 1hr. 57 m.

Finally for the individual attempts. Pride of place must go to Alan Davies of Aberavon S.C. who, on the 17th September, swam Mumbles - Porthcawl, a course of approximately 14 miles, in a time of 6 hrs. 43 mins. With the temperature down to 58 F, this achievement makes Alan a likely candidate for Windermere in 1967. What about it Alan ?

Neil Mathews and Robert Phillips set out to reduce their previous time from Mumbles to Aberavon. Neil Mathews 5 hrs. 1 min was 3 minutes behind his previous best time. Robert Phillips knocked 19 minutes off his previous time, finishing in 3 hrs. 14 mins. This was a magnificient effort by Robert who is only 17 years old, and so looks a likely prospect to be the next record holder.

I am frequently prodded and "chatted up" about the formation of a long distance Swimming Club in this area. This idea can only be successful if the majority of long distance swimmers desire it. Write and give me your views; if a sufficient majority of letters received are favourable, I will arrange an inaugural meeting. If you enclose a stamp I will let you know the result anyway.

7, Chesshyre Street, PETER TYRELL.
Brynmill. Swansea.

SANDSEND - WHITBY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Results.

Mens Championship.

1.	Peter Hatfield.	Middlesbrough.	54	23	Record.
2.	Colin Procter.	Halifax.	56	6	
3.	Brian Metcalfe.	Darlington.	56	56	
4.	Ron Kellerman.	Middlesbrough.	1 2	57	
5.	Bryan Finlay.	Coventry.	1 5	1	
6.	Frank Towning.	Stockton.	1 7	31	
7.	Eddie Bellerby.	Middlesbrough.	1 8	15	
8.	Dennis Buckton.	Stockton.	1 11	42	
9.	Martin McNulty.	Middlesbrough.	1 12	4	
10.	Arthur Williams.	Warrington.	1 24	57	
11.	Roy Ainsworth.	Bolton.	1 35	39	

Retired:- John Irving and Neville Penwick, of Billingham, and Michael Best, of Bolton.

Junior Mens Championship.

Retired: Russell Oldman. Chesterfield.

Ladies Championship.

1.	Brenda Evans.	Middlesbrough.	1	4	7	
2.	Christina Genge.	Warrington.	1	18	45	Brst Strk Rc
3.	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	7	36	

SANDSEND - WHITBY CHAMPIONSHIPS - continued.

[illegible] Championship.

1.	[illegible] Aldroyd.	[illegible]	1.	10.	42.	Record.
2.	Carol Jeffs.	Halifax.	1.	12.	53	+
3.	Shirley Freeman.	Whitby.	1.	37.	4	
4.	Helen Gill.	Otley.	1.	37.	56.	

Retired : Diane Aked. Halifax. + = within previous record.

53, Melrose Avenue,
Billingham on Tees.

JIM ROBINSON. Hon. Secretay
Whitby Seals.

A.F.M.c.t.A.c.A.F.H.S.c.A.L.D.S.A.C. & C.a.t.t.B.L.D.S.A.

DOUGLAS CROSS BAY CHAMPIONSHIP.

From Port Jack to Peveril Steps. Approx. 1¾ miles. Ideal conditions.

Competitors assembled at the indoor "Noble's Bath" where excellent changing accommodation was available. Each competitor was issued with a numbered cap, polythene bag and programme.

Swimmers were taken by Corporation bus to the start at Port Jack. After the usual ceremony of getting ready, the Ladies waded in, and this year were given a five minute start on the men, which was absolutely essential to give them a fair chance to get clear of the narrow and shallow channel between very sharp rocks before entering the Bay.

The swim is a short one but very pleasant across the Bay to Peveril Steps near Victoria Pier. At the finish, and I think this is unique in swimming races, swimmers were assisted out of the water by frogman in complete outfit members of the British Sub-Aqua Club. This Club is very active in the waters round the Isle.

All the swimmers had to do after finishing was to cross the road to "Noble's [illegible] We were then escorted to a private bathroom where an attendant was waiting with a bath full of glorious warm water, towels and soap.

Presentation of prizes and trophies after the swim, took place in the new Sea Terminal building, by Counc. E.C.Hamill. All finishers were presented with a plaque. Full credit here to the organisers, the "Douglas Amateur Swimming Club" and the Douglas Corporation and all those who assisted to make this swim a great success. The swim was watched by thousands of holiday-makers.

Results.

Mens Championship.

1.	Wm. H.Pearce.	39. 06.
2.	David Dewsbury.	40. 52.
3.	Michael Jackson.	41. 21.
4.	Stuart M.Pickup.	50. 35.
5.	W.L.Jackson.	55. 44.
6.	Derek Harrison.	61. 11.
7.	J.C.Draper.	61. 20.
8.	Michael W.Cowin.	67. 29.
9.	Tommy Clague.	70. 12.
10.	David C.Thompson.	91. 37.

Ladies Championship.

1.	Caroline Corteen.	53.42.
2.	Willy van Rysel.	[illegible].01.
3.	Joyce D.Stigant.	65.48.
4.	Jean P.Colby.	[illegible]5.22.

Retired:- John Clark, John Cleaver and Wm. Pettigrew.

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WILLY VAN RYSEL.

HUDDERSFIELD AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB.

The Huddersfield A.S.C. long distance swimmers, juniors and seniors had quite a good season. All the juniors completed their various swims at their first attempt. LLOYD A. GLEDHILL, 13 years, won the River Wharfe one mile Junior Championship, and JANE ATKINSON, 10 years, and DENISE LAMMYMAN, 14 years, both completed the Championship course in the Junior Ladies event.

Fairhaven Lake was the next venue for JANE ATKINSON, who finished 7th, and LLOYD GLEDHILL 4th, in their respective events.

On the same day, the Morecambe Inshore swim was completed by DENISE LAMMYMAN.

The Huddersfield & District A.S.A. open water swims was next on the list, with DENISE LAMMYMAN completing 4 miles, JANE ATKINSON, 3 miles, and LLOYD [illegible] miles.

Then to Bala Lake Junior Championship - DENISE LANGTON 1 hr. 48 mins. JANE ATKINSON 1 hr. 50 mins. LLOYD GLEDHILL 1 hr. 46 mins.

All these swims were successfully accomplished on a first attempt, and this augurs well for the future of long distance swimming by such young marathoneers.

The highlight for the senior members was the successful Channel swim by PHILLIP KAYE. It was a very determined effort and a courageous one, being a near tragedy at the start from Cap Gris Nez, at 8.30 p.m. 17th August. At 3 a.m. on the 18th, Phillip was violently sick after contacting oil on the water, but was encouraged by the team on the "Envictor" to keep going. The Spring tide played tricks, as one time he was offshore at Boulogne, then drifting towards the South Goodwin lightship, 10 miles down the Kent coast, via St. Margaret's Bay, Dover Harbour and Folkestone Harbour.

After struggling against the tide, some 16 hrs. 16 minutes later, he walked ashore at Sandgate. What a shock we had when we saw Phillip bleeding down his left side, having scraped himself on a submerged pole on entering the water at Cap Gris Nez. Well done Phillip.

Lake Windermere saw the return of JEFFREY TAYLOR after a two year absence, and he completed the course in 7 hrs. 10 minutes, in 14th place. Good going after being away from the sport so long. DAVID V. SYKES was successful in Torbay, 10th place in 4 hrs. 20 mins, and Windermere on an individual swim in 7 hrs. 42 minutes. David also completed 8 miles in the Huddersfield & Dist. A.S.A. Open Water Swim. He has certainly developed into a fully fledged long distance swimmer this year. His time in the Trentham swim was 11 minutes faster than his 1965 time.

Our Indian friend from the Punjab State, GURMIT SINGH DHALIWAL made an impressive debut, and successfully completed all his swims :- Morecambe Inshore, Bala Lake One way, Coniston and Trentham Lake, and also completed 5 miles in the Huddersfield & District Open Water Swims in July.

and his swims :- Morecambe Inshore, Bala Lake one way, Trentham Lake, and 4 miles in the Huddersfield Open Water Swims in July.

A Dinner Dance, organised by the Club, in honour of Phillip Kaye, was attended by The Mayor of Huddersfield, Alderman Douglas Graham, C.B.E., and Phillip was presented with a Silver Salver, suitably engraved with a record of his Channel swim. In reply, Phillip thanked the Club members for their help and support and subscriptions.

Our old friend HARDIP SINGH SIDHU had rather a poor season due to studies and examinations. His training schedule was upset, but he was successful in the Morecambe Inshore, Bala Lake one way and also completed 7 miles in the Open Water Swim.

Of course the Club has other members interested in long distance swimming, and all the following took part in the Huddersfield & District A.S.A. Open Water Swims in 1966.

Susan Sykes.
Granville Scothroyd.
Suzanne Lodge.

Lynne Garner.
Stephen M.Hepworth.

Judith A.Hepworth.
Ruth Bannister.
Andrea Traverse.
Ann Constable.
Audrey Hodgson.
Malcolm Clubley.
Tony Rose.
Gerald Robson.
Kenneth Howard.

All Juniors. Such is the wealth of youngsters in the Huddersfield A.S.C., encouraged by experienced senior members to take part in our sport.

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Willow Lane East, Huddersfield.

WILFRED TOULCHER. Huddersfield A.S.C.
Long Distance Swimming Coach.

PHOENICIANS CLUB. (Phoenicians S.C.)

The Phoenicians Swimming Club Channel Relay Team set up a record last year for this event - 9 hrs. 58 mins. and the Club's interest in long distance events is deepening. Three members have taken part in the Championships this year, and we hope to have more entrants in the future swims. Results in 1966:- Exmouth Championships - Geoff. Lake 3rd. Torbay Championship - G.Lake 2nd. 3hrs.34m. K.Murphy 5th. 3hrs.51m. Ullswater to Weymouth Championship G.Lake 1st 4.14. K.Murphy 5th 4.50. A.S.A. 5 mile Championship K.Murphy 5th. Trentham Champ'p Miss C.Grant 3rd. Intermediate Windermere - G.Lake 5hrs.26m. K.Murphy 5.38. Windermere Championship - G.Lake 1st. K.Murphy 4th. Two-Way Windermere G.Lake 2nd. K.Murphy retired after approx. 14 miles.

Phoenix Social & Athletic Club,

W. PRENTICE. Hon. Compet'ns Sec. Phoenicians SC.

FIRST LULWORTH - WEYMOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Extracts from the DORSET EVENING ECHO dated the 18th July, 1966.

"Spectators, officials and contestants are unanimous. The first Lulworth to Weymouth swim was a knock-out. At Saturday night's civic reception, the air was gorged on compliments. Fantastic, dramatic, exciting, wonderful - everybody was saying it. AND WHY NOT ? THIS RACE HAD EVERYTHING. IT HAD a salute to greatness in Geoff. Lake winning easily to prove himself the undisputed King of British swimming, 24 hours after his 19th birthday. IT HAD tragedy and pathos in Harry Huffaker who clung grimly to the lead for so long, only to be cruelly robbed even of a second place in a nail biting finish. IT HAD courage and endurance in 14 year old Mark Chapman, half dead in the water but refusing again and again for over 6 hours of cold and fatigue, the comforts of [illegible]. IT HAD beauty and strength in Elaine Gray cutting gracefully through the water to the Ladies' Cup, and the beating of a good many of the men. IT HAD sensation and drama in Phillip Gollop, who turned the race into a classic thriller with a magnificent late burst that stole the show..... On the final stretch running...parallel to the Promenade he fought out an incredible battle with Harry Huffaker that had the spectators hoarse with encouragement and delirious with excitement.....Gollop was crawling up on the American with every stroke. It was an amazing climax, a fairy tale situation that would have done justice to Hollywood.....the Bandstand was almost quivering with tension. Long before Lake had established a half mile lead...6 of the 18 male contestants had called it a day. First to retire was Francis Allen, who lost his goggles.....Bryan Finlay, Lucien Hankart, Stephen Halls, Peter Jolly and John Restorick who were all suffering from cold. But Mark Chapman, the youngest competitor kept going. His father, Godfrey, the first Weymouth man to swim the Channel coaxed him brilliantly throughout the race. .....in such a rough sea and under such conditions, young Chapman's feat was something any man would be pleased to call his own. Willy van Rijsel kept alive [illegible] the veterans. [illegible] last, but she finished. That was her intention, and anybody who didn't believe her when she said she would be prepared to spend 15 hours in the water just as long as she got past the post would soon have had a change of mind once this woman's grit and determination became apparent.

The veterans came out of this race with flying colours. Cmdr. Gerald Forsberg led them in. His Pilot boat lost its engine and couldn't keep up with the 53 year old Commander. The oarsmen were exhausted after a couple of miles, and substitutes had to be obtained. The Mayor of Weymouth presented the trophies to the swimmers at a Civic Reception at the Guildhall. The President of the Weymouth L.D.S.A. expressed his appreciation to Godfrey Chapman, Gregory Schofield and Tom Watch for long hours of work they had put in to ensure the success of the swim."

" Results. Men's Championship.

1.	Geoff. Lake.	4 hrs.	14 m.
2.	Phillip Gollop.	4	43
3.	Harold Huffaker.	4.	43. 30.
4.	Anthony J.Moorey.	4	49
5.	Kevin Murphy.	4	50. 30.
6.	Gerald Forsberg.	4	53
7.	David Green.	4	57. 30.
8.	Kenneth Brewer.	5.	3.
9.	Stanley Birtley.	5.	23.
10.	Arthur Ayres.	5	31
11.	Mervyn S.Sharp.	5.	34.
12.	Mark Chapman.	6	7

Ladies Championship.

1.	Elaine Gray.	5 hrs.	9m.
2.	Marguerite Pike.	6	10
3.	Willy van Rijsel.	6	29

Retired:- Francis Allen, Bryan Finlay, Lucien Hankart, Stephen Halls, Peter Jolly. "

The Championships were held on Saturday the 16th July. Temp. 59.5F. Wind 4-3 decreasing, distance 10 miles. Tidally assisted on 1/3 of the course.

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DOUBLE TAY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Organised by Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association. Founded 1885. Sat.13 Aug. Broughty Ferry to Tayport and back. 2 miles. Poor conditions, with wind, rain and a heavy swell. Trophies and medals presented by Mr. Robert Couttie, President of the Scottish Midlands Amateur Swimming Association.

Results. Men's Championship.

1.	Brian Metcalfe.		54. 45.
2.	Peter Stewart.	1.	3. 18.6.
3.	Chris. F.Carter.	1.	3. 27.
4.	Angus M.Smith.	1.	6. 17.8.
5.	David Ross.	1.	17. 35.6.
6.	Harry Tosh.	1.	26. 7.4.

[illegible] Scotland.

Women's Championship.

1.	Christina Genge.	1.	10. 36.1.
2.	Helen C.Warnock.	1.	10. 49.5.
3.	Maureen Reilly.	2.	12. 0.
4.	Carolin Hansom.	2.	12. 0.

Retired:- Stuart Graham, Ronald Stewart, Barbara Boyek & Joan Palin.

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RICHMOND SWIMMING CLUB.

This year has been the most successful one since our participation in long distance events commenced a few years ago. Inspired by the example of our Windermere swimmer, Dr. Leon Walden (who incidentally has not been able to swim regularly with us this year) they trained harder than before, and this brought results. We were proud to notch a landmark in the Club's history, at the Bala Weekend, when five Richmond swimmers swam down the lake. Terry Lyons finished in 6th position - a great personal triumph. Pat Norwood in his first season came 8th, Steve Higgins 12th, and was over 20 minutes faster than his time last year. John Conisbee came down in exactly the same time as last year, [illegible] Down the [illegible] ...ually was a bit faster [illegible] ...erry Lyons, [illegible] ...swam a mile in - 20..., a first class effort on a "maiden voyage". He was accompanied by Pat Norwood - some of our lads really seem to like this swim. Just prior to the race we managed to recruit six canoes from the Gloucester Canoe Club, who gave excellent coverage to the swim.

At the Midland Championship at Trentham, our swimmers found the water much warmer than last year. Pat Norwood finished 5th, and Steve Higgins 8th. The same stalwart pair obtained our best placings of the year at the Poole Harbour Race. Here Pat obtained 3rd place in 1 hr. 15 mins, with Steve 5th in 1 hr. 30 mins. A late start made times slower than usual.

John Conisbee attempted Torbay, and retired after turning at Brixham and after 2½ hours. A lovely sunny day, mainly calm, I got a good sun tan between goggles and hat. At Exmouth - 7th position in 55 minutes. Water very choppy until entering the estuary, then we all felt that we could have swum to the [illegible] The water was almost [illegible] ...tion for the A.S.A. Long Distance [illegible] ...e. Although [illegible] ...miles - it was a very [illegible] ... The Commander said it was 3 and three quarters, and that's good [illegible] ...gh for me to quote. Conisbee finished 13th in 3 hrs. 34 mins, his longest swim to date. In mid-August an unusual and successful solo swim from Poole Quay to Brownsea Castle, about 4½ miles. John Conisbee completed this kindly assisted swim in 50 mins. Credit here to Harry Hoyle, the local boatswain. At one point J.C. was swimming in three feet of water over sand-banks in the middle of the harbour.

With more of our members taking part in long distance events than ever before, the possibilities of a Channel relay swim look quite hopeful.

15a, Pewley Hill,
Guildford. Surrey.

JOHN CONISBEE.

[illegible] ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE FOUNDER HON. SECRETARIES OF AMATEUR LONG DISTANCE [illegible] ...SSOCIATION, CROSS [illegible] ...AFFILIATED TO THE BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Once again, throughout the length and breadth of the country, four typewriters and three quill pens have laboured and brought forth Championships and swims. The members of this small band feel justly proud at the end of the 1966 seaso. Ten Championships and numerous private attempts have all gone through the administrative machinery. Again there will be the usual gathering at the Annual Dinner for the customary participation - in the appropriate tankards.

Rex G.Williams.

Achievements in the water:- Derek Gill - Torbay and Basenthwaite.
Rex G.Williams - Bala and Poole Harbour.
Ian Thompson - Bala.
[illegible]
[illegible]
B.S.-A.C. Derwentwater Champ'p.
Jack Somerfield - Three one hour sessions in Trentham Pool.
Jack Brown - Swims heartily in Morecambe Stadium regularly.

Achievements out of the water Rex G.Williams - a new member - a son Mark Ian, brother for Steven.

We note with pleasure that Rex still worthily upholds the high traditions of the Active Founder Hon. Sec's, and both his achievements are, I am sure, the result of first class team work. We have not all emulated Rex for a variety of reasons, but nevertheless most of us have indulged in aquatic activities of one sort or another. Our very hearty congratulations to Rex and Shirley.

P.T.O.

[illegible] G.A.F.H.S.C.A.L.D.S.A.C.A.C.A.[illegible].B.L.D.S.A. continued.

We note with growing dismay the magnificent achievements of the fair sex, at Windermere and Loch Ness, and rumour has it that at least two of our members are going into secret training this winter. Just how long it will take the members concerned to get into peak condition is a matter of some conjecture, but as the reputation of British manhood is at stake, something drastic must be done.

John K.Slater.

CHANNEL SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Here are the results of the 1966 season. It has been a very busy one, and includes two outstanding items: the First Double Crossing by a Relay Team from Middlesbrough L.D.S.C. and the fastest time put up by the Radcliffe S.C.
Total of 15 successful swims out of over 30 attempts.

Successes - Relay Teams.

Cundle School. July. F/E. 11 hrs. 45 m. Radcliffe S.C. June F/E 9. 29. the new holders of the Garnett-Martin Trophy. Crossley Carpets Aug. F/E 13. 10. St. Bernadettes Youth Club. Aug. F/E. 16. 16. Girl Guide Assoc. Aug. F/E. 13. 10. Portsmouth & Southsea Life Guards Corps. Sept. F/E. 12. 6. [illegible] Area Sea Cadets. Sept. F/E. 12. 9. Middlesbrough L.D.S.C. Sept. F/E/F. 16. 16. the FIRST DOUBLE CROSSING BY A RELAY TEAM. Tunbridge Wells Monson [illegible]

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Michael Jennings. Au. E/F. 13. 2. Michael is to be congratulated on now having achieved a double crossing. Philip Kaye. Aug. F/E. 16. 42. Graham McIntyre Aug. F/E. 16. 42. Denize le Pennec. Sept. F/E. 20.50. Abdul Malek. Sept. F/E. 13.42. Lt.M.Etaati. Sept. F/E. 15. 4.

Other attempts. Relay team from Chethams Hospital School, Manchester. Unratified as C.S.A. Rules were not followed out.
Kendall Mellor. 8. 10. following wind driving diesel fumes on to him caused his retirement 4 miles from French coast. Raymond Cossum. 3. 5. and 10.55. retirement in each case due to worsening weather. Elaine Gray. 5. 4. Kitindra Roy. attempt at double crossing - 15. 40. bad weather forced retirement before completing first leg. Arthur Ayres. 6. 3. retired stomach cramp. Brian Morris, age 14. 17. 20. A very plucky boy with plenty of determination and ambition who had to give up 1½ miles from Dover due to rough seas. M.M.Revell. - 1.55. Augusto Ixquiac Coyoy. 8. 2. Juan Prem. 5 attempts. 5th was successful 14 hrs. 50 mins. but no Official Observer on board. On 1st attempt he had to retire after stroking his boat sustaining a suspected arm fracture.

Derek Turner and Mrs. M.Erridge both arrived to try conclusions with the Channel. Derek Turner had his eyes on a two way crossing, but continued rough seas caused them both to return home without attempt.

The weather throughout the season has been of the Curate's egg variety, and better towards the end, with no very long spells of settled conditions. The 15 successes were lucky indeed, and are to be congratulated on their success. The other less fortunate swimmers have our full commiseration and no less admiration on the efforts they made - an unsuccessful attempt so often covers as much courage and determination to wrest victory from the ever-unpredictable Channel. Such is its challenge.

Observers. I wish to place on public record our eternal thanks to those who have helped us in this way during the season. They give their time, often ill-spared and at very short notice to do this work, unspectacular but necessary. They are our life blood and we need more such helpers. If any member knows of anyone who might be interested we shall be grateful to be put in touch.

OTHER NEWS. Mr. T.R.Pocklington. Life Member and Observer, is to be congratulated as the Coach of Brenda Sherrat who became the first to swim Loch Ness, 22½ in 31 hrs. 27 mins, The water was 55-58F. We hope that she may now be thinking of an attempt on the Channel. !
Elaine Gray. has been collecting laurels from Windermere. In the first International Race organised by the B.L.D.S.A. she was the first Lady home in [illegible] hrs. 18 mins., thus becoming the Lady Champion. I understand that some [illegible] after this success, she repeated the effort on Windermere by leaving the [illegible] by 40 [illegible] congratulations.
[illegible] completed a strenuous [illegible] - (a) Palk Strait, with sharks and snakes. 25 miles, temp. 110F. (b) Straits of Gibralter. 9½ miles in 8. 1. Shark infested. (c) Dardanelles. lengthwise. 32 miles in 13. 55.

CHANNEL SWIMMING ASSOCIATION continued.

I have the Certificates signed by the Authorities to certify these Swims. They were all carried out under C.S.A. Rules.

[illegible] DINNER 1967. Will be held on May 6th, and the A.G.M. the next morning, most probably in Dover. Last year over 90 people sat down to Dinner - a [illegible] century in 1967 ? [illegible]

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5, Copsewood Way,
Bearsted,
Maidstone. Kent.

MISS I.KELLAM-SMITH. Hon. Secretary
Channel Swimming Association.

FAIRWAY BUOY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Due to adverse weather conditions it was impossible to hold the Championship on the normal course and it was decided to use the alternative course from Orcombe Point to Starcross.

Results.

Michael P.Reed.	Wallasey S.C.		55 minutes.(1965 winner)
Peter Jolly.	Southampton.		56
Geoff. [illegible]	[illegible]		57.32.
Ken Brewer.	[illegible]	1.	0. 35.
Anthony Moorey.	Southampton(?)	1.	1. 5.
David Green.	Southsea.	1.	3.45.
John Conisbee.	Richmond.	1.	5. 7.
Lucien Hankart.	Harwell.	1.	7.12.
Francis Allen.	Walsall.	1.	7.58.
R Binmore.	Exmouth.	1.	25.20.

DOUGLAS W. BINMORE. Hon. Gen. Sec.
Exmouth S & L.S.Society.

SOLENT SWIMMING CLUB.

1966 was again an eventful year. Membership increased both from Hampshire residents and from further afield. It is good to see the number of the latter we seem able to attract. The sea temperature was again in keeping with the reputation of the Solent - over 60F throughout almost the whole of June, July, August and September. It was a bad summer for high winds and gales however; but over those we have no control. Curiously, in an area where there are more boats per square mile than most, we continue to have great difficulty in getting enough to help us.

Dealing with the 'locals' first, the Club's main representatives in away events were ANTHONY MOOREY, KEN BREWER, DAVE GREEN and PETER JOLLY.

At Exmouth, 5th June, Peter, Ken, Anthony and Dave were 2nd, 4th, 5th & 6th respectively.

At Torbay, Dave, Ken and Anthony finished in 6th, 7th and 15th places.

In the new splendidly organised Mulworth to Weymouth race, (10 miles) Anthony, Dave and Ken filled 4th, 7th and 8th places.

At Bala, only Peter and Dave competed. It was not their day for the 'double', but Peter was 4th and Dave 11th in the 'one-way'.

In the Windermere Championship, Anthony was 6th but the conditions beat Ken, Dave and Peter. Obviously in the South we suffer through being unable to become sufficiently acclimatised to cold, fresh water, despite the compensations of not having to fight the gales and tides of the open sea. Anthony also had a go at the Windermere 'night-double' but retired at half-way after 6 hrs. 38 mins.

At Poole Harbour, which traditionally winds up the season in the South, all four finished again well up the lists. Peter, Anthony, Ken and Dave took 4th, 6th, 7th and 9th places.

Now to the Solent itself. Records again tumbled left and right. ELAINE GRAY established a new all:comers 'double' time of 4.41.25 against her previous best of 4.58.21. Elaine also broke the ladies Southsea to Ryde record in 2.2.13.

KEN BREWER broke MIKE JENNINGS' 1961 men's 'double' record in 4.56.48.

ERIC VALLINTINE established a new Ryde to Southsea time for men's breast [illegible]

[illegible]

Ryde to Southsea in 2.12.30. In case this mystifies our Northern friends, most previous Ryde to Southsea times have been established as the second half of a 'double' where the swimmer has no choice of starting time for the [illegible] trip.

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SOLENT S.C. continued.

A low-tide start from Ryde gains an advantage of at least 3/4 mile. DENIZE LE PENNEC from Jersey swam Southsea to Ryde breast stroke in 2.44.0 and returned in 3.24.0. making a time of 6.8.0 (gross including the stop at the other side). More of Denize later.

ANTHONY MOOREY, PETER JOLLY and LAVE GREEN attempted 'doubles' on bad days and were defeated by the weather. They crossed from Southsea to Ryde in 2.17.10. 2.12.15 and 2.[illegible].10 respectively.

ERIC VALLENTINE swam with LESLEY [illegible] and therefore also records a breast [illegible] Ryde to Southsea [illegible] for his log.

[illegible] a Solent [illegible] her book (about the only one that is not !) What better than to attempt it on her 50th birthday ? The weather had other ideas; the boat's crew cowered under a hailstorm and a South West gale was gusting up to force 7. Willy, often momentarily lost to sight from the boat, pressed on and arrived in 3.50.33.

Despite more complete reports elsewhere, no doubt, we should not fail to congratulate two of our very special 'away' members, both of whom proved as keen on our activities as if they were local residents.

The second event which made us very proud was the visit from DENIZE LE PENNEC. The ties between Hampshire and the Channel Isles have always seemed very close. After her successful early season 'double' in the Solent, Denize became the first swimmer to cross from Jersey to the French mainland. Her time was 9.35.0 and the writer, having looked at this stretch of water from Carteret Bay is very impressed.

[illegible] breast stroke [illegible] 20.50. [illegible] relief, particularly as she was within 3 miles of England after 12 hours. The Jersey Parliament subsequently voted her the Churchill Award for courage. Well done !

Chairman, John Moorey is President of the Hants County Amateur Swimming Association this year and accompanied the Portsmouth and Southsea Life-guard Corps on their successful Channel Relay swim in 12.6.0. The Hants County Annual Dinner and Dance is being held in Southampton on 21st January, 1967, and he will be very pleased to see any enthusiast who can come down for this event.

Hon. Secretary: Anthony J.Moorey.
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Put.6088.

Chairman (for local enquiries)
John E.C.Moorey, 72, Evelegh Rd.,
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B.L.D.S.A. SWIM FLASHES.

The Association has purchased flashes for all their Championships, as well as for the individual courses of Coniston and Ullswater. These flashes are now available from the Custos Rotulorum at a cost of one shilling each, including postage.

The flashes consist of 5/16th gold lettering on black tape. An example is:-

"B.L.D.S.A. WINDERMERE. 10 MILES."

The other flashes cover the following courses:- TORBAY, TRENTHAM, BALA ONE-WAY, BALA TWO-WAY, FAIRHAVEN LAKE, ULLSWATER, CONISTON. Flashes for other courses may be obtained if there is sufficient demand.

48, Glencoe Road,
Coventry. Warwickshire.

BRYAN FINLAY. Custos Rotulorum.

SCHELDE CHAMPIONSHIP.

I record with great pleasure the success of 'TONY' MILTON of London, the WINNER of this Championship. The first time that the Men's Championship has been won by a Britisher in post-war years. Our hearty congratulations to Tony on his victory. I must also mention that he took part in this Championship, representing this Association, only the day after Mrs. Milton had presented him with a son. Again our hearty congratulations to Tony AND Mrs. Milton. Our other representative William Pearce, gained 6th place, against stiff opposition.

Results.

1.	T.Milton.	B.L.D.S.A. England.	1.12.51.
2.	J van Scheijndel.	S.N.A.	1.13.42.
3.	R. ter Poorte.	D.W.E.	1.16.39.
[illegible]	[illegible]son.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	W.Pearce.	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCHEDE CHAMPIONSHIP - continued.

7.	C.Grupelaar.	Njord.	1.17.52.
8.	H van Hemert.	Surae.	1.18.59.
9.	G.Wildschut.	Njord.	1.19.29.
10.	R.van Oosten.	Neptunes.	1.21.47.

Thirty-four competitors took part.

J.K.S.

POOLE OPEN HARBOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

[illegible] September. Temp. [illegible]. Slightly tidally assisted. Calm sea, sunny warm day. 3 miles. Elaine Gray knocked 9 mins 38 secs off womens record. Mike Read knocked 5 mins 19 secs off mens record.

Results

Men's Championship.

1.	Michael Read.	65.18.
2.	Brian Metcalfe.	69.55.
3.	Arthur Horwood.	75.58.
4.	Peter Jolly.	76.09.
5.	Stephen Higgins.	80.53.
6.	Anthony Moorey.	82.00.
7.	Kenneth Brewer.	82.19.
8.	Christopher Carter.	83.34.
9.	David Green.	84.59.
10.	Gerald Forsberg.	[illegible]
11.	Antony O'Donoghue.	[illegible]
12.	Peter Caunter.	100.35.
13.	Gerald Waters.	104.25.
14.	Laurence Julien.	104.35.
15.	John Gregory.	112.23.
16.	Brian James.	120.45.
17.	Rex Williams.	134.00.
18.	Thomas Bull.	138.50.

Womens Championship.

1.	Elaine Gray.	70.20.
2.	Margaret McCarthy.	80.37.
3.	Jean Bartlett.	83.28.
4.	Marilyn Evans.	87.09.
5.	Margot Orford.	91.09.
6.	Avril Wills.	92.23.
7.	Madelaine Lowe.	95.46.
8.	Linda Neale.	100.13.
9.	Willy van Rysel.	107.34.
10.	Frances Turner.	129.58.

Retired- Vivienne Cherriman. dislocated shoulder.

Non-starter - Pat. Webb.

Retired - Ian McInnes - cramp.
Non-starters- Leslie Harris. Trevor Butcher. Chris Foskett. Roger Hawkins. Patrick Davis.

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MISS JEAN M. BARTLETT.

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR DETAILS OF CROSS WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Not to hand on 23.10.66, in spite of telegram on 18.10.66 to Hon. Secretary concerned, asking for details by return post.

[illegible] LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

I have pleasure in presenting the 2nd Annual Report of our Club. I made reference in last year's report that the Club had increased from four members to fifteen. There has since been a marked increase to a total number of twenty-one members, which shows the ever-growing interest in long distance swimming in our own little corner of the North East. As a matter of interest all newcomers have been encouraged to join the E.L.D.S.A.

CLUB SWIMMER OF THE YEAR. Without question and in all fairness this honour must go to the women's section again, and I think by now that everybody knows Christina Genge. Having won the Ladies Championship at the Double Day, she has been runner-up in every other Championship that she has entered, collecting some very nice medals and trophies in the process, she represented England in the International Windermere Championship, and gained the silver medal for second place. Christina has also set up several new ladies breast stroke records, sincere congratulations to her from her fellow members.

[illegible] OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD.

[illegible] Amongst many other tasks Christopher swam Coniston to achieve this award.

SWIMMING HONOUR.

Honours seem to be following the Carter family this year, because Mrs. M.E. Carter, Christopher's mother, who is an Executive member of the Dolphins, has been appointed Chairman of the Northern and Scottish Division of Swimming Teacher's Association of Great Britain and the Commonwealth. Our best wishes go with both of them.

VISIT TO U.S.A.

My very good friend and swimming colleague, Bob Keating, Hon. Treasurer of the Dolphins, decided this year to sample the warmer climate with a visit to Texas, U.S.A. Bob tells me that with water temperatures of not less than 80F (which was the coolest he could find during September) it would be a long distance swimmer's dream come true. Are there any takers for a Relay Swim across the Gulf of Mexico? Bob's address is [illegible]

[illegible] SWIMS.

Taking advantage of an extremely well organised examination conducted by Mr. William Anderson, Pilot Life Saver Hon. Sec., another four Dolphins qualified, bringing the total number of active Pilot Life Savers to ten. There haven't been as many attendances of our Pilot Life Savers as I would like to have seen, but this was due to extenuating circumstances, such as business commitments, holidays and sickness. I feel, however, that this is offset by 100% attendances in previous seasons.

INDIVIDUAL SWIMS. Robert Keating. Dale two-way. 4 hrs. 10 mins.
Coniston. 3 hrs. 20 mins.
Chris. Carter. Coniston. 2 hrs. 50 mins.
Hale one-way. ?

[illegible] LAKE 2nd ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Again this Championship provided to be a resounding success. This fact is proved by the increased number of entrants, which included many new faces and old friends. The Championship was held on Saturday, 10th September, temp. was 60-62F., course - two circuits of the Lake.

Men's Championship. J.E.White Trophy.
Ladies Championship. J.Mountfield Trophy.

Certificates and Replicas for the winners, certificates and plaques for 2nd and 3rd, and certificates for all competitors who complete the course. Weather sunny and warm, ideal conditions. We were pleased to see Colin Proctor retain his Championship and this year we have a new ladies Champion (now a household name) Miss Elaine Gray. Both Colin, Elaine, Andrew Wood and James Grimshaw, followed by Christopher Carter and Brenda Evans, made it look a real battle, and very exciting.

Results.

1.	Colin Proctor.	Solihull.		52 mins.	55 secs.
2.	Andrew Wood.	Hornchurch.		53	37
[illegible]	[illegible] Grimshaw.	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Carter.	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
5.	John Heapy.	Macclesfield.	1	7	55
6.	John Ellicott.	Newton le Willows.	1	11	22
7.	Jeffery Goulden.	Warrington Dolphins.	1	18	37
8.	Peter Tyrell.	Sunniedale S.C.	1	18	58
9.	Percy Dull.	Warwickshire L.D.S.A.	1	33	30
10.	Roy Ainsworth.	Bolton S.C.	1	34	53

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WARRINGTON DOLPHINS L.D.S.C. continued.

[illegible] Gray.	St. Albans.	53. 0.
Brenda Evans.	Middlesbrough.	58. 2.
Christina Genge.	Warrington D.	1. 8.55.
Mair Leonard.	Swansea S.C.	1. 15.41.
Willy van Rysel.	Cardiff.	1. 17.50.
Margaret Butcher.	Crosby S.C.	1. 31.34.

Retired:- (how dare they on my swim) Chris. Faulkner, Alan Wilkes.
Non-Starter:- Lucien Hankart.

The presentation was made by Mr. A.A.Laverick, M.Inst. B.M. Inst.M.E.M., Warrington Baths Manager and Engineer.

1st local man home - Christopher Carter.
1st local woman home - Christina Genge.
each received silver trophies presented by Mrs. H.E.Carter, Chairman N.C. and Scottish S.T.A.

The swim was rounded off with a hot meal in the Lakeside Cafe, the bar being propped up by those well known elbow benders..... All in all a very enjoyable day.

I should like to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have assisted both financially and materially the Warrington Dolphins during the 1966 season. See you all at London, best wishes and Cheerio.

13, Roome Street,
Warrington. Lancs.

IAN THOMPSON. Hon. Sec.
Warrington Dolphins LDSC.

ESSEX REGIONAL NEWS.

Despite monthly reports in the Hornchurch magazine and bi-monthly reports in the Essex Aqua News it has proved difficult to stir up a great deal of [illegible] natural lakes in Essex, and very little opportunity for cold water training. However, efforts are being made to promote an open long distance Championship in the sea, with a course of about 6 miles.

Three qualified life-savers are now available: Ken Bay, Roger Howkins, and Andrew Wood. Ken, a member of Hornchurch Life Saving Club, rowed at Torbay, Bala and Windermere, and has recently gained his R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion. He has been recommended to Bill Anderson as the Regional Examiner for the P.L.S. Scheme.

Hornchurch Swimming Club.

This has not been quite as rewarding a season as we had hoped for, owing to Roger Howkins' knee injury early in the year and Andrew Wood's shoulder injury which he sustained whilst at Bala. However, the most encouraging results of 1966, were:- (1) Andrew coming a good second to Colin Proctor in the Lake Pickmere Championship. (2) the Club team of Andrew, Roger and George Moore taking 5th place out of 15 in the Morecambe Bay relay race. (3) Roger and Andrew qualifying as Pilot Life-Savers. (4) Andrew 4th in the Morecambe Inshore Championships. and (5) Brian Steel aged 12, completing the 2 mile Fairhaven Junior Championship course on breast stroke. Incidentally, Brian recently gained 2nd place with the same time as the winner in his National Age Group Breaststroke Championship at Blackpool. In addition, Andrew Wood completed 6 miles at Torbay, 5½ miles at Windermere before his shoulder injury forced him to give up, was 7th in the Bala one-way and 4th in the Windermere Cross Lake. Five Club members entered and all completed the Essex Long Distance Championship, 3½ miles with strong tidal assistance. David Smith (15) was 6th, Roger Howkins (19) 18th swimming breast stroke, William Price (15) 19th on butterfly, Peter Price (13) 21st, and Brian Steel (12) was 26th on breast stroke.

In the Women's Championship, 2½ miles with strong tidal assistance, [illegible] Jennings (15) was 7th, and Eileen Butcher(14) was 13th. If some of our younger swimmers who entered the Essex swim can be persuaded to try some of the shorter lake and sea swims, Hornchurch should have a very promising long distance future.

1, Maple Avenue,
Upminster, Essex.

ALEC G.WOOD. BLDSA
Reg. Rep. for Essex.

MS. Hx. 22.10.66.

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

ENTRY FORM

FOR THE

First International Windermere Championship.

(Under F.I.N.A. A.S.A. and B.L.D.S.A. Laws)

Open to all Amateur Swimmers of any Nationality.

Please consider my entry for the above named Ladies / Men's Championship, to be held in Lake Windermere, England, on Saturday, 6th August, 1966 over a course of 10½ miles. (17 kilometres).

(Swimming Club or Association)

My Nationality is.....

I certify that

(1) I am an amateur according to the Laws of the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur.

(2) The particulars given below are to the best of my knowledge and belief true.

Full Name (Block capitals, please).....Mr. Mrs. Miss.

Address (Block Capitals, please).....

Age.....(no person under 16 years of age on the day of the Championship will be allowed to compete.)

Details of long distance swimming experience in open water.....

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I will / will not / need an Interpreter who can speak the.....language.

The name and address of my local newspaper is.....

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Signature of Entrant.....Date.....

Signature of parent or guardian if Entrant is under 21 years.....

CERTIFICATE OF SWIMMING ABILITY

I certify that in my opinion, and having regard to the nature of this Championship, the entrant is a competent swimmer.

Signed.....Coach / Club Official.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

I certify that the entrant is not suffering from any disability known to me which would render his/her participation in this Championship unadvisable.

I have examined the entrant.

Signed.....Doctor / Medical Practitioner.

N.B. The closing date for entries is Thursday, 30th June, 1966.

INTERNATIONAL WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET AND RULES.

1. The Championships (one for Men, one for Women) shall be open to all amateur swimmers over 16 years of age on the day of the Championships.
2. The first Championships will be held on Saturday the 6th August, 1966, at 9 a.m. in Lake Windermere, England.
3. Competitor's travelling expenses will be paid from the Port of Entry into Great Britain, then to Windermere, then back to the Port of Exit, and free first class accommodation will be provided to all overseas competitors by the ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT HOTELS AND CATERERS ASSOCIATION (Southern Division), on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 4th, 5th and 6th August, 1966.
4. Competitors arriving in Great Britain will be met at the Port of Entry, and if they wish, will either be given hospitality by individual members of the B.L.D.S.A. if they arrive on or before Thursday the 4th August, and then taken by a B.L.D.S.A. member to Windermere, or, will be provided with necessary railway tickets so that they can make their own way to Windermere.
5. Wherever possible competitors will be met by someone who speaks their own language, and we will do our best to have them accommodated at aHotel where a member of the staff will speak their language. Any person accompanying a competitor will be given every possible assistance other than financial assistance.
6. A number of B.L.D.S.A. members will be camping near Windermere and will be glad to offer good tent accommodation to any person accompanying a competitor. The English Lake District Hotels and Caterers Association have compiled a list of their members, and this is enclosed. (Overseas competitors and B.L.D.S.A. officials only).
7. Rowing boats, together with qualified Pilot Life-Savers and oarsmen will accompany each swimmer during the race, and there will be medical personnel in the accompanying launches.
8. Competitors must provide a medical certificate via the entry form, together with a certificate signed by their Coach or Club Official saying that they are competent swimmers.
9. Competitors must ensure that a Certificate of Amateurism is sent to the Championship Hon. Secretary from their own Swimming Association, to certify that the competitor is an amateur swimmer.
10. The English Lake District is a very beautiful part of Great Britain and has many overseas visitors. There will be no restrictions placed on the swimmers, they can go where they wish, but they must report to the Championship Referee, Philip H. Rising, Esq., J.P. the President of the B.L.D.S.A. at 12 noon, on Friday the 5th August, 1966, at the Waterhead Hotel, Waterhead, Ambleside. Arrangements will then be made for competitors to meet at Waterhead at 2.30 p.m. to be taken by launch to tour the full length of the course.
11. In the case of competitors under 21 years of age, his or her parents consent will be necessary before the entry can be accepted, and where the competitor is not accompanied by some person who is willing to accept responsibility for him/her, our officials will try to exercise a reasonable degree of supervision if the competitor's parents wish this to be done.
12. An Insurance cover for all competitors has been arranged. Full details will be given on request.
13. The course is approximately 10½ miles, commencing at Lakeside, immediately opposite the first boating jetty, and finishing at Waterhead, between the last two boating jetties opposite the Waterhead Hotel. In the event of a strong opposing wind the course will be reversed.

T I M E T A B L E.

14. Competitors to be met at Port or Airport of entry, by B.L.D.S.A. member, and either offered hospitality for the evening or two evenings (by prior arrangement), and then either taken on immediately by the member with whom he/she has been staying, or, provided with a railway ticket to Windermere by the Championship Hon. Secretary. This will be given to the competitor by the B.L.D.S.A. member who meets the competitor on arrival in Great Britain.

15. The competitor will be met by a B.L.D.S.A. member at Windermere Railway Station on arrival, and taken, by that member, to the Hotel where the competitor will be staying.

16. As soon as the competitor arrives in this country, the Championship Hon. Secretary must be notified either by the competitor himself or by the B.L.D.S.A. member who meets him on arrival.

27. On arrival at Windermere and after booking in at his or her Hotel, the competitor must report arrival to the Championship Referee at the Waterhead Hotel.

28.

Friday 5th. 12.00 hrs. All competitors must contact the Championship Referee, at the Waterhead Hotel, Ambleside at 12 noon (12.00 hrs) on Friday 5th August.

14.30 hrs. All competitors must meet outside the office of the Ambleside Motor Launch Company at Waterhead (opposite the Waterhead Hotel) to board a launch and be taken on a conducted tour of the Lake. (Philip M.Rising and C.Trevor Smith to be in charge). The launch will return to Waterhead at approximately 5 p.m.

17.00 hrs. All competitors, officials, oarsmen, life-savers etc., will meet at 8.30pm at

18.30 hrs. Salutation Arms Hotel, Ambleside (approx. 1 mile from Waterhead) for the BRIEFING MEETING. Crews will be allocated at this meeting, and any necessary arrangements between swimmer and crews regarding signals and feeding can be made immediately after this meeting.

29.

Saturday. 07.30 hrs. All competitors, oarsmen, life-savers etc., will meet at Bowness, at 7.30 a.m. prompt and report to the Championship Referee on board the launch to take them to the start. (A launch will be leaving Waterhead at approximately 7 a.m. calling at Bowness at 7.30 a.m. and competitors and officials staying in the Waterhead area may board this launch if it is more convenient for them to do so.

08.30 hrs. On arrival at Lakeside, swimmers and any trainers or similarly responsible persons will go directly to the Railway Station, approximately 100 yards away, where toilet facilities and changing facilities are available.

08.45 hrs. All competitors must return to the landing beach and report to the Championship Referee after placing clothing, suit cases, holdalls, food, thermos flasks etc., in the rowing boat of the coach. Each rowing boat will be numbered with the competitor's number as shown in the Championship Programme, and the boat crews must be standing by their boats. The B.L.D.S.A. Pilot Life-Saver appointed to be in charge of the competitor's rowing boat must obtain a whistle, flag and inflated inner tube or life belt, together with the competitor's number, from the Equipment Steward on the beach.

08.50 hrs. An opportunity will now be given for photographs, television etc.

08.55 hrs. All competitors will line up on the jetty and be ready to enter the water.

08.58 hrs. All competitors will enter the water at the instruction of the Championship Referee and take up a position in line with the jetty. The swimmers can enter the water quite easily from the end of the jetty. The accompanying rowing boats will take up a position at least 100 yards in front of the competitors. When the race has started the boats will move slowly up the Lake in front of the swimmers, until there is sufficient space for each swimmer to be safely accompanied by his/her rowing boat. The swimmer may pass up any position, in front of, at the side, or behind the accompanying boat.

09.00 hrs. To start the races a signal will be given simultaneously by whistle and flag.

30. The Leading Pilot, whose boat will be marked with the letter "P", will take up a position in front of the leading swimmer. Other boats are advised to follow this boat, or, as the competitors become spaced out, they are advised to follow the boat immediately in front of them.

31. During the race competitors must not receive any support from any floating object. Food and drink may be taken, provided that this rule is complied with. The boat accompanying the swimmer must display the competitor's number throughout the race, and may take up any position in accordance with the wishes of the competitor.

32. Competitors must not use any aids to swimming, other than swimming goggles or mask. (It is taken for granted that a swimming costume or trunks will be worn !)

33. Alcoholic stimulents, "pep" pills, etc., are forbidden to all competitors immediately before or during the race.

34. Postponement of the Championship is extremely unlikely and will only be considered in the event of danger being caused to competitors or boats, and in such circumstances every consideration will be given to holding the races the following day.

35. The Championship Referee, may, if he thinks fit, order from the water any swimmer who has contravened the rules, or whose condition is not satisfactory, or, who has not completed the course by 19.30 hrs. (7.30 p.m.)

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26. The swimmer's course is practically weed free, and the depth varies between 6 feet (2 metres) and 247 feet (80 metres). It is fresh water, very clean, and there are no currents in the lake. The usual temperature is about 61.5F (16.5 C.)

27. To complete the course, competitors must pass between the last two boating jetties at Waterhead.

28. Competitors who require a bath after the race will be taken to the Waterhead or Wateredge Hotel. Competitors must provide their own equipment for removing grease, if used, i.e. an old kitchen knife, rags and grease solvent. Please remember that thousands of people visit Windermere every week during summer, and if you are using grease you must ensure that it is not left in a position where it may cause annoyance to others.

29. All British competitors must provide a blanket or suitable covering so that in the event of their leaving the water and entering his/her escort boat, the spread of grease can be restricted and the boat left in a clean condition.

30. After the race all equipment must be returned to the Equipment Steward who will be waiting on the beach.

31. After the race, competitors who require transport to their accommodation must report to Mr. G.Trevor Smith, in the roped enclosure on the beach.

[illegible] The Reception and Presentation of Prizes etc., will take place at the Salutation Arms Hotel Annexe, Ambleside, at 8.30 p.m. All competitors and overseas visitors and official guests will be admitted without charge. The charge for admittance to members and friends will be 5/- each. Light refreshments will be provided and there will be a private bar.

32. Championship Officials.

Starter:-	Philip H.Rising.
Championship Referee:-	Philip H.Rising.
Announcer:-	F.C.Oldman.
Medical Officer:-	Dr. G.Lancaster.
Judges (3)	
Timekeepers (3)	A.S.A. & B.L.D.S.A. Officials.
Equipment Steward:-	G.T.Smith.
Leading Pilot:-	R.Clarke.
Publicity Officer:-	L.Craven.
Hon. Secretary:-	J.K.Slater.

33. A certificate and a plaque will be presented to each swimmer who completes the course. The certificate sets out in detail the swimmer's achievement and includes the map of the course. The plaque is in the form of the B.L.D.S.A. Badge, on an oak shield, hand made by the Fine Arts Department of a London firm.

34. Medals for list, 2nd and 3rd place in each race. Gold plated, Silver and Bronze.

35. Best meeting place for visitors, officials, competitors, members and friends during the period 4th - 6th August will be the stretch of promenade between Polly's Snack bar and the Wateredge Hotel, Waterhead, near Ambleside. This is approximately 200 yards long and includes Cafe, snack bar, the Waterhead Hotel, the Wateredge Hotel, rowing boats, launches, public toilets, and ample seating with a good view of the lake and the finish of the Championship course. Those who wish to have a few hours of peace and quiet can venture into Borrans Park, at the side of the Wateredge Hotel. I suggest that during this period we rendezvous on this well apointed stretch of promenade. (P.H.Rising at the Waterhead, George Owen at the Wateredge Hotel).

36. A local firm has kindly offered a trophy for the Championship and [illegible] be presented [illegible] competitor to complete the course.

37. Programmes will be available, price 6d, from Polly's Cafe and other local premises as from the 31st July.

38. Posters advertising the Championship and the Annual Windermere Championship will be available from the Championship Hon. Secretary as from the 16th July.

39. Entries received so far:- Hans Neukirchen, Germany. Jan van Scheyndel, Holland. Kendall Mellor, England. Johan van Hemert, Holland. Mrs. Mair Leonard, Wales. Miss Elaine Grey, England. John Earls, Ireland. Lucien Hankart, Belgium. Barry Watson, England. Phillip Gollop, England. Peter Ernest Tyrell, Wales. Harry W.Huffaker, U.S.A. Geoffrey Lake, England. Cornelis Hoogendoorn, Holland. Christine Genge, England.

P.T.O.

40. Certain of the Championship Rules and Provisions may have to be varied by the Championship Sub-Committee. Notice of any such variation will, if possible, be given in writing to the competitor or official concerned as soon as possible or, will be given at the Briefing Meeting.

41. Any matter concerning the Championship which - (a) is not covered by these Rules and Provisions, or (b) arises from them - shall be dealt with by the Championship Sub-Committee.

42. The Association shall not incur any liability for anything done or omitted to be done by them and shall not be liable for any personal injury, damage to or loss of property sustained by any person in connection with these Championships.

43. Competitors are covered as follows :-
Death by accident £500. Loss of one limb or one eye by accident £500. Temporary total disablement by accident £5 per week for 103 weeks. Full details available from the Championship Hon. Secretary on request.

44. The Championships are conducted under F.I.N.A. A.S.A. and B.L.D.S.A. Laws and Rules, and by permit of the N.E.C. A.S.A. and Yorkshire A.S.A.

45. Official guests listed to date include:- Lord Wakefield of Kendal, The Chairman and Clerk of the Windermere U.D.C, The Chairman and Clerk of the Lakes U.D.C., Mr. H.Cottom of Issac Braithwaite & Son, The President, Hon. Secretary and members of the Windermere Hotels and Caterers Association, Dr. G.Lancaster, Mr. B.Gooch, Mrs. E.P.Tyson, Mr. J.Tyson, Mr. Robert Clarke, Mr. Harry Griffin, Mr. H.Koskie, Mr. E.Warrington, Mr. J.Pike, Counc. J.Couplethwaite, The Lake Warden, The Stationmaster, Newby Bridge, representatives of the Lancashire and Westmorland Constabulary, The Officers and men of the "R" Battery (Blackpool) Light Air Defence Regiment, R.A., T.A., all competitors and overseas visitors accompanying the competitors.

First International Amateur Long Distance Swimming Championship ever held in Great Britain, and we of the British Association will do everything we can to ensure that you and your friends will enjoy your visit to our country. Those of you who wish to stay here for a few days before or after the official period of the Championship will be welcomed as guests of individual members of our Association.

Yours sincerely,

John K.Slater,
"Dryden"
29, St. Albans Avenue,
Halifax. ENGLAND.
(Telephone -
Home, HALIFAX 60229
Office, HALIFAX 60695, 3-5 p.m.)

Hon. Secretary & International
Championship Hon. Secretary of
the B.L.D.S.A.

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BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

WINDERMERE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

To all B.L.D.S.A. Pilot Life-Savers.

If you are able to attend this Championship please insert your name and address on this form and return it to me as soon as possible.

Name.....Address.....

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To:- John K.Slater, "Dryden" 29, St. Albans Avenue, Halifax. Yks. (Tel.60229)

Dear Mere,

To all B.L.D.S.A. members in the South of England who are willing to offer hospitality to one or more overseas visitors.

[illegible]

Name.....Address.....

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I can accommodate one/two overseas competitors (male) for one/two/three days, i.e. from the.....to the.....inclusive.

I can convey one/two/three competitor(s) to Windermere in my own transport, on.....day, the.....August, 1966.

I will be responsible for handing over Railway tickets (supplied by the Championship Hon. Secretary) to (a) competitor(s) on arrival in this country, so that the competitor(s) can make his/their own way to Windermere.

To:- John K.Slater, "Dryden" 29, St. Albans Avenue, Halifax. Yks. (Tel. 60229)

List of Competitors for the Windermere International
10 mile Swimming Championship. Sat. 6th August, 1966.

Name.	Age.	Representing.	Address.	Experience.
[illegible]	18.	Holland.	Leliegracht 42h, [illegible]	National 10k.m. Champ'p. 3rd. [illegible]
Johan van Hemert.	24.	"	Vincent van Gogh [illegible] 52, Breda.	Schelde [illegible] Paton 10 k.m. Championship.
[illegible] van Scheijndel.	29.	"	Jan v Riebeekst't 6, The Hague.	Harlingen, 2nd. Schelde 2nd. Long distance Champion 1962.
[illegible] Janssen.	16.	"	Kinderhuisvest 37rd Haarlem.	Full details not yet available.
[illegible]	19.	"	Bakkersraat 28b, Haarlem.	" " " " "
[illegible]	18.	"	Stevrenbosst't 33, Haarlem.	Schelde. Damme-Brugge.
Lucien Hankaart.	29.	Belgium.	c/o [illegible] Hse, AMRS Harwell.Bks.	Southsea. Bala. Fairway Buoy. -Damme-Brugge. Schelde. Metz etc.
Harry Huffaker.	26.	United States.	c/o "Rathlin" Station Rd.Steeton.Yks.)	Higgins Lake. Mullet Lake. Torch Lake etc.
John Earls.		Ireland.	Park Rd., Limerick.	Lower Lough Derg. Shannon Est'y. Torbay. etc.
Ray Cossum.	35.	N.Ireland.	38, Dunmore Gdns, Londonderry,	Belfast Lough, 1st. Numerous 5 - 10 mile Lake swims.
Peter Tyrell.	45.	Wales.	7, Cheashyre St. Brynmill. Swansea.	Swansea. Mumbles. Bala. Trentham. Torbay.
Angus Smith.	28.	Scotland.	47, Brown St., Broughty Ferry.	Torbay. Windermere. Whitby. Tay and Double Tay.
Robert McChughey.	36.	"	57, Brachelston St. Greenock.	Clyde Firth, 1st. Double Tay, 1st. Windermere, Torbay, Bala.
Kevin Murphy.	17.	England.	22, Greenway, Kenton, Harrow.	Windermere. Bala. Solent.
Peter Hatfield.	29.	"	122, The Avenue, Middlesbrough.	Schelde International. Torbay, 1st. Rathlin, 1st. [illegible]
Geoffrey Lake.	19.	"	169, Carmelite Rd. Harrow.	Torbay, 1st. Windermere, 1st. Bala 1st.
Philip Gollop.	17.	"	4, Hardy Ave., Weymouth. D't.	Torbay. Weymouth. Youngest France-England.
Barry Dutson.	27.	"	24, Chapel Rd., Bingley. Yks.	Windermere 1st. Morecambe 1st. France-England Record, etc.
Kendall Mellor.	30.	"	"Rathlin" Sta'n Rd., Steeton.Yks.	France-England. Morecambe. Rathlin 1st. Torbay, 1st. Windermere etc.
[illegible] Leonard.	30.	Wales.	2, Constitution Hill, Swansea. Glam.	Mumbles. Aberavon. Bala. Torbay. Windermere. Trentham.
Miss Christina Genge.	22.	England.	22, Fruche Drive, Badgate. Lane's.	Trentham. Whitby. Coniston. Bala. Torbay.
Miss Brenda Evans.	21.	England.	7, Willow St., Middlesbrough.	Morecambe 1st. Whitby. Coniston. Torbay. Bala. Trentham. A.S.A.5
Miss [illegible] Gray.	20.	England.	15, Jenkins Ave, B't Wood. St.Albans.	Windereme, 1st. Torbay, 1st. Morecambe. Schelde 1st. etc.

J.A.S. Ax. 8.7.66.

[illegible] DRAFT OF INFORMATION FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME.

To celebrate our Tenth Anniversary we have great pleasure in presenting the First International Amateur Long Distance Championship ever to be held in Great Britain. The full details of the 25 competitors are given overleaf, and it would be very difficult to forecast a likely winner when there are so many first class marathoneers who will give of their best, not only on their own behalf but for the honour of the country they are representing. The stimulus of International competition must surely result in the Championship and all-comers record being broken should conditions on the lake be reasonable.

Amongst those taking part are the holders, or former holders of the English Channel World Record; the Torbay, Rathlin Island, Bala, Whitby, Schelde International, Belfast Lough, Morecambe Bay etc., Championships.

We are very pleased to welcome our friends from overseas. The strong contingent from Holland includes their top marathoneers, and this gives us the opportunity of responding to the splendid hospitality enjoyed by our members who have visited Holland for the Schelde International during the last 9 years. From the U.S.A. we welcome a swimmer of high repute who is credited with a number of impressive lake swims in the States. From Belgium we welcome an old friend who has completed several swims in this country and who has taken part in quite a number of continental swims. Eire, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales have responded by sending their strongest marathon swimmers, all of whom are experienced in long cool swims.

To swim the full length of Lake Windermere is an ambition that has been cherished by many swimmers who have grown tired of battling their way up and down a twenty five yard steamy, chlorinated, clamorous indoor swimming pool. Some have succeeded in their ambition and are entitled to wear the Blazer Badge of the British Long Distance Swimming Association. This is a qualification which is hard won, and there have been many experienced swimmers who have set out to conquer Windermere, only to be pulled out of the water numb and exhausted, some within 20 yards of the end of the Lake. A swimmer who can complete this course - regardless of the time he or she takes to do so, is a First Class Marathon Swimmer. The success rate is approximately 40%, and the swim requires considerable stamina, adequate training, the ability to withstand for [illegible] hours a temperature which seldom exceeds 61F, and the mental aptitude to undertake a swim of this nature. The team work between swimmer and boat crew also plays a considerable part in the success, or otherwise, of the swim.

To organise a Championship of this nature requires the support and encouragement of many individuals and organisations, and whilst it is impossible for me to pay tribute to all concerned, I would particularly like to mention that the SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT HOTELS AND CATERERS ASSOCIATION (2, Park Avenue, W'mere) has provided all the accommodation for the overseas competitors, from Thursday to Saturday inclusive, an exceedingly generous contribution for which we are most grateful. I must also express our appreciation to our President PHILIP H. RISING, Esq., J.P. who has given very substantial donations to our International Fund.

[illegible] that [illegible] Championship, [illegible] [illegible] oarsmen etc., [illegible] any reward of any kind other than the [illegible], plaques and certificates for the swimmers. In view of the distance and expense incurred by our overseas competitors, the Association bears the cost of their Rail travel from Port of Entry to Port of Exit, but all other expenses of every English, Welsh and Scottish competitor, the officials and oarsmen are borne by the individual concerned. The oarsmen can usually display their reward on the palms of their hands - blisters. The majority of these oarsmen are from the Association's Panel of qualified Pilot Life-Savers, members who have passed tests in oarsmanship, life saving and artificial respiration. These members are entitled to wear the Association's Blazer Badge set on crossed oars.

The Association was founded in 1956, when there were only three long distance Championships in Great Britain. Now there are 27 such Championships, ranging from [illegible] to 25 miles. Full details of these Championships, from Torbay to Rathlin Island, may be obtained from the Hon. General Secretary of the Association.

To further celebrate our Tenth Anniversary, our Annual Dinner this year will be held in the House of Commons, kindly sponsored by Lord Wakefield of Kendal

John K. Slater.
International Championship [illegible]
Hon. General Secretary of the B.L.D.S.A.

Ex. 12.7.66.

INTERNATIONAL WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIP.
6th August, 1966, at 9 a.m.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PILOT LIFE-SAVER SCHEME:-

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU

At the Briefing Meeting at the Salutation Hotel, Ambleside, 8.30 p.m. Fri. 5th August, or at Bowness Bay at 7.30 a.m. 6th August, or at Lakeside at 8.30 a.m. same day.

Twenty five competitors, but only seven oarsmen. Please inform me NOT LATER than the 1st August, 1966, if you are able to attend.

Dear Sirs.....

I WILL ATTEND.

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Remember "YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU." Please return the above slip to:-

John K.Slater, "Dryden" 29, St. Albans Avenue, Halifax. Yorkshire.

P.S. I hope to be away on holiday from the 15th July, to 1st August, 1966.

1966 A.S.A. Long Distance Championships of England.

To be organised by the BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION at TRENTHAM GARDENS STOKE ON TRENT, Staffs, on SATURDAY 20th AUGUST, 1966. Briefing Meeting at 12 noon, at the Swimming Pool Cafe.

Dear Pilot Life-Saver,

Will you please complete this form and return it to me as soon as possible.

I shall/shall not be attending the above Championship as a Pilot Life/Saver.
(Delete as applicable)

Name.....

Address.....

Pilot Life-Savers attending, will be forwarded full details of the arrangements approximately one week before the Event.

Yours faithfully,

Bernard Bell.(B.L.D.S.A. Liason Officer)
17, Millcroft Estate,
Pool in Wharfedale.
Nr. Leeds. Yorkshire.

A record is being kept, and details will be given in the Annual Report, of the attendance of Pilot Life-Savers at the Association's Championships. No prizes for 100% attendance, but the Hon. Secretary will be very pleased to be allowed to stand a round of the appropriate beverage to all Pilot Life-Savers who can join him in 100% attendance at B.L.D.S.A. Championships this year.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. I don't want to drink alone.

John K.Slater.

Hon. Secretary.

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Loch Lomond. From the Ardlui Hotel Beach to any point between the river and the Quarry beach at Balloch, or reverse. Approx. 23 miles.

Windermere. From a point immediately opposite the second boating jetty in front of the Lakeside Hotel, Lakeside, to the last boating jetty in front of the Waterhead Hotel, Waterhead, or reverse. Approx. 10½ miles.

Torbay. From Beacon Cove, Torquay, to a point in line with the foremost tip of Brixham breakwater, and back to Beacon Cove. Approx. 7¾ miles.

Ullswater. From the small boating jetty at the side of the steamer dock Glenridding, to a point in line with the steamer dock at Pooley Bridge, or reverse. Approx. 7⅗ miles.

Coniston. From the roadside beach at the Coniston end, to the old steamer jetty on the right hand side of the lake, or reverse. Approx. 5¼ miles.

Rathlin Island to Ballycastle. From the beach at Rathlin Island to the tip of the stone jetty at Ballycastle. Approx. 4 miles.

Bala Lake. All details from the Clerk to the Bala U.D.C. Council Offices, Bala, Merioneth. The Bala U.D.C. issue certificates for this swim.

Only in exceptional circumstances will the Association consider recognising a swim of less than 5 miles.

Details of a number of other courses are available from the Hon. Secretary of the Association, on request.

The Executive have power to award certificates in respect of any outstanding swims in addition to those mentioned above.

Please return this form and fee to:-

John M.Slater,
B.L.D.S.A. Hon. Secretary,
"Dryden"
29, St. Albans Avenue,
HALIFAX. Yks.

[illegible] DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

INFORMATION BULLETIN, 1967.

"Dryden"
29, St. Albans Ave.
HALIFAX. Yks.
Tel. 66229.

23rd March, 1967.

[illegible] with other items of interest.

[illegible] MAY.	Sat.	Annual Dinner Channel Swimming Association, at Lydd Airport. Tickets from Miss I.Kellam-Smith, C.S.A. Hon. Sec. "Coolmoyne" 5, Copsewood Way, Bearsted, Maidstone. Kent.
7th "	Sun.	A.G.M. of C.S.A. and usual Dover Dip. Write Miss I.Kellam-Smith, for details of membership.
27th- " 29th	Whit. hol.	Camping, swimming, sunbathing, canoeing, fishing, fell walking, mountaineering, deer stalking (?) etc., at Coniston. Usually about 2 members camping within sight of Bob Clark's Boathouse/cafe.
[illegible] JUNE.	Sun.	Morecambe Inshore. 2 miles. Bath swim. Both sexes, no age limit. Hon. Sec. Arthur Shipley, "Lu-Mena" Caton Rd., Lancaster.
" "	"	Pilot Life-Saver Scheme Examination. Pickmere Lake, Hon. Sec. Wm. Anderson, 64, Festival Avenue, Orford, Warrington, Lancs.
" "	"	Llangold Lake Trial. to select G.B. representatives for Schelde International. Organiser Fred C.Oldham, 163, Handley Rd., New Whittington, Chesterfield. Tel. office Chesterfield 7271. Ext. 217, Home 51100.
11th "	Sun.	Exmouth Pairway Swim. 4⅝ miles. Hon. Sec. D.W.Binmore, 17, Marpool Hill, Exmouth, Devon. Tel. Exmouth 5071.
24th "	Sun.	B.L.D.S.A. Fairhaven Lake. Lytham St. Annes, Blackpool. 2 miles. Open boys and girls under 16 on day. Hon. Sec. Mrs. S.Taylor, 52, Pooleys Lane, Welham Green, Nr. Hatfield. Herts. (Possibility this venue may have to be changed, details will be available shortly after this Bulletin is issued, but write Mrs. Taylor now.)
[illegible] "	Thur.	River Wharfe, Otley, Yks. 1 mile. Open, boys and girls under 16 on day and team event. Hon. Sec. Derek Gill "Westbourne View" Bradford Rd., Otley. Yks. Tel. Otley. 3540.
1st JULY.	Sat.	B.L.D.S.A. Rowboy Championship. 8 miles. Open men and women, over 16. Hon. Sec. Jeffrey Taylor, 15, Myrtle Avenue, Golcar, Huddersfield. Yks. Tel. Huddersfield 32177, office hours.
" "	"	Schelde International, Holland. 3 miles. See Llangold Lake above.
8th "	Sat.	A.S.A. Long Distance. 5 miles. Trentham Lake. Liaison Officer Bernard Bell, 17, Millcroft Estate, Pool in Wharfedale. Nr. Leeds, tel. Arthington 2487.
[illegible] "	Sun.	Derwentwater. 2 miles. Bradford & Dist. LDSC members only, boys and girls under 16 on day. Hon. Sec. Derek Gill, see above.
15th "	Sat.	Double Bay. Scotland. 14 miles. Hon. Sec. Denis Sullivan, 191, King Street, [illegible], Dundee, Angus.
16th "	Sun.	Fleetwood to Morecambe. 16 miles. Seniors of proved ability. Hon. Sec. Jack Brown, 30, More Moss Rd., Morecambe. Tel. 10.
" "	"	Sandsend to Whitby. 3 miles. Seniors and juniors, both sexes. Hon. Sec. Jim Robinson, 54, Melrose Avenue, Billingham, Co. Durham. Tel. Ernest Hamilton, office Whitby 1191, home Whitby 1297.
[illegible] "	Sat.	Lulworth Cove - Weymouth. 10 miles. Men & women. Hon. Sec. Mr. M.L. Hunt, 34, Chiltoys Avenue, Weymouth, Dorset. Tel. Weymouth 4204.
[illegible] "	Sun.	Morecambe Cross Bay, Ladies only. 8 miles. Hon. Sec. Jack Brown, see above.
" "	"	Ullswater. 7 miles. Bradford & Dist. LDSC members only. Hon. Sec. Derek Gill, see above.
29th- 30th "	Sat.	B.L.D.S.A. Rathlin Island to Ballycastle, N.I. 5 miles of rough and cold. Limited to senior marathoneers, men only, preference to those who stay stay Sunday. Hon. Sec. Kendall Mellor, "Rathlin" Station Rd., Steeton, Nr. Keighley. Yks. Tel Steeton 2359.
[illegible] "	Sun.	Morecambe Bay Mens Relay. 3 per team. Hon. Sec. Jack Brown see above.

[illegible] Sun. Douglas Bay. 6 miles. Open, women, team. Hon. Sec. Mr. [illegible] Pratley, 46, Ballakeigle Way, Douglas, Isle of Man.

[illegible] Sat. B.L.D.S.A. Bala Lake Championships. 5 miles. Senior men and women, 16 and over. Hon. Sec. Jack Somerfield, Village Stores & P.O. Piddington Stratford on Avon. Wks. Tel. S on A 2008.

[illegible]-[illegible] " " B.L.D.S.A. Loch Rannoch. 24 miles. Marathoneers of well proved ability only. Hon. Sec. George Owen, "Gwynfa", 22, Harbour Rd., Wibsey, Bradford. Tel. Bradford 76818, home.

18th " Mon. B.L.D.S.A. Bala one way. Junior, boys and girls under 16 on day. Hon. Sec. Jack Somerfield, see above, also
B.L.D.S.A. Bala two way. Senior men & women. 6 miles.

[illegible] " Thur. Windermere Cross Lake. 1 mile. Seniors & juniors, both sexes. Hon. Sec. Mrs. M.Mallinson, 4, Stonecliffe, Bowness, Windermere (Prov'l date only)

2nd SEPT. Sat. B.L.D.S.A. Windermere. 10 miles. Hon. Sec. John O'Hara, 21, Woodhouse Grove, Fartown, Huddersfield. Tel. Huddersfield 20986. Reception & presentation at Lakeside Hotel, Newby Bridge.

[illegible] Mon. [illegible] 3 miles. Hon. Sec. [illegible]

[illegible] " Sat. Pickmere Lake, Warrington. 2 miles. Men & women. Hon. Sec. Ian Thompson, 9, Norbury Avenue, Orford, Warrington, Lancs.

" " " FIRST WEYMOUTH TO CLACTON. Pier to Pier. 7 miles, following tide. 2-3 hrs. Trophies, cert's, reception etc. Men & women. Organised by newly formed Essex Long Distance Swimming Assoc. Hon. Sec. Alec Wood, B.L.D.S.A. Reg. Rep. 1, Maple Avenue, Upminster, Essex. Tel Upminster 2939. Alt. date next day.

15th " Sat. Poole Harbour. 3 miles. Men & women. Hon. Sec. Miss Jean Bartlett, 8, Churchfield Rd., Poole, Dorset. Tel home, Parkstone 4557.

16th- " Sat. Windermere two-way. 22 miles. Marathoneers of proved ability. Hon.
17th Sec. Derek Gill, see over.

24th " Sun. B.L.D.S.A. Coventry Lake. 3 miles. Men & women. Hon. Sec. Rex G. [illegible] Wibsley Park, Coventry. Sec. Coventry [illegible]

[illegible] CHAMPIONSHIPS - Dates not yet notified.
Swansea - Mumbles. 3½ miles. Mumbles - Aberavon. 7 miles. Write to Peter Tyrell, 7, Chesshyre St., Brynmill, Swansea, for further information.

INDIVIDUAL SWIMS. Channel Swimming Association - Hon. Sec.'s address overleaf. Solent Swim, Hon. Sec. Anthony J.Moorey, 22, Spencer Walk, Putney, S.W.15. Tel.PUT.6088. (Hearty congratulations to Tony and Mrs. Moorey- full details in Annual Report.)

All other individual courses in Great Britain - write B.L.D.S.A. Hon. Sec.

CLOSING DATE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES. In majority of cases list closes at least one month before Championship. Write early and avoid disappointment. Late entries are NOT accepted for any B.L.D.S.A. Championships.

B.L.D.S.A. ties. 13/- GOLD WIRE BADGES (Windermere swimmers and Committee only) £3, [illegible] Edith Seymour, 13, Hazelhurst Rd., Bradford 9. Tel.47948.

B.L.D.S.A. CLOTH BLAZER BADGES (Windermere swimmers and Committee only) and LAPEL BADGES (available to any member) £1 and 5/- respectively, from G.Trevor Smith, 105, Station Rd., Denby Bridge, Huddersfield. Tel. Kirkburton 2927.

SWIM FLASHES. Suitable for costume or track suit. All Championship courses, Gold on Black. From Bryan Finlay, Shute End House, Shute End, Wokingham, Berks. 1/- + S.A.E.

B.L.D.S. AVAILABLE FOR 1967. The numbers quoted are those given in the Annual Report - 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34, 37, 39, 40, 42, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 56, 61, 64, 65, and 48. Mr.F.Slater, 45, Barnsley Lane, Otley, Yks, and Mr. Arthur Shipley, "Lu-Mena" Caton Rd., Lancaster, are both willing to act as timekeepers/Observers etc., for Championships or individual swims. (Information from Custos Rotulorum.)

Best wishes for a happy and successful season.

Yours sincerely,

John A.Slater.

Hon. Secretary.