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ANNUAL REPORTS 1967.

Dear Member,

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

Membership has increased for the 11th successive year, and is now 331, being composed of 67 Life Members and 264 Annual Members.

Our Regional Representatives are spread throughout England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, 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.

Yet another Championship has come into existence - welcome to the Walton [illegible] Swim, and another Club founded - welcome the "North Staffordshire [illegible] Swimming [illegible]

[illegible] also to the [illegible] Swimming Association" formed this year and now linked with us by mutual affiliation.

Since the attached reports from our respective Officers, Championship Hon. Secretaries and others, cover some of the above mentioned as well as all our other major activities during the season I am again 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 English Channel Ladies Record of 10hrs. 24 mins.

DARRY WATSON'S Loch Lomond Record of 12 hrs. 40 mins. 30.5 secs.
and his two-way Windermere Record of 12 hrs.8 mins.30 secs.
GEOFFREY LAKE'S tough Channel swim of 15 hrs.21 mins.
KEVIN MURPHY'S Loch Lomond triumph in 15 hrs. 4 mins. 5.5 secs.
NORMAN TRUSTY, 12 hrs. 5 mins, PHILIP GOLLOP, 13 hrs. 45 mins, and
MERVYN SHARP, 18 hrs. 34 mins, conquests of the English Channel.

Windermere.		Coniston.	
Phyllis Sullivan.	3.15. 0.	John Heapy.	3.14.48.6.
T.Percy Bull.	12.37.46.	Denise Lammyman.	3.37.
		Margaret Butcher.	4.55.
		Constance Lumb.	3.39.10.
Ullswater.		Jane Atkinson.	4.10.
Christopher Carter.	3.59. 0.	Suzanne Lodge.	4.38.
		Phyllis Sullivan.	3.35.4.
		Colin Procter.	2.28.
		Christopher Carter.	3.59. 0.
Lyme to Southsea.		" "	3.16.10.
Willy van Rysel. (Record)	2. 9.25.	Rex G.Williams.	3.30.15.
		Bryan Finlay.	3. 0.15.
		Lloyd Gledhill.	2.52.30.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tony Moorey (now of London) and to Mr. & Mrs. Derek Hewitson (formerly of Bowness) on their respective additions to the family.

Also to former Bala Junior Champion, Linda Bell, now Mrs. Norman Harrison, our best wishes. The happy couple have now gone to live at Keighley, between Derek Gill (shortly moving from Otley) and Thomas Worrall ! Another happy couple to whom we extend our good wishes - Ron and Enid - now Mr. and Mrs.Kellerman.

Dry Dock Bulletin.

Fred C.Oldman, officiating and swimming at Bala on the Saturday, whipped away on the Sunday and parted company with his appendix. William Anderson, involved, together with Mrs. Anderson, in a nasty road accident. We're very glad to see all three up and about again. Mr. Sydney Smith, a Life- Member and familiar figure at our Championships has again been 'out of action' this year. We have missed him and Mrs. Smith and look forward to seeing them next year. John Taylor, troubled for two years, we do hope that he will be with us again next year. Jack Brown, ill after a road accident, is now recovering. Bob Keating is pulling round and putting on weight after sinking down to 7 stone.

Our very sincere good wishes to these,and to any other members invalided during the season, for a full and speedy recovery.

The position at [illegible] this year was eased by the additional boats [illegible] by members [illegible] although the number of actual [illegible] increased from [illegible]. [illegible] to us throughout the weekend and with only a gentle [illegible] command with the boats were able to keep with the swimmers without difficulty. I would like to express our appreciation to those members who brought along a boat or canoe, especially to those members from the Halifax [illegible] who have not only qualified as Pilot Life-Savers, but who provide their own boat (in one case a boat and canoe) and provided covereage for all TEN Halifax competitors. Our thanks to Eric Atkinson, Dannis Aked, Leslie Holroyd, Douglas Procter, Mr. D.Shallcross, Mrs. Mair Leonard and M/s Willy van Rysel. Several canoeists camping at the Glanllyn site were also 'chatted-up' and supported the event, and one member of the Camping Canoe Club came along to camp at the Loch Cafe for the sole purpose of assisting on the swims.

BUT, we still do not have enough boats owned and manned by our own [illegible]. In the winter months now ahead of us there is ample time to construct [illegible] canoe or car top type [illegible]. Second hand either of these can be [illegible] little [illegible] present moment a three seater outboard, [illegible] rowing dinghy and [illegible] outboard launch are under construction [illegible] Halifax.

Loch Lomond. Some bewilderment was caused to spectators and shore based officials when a swimmer, accompanied by a rowing boat, came in sight and eventually landed some time ahead of Barry Watson. I have commented on this subject before, and obviously I must do so again. There should be no swimmer on a Championship Course who is not taking part in the Championship. If a competitor retires he should not re-enter the water during the Championship. Confusion has been caused on previous occasions where swimmers have for one reason or another been unable to take part in a Championship, but who have wished to take advantage of the facilities provided by the Association on the Championship day, and the Executive Committee have ruled that any such individual swim, if successful, will not be recognised by the Association.

Coniston Whit./Spring Bank Holiday. Our annual gathering at the Old Hall Camp site on the shores of Coniston continues to attract a growing section of our northern members. We did not organise any deer-stalking (as advertised in the Inf. Bull.) but at any rate I did some hound-trailing ! (Down "Sheba"). Prodigious feats of water engineering, landscaping, ditching, dyking, trenching, baling and similar tasks were carried out that weekend, with the Camp site looking more like a paddy field than anything else, I'll go prepared, with rice, next year. Rather different to the year before when we basked for four days in glorious sunshine. One innovation this year was the 'Grand Rowing Contest," from the Old Steamer Jetty to Bob Clarke's Boat Jetty. Three teams, two oarsmen per team, boats selected from those on Bob's beach. I accompanied the three teams, by canoe, to the start, rowing/paddling against the wind. The teams of Lawrence Jeffs and Bryan Finlay, Colin Procter and David Ingham, and Graham McIntyre and partner, lined up opposite the jetty. After describing the course, the manner of starting and finishing, (A.A. Starter style) I gave the "Take your marks, go." I then turned my [illegible] waiting [illegible] a back, down [illegible] were out [illegible] timekeepers with fast limousines were able to get to the finish just in time to clock in the winners:- Colin and David in 49 mins. 15 secs., Lawrence and Bryan in 49.32., and Graham and Partner in 49.44. A gruelling and exciting race (I was told). Lawrence and Bryan leading until opposite the camp site, then overhauled by Colin and David in the last half mile.

Activities for the younger end included a dance at the Village Hall, with hikers fresh from the conquest of Coniston Old Man, and farmer's lads fresh from muck-spreading and potent local brew ! Elaine Gray visited us and completed a 3 mile stretch before realising just how cold it was. Trevor [illegible] training plodded backwards and forwards past the camp site till we were [illegible]. Nearly everyone had a dip, - nearly - "Down Sheba, you'll have [illegible] over."

Showers, of the type you can step into or out of, not to be confused with any particular section of the Association, or with the uncontrollable elements. Following up M/s Willy van Rysel's suggestion (and cheque), a prototype emerged - [illegible] Ralph Hinchliffe. The heater was excellent. It not only boiled several gallons of water within a couple of minutes, but we could roast spuds, make toast, dry costumes and towels, warm-up a surrounding circle of cool swimmers, and generally heat the camp site, all at the same time. A wonderful [illegible]. The problem however, was the task of conveying the water, under pressure, to the rose at the top of the shower. This was in fact done by pressurised plastic container, but a little more reasearch has yet to be undertaken on the safety factor. I think it fafly certain that a successful

[illegible] two, will be available next year.

[illegible]book. Long awaited, but almost complete now. Bear with us a little [illegible] it will definitely be in the hands of the printer very soon after the [illegible] A.G.M.

[illegible] Times correspondence. It came as some surprise to us to read [illegible] Swimming Times" Irish Notes section, that the B.L.D.S.A. did not allow [illegible] entries in our Irish or other Championships. That, and other [illegible] unfounded allegations by the writer have been well and truly [illegible] by subsequent correspondence in "The Swimming Times", and I am [illegible] to our President who acted promptly in the matter whilst I was 'out [illegible]culation'. Our thanks to our friends in the newly formed 'Irish Long [illegible] Swimming Association', [illegible], and others who wrote to the [illegible] Times rebutting [illegible] allegations. Actually it was quite [illegible] while it lasted and was certainly good for a laugh in some respects. [illegible] Earls (Limerick) and Jimmy Gratton (Belfast) and David Bell [illegible] - competitors in the Torbay B.L.D.S.A., Windermere B.L.D.S.A. [illegible] International B.L.D.S.A. and Bala Lake B.L.D.S.A. going as far [illegible] 1960, - that the B.L.D.S.A. don't accept Irish competitors in their [illegible]ships. I should mention that the first two named have also taken part [illegible] B.L.D.S.A. Irish Championship. David Bell if, of course, our Regional [illegible]tative in Ireland, appointed over 5 years ago. We welcome any true [illegible] swimmer, regardless of colour, race, religion or politics. We would [illegible] welcome the writer of the Irish notes to any of our functions, we bear [illegible] and realize that Mr. Rankin must have been misinformed. It was [illegible] to note that we had the tactful support of the Editor of "The Swimming [illegible]."

Irish Long Distance Swimming Association. We welcome most sincerely [illegible] formation of this Association and I hope to include a contribution in [illegible] reports from the I.L.D.S.A. Hon. Secretary giving details of the [illegible] of his Association. Obviously there are some first class long [illegible] swimmers in Ireland (see Irish Championship Report) and it will be [illegible] benefit of both Associations to have and maintain a cordial relationship [illegible] at present exists. From Ireland comes the suggestion of a mutual [illegible] between the two Associations, to further cement the bond of [illegible]ship, and it was unanimously agreed at the last Executive meeting, that [illegible] affiliation be welcomed.

[illegible]ran's Championship. Another suggestion from Willy van Rysel, [illegible] by a practical and generous offer of a trophy) is for a competition [illegible] more senior male members of the Association who may have reached the [illegible] where they are, perhaps, inclined to swim purely for pleasure, rather [illegible] to battle for the trophies with the younger elements. Willy feels, and [illegible], that it would be nice to have a separate Championship, on a recognised [illegible] such as Bala, for Senior Men. We have a number of competitors who can [illegible] be described as "Senior Men" but might object to being described as [illegible]". Put another way, we could have AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS, i.e. [illegible]'s-Junior Men, under 40's-Men, over 40's-Senior Men. The race could [illegible] separate Championship, i.e. on Sunday at Bala (where there is no need for [illegible] participation to offend the susceptibilities of the staunch keepers [illegible] Sunday Observance Act, and in any case the Lake does not belong to the [illegible] now) or, it could be held in with the Mens Championship on the [illegible]. As an alternative, it could be held at Trentham, or Pickmere. [illegible] visualise Jack, Rex and Ian not only bringing their A.o.A.F.H.S.o.A.L.D. [illegible] C.a.t.t.B.L.D.S.A. tankards to the Dinner, but also crowning me with [illegible] Nevertheless I think it's a good idea (the race not the crowning) [illegible] you think ? I hasten to add, in case anyone suspects me of an ulterior [illegible] - I AM NOT (yet) eligible to compete. It could, of course, be held [illegible], but not at Spring Bank Holiday. If anyone suggests Loch Ness [illegible] 'em. The Championship could give different horses a chance on [illegible] courses by moving it around each year.

[illegible]-Savers, oarsmen, crews. I was very pleased to note (see Walton [illegible] Report) that the suggestion I made in the Annual Reports last year [illegible] adopted by at least one Championship. Congratulations to Alec Wood, [illegible] Representative, P.L.A. (and from the date of his Championship a fellow [illegible] member of the Association of Active Founder Hon. Sec's) for calling [illegible] the crew and swimmer when the presentations are made. For the B.L.D.S.A. [illegible]ships in future, we have a 'Flash' bearing the name of the Championship [illegible] Crew' to be presented to the successful swimmer's crew.

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[illegible] following members of the Pilot Life Savers [illegible] returned the forms requiring details of their attendances at Championships [illegible] individual swims during 1967, and with the exception of the two last [illegible] have all indicated that they are willing to act in a similar capacity [illegible] 1968. Obviously, not all the Pilot Life Savers have returned the forms, [illegible] my thanks to those who took the trouble to do so.

		[illegible].	Other Champ'ps.	Ind.Swims.	TOTAL.
[illegible]	[illegible] Jeffs. Halifax.	[illegible]	7	2	16
[illegible]	[illegible] Carter. Huddersfld.	[illegible]	5	4	14
[illegible]	[illegible] Proctor. Halifax.	[illegible]	5	1	13
[illegible]	John K.Slater. Halifax.	7	6	-	13
[illegible]	Denis A.Aked. Halifax.	5	6	1	12
[illegible]	Graham T.Smith. Huddrsfld.	5	5	1	11
[illegible]	Jeffrey Taylor. Huddrsfld.	5	5	1	11
[illegible]	John O'Hara. Huddrsfld.	6	3	2	11
[illegible]	T.Percy Bull. Bretford.	[illegible]	5	1	10
[illegible]	Chris. Faulkner. Coventry.	6	3	1	10
[illegible]	Chris. Carter.	6	3	1	10
[illegible]	Barry J.Goulden. Warrington.	6	2	2	10
[illegible]	Eric Atkinson. Halifax.	6	2	1	9
[illegible]	Michael J.Smith. Huddersfield.	2	4	3	9
[illegible]	Jeffrey Ingham. Sowerby Bridge.	[illegible]	5	-	9
[illegible]	Bernard Bell. Pool in W'dale.	6	3	-	9
[illegible]	Bessie Robinson. Otley.	5	4	-	9
[illegible]	Keith R.Seymour. Bradford.	5	4	1	8
[illegible]	Christina Genge. Warrington.	3	5	-	8
20.	George W.Owen. Bradford.	3	4	-	7
21.	Jack Somerfield. Tiddington.	5	2	-	7
22.	Margaret J.Butcher. L'pool.	3	4	-	7
23.	Kendall Mellor. Keighley.	3	2	1	6
24.	Mrs.M.Dent. Chesterfield.	4	1	-	5
25.	Leslie Holroyd. Halifax.	3	1	1	5
26.	Brenda Carter. Runcorn.	2	2	1	5
27.	Peter E.Crowe. Ilkley.	2	3	-	5
28.	Thomas Worrall. Keighley.	2	2	1	5
30.	Sydney R.Orford. Bexley Heath.	1	3	-	4
31.	Susan Shallcross. Warrington.	1	2	-	3
32.	Mrs.S.E.Taylor. Welham Green.	1	-	-	1
33.	Sandy M.Livingstone. Coventry.	1	-	-	1

[illegible] Windermere Championship. A shortage of entries this year, but ample [illegible] Life-Savers turned up. As an excercise for the P.L.S.'s it was great. [illegible] first two hours were spent in the Cocktail bar in the Waterhead Hotel, [illegible] a splendid dinner with appropriate wine, then adjourned to the Public [illegible]. It was a merry party that turned out of the Waterhead Hotel late that [illegible] and assembled on the beach ready for the start. A remarkable shirt [illegible] took place on the beach. Madge, arrayed in a multi coloured shirt [illegible] intended for a male member of well above average height, looked as if [illegible] modelling the latest Canadian style long evening dress, with slit [illegible].

The swim eventually got under way, Barry and Kevin leaving the beach midst [illegible] of a goodly gathering of shivering spectators, and fading rapidly [illegible] darkness. I hastened by vehicle down to Bowness, launched the canoe [illegible] across to Ferry Nab, where it was my duty, aided with a large bottle [illegible] paraffin, to light a bonfire on a point on Ferry Nab which could be seen by [illegible] and accompanying boat crew coming through the far side of the Lily [illegible]. Trying to find driftwood or any type of deadwood in the very early and [illegible] dark hours of a morning, round the shores of Ferry House, was not easy, [illegible] several exhaustive searches sufficient was found to make the Beacon. [illegible] joined by Peter Crowe, the fire was lit, lights displayed, and the [illegible] was illuminated as brightly as the Golden Mile. In the meantime [illegible] Jeffs had been busy laying a trail of paraffin filled cans at the [illegible] to the Islands, giving excellent illumination to the boats coming down [illegible] and enabling the boats to keep an almost spot - on course. Peculiar [illegible] seem to happen on the lake at night, or perhaps it's hallucinations [illegible] vivid imaginations of our members heightened by the protracted stay in [illegible] Waterhead Hotel, but something must have been responsible for such tall [illegible] as - the occupants of Keith Seymour's launch were positive they [illegible] of a continuous waterfall, for several minutes, somewhere between [illegible] and Bell Isle, and one boat crew swear that they had to take action [illegible] what appeared to be a spouting whale !

[illegible] Weather was kind, a gentle breeze stiffening slightly in the later hours [illegible] morning helped Barry take good time back to Waterhead. Kevin had very [illegible] up at [illegible], suffering from stomach pains which had been

[illegible] him for several days. Too many long swims in too short a space [illegible] ld probably also be troubling Kevin. A very fine swim by [illegible] looked so fit when he arrived at Waterhead that I told him while [illegible] in the water that "He one has every done a three way Windermere". [illegible] ado, Barry turned round and set off back down the lake. However, [illegible] w protested, quite rightly, that if he hadn't had enough - they [illegible] possibility of a three-way Windermere was thus postponed.

[illegible] Notulorum. This post has been held by Bryan Finlay for 2 years, [illegible] that time he has collected some interesting and useful material [illegible] records. For instance the "Lac Saint Jean Swim" from Peribonka to [illegible] r, the "Marathon of Saguenay", or "Putney to Westminster" etc., [illegible] have been brought to your attention before, but we now know all about [illegible] The Records book will be available for inspection at the Annual Dinner.

[illegible] Subscriptions. Members are reminded that all subscriptions and notification [illegible] of address should be sent to the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Kendall [illegible] "Mathlin" Station Rd., Steeton, near Keighley, and that the Information [illegible] containing details of next year's activities will only be sent to [illegible] who have paid their subscriptions for the current year.

[illegible] Treasurer, G.Trevor Smith, has had a good season. He has accomplished [illegible] this year, some 25 years after he first started marathon swimming, which [illegible] to credit to many a younger man. Although Trevor may have retired from [illegible] events, we expect to see him back in position in a boat, giving the [illegible] of his experience and knowledge to other swimmers. Actually, I think [illegible] is expecting Trevor [illegible] coaching [illegible]

[illegible] ing, over the years, of the gap between the end of the season [illegible] of the A.G.M., the volume of the Annual Reports will, in future, [illegible] curtailed, and I propose next year only to publish the results of the [illegible] ships, together with pertinent details It is impossible to [illegible] the present type of Annual Report unless the date of the A.G.M. is put [illegible] the following year, and the season to run from January to December, [illegible] same way as the financial year.

[illegible] sincere thanks to our President, to all the Officers of the Association [illegible] all members who have, in one way or another, contributed to make this [illegible] highly successful season.

[illegible] A.F.H.S.o.A.L.
[illegible] B.L.D.S.A.

Yours sincerely,

John K.Slater.

[illegible] General Secretary B.L.D.S.A.

Hearty congratulations to Brenda Evans and Maurice, now Mr. & Mrs. Yule. Also, Stephen Higgins having taken the vows with a fair damsel to whom we have not yet been introduced, our best wishes to both couples.

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[illegible] ANNUAL B.L.D.S.A. TORBAY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

On a fine day under almost ideal conditions a record number of [illegible]-seven swimmers (33 men and 4 women) entered the water at Beacon [illegible] 11.30 a.m. on the 1st July. We were a little apprehensive about the National Trawler Race, which was taking place in Torbay at the same time as our swim, especially as they were an hour late in starting their race, but as things turned out they did not affect us, apart from the wash which made the water a little rough for the swimmers. In the men's championship, Peter Hatfield took the lead from the start and [illegible] his own record of the previous year. As expected, in the Ladies championship, Elaine Gray eclipsed the field and beat her own record by sixteen minutes.

The swimmers, crews, officials and friends were all entertained at a reception after the swim, which was kindly provided by Torquay Corporation, and all the successful competitors were presented with plaques and certificates by the Mayor of Torquay.

I hope everyone who attended the swim had an enjoyable week-end, and I would like to express my thanks to everyone who helped in any way in the organisation of this Championship.

Mens Championship.

[illegible]Hatfield.	3.23.	K.Meller.	4.20.
[illegible]Blake.	3.33.	M.Sharp.	4.29.
[illegible]Proctor.	3.43.	S.Birtley.	4.36.
[illegible]Murphy.	3.46.	P.Tyrell.	4.47.
[illegible]Metcalfe.	3.48.	A.Ayres.	4.47.
[illegible]Dykes.	4.10.	P.Dyton.	5.02.
[illegible]Tollop.	4.12.	J.Comisbol..	5.13.
[illegible]Heidelberg.	4.15.	D.Gill.	5.24.
[illegible]Bennett.	4.16.	T.Smith.	5.25.
[illegible]Brown.	4.18.	R.Williams.	5.26.

Retired:- A.Williams, E.Copeland, C.Carter, J.Heapy, P.Jolly, S.Higgins, B.Finlay, A.O'Donoghue, [illegible]Brewer, R.Allen.

Ladies Championship.

E.Gray.	3.33.
M.Orford.	4.52.
M.Leonard.	5.15.
W. van Rysel.	5.20.

Retired:- Margaret McCarthy, Linda Snowden, Christina Genge.

Provisional date for 1968 Championships - 6th July.

Jeffrey Taylor.
Championship Hon. Secretary.

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SWIM O LOCH LOMOND CHAMPIONSHIP.

Entries:- Francis Allen, Arthur Ayres, Stanley Birtley, George McNae, Kevin Murphy, and Barry Watson.

Swimmers, officials and supporters, approximately 50 strong, left Balloch for Rowallan at 9 p.m. On arrival at Rowallan a truly Scottish welcome awaited - a Piper tuning up with Scotland the Brave, no doubt for George McNae's benefit.

A briefing meeting was held in the Hotel, and the usual information was given, plus a map of the course to each crew. Swimmers and crew were introduced to two S.R.N's whom Bob McCaughey had brought along for First Aid duties. This is the first time in any B.L.D.S.A. Championship that we have had two midwives in attendance, but one never knows on these long swims, the swimmers who received their attention had no complaints, the latter scorned the idea of blankets being necessary to keep the swimmers warm.

At 11.30 p.m. the swimmers assembled on the beach before a surprisingly large crowd, and were soon sent on their way by Mrs. McClean, Chairman of the Vale of Leven District Council and our Vice-President Jim Brennan.

Conditions at the start - difficult to see, a light following wind, water temperature 63 F. Not long after the start the moon came up over the hills and bathed the Loch in light but not warmth. Air temp. around [illegible]. At 1.25 a.m. Francis Allen retired followed by George McNae at [illegible]. Arthur Ayres at 4.10, Stanley Birtley at 5.30, and last - Ron Tellerman at 9 a.m. after a good swim of 13 miles.

Soon after dawn the mists could be seen rolling around the hills, but fortunately it was clear on the Loch. Soon after sunrise the mist cleared and an extremely pleasant morning followed, conditions being first class, flat calm, warm sunshine and water temperature around 61 F. Barry [illegible] swimming [illegible] to [illegible] a steady pace [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]:-

[illegible] Championship - continued.

[illegible] finishing in a new record time of 12hs. 40 mins. 30.5 secs. [illegible] in 15 hrs. 4 mi s 5.5 secs also inside the previous record.

[illegible] evening, swimmers, officials and crews were entertained as [illegible] of the Vale of Leven District Council to an excellent buffet and [illegible]. Trophies, plaques and certificates were presented by Mrs. [illegible], the Council Chairman.

[illegible] sincere thanks to all Pilot Life Savers and others who assisted me [illegible] especially to Mr. Seymour for the use of his boat which did some hard [illegible] throughout the swim.

Sub-committee:- K.B.Seymour, J.K.Slater, E.Robinson.

George W.Owen.
Championship Hon. Secretary.

"Gwynfa" 22, Harbour Rd.,
Wibsey, Bradford.

[illegible] PIONSHIP. B.L.D.S.A.

[illegible] luck of the Irish is something B.L.D.S.A. members seem to miss [illegible] they cross the water to take part in the Rathlin Championship. [illegible] we have been to Ireland [illegible] only once have we swum the intended [illegible] year we had [illegible] of the newly formed Irish Long [illegible] Swimming Association taking part, and we all looked forward to an interesting race, but alas this was not to be. On the Saturday the wind [illegible] hard and the Pilot, Mr. McCurdy, had no hesitation in postponing the race until Sunday. What a blow this was, it meant we would have to go to [illegible] early, and it was Saturday night in Ballycastle. Nevertheless it was [illegible] it would not be in the best interests of Anglo-Irish relationships if we did not join our hosts in a little jollity. Jollity it was, and we [illegible] still have been there at dawn had not Whitby Jim started singing, bringing the event to an abrupt end.

Sunday the wind still continued unabated. We crossed the Sound and [illegible] on Rathlin, only to find conditions unsuitable. The main concern [illegible] whether the punts would be able to stay with a swimmer in the heavy [illegible]. Finally it was decided that the danger was too great and that the [illegible] course from Fair [illegible] only possible solution. [illegible] away from [illegible] very disappointed crews of [illegible] the third [illegible] swimmers in action.

The shortened course proved to be a very fast race indeed. Ronnie [illegible] of Belfast finishing in fine style ahead of Colin Procter and Ron [illegible]. Ronnie is a very fine swimmer indeed, being the current captain of the Irish Water Polo team, and I am sure that we would all like to see [illegible] to England to compete in other B.L.D.S.A. championships. My personal congratulations to Bryan Finlay, he has been chasing me for the [illegible] five years and this time he put it over on me. How many Guiness it [illegible] to get Danny O'Brian to take me all round the bay is something I hope [illegible] out one day.

[illegible] thanks to all who assisted me, to Audrey for two days supply [illegible], and to the people of Ballycastle who receive us each year, we [illegible] will do it one year.

1.	R.Jones	Ireland. 0.58.0.	6.	E.Skelly.	Ireland.
2.	C.Procter	England. 1.00.50.	7.	B.Finlay.	England.
3.	R.Kellerman.	England. 1. 3.30.	8.	K.Mellor.	England.
4.	[illegible]	Ireland. 1. 4.40.	9.	A.Ayres.	England
5.	[illegible].C.G.Forsberg.	England. 1. 6.35.	10.	R.Cossum.	Ireland.

[illegible] Mellor.
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[illegible] BALA LAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS. North Wales.

[illegible] Bank Holiday Saturday and Monday, 26th & 28th. and another [illegible] the B.L.D.S.A. - 6 Welsh Championships held at Bala and at [illegible] time the Scottish Championship at Loch Lomond. At the beginning [illegible] I did not think I should have enough officials and boat crews [illegible] usual number of competitors at Bala, due to the clash with the [illegible] swim, but I am most grateful to everyone who helped and [illegible] the Bala Championships, and it has proved that we can hold both [illegible] over August Bank Holiday.

[illegible] Bala Lake Championships - continued.

[illegible] at Bala this year were very good, water temperature 61-3F [illegible] a slight following wind, which enabled new records to be made [illegible] senior events. The first four swimmers to finish in the Men's [illegible] and two-way were inside the old record, and the second to finish [illegible] Ladies one-way was also inside the previous record time.

The Junior race was held before the Senior two way race on the Monday, [illegible] although this puts more work on officials and boat crews, it enabled us [illegible] a boat (rowing boat or canoe) to all competitors in Junior and [illegible]-way Championships.

With more members now providing their own boats (rowing or canoes) it [illegible] a lot with the shortage of boats. Another help with the boating [illegible] was the support given to us by the Liverpool Corporation Water [illegible], by allowing their large inflatable high powered rescue boat from [illegible] to be used.

The start at Glanllyn was changed this year, from the promontory [illegible] Glanllyn boat house, to the beach at the side of the Liverpool University boat house, on the Camping site at Glanllyn, which was found to be much more convenient from a number of aspects. Permission to use this [illegible] was given by Mr. Pugh of Glanllyn Farm.

On behalf of the swimmers might I say "thank you" to Lewis Craven for meeting them at the finishing line, and also for bringing the marquee for changing and providing cover for the briefing meetings on Bala beach.

Our sincere thanks to the Chairman, Councillors and Mr. Vernon Hughes [illegible] of the Bala Council. Mr. & Mrs. W.H.Edwards (M.P. for Merioneth) [illegible] Williams, British Red Cross, Mr. Eric Williams and the Welsh [illegible] of Youth at Glanllyn, Mr. J.H.T.Stilgoe, Water Engineer, Liverpool [illegible], Mr. D.T.Bowen (Lake Warden) Jones Brothers (Bala Garage) [illegible] Mrs. Stuart and to all other friends at Bala who helped to make the Championships so successful.

Results.

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible] Wilson.	[illegible]
[illegible]	Brian Metcalfe.	1.7.30.
[illegible]	Michael Read.	1.8.12.
[illegible]	Thomas Holland.	1.9.20.
[illegible]	Colin Procter.	1.14.43
[illegible]	Terry Lyons.	1.17.[illegible]
[illegible]	Grahame Williams.	1.22.0.
[illegible]	James Redfern.	1.26.10.
[illegible]	Bryan Finlay.	1.27.1.
[illegible]	Jeffrey Webster.	1.29.0.
[illegible]	David Hopkins.	1.31.37.
[illegible]	[illegible] Williams.	1.[illegible].10.
[illegible]	John Alexander.	1.51.[illegible]
[illegible]	John Howcroft.	1.52.50.
[illegible]	[illegible] Holroyd.	2.[illegible].0.
[illegible]	[illegible] Allen.	2.11.13.
17.	Edward Bowes.	2.15.27.
[illegible]	Harlip Singh Sidhu.	2.32. 0.

[illegible] entries, 1 retired.

Ladies One Way.

1.	Elaine Gray.	[illegible]
2.	Carol Jeffs.	1.27.10.
3.	Diane Aked.	1.30.25.
4.	Susan Holroyd.	1.31.15.
5.	Dilys Beynon.	1.31.45.
6.	Susan Shallcross.	1.31.55.
7.	Constance Lumb.	1.38.27.
8.	Willy van Rysel.	1.54.25.

8 entries.

[illegible] Two Way.

[illegible]	Peter Hatfield.	2.32.55.
[illegible]	Brian Metcalfe.	2.35.32.
[illegible]	Thomas Holland.	2.39.20.
[illegible]	Andrew Wilson.	2.42. 5.
[illegible]	Colin Procter.	2.49.20.
[illegible]	James Redfern.	3. 6.11.
[illegible]	[illegible] Higgins.	3.15. 4.
[illegible]	Christopher Carter.	3.17.35.
[illegible]	David Hopkins.	3.41.15.
[illegible]	[illegible] Williams.	3.50.27.
[illegible]	John Howcroft.	4.19.13.
[illegible]	[illegible] Tyrell.	4.55.10.
[illegible]	[illegible] Walker.	4.56.59.
[illegible]	Edward Bowes.	5.16.20.

[illegible] entries

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Ladies Two Way.

1.	Elaine Gray.	2.40.20.
2.	Ann Longworth.	3.14. 7.
3.	Christine Long.	3.23.25.
4.	Susan Holroyd.	3.27.10.
5.	Susan Shallcross.	3.36.18.
6.	Marguerite Pike.	3.38. 0.
7.	Constance Lumb.	3.39.15.
8.	Mair Leonard.	3.56.47.

8 entries.

Bala Lake Championships - continued.

Junior Men, One-Way.

1.	Paul Beadlestone.	1.[illegible]
2.	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.	Lloyd Gledhill.	2.38.45.
4.	Derek Jones.	[illegible]
5.	John Charlson.	1.48.22.
6.	Alan Jeffs.	2.[illegible]. 0.
7.	Christopher Evans.	2.55.16.
8.	Peter Rushby.	2.8.40.

10 entries
1 retired.

Junior Ladies, One-Way.

1.	Pauline Endersby.	1.40.53.
2.	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.	[illegible]	[illegible]
4.	Jane Atkinson.	1.54.45.
5.	Mary Hopkins.	1.59. 6.
6.	Suzanne Lodge.	2.11.42.
7.	Janet Hull.	2.15.37.

7 entries.

Jack Somerfield.
Championship Hon. Secretary.

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Held on the 24th June, 1967, water temperature 60-1 F, weather fine and dry, slight breeze, calm water, distance approximately 1½ miles.

This year, the event which is normally held in Fairhaven Lake, Lytham St. Annes, was held in Langold Lake, near Worksop, owing to the use of an insecticide weedkiller in the lake at the time of our proposed Championship.

My grateful thanks go to Fred Oldman who made the arrangements with the Management of the Langold Lake.

This year we had a bumper entry of 21 ! - 13 boys and 8 girls.

Boys Championship.

Peter Whiteside	(15)	Middlesbrough L.D.S.C.	38 mins.	
Paul Beadlestone.	(14)	Dyldesley A.S.C.	38.	5 secs.
Alan Jeffs.	(14)	Halifax A.S.C.	40.	
Michael Rushby.	(14)	Sowerby Bridge A.S.C.	41.	
Lloyd Gledhill.	(14)	Huddersfield A.S.C.	42.	
Ian Hopkins.	(14)	Dyldesley A.S.C.	43.	
Peter Rushby.	(12)	Sowerby Bridge A.S.C.	43.	
John Pool.	(13)	Warrington Dolphins.	46.	
Derek Jones.	(15)	Dyldesley A.S.C.	48.	
Peter Brazendale.	(15)	Warrington Dolphins.	52.	
Nichool Orme.	(12)	Water Beetles A.S.C. (!)	53.	
Andrew Phillips.	(11)	Huddersfield A.S.C.	54.	
Brian Armstrong.	(10)	Huddersfield A.S.C.	54.	5.

Girls Championship.

Pauline Endersby.	(12)	Three Spires A.S.C.	39.m.	5s.
[illegible]	(15)	Huddersfield A.S.C.	48	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	49.	
Catherine Walker.	(11)	Huddersfield A.S.C.	54	
Suzanne Lodge.	(14)	Huddersfield A.S.C.	56	
Janet Hull.	(13)	Middlesbrough L.D.S.C.	71.	5.

Retired: Helen Gill, Otley, retired with cramp - a very unusual occurence for Helen!

On account of the short course and of the number of competitors, heats were staged at intervals between buoys marking the course. We wish to thank the oarsmen and Pilot Life-Savers who attended and also Jack Somerfield, Secretary Organiser of the Firbeck Life- Saving Association who kindly provided the boats.

Again, there were some very exciting finishes in the race. There was a battle most of the way round the course between Peter Whiteside and Paul Beadlestone. Paul held a slight lead all the way but was beaten to the line when he had to return to touch the finishing buoy which he had already passed.

I wish to extend thanks on behalf of myself and my sub-committee, (Messrs K.B.Seymour, G.W.Owen and J.K.Slater) to all the officials and competitors for attending the event and for making the third Junior Championship a worthwhile event.

Facilities at Langold Lake were excellent and we were offered more,

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Langold Lake ... Dear, ... continued.

... with ... ... again next year.
...siasm was ... the management of the Lake and by Jack
... who helped so much this year. We were told that arrangements
... be made for a hot meal to be provided for competitors and officials;
... also pointed out that there was a social club near should we wish to
... "get together" after the event.

However, since the event took place I have received a letter from the ... Clerk at Lytham St. Annes informing me that permission had been granted ... the B.L.D.S.A. to hold the fourth Junior Championship in Fairhaven Lake ... Monday, 29th June, 1968. No doubt this was granted in view of the ... that our arrangements were somewhat disrupted this year. It should ... decided very shortly, I feel, whether the event will be held in Fairhaven ... or in Langold Lake. There are many "pros and cons" for both venues ... it is merely a matter of decision and policy to be adopted by the ...

... Secretaryship of the Junior Championship and ipso facto from the ... Committee of the B.L.D.S.A. as from the end of our swimming year.

As can be seen from the list of competitors and the venue, the majority ... officials and my sub-committee, they are all living in the north of ... England, predominantly Yorkshire and Lancashire. I feel that from London ... not able to co-ordinate the various aspects involved in organising the ... event, nor am I able to liaise sufficiently with my sub-committee, which I ... feel is of great importance to ensure smooth running of a championship. ... Unfortunately, being such a long way from Halifax I am not able to attend ... Committee meetings and this is disastrous from my point of view as I ... appear to know what is going on. As I therefore feel that I am not ... able to run the event as I feel it should be run and as I would like to ... I hope you will ... ... I should like to take ... ... of thanking ... ... the Committee especially, for ... their happiness ... ... participating in one way or another in ... the organisation, and I trust that if any of you are in Hertfordshire or on ... your way to the big bad capital, you will call in to see us.

... Stephanie Taylor.
...mpionship Hon. Secretary.

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...M.A.S.A.F.H.S.S.A.L.D.S.A.S.A.S.C.S.S.B.L.D.S.A.

...S.A. TRENTHAM CHAMPIONSHIP. Sunday 24th September.

There is no truth in the rumour that Trentham Gardens are going to give ... a free Packamac to every paying spectator at next year's Championships. ... I've never seen so many ... programmes held by so many soggy ... people.. Jack Somerfield's 'tash really drooped that afternoon.

The race was held over the two circuit course, this year the course was ... brought closer to the wall to give the spectators a better view of the ... swimmers. (No excuses John O'Hara, I shortened it at the other end !)

Fifty one swimmers entered the water to start the respective races, ... all but ten completed the course. The water temperature was (I daren't ... show at the Briefing Meeting) 55-56 F. The Starter for this year's event ... the Lord Mayor of Stoke on Trent, Alderman Edwin Holloway, who showed ... great promise from the moment he arrived, he brought his own gun ! The ... ladies got off in the usual graceful manner, all seventeen going off well. ... Then the men...thirty two of them, it was more like a Le Mans start ... to swim. There were at least four rows of them at one stage, two ... officials who shall be anonymous (both Treasurers, one from Huddersfield and ... the other from Coventry) they were standing on the bottom step when the gun ... went off the first time. Oh yes, we had two starts. One chap in the front ... must have been standing on a No.16 fishing hook the way he kept ... jumping about. But at last the race was under way. At this point the ... spectators ran for the trees. It was still raining !

... when the ladies came into view it was Julie Cassidy from Dewsbury ... followed by Elaine Gray by some ten yards, then came the leading men, Andy ... Nicholl, Michael Read and Brian Metcalf. As last year, as soon as a swimmer ... from Tyldesley came into sight the "Choral Society" from that area started ... to shout'. It must be effective, all the Tyldesley types did well.

... A demonstration of ... different sort when Francis Allen swam past ... the first circuit, a crust of bread was thrown to the swans from a ... person on the wall, and for a moment I was afraid he would forget about ... the race and start eating, and once he starts that he doesn't stop. A

...Channel ... - continued.

...lish swim was ... by Percy Dell and John O'Hara, who ... up with ... Once the leaders had completed ..., and the ... Lavender Porsberg swam a nice ... then ... completing the swim, he had ... got into a spot of bother. ... Geoff ... and John Darby had a battle ... Only seconds ... the finish. Arthur Ayres ... with another Coventry fellow ... officials by swimming crawl ... He ... like in the red and white cap ... for a minute.

... came in ... good as the men, several of ... first ever open water championship. Only one lady retired, ... because of cramp - ... Duck Brenda. (There was a swimmer ... me at the finish, he ... retired and could not for the ... understand WHY the ... so well after the swim.."We all ... he said.. "I ... I always said "It was all in the ...".

...Carthy taking ... beating Carol Jeffs by 37 secs. ... finish was ... Mary Reilly and Ann Longworth, only 30 secs ...; and yet ... to finish between Susan Holroyd and ..., only three ... them - this is great stuff for ... - keeps ... Connie Lumb, well, I give up - ...lles herself, ... I see her going off again, back up the lake. ...funny !

...Carthy, proving ... members can swim, came in 6 ... Judith Eggleton. ... Butcher then rounded off her ...ful season - in no particular hurry.

...Smith and John ... came in with a flurry of foam, Trevor ...fting in to complete his ... official swim one second in front ... Where the devil ... Connie Lumb gone ?) Peter Miller then ... Slater at the ... and was seen to throw something at ..., I thought, ... by the A.S.A. Perhaps, but not in public. ... was a pair of ... which missed the boat and are now ... the bottom of the ... A familiar face covered in whiskers ... approach the ... boat, and with that, two young ladies and a ... set up enough noise to bring in any swimmer, let alone Carl ... liked the way the crowd all joined in with the final "Come on ... (No sign of Connie - where has she got to ?) ... convoy of ... boats, like the motor launch, came into view. ..., surrounded by ... C.O'Hara, followed by Janice ... anchor man Percy ... minutes and 19 secs later.

... ... and ... the ... Café, and the ... ...

... ...

..., grunting his ... Frontham every June the 31st" ..., I thought you'd ... Connie Lumb went back to swim in ... - club ... - ... Long Connie. ...-26 for another ... Thank you all for entering, it was a record ... swim (I'm told ... Foster nearly went dizzy, acting as ... this time.) ... forward to seeing you all next season.

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... 57.25.

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Ladies Championship.

1.	Elaine Gray.	1. 9.59.
2.	Julie Cassidy.	1.10.40.
3.	Marg't McCarthy.	1.15. 3.
4.	Carol Jeffs.	1.15.45.
5.	Mary Reilly.	1.23. 5.
6.	Ann Longworth.	1.23.10.
7.	Susan Holroyd.	1.26.45.
8.	Christine Long.	1.26.48.
9.	Linda Snowdon.	1.28.35.
10.	Alison Lindley.	1.29.40.
11.	Susan Shallcross.	1.33.40.
12.	Connie Lumb.	1.38.50.
13.	Judy Eggleton.	1.43.17.
14.	Madge McCarthy.	1.49.15.
15.	Marg't Butcher.	1.54.20.
16.	Janice Foster.	2.24.10.

[illegible] S. A. PILOT LIFE SAVER AWARD SCHEME

[illegible] President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your attention is drawn to the conditions of examination for the PILOT LIFE [illegible] AWARD which have been revised and are effective from the 1st. May, 1967. A "[illegible]" of the revised conditions is attached.

The Course in resuscitation and an examination was held at Pickmere in June, but due to a clash of events on that date, the attendance in comparison with previous years was a little disappointing. As this Course has now become an annual and IMPORTANT fixture, (usually the first Sunday in June), it is hoped that future overlapping of events can be avoided. The following successes are the first under the revised conditions and are added to the panel of Pilot Life Savers.

Mr. E. Atkinson	Halifax, Yorks.
Mr. D.A. Aked	Halifax, Yorks.
Mr. J.J. Alexander	Warrington, Lancs.
Miss B. Carter	Runcorn, Cheshire.
Mr. J. Engham	Sowerby Bridge, Yorks.
Miss M. Mills	Smethwick, Staffs.
Mr. S.R. Orford	Bexleyheath, Kent.

ROWING COURSE as distinct from 'BOAT STATIONS' i.e. Trentham and Langold.

At future CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS over a ROWED COURSE, it is intended to issue an appropriate P/LS. FLASH to boat crews (limited to three) whose swimmer is successful in completing the course irrespective of his or her position at the finish of the race.

The attendance of Pilot Life Savers at Championship events has been very appreciable, and effectively reduced the anxiety of the Championship Hon. Secs.

The Association and the swimmers again extend their appreciation and thanks to all P/LS and Boat Crews who rendered duty throughout the season.

With their continued co-operation together with increasing numbers it is hoped that we shall eventually obtain the 100% coverage that is so much desired.

To the officers of the Warrington Civil Defence Corps who provided and demonstrated the 'Resusci Ann' model and conducted the Resuscitation examination, the Lake and Cafe Staffs at Pickmere, members of the Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C., to Mr. E.H. Windeatt, Torquay, and Mr. E.E. Head, Brixham, and to all who have given their assistance I extend my sincere thanks.

To our Hon. Sec., Assistant Hon. Sec., Hon. Treasurer and the members of the Executive Committee, my thanks for their continued encouragement and co-operation.

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Hon. Sec. P/LS Award Scheme.
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[illegible] LIFE SAVER AWARD SCHEME "SYNOPSIS"

[illegible] of a long [illegible] depends on team work i.e. liaison [illegible] understanding between swimmer and crew. The strongest link in the team [illegible] man in charge of the boat and crew. He should be a devotee of long distance swimming able to combine the qualities of patience, concentration and vigilance with the practical knowledge and ability to enable him to take complete charge of a swimmer prior to, during, and after a swim.

With this objective the Association has promoted an examination for the PILOT LIFE SAVER AWARD to encourage energetic and enthusiastic male and female members of 18 years (minimum) age to attain this standard of proficiency and [illegible]. The following is a brief summary of the test which includes :-

Ability to row with a swimmer a distance of 5 miles.

Ability to manoeuvre a rowing boat - Support an xhausted swimmer in the water.

Demonstrate both the "Expired Air" and "Silvester Brosch" methods of

[illegible]ustitation, - know how to feed a swimmer from a boat, - the equipment to be carried during day and night swims, - emergency signals etc., - knowledge of Courses and Landmarks to assist in steering a swimmer, and the Championship rules relating to the swimmer, event etc.

A detailed paper covering these items is available to members intending to take examination as well as to those wishing to join the Association.

More and more swimmers are entering our events, and the supply of Pilot Life Savers is not equal to the demand. Your help and co-operation would be welcomed with [illegible] appreciation by the Association.

WILL YOU STRIVE TO OBTAIN THE CERTIFICATED STATUS OF A QUALIFIED PILOT LIFE SAVER?

Full details of the examination may be obtained from :-

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6. Mr. F. Broadhurst, 3, Moxon Grove, Newton Hill, Wakefield, Yorks.
7. Mr. J. Barrow, c/o The Swimming Pool, Bracknell, Berks.
8. Mr. W.T.H. Bradley, 'Pensford', Wood Lane, Creashy, Wirral, Cheshire.
9. Mr. B. Bell, 17, Millcroft Estate, Pool in Wharfedale, Leeds, Yorks.
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47. Mr. G.W. Owen, 'Gwynfa', 22, Harbour Road, Wibsey, Bradford, Yorks.
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55. P.H. Rising Esq., J.P., 'Corrie Lynn', 334, Norringthorpe Valley Road, Rotherham, Yorks.
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[illegible] Mr. J.K. Slater, 29, St. Albans Avenue, Skircoat Green, Halifax, Yorks.
[illegible] Mrs. P.M. Slater as above
[illegible] Mr. J. Somerfield, Tiddington Stores & P.O., Tiddington, Stratford on Avon, Staffs.
[illegible] Mr. G.T. Smith, 105, Station Road, Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield, Yorks.
[illegible] Mr. M.J. Smith as above
[illegible] Mr. K.B. Seymour, [illegible], Hazelhurst Road, Bradford, Yorks.
[illegible] Miss S. Shallcross, 22, Euclid Avenue, Grappenhall, Warrington, Lancs.
[illegible] Mr. I.A. Thompson, [illegible], Norbury Avenue, Orford, Warrington, Lancs.
[illegible] Mr. J. Taylor, 15, Myrtle Terrace, Golcar, Huddersfield, Yorks.
[illegible] Mrs. S.E. Taylor, [illegible], Pooleys Lane, Welham Green, Hatfield, Herts.
[illegible] Mr. A. Williams, 11, Bedford Street, Stockton Heath, Warrington, Lancs.
68. Mr. B. Watson, 'Thristlenest', 24, Chapel Road, Bingley, Yorks.
69. Mrs. K.W. Watson as above
70. Mr. T. Worrall, 30, Prospect Mount, Fell Lane, Keighley, Yorks.
71. Mr. F. Windsor, Public Baths, Ripon, Yorks.
72. Mr. J.A. Wallen, 11, Hoylake Close, White Stone, Nuneaton, Warwicks.
73. Mr. I. Williams, 38, Henry Street, Southbank, Middlesborough, Yorks.
74. Mr. A.R. Wood, 1, Maple Avenue, Upminster, Essex.

[illegible]S.A. HANDBOOK REPORT

With relief, - and with shame that, for a variety of reasons involving health, sanity and domestic circumstances, a series of projected handbook publication dates passed one-by-one without any manifestation, - I can at last report that compilation of the book is effectively finished.

If, however, the book isn't to contain one singular and flagrant contradiction which currently lurks within its covers, an Association Rule needs altering. (See elsewhere in these reports). Since this can only be done by the Annual Meeting, publication will be deferred until the meeting has either agreed to change the rule or let the contradiction stand. It will, however, appear in print soon afterwards as is physically praticable, and will contain as much relevant information about every swim and aspect of the Association's affairs up to the end of the 1967 season, as could be squeezed in.

In the long period which has elapsed since handbook work first started, much has happened that clamoured for space in its pages. Bulk up; - alas! cost up. The handbook sub-committee has reluctantly had to revise the price from 5/- (6/- including postage costs) originally proposed to a flat 7/-, posted or not. The small number of members who, however, have already paid and waited, will be rewarded for patience by exemption from the increase. Their copies will be posted without further payment being asked.

I am grateful and apologetic to all who have been directly or indirectly concerned with the production of the book, - or who have merely waited for its arrival, - for their remarkable tolerance in the face of my long default and delay. Particularly sub-committee members John Slater and Lewis Craven whose amiable but purposeful finger wagging finally coaxed the recumbent monster out of its coccoon, - and to more than thirty contributors and correspondents whose material fills its pages.

Two pleas must be made. First, to obviate as far as possible the final [illegible] that might break the secretary-camel's back, would intending purchasers please, where possible, band together to make bulk purchases? Club secretaries, particularly, are asked to help in this respect. Then, having purchased, if [illegible] find any merit in the work, - we've tried hard not to fill it up with

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[illegible] Jim Robinson.

[illegible] Avenue,
[illegible] on Tees.

Handbook Editor.

...ASH/ALBUM REPORT.

...ashes now available, price 2/-, for the following Champi... ...p
... and the individual swim courses of Ullswater, Windermere ...

...re 10 mile. Ullswater 7 mile. Torbay 8 mile. Bala two-way 6 mile.
... mile. Bala one-way 3 mile. Trentham 3 mile. Langold Lake 2 mile.

... last named will be available with effect from the 1968 Championship.

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...-way.	19	6	
...	13	5	
...Langold Lake.	4	1	- the latter discontinued w.e.f.1967, to be replaced by the Langold Lake course and Flash w.e.f. 1968.
TOTAL	70	38	

...forward the cost of the Flash(es). 1/- each, together with
... A.G.M. Ord, ... year, one member has (inadvertently) forgotten to send his 2/- for Bala one-way and Trentham Flashes.

Bryan Finlay
Custos Rotulorum (Resigned)

44½ Henderland Road,
Bearsden. Glasgow.
Scotland.

...DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

...an association, must be proud of our achievements and progress this ... it gives me great pleasure in presenting our first annual report.
The association owes its origin to Mr. John Moffett who had been talking ... forming an Irish Long Distance Swimming Association for quite some time. He finally persuaded a few of us that it would be to the advantage of Irish Swimming to have a body primarily interested in distance swimming. So ... the Copeland Islands to Donaghadee swim in August, 1966, a caretaker ... was formed which was instructed to call a general meeting later in the year and to invite interested people to attend. These instructions were carried out and the inaugural meeting was held in the International Hotel, ... on the 22nd September, 1966. Mr. J.Moffett became the association's ... general secretary. Mr. D.Harris was elected chairman and Mr. J.Boyd, ...

Unfortunately, at the first committee meeting of the newly formed association, ... Moffett had to resign due to pressure of business and he proposed ...Harris as his successor. This was agreed to by the committee. We owe ... to John Moffett for his belief in such an association and his ... effort in forming it.

The affiliation to the I...S.A. having been accepted, members suggested three ... swims. Mr. J.Burcombe suggested a Belfast Lough Swim, Mr. J.Moffett ... Bay Swim and Messrs R.Jones and H.McCaffin a Lough Neagh Swim. The ... decided to limit our efforts to these three ventures and to make sure ... successful.

... swim came much earlier than we had thought, and was arranged very ... The Bundoran Development Company had a Lobster Festival in late May ... to organise a 1½ mile swim. Eight swimmers and three officials ... to Bundoran on Sunday the 28th May and the race took place on the ... This event was very successful and a very enjoyable time was had by ... mug, which was presented by Guinness Ltd., was won by Ronnie Jones. ... like to thank our sponsors Bundoran Development Company and Arthur ... Ltd., who were so pleased with the race that they have asked us to make ... annual event. Further details of this race are given in a report by ...

... venture was the Belfast Lough Swim which was swum on Saturday 1st ..., from Helen's Bay to Carrickfergus a distance of 4.2 miles. This ... was recorded by Norman Jones. The Belfast Lough Swim received a ... amount of publicity and established the association as a strong and ...

[illegible] Long Distance Swimming Association - continued.

[illegible] Council who were our sponsors. A special vote of thanks is due to [illegible] for his help and assistance. Next year I hope we will lengthen [illegible] to at least five miles and invite some International swimmers to [illegible]. Further details of this race are given in a report by M.L.Harris. [illegible] our strength in the Belfast Lough Swim, three of our members [illegible] interest in swimming in the B.L.D.S.A. Rathlin to Ballycastle swim. [illegible] therefore got in touch with the Ballycastle Urban Council who [illegible] of our [illegible] They and we got in touch with [illegible]

[illegible] the entries. He asked for our assistance in running the race. Unfortunately due to bad weather the Rathlin Swim did not take place [illegible] substitute race, Fairhead to Ballycastle, was swum. This was over a [illegible] of approximately three miles and the race was won by R.Jones. [illegible] was 4th and E.Skelly was 5th. These three men put up a magnificent [illegible] let us see that they could compete on equal terms with members of the [illegible]

[illegible] Ballycastle the B.L.D.S.A. and the I.L.D.S.A. members formed firm [illegible]. Since Ballycastle our association has had numerous letters from [illegible] Mellor and Commander Gerald Forsberg. The latter has since [illegible] association as a life member. Another outcome of the Ballycastle [illegible] both associations have accepted that we shouldbe mutually [illegible]. Mr. John K.Slater, the Hon. Secretary of the B.L.D.S.A. has written [illegible]

[illegible] next swim was over a 2 mile course in Lough Neagh. This race was [illegible] by a sub-committee of Messrs J.Jones, R.Jones and R.McGaffin. [illegible] of bad weather the race had to be postponed to the following Saturday, [illegible] August, 1967, at 3 p.m. The course, in the northern part of the [illegible] was from Skeffington Lodge to the Firing Head and back. It was a [illegible] day and the swim was most enjoyable. There were 13 starters and [illegible] finishers. We are very grateful to Mr. Marcus and Charrington and [illegible] for sponsoring this event.

[illegible] swim of the year was a short sprint of 1,000 yards. This swim [illegible] on Thursday 31st August, at 8 p.m. and was from The Old Quay to [illegible] Harbour. We are very grateful to the Carrickfergus Sailing [illegible] providing the prizes and refreshments. This event was organised by [illegible], McLernon and Burke.

[illegible] to congratulate [illegible] for the magnificent show they [illegible] year. In [illegible] the achievement is in finishing [illegible] and the time taken is only a secondary consideration. I feel I [illegible] single out Ronnie Jones for particular mention. Ronnie, who returned [illegible] fastest time in each of our swims and won the B.L.D.S.A. Irish Championship, [illegible] outstanding swimmer. My only disappointment was that Ronnie did not [illegible] a longer solo swim such as Lough Neagh, Whitehead to Bangor, or compete [illegible] the British races. But let us hope that next year Ronnie and some [illegible] other swimmers will attempt other swims in the British Isles.

[illegible] that our association is well established, next year could be a most [illegible] one in the respect that we should become an all Ireland association. [illegible] strive to promote swims and recruit members in all parts of Ireland. [illegible] members have suggested that we promote such swims as Aranmore to [illegible], Lakes of Killarney and a Dublin Bay Swim. It was noticeable [illegible] that each swim increased our membership and this surely will be the [illegible] year. Another thing we should encourage our swimmers to do is to [illegible] Great Britain and to tempt Great Britain Swimmers over here. [illegible], I shouldlike to thank our Chairman, Louis Harris and our Hon. [illegible] Jimmy Boyd for all the assistance they have given to me personally [illegible] association this year. To all you who have swum, rowed, officiated, [illegible] or helped in any way at all, our sincere thanks.

[illegible] Parkes.
[illegible] Secretary I.L.D.S.A.

19, Finchley Park,
Belfast 4.

[illegible] J.K.S. Fred tells us that his members insists that he accepts [illegible] to attend the Annual Dinner andA.G.M. at Matlock - we shall [illegible] pleased to welcome him as a fellow enthusiast as well as being [illegible] representative of the Irish Long Distance Swimming Association.)

Distance Swimming Association. - continued.

Summary of swims in 1967.

"A" = Finishing position. "H" = Handicap place.

	Windermere 1¾ mile.		Bellagio Lough 2½.		Lough Neagh 2½.		Carrickfgs 1,000 yds.	
	8		12		13		15	
	5		3		11		15	
	85 mins. 50 secs.		1 hr. 4m. 5secs.		54 mins. 36secs.		19 mins.	
	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H
	5		2					
							13	13
			2	2	2	4		
	4		3	1	10	9	10	10
							7	5
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			3		9	1	11	11
	1		2	½	1	3	1	1
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					3	2	2	3
			½	½				
	2		5	5				
							8	4
					11	11	14	14
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			6	7	7	6	9	9
							5	8
			3	3	5	7	6	6
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AT WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIP.

It had been my intention to retire this year, in accordance with the practice of handing over to a member who can give undivided attention to the organisation of a Championship of this nature. However, there have been no offers (or comments) for the post of Secretary for the next Championship in 1970, the vacancy being advertised in all members. I am prepared, against the wishes of the A.G.M. to continue in this (at present inactive) office until the next A.G.M. when some other member must be appointed. The member eventually appointed should be able to use a typewriter or have assistance in that respect, and a considerable amount of letter writing and duplicating is necessary.

No claims have been made for the 1970 Championship, but I am pleased to report that the payment of £5, forwarded to Holland early in 1966, towards the expenses of one of the Dutch competitors (who was in fact unable to attend the Championship) has now been refunded to the Association. The accounts for the Championship have now been closed.

K. Slater.
Championship Hon. Secretary.

"Dryden"
29, St. Albans Avenue,
Halifax. Yks.

CHANNEL CHAMPIONSHIP. E.S.C.S.A.

Although the day was dry, a variable wind roughened up the surface of the water, especially in the early stages, and caused the premature retirement of several competitors. Our friends from Holland certainly put up a very fine performance, impressively winning both events. Jan van Scheyndel we welcomed from last year, gave up at Baille Isle in the International Swim, but came to return. This he did in no uncertain way. Right from the start he moved up in front, and although it was always on the cards that he might falter, he never changed pace and arrived at Waterhead in good record time for the Home Championship. Carla Janssen also showed a fine pair of heels to all and sundry. Congratulations to two very fine swimmers, and their companion Lucas Lamboutus Arentsen who took 3rd place. We must ruefully admit that our Dutch members can certainly move ! Windermere Lake, slowed a little by his recent rough Channel crossing.

Championship. B.L.D.S.A. - continued.

of his best but could make no impression on either "The Flying ... or "The Flying Dutchwoman". Elaine Gray, obviously, right from ... arrival at the start, was not fit to swim, and her retirement in the ... as of the race was no surprise. David Mace swam very well into ... David must obviously have been doing a fair amount of training ... last saw him and if he keeps it up he will be a strong contender for ... next year. Welcome to Scotland's Peter Stewart, only the 4th ... from North o' the Border ever to accomplish the Windermere swim, was ... round by a kilted Highlandman, bringing a touch of colour and excitement ... scene. Eighteen years old Duncan Dyton, another up and coming swimmer ... finished well.

Well done Margaret Butcher, plodding steadily up the lake, no sprinter ... she certainly has courage and endurance.

Commander C.G.Forsberg, as usual, completed the course without difficulty, ... fifteenth time, glad of the accompanying boat's proximity for safety ... but otherwise navigating his own course. Newcomer Ann Longworth, ... over from sprints to marathons in one year, impressed with her style ..., and we look forward to seeing her again - best of luck with the ... next year. Indomitable Nain Leonard came out laughing as usual. ... was taken of the usual facilities kindly offered by the Waterhead ... Hotels.

...tulations and awards have already gone to the successful swimmers ... like to add my appreciation to those who were not this time ... Some of you are old friends, some are new, but even though you ... this time, the lake remains the finest challenge in this country, ... well be your year next year. Like Jan van Scheyndel - if at ... don't succeed (1966) try again (1967). We look forward to ... you all back next year.

The Reception and Presentation in the evening took place at the Lakeside ... Newby Bridge, attended by almost 200 members and friends. After ... speeches and presentations, we settled down to enjoy the ... organised by Ron Williams and joined in at one stage or another ... half the members present. Our President amongst others, was ... to vocalise for us. Castle joined in the frolics, although ... tired and not really looking forward to another marathon swim in ... the following day. A "Pussy Cat" song by the ladies caused much ..., and I really think that on this occasion Rex and company surpassed ... selves in entertainment and topicality.

Men.		Women.	
... van Scheyndel.	...14. 3.	Carolina Janssen.	5.12.15.
... Lake.	3.24.42.	Ann Longworth.	6.34.20.
... L.Arendsen.	3.34.	Nain Leonard.	7.49.11.
David Mace.	5.44.42.	Margaret J.Butcher.	9.31.28.
... Hollerman.	6.24.57.		
... Murphy.	6.34.30.		
... J.Trusty.	6.42.29.		
... Stewart.	7. 0.15.		
...D.Gerald Forsberg.	7. 2. 0.		
... D.Dyton.	7.22.57.		
... Cykes.	7.23.15.		
... J.Birtley.	8.38.49.		

John O'Hara.
Championship Hon. Secretary.

21, Woodhouse Grove,
Fartown, Huddersfield. Yks.

...SHIRE LAKE ... SWIMMING CLUB.

... Hon. Secretary/treasurer Ron ...
... Castle Swimmer, the Indian ...
... Belgians, Aggie swinging ...

... Long 'channels' into our Championships next year.

J.M.S.

[illegible]
LONG DISTANCE [illegible]

[illegible] than twelve months old, the West Lancashire Water Beetles [illegible] becoming quite a well known name in parts of Merseyside. From [illegible] it seems that there are exciting possibilities ahead. [illegible] enthusiasm we had hoped to get a Championship floated during [illegible] year but circumstances beyond our control, (Championship date [illegible] about 24th November, distance 5 miles - any takers ?) prevented [illegible] leaving the planning stages.

[illegible] 23rd December, 1966 at an inaugural meeting held in Crosby we [illegible] to persuade Jack Trindle to take the chair. A lively meeting [illegible] it was not very long before two members were trying out the [illegible] obtained for open air training in Southport Marine Lake. Interest [illegible] diminished but three hardy members kept on training, both indoors [illegible] so that we were able to get a flying start to the swimming season [illegible] old. Michael Orme, aged 12, gained the honour of being the first [illegible] 'Water Beetle'.

[illegible] the Hon. Sec. knocking (literally, a lot of the time) around in [illegible] Peril', the 'Water Beetles' got to and from quite a few swims. [illegible] a really good do and I enjoyed sitting in Rex's boat, in the [illegible] whilst he slogged along in the water. The A.S.A. 5 miles at [illegible] two "Water Beetles" at the gathering. Then came Whitby and [illegible] for the 'Red Peril'. With the Hon. Sec. being trailed by a [illegible] crypus (a Whitby Seal) across the Bay on Saturday afternoon, [illegible] owes an apology to those patiently awaiting the arrival of [illegible] the briefing. Sorry folks, he was doing a grand job as a [illegible], with the help of Walter Hennion and the Procters. On a [illegible], a note of thanks to the Walkers and Atkinsons of Huddersfield [illegible] W.L.W.S.A. fashion rescued two damsels in dire distress by [illegible] their, by then desperately sick, vehicle, over a great number of [illegible]. (Only took us thirteen hours from Whitby to Liverpool.) Next came [illegible] Cross Bay and then Coniston. I had real sympathy with Laurie [illegible] Jeffs in my boat. I, at least, had a swimming costume on in the [illegible] they were fully clothed in a boat which might as well have been a [illegible] in the rain. Devotion to duty is something often talked about and this [illegible] of the highest order as they baled their way up the Lake. [illegible] was a hectic weekend which finally ended the dramatic life (in my [illegible]) of the 'Red Peril'. It rolled to a halt at our front door and [illegible] started again.

[illegible] it was off to Loch Lomond, a swim which was blessed with the only [illegible] for the best part of a week. Well done to everyone concerned in [illegible] of the swim. It ran smoothly from start to finish. [illegible] again acquitted himself well in the Windermere Cross Lake and [illegible] the honour of being the first 'Water Beetle' to have a full [illegible] crew. Just shows what can be done. The following Saturday [illegible] in the water at Windermere with a 'Water Beetle' crew who started [illegible] late. Least said about this swim of mine the better, I think. [illegible] crew deserve all the credit because without 'Water Beetles' Les' [illegible] and Hugh Nixon who teased, joked with, bullied and sang to me through [illegible] day (?), I imagine I would be there yet.

[illegible] found three of us in the water and one in the boat. Percy [illegible] Harry Peacock (who had been a 'Water Beetle' for less than 24 [illegible] swam) and myself started. Harry and I finished. Intense cold [illegible]. We wish him better luck next time. The following weekend saw [illegible] the Two Way Winder ere Swim with nothing to do except laugh at [illegible] Parade. The next week it was down to Trentham. Note for [illegible] you missed a waste paper basket when you were clearing the [illegible] still have the bruises to prove it.

[illegible] this season.

[illegible] ..... Michael Orme.
[illegible] Whitby (Individual) ..... Margaret J.Butcher.
[illegible] ..... Margaret J.Butcher.
[illegible] ..... Margaret J.Butcher.
[illegible] Cross Lake ..... Michael Orme.
[illegible] ..... Margaret J.Butcher.
[illegible] ..... Percy Matchett (retired)
[illegible] Harry Peacock.
[illegible] Margaret J.Butcher.
[illegible] ..... Margaret J.Butcher.

P.T.O.

[illegible] shire 'Water Beetles' [illegible] - continued.

[illegible] have helped in [illegible].

[illegible], Hugh Nixon, [illegible], Denis McLeod, Margaret J.Butcher.

[illegible] has been quite a successful first year of what all 'Water Beetles' [illegible] will be many successful years, and on behalf of all 'Water Beetles' [illegible] extend our thanks to the [illegible] and in particular to J.K.S. himself [illegible] all the assistance we received in floating the Club just before last [illegible].

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[illegible]: Waterloo 3506. Litherland, Liverpool 21.
[illegible] A.F.H.S.o.A.L.[illegible]

[illegible]FIELD AMATEUR [illegible].

[illegible] the beginning of this season the Huddersfield A.S.C. formed a new [illegible] Distance Swimming Section with junior and senior swimmers taking part [illegible] number of Long Distance Championships and swims. In the Seniors, [illegible] Sykes (18) was by far the most outstanding, with his swims of Windermere, [illegible] and Ullswater, in which he put up some excellent times, vastly [illegible] his performances in the previous year. In David I think we have [illegible] distance swimmer of the future. Also in the seniors, our [illegible] Secretary and Treasurer of the [illegible] G.Trevor Smith, has completed [illegible] good swims in his last competitive season, including Ullswater, [illegible], Salton to Clacton, Morecambe Cross Bay and Coniston. Connie Lumb [illegible] Walker have also competed in several swims and have done credit to [illegible]. John O'Hara, Windermere Secretary also managed to find his way [illegible] and very unexpectedly did not finish last, for he managed to [illegible] away from Percy Bull over the last quarter of a mile. Unfortunately [illegible] shoulder injury, Jeff Taylor, Torbay Secretary, was unable to [illegible] this year except in the Morecambe Cross Bay Relay Team, but has [illegible] prominent in the boat rather than behind it.

Of the junior swimmers, Lloyd Gledhill achieved some excellent results [illegible] noteworthy being: Sandsend to Whitby (Junior Champion), Derwent-[illegible] (Junior Champion) and the fastest time by a junior swimmer over the [illegible] course. Other up and coming juniors include Jane Atkinson, Denise [illegible], Suzanne Lodge, Catherine Walker and Janice Foster, and as the following results show, we are expecting them to be prominent long distance [illegible] of the future:-

	Boys.	Men.	Girls.	Women.
[illegible] Inshore.	L.Gledhill.			
[illegible] Junior.	L.Gledhill.		J.Atkinson.	
	A.Phillips.		D.Lammyman.	
	B.Armstrong.		S.Lodge.	
			C.Walker.	
[illegible] Wharfe Junior.	L.Gledhill.		J.Atkinson.	
	A.Phillips.		D.Lammyman.	
	B.Armstrong.		S.Lodge.	
			C.Walker.	
			S.Gledhill.	
[illegible]		[illegible]		
		[illegible] Smith.		
[illegible]-Whitby.	L.Gledhill.	[illegible] Smith.	D.Lammyman.	
[illegible]		[illegible] Sykes.		
		[illegible] Smith.		
[illegible] Junior.	L.Gledhill.		J.Atkinson.	
			D.Lammyman.	
[illegible]	L.Gledhill.	[illegible]	J.Atkinson.	C.Lumb.(Mrs.)
			D.Lammyman.	
			S.Lodge.	
[illegible]		[illegible] Walker.		C.Lumb.
[illegible] Cross Lake.			J.Atkinson.	
			C.Walker.	
[illegible]		[illegible] Sykes.		
[illegible] Cross Bay.		[illegible] Smith.		
[illegible] Clacton.		[illegible] Smith.		C.Lumb. (Mrs.)
[illegible]		[illegible] Smith.		J.Foster.
		[illegible] O'Hara.		
		[illegible] Walker.		

[illegible] Cross Bay Relay. [illegible] Taylor (Team Captain) D.Sykes, L.Gledhill.

...field Amateur Swimming Club - continued.

...field and District Otter Swimming Club.

...miles. L.Sykes.
...miles. G.T.Smith, D.Lammyman, C.Walker.
...miles. Mrs. C.Lumb.
...miles. S.Lodge, J.Atkinson, [illegible].
...miles. C.Brook, M.P.Gibbs, [illegible]strong, J.Taylor.
...miles. C.Boothroyd.
...mile. A.Lockwood, A.Phillips, G.Pearson, N.Boothroyd, N.Black, G.Pearce, S.Moss, M.Hemmickson, A.Hoyle, I.M.Heap, G.Rickett, G.Andrews, D.Walker, L.Chapman, M.Chapman, C.Walker.

...Private Attempts).

L.Gledhill.	Time 2 hrs.	52 mins.
G.T.Smith.	3	29
D.Lammyman.	3	37
Mrs.C.Lumb.	3	39
J.Atkinson.	4	10
S.Lodge.	4	38

...ylor. 13, Myrtle Terrace,
...dersfield A.S.C. Golcar, Huddersfield.

...SBROUGH DISTRICT LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

...far as tabulation can be made from a few recorded scraps, from ...memories, and from "The Swimming Times" - (there's no other way ...official scribe inconsiderately cavorts off on a honeymoon at such a ...etarial juncture) - twelve members including the club's first ...competed in 25 championships encompassed by 18 swims and, in the ...notched up 2 records, 10 wins, 5 second and 3 third places. We ...make the figures look a bit more impressive by slipping in the odd ...colleague who pushed off to represent Middlesbrough Police at ...Relay, a promising bunch of Teesside youngsters who swam in Club ...championships but havn't yet invaded the wider swimming world, and a crop of ...Whitby kinsmen - who are not exact technically members of MDLSDC - ...across Windermere. But we're modest.

This year's club laurels go to Brian Metcalfe for wins at Trentham, Morecambe Bay, Double-Tay and Whitby, - (the last two involving a Dick-Turpin - like overnight dash from one to t'other); for second places in both ...three and six-mile championships, yet another second at Clacton and ...in the A.S.A. Long Distance and N.L.D.S.A. Torbay races. Brian also ...Club's mens championship and, in the middle of it all - feeling ...in need of exercise - put up a highly satisfying 3h.45m solo ...Channel in Ullswater.

...terms of gross mileage Peter Whitfield was down on past years. But ...quietly - (Peter quiet ?) - chipped in with record times for Torbay ...two-way, was runner-up in the A.S.A. 5-mile swim, 3rd at Whitby ...in MDLSDC's 2-mile scratch championship.

...Wilderman, the one man among us who leans towards the really long ...opened 1966 by taking fifth place at Windermere. Albeit it time ..."the swim", said Ron "was all the nicer for being rougher". ...was also third in the Irish Championship and made a fine showing ...Loch Lomond. Of seven late-night Lomond starters only three, including ...were still churning the water at dawn. Two, - Barry Watson and ...Hampson, - whose praises will properly and proudly be written elsewhere, - ...to finish and become, respectively, the third and fourth bodies to ...the Loch. We hoped Ron would be fifth but, unhappily, his engines, ...full of steam, succumbed to niggling, persistent cramp after ...something like 13 miles in 8 hours.

...Yule, though less in evidence than before she was embraced by ...still popped up to show her mettle. Won Pickmere, won Douglas ...took second place in the mid-style Morecambe Inshore.

...Chris Dewne, - Middlesbrough Police frogman, - took a third at ...without using flippers, swam soundly in the A.S.A. 5 miles and ...place at Whitby.

...Jones old Potter ...latest among Middlesbrough's ...-comings, won the club's junior trophy at Langold. Others ...promise to push a lot of water under their tummies in years to ...[illegible]

[illegible]sbrough District [illegible] - continued.

[illegible], Langold) and Lynne Kirk (Langold and Windermere Cross-Lake), [illegible] old Jennifer Robinson (Cross-Lake).

[illegible], embarking bravely on this long distance swimming lark in his [illegible] chose the A.S.A. 5-miles for his debut. This is the calibre of [illegible] ! Not greatly interested in this "standard time certificate" stuff, [illegible] it steady and says he got there, even if A.S.A. say he didn't. [illegible] divided Whitby, Bala and Bala two way to his collection as well as [illegible] amiteenth in Middlesbrough's own private championship. Ted's after [illegible] next year, - provided Percy Hull will spill the beans as to special [illegible] which need be made.

[illegible]rtin McHulty, hors-de-combat for some time through police posting, but [illegible] to Middlesbrough, kept his hand in with a good Whitby swim. [illegible] we hope, Martin will be fully active with us again.

[illegible] as of right; certainly as a matter of habit, a Middlesbrough team [illegible] of Hatfield, Metcalf and R.Hatfield won the Morecambe Bay Relay.

[illegible] Championships were held in the River Esk at Ruswarp near Whitby on [illegible]. Two miles for Seniors, a mile for under 16's. An entry of 13 [illegible] was swelled to 2[illegible] by a Whitby Seals junior invasion at the last [illegible] 3. Ron Kellerman.

[illegible] Peter Whiteside. [illegible] 3. Trevor Cook.
[illegible], 1. Lynne Kirk. 2. Janet Hull. 3. Pat Easton.

In last year's M.D.L.D.S.C. annual report circulated to members was [illegible] Congratulations to Ron and Enid. We can understand Enid's point [illegible] in choosing late summer for the wedding. Ron's in training for some [illegible]; his winter and spring schedules include sleeping on a refrigerated [illegible] s". Ron. and Enid duly became Mr. & Mrs. Kellerman on September [illegible] congratulations and good wishes again. But, enthused by 13 miles [illegible] Edmond, the Kellermans have now scrapped plans to emigrate to a warmer [illegible] and set sights on the Channel. Ouch !

[illegible] 'twas a good year.

[illegible]obinson.
[illegible]rman M.D.L.D.S.C.
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[illegible]-WHITBY CHAMPIONSHIPS. Whitby Seals A.S.C.

Sunday 16th July. Fair conditions but choppyish, cool (54-55) and marred [illegible] few patches of jellyfish. A low, slow tide ruled out any likelihood of [illegible] falling - in spite of which she did. 15-year old Eileen Fenton eroded [illegible] but in the circumstances very creditable margin off the junior ladies [illegible] in her first open water swim.

[illegible] starters in the 7th men's championship all finished save Carl Walker [illegible] awarded a certificate for completing a swim into the harbour. High-[illegible] were a ferocious effort which, under other conditions might well have [illegible] record, by Brian Metcalfe who had travelled overnight from Scotland where [illegible] the Double Tay the day before, - and a magnificent dash over the last [illegible] yards by Colin Procter which wrested runner-upship from Peter [illegible] by a second.

[illegible] starters in the 6th Ladies championship; four finished but - sadness [illegible], - Brenda Yule, champion of three successive previous seasons, [illegible]. Thus, and worthily, the trophy went to Carol Jeffs.

[illegible] out of four swimmers in the 4th junior mens championship froze, [illegible] jumped out of the water before reaching the harbour. That makes [illegible] 10 since Captain Fenwick donated the boy's trophy in 1964. There's [illegible] there, somewhere ? It was therefore especially good to be able to [illegible] the cup to Lloyd Gledhill after a two year lapse during which the [illegible] sat incongruously on Colin Procter's sideboard. Following the [illegible] through from when Procter vied for it with Metcalf in 1964, it looks [illegible] Gledhill might be going somewhere.

[illegible], as always, were [illegible] to whatever it is that clobbers their [illegible] this swim. Five out of him finished. Eileen Fenton's record [illegible] been commented upon. [illegible] her performance, which gave her 4th [illegible] place, and that of club-mate Bridget Woodall who was only a quarter of [illegible] slower, were the outstanding achievments of the day.

[illegible]

...by Championships - Sandsend.

			Senior Ladies.		
...Metcalfe.	Darlington.	2.2..5.	Carol Jeffs.	Halifax.	1.14.58.
...ker.	Halifax.	2.[illegible]	Chris. Genge.	Warr'ton.	1.25.33.
...ld.	Middlesbro'	2.[illegible]	Chris. Long.	Bradf'd.	1.28.2.
...Kellerman.	"	2.12.[illegible]	Jean Noble.	Whitby.	1.51.32.
...topher Carter.	Warrington.	2.[illegible]			
...topher Dowar.	Middlesbro'	2.17.[illegible]	Retired: Brenda Yule.		
...McNulty.	"	2.21.[illegible]			
... Smith.	Huddersfield.	2.46.34.			
...s Howes.	Middlesbro'	2.58.14.			

	Junior Ladies.		
...Gilhanill. Huddsfld. 2.12.[illegible]	1. Milton Penton.	Dewsbury.	1.10.38.
...Ellen Jeffs, Christopher	2. Bridget Woodall.	"	1.10.53.
...Ethel Buck.	3. Sandra Lanmyman.	Huddersfield.	1.35.2.
	4. Shirley Freeman.	Whitby.	1.42.4.
	5. Janet Hull.	Middlesbro'.	1.56.7.

Retired:- Helen Gill.

...rtificate for completing a swim into the harbour was presented to ...ber of Huddersfield.

...his Swim Report can't close without a word of regret and apology to ...hose applications were rejected. Nearly two applied for every place ...vailable - and that excludes a growing body of local young hopefuls who ...ould like to have swum. We could, of course, have squeezed in quite a lot ...more, - really - think safety and standards must come first. As far as ...we tried to explain 'why' to every rejected applicant and one of ...the loudest features of the event was the way each seemed to forgive our ...barbarity. They nearly all turned up, anyway, to take an oar or ...another swimmer's boat. Thanks !

...One rejected applicant, Margaret Butcher, - well, not rejected; to ...be fair to be considered, (and there's a poor carry-on for a Member of the ...Association of Active Founder Honorary Secretaries) - commandeered our ...services the day before for a solo attempt. Accompanied by a power boat ...provided by Mr. Walter Bennion of Whitby Friendship A.R.C., Margaret was also ...similarly honoured by the presence as escort during part of her swim, of ...a handsome and brutish-looking a bull seal as has been seen in the bay for ...a long time.

...Club activities not concerned with Sandsend-Whitby swimming include an ...excursion of thirty members to Windermere during which five juniors took part ...the Cross Lake Championships. For the first time they weren't all last - ...which shows progress. Fastest among them - 13 year old Shirley Freeman - ...won a place in a field of fifteen ladies. Shirley has twice swum Sandsend ...Bay and very much looks like being the first homespun product the Club ...is feeding into BLDSA's bigger affairs. Seven more juniors took part ...in the swim over the Cross Lake course the day after the championships. ...Thanks to Jim Brennan for his help in organising boats and for gracing the ...event with his presence.

...the annual championships by eleven juniors and, on August 20th., a week ...later our own club championships over an honest measured one-mile course. ...Seven swam, five retired, (and who blames them with water down at 52 ?)

...Johnson.
...Secretary Whitby Seals S.C.
...F.R.S.A.,A.F.H.S.A.,A.L.D.S.
...M.R.S.T.,B.L.D.S.A.

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...SHIP. Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club.

...The long distance swimming section has once again completed it's ...swimming which we have had our share of excitement, successes and ...disappointments. This report marks the eve of The Dolphins 3rd anniversary ...long distance swimming club. Membership has increased from 4 in ...January 1964 to 25 in September, 1966, most encouraging for any Club ...of its age.

...Pilot Life Saver ... Four ... of our members took the ...test this year, ... a total of 14 qualified P.L.S's. - ...three members in ... this is an achievement of which we

Championship, Windermere, England L.D.S.S. - continued.

Nearly all our team swims have been kept at individual swims or at championships this year and it would be difficult to focus ony any individual swimmer as all have worked hard and done extremely well. For instance I am unable to highlight a swimmer of the year on this season, Miss Susan Shalleross has new back-stroke records for the Bala Championship. Miss Christine Cowgo has new breast stroke records and overall pleadings - a good consistent swimmer. Christopher Carter, a much improved swimmer completing a fine individual swim at Ullswater which I had the pleasure to pilot and witness. This was a double family effort because his sister, Heather, swam from Glenriding to Pooley Bridge and thereby qualified for the second part of the P.L.S. award.

Commiserations for Christopher on his first Windermere attempt, for after taking fourth position in the Championship he was forced to retire when almost a mile from the finish - a swimmer with ability and guts. A first year for John Macmillan and Jeffrey Goulden, consistent swimming and amiable character John Waugh. Promising juniors for the future - John Poole [illegible] look to [illegible] Stockquarter, who have had a very very [illegible] season in every sense of the word. Bet has made a complete recovery to health after 7 months illness, including two confinements to hospital bed. Sincere thanks to Alex C.Williams and all the lads of the Lancashire L.D.S.A. (Percy, Bryan, Dave, John and Ralph) who patronised our Pot Supper (in aid of our Channel Swim Fund) and in a most traditional manner entertained our guests most of the evening. Thanks again lads !

L.D.S.S. President retires.

The start of the season marked the retirement of our well known President William Anderson. We are all sorry about this, but under the circumstances we fully understand - owing to the fact that Mr. Anderson has numerous commitments with the L.D.S.S.A. executive and P.L.S. Scheme N.W.A. Life Guards Committees. Welcome to Mr. C.Shalleross, our new President who has always [illegible] - now of strength since being on the [illegible] a real friend, and [illegible] - Mrs. Carter as the Chairman of the Northern Counties Swimming Teacher 's Association. Sincere thanks and best wishes to both of you for your past services to the L.D.S.S.

Lakeside 42nd Annual Championships.

Another resounding success. From a total of 70 enquiries we had 60 entries, this number being double that of the previous year. Old friends and new friends mingled well together. Date - Saturday 9th September, Time 50-60. A new course this time, 3 circuits instead of two, so times not comparable to previous Championships. Conditions - sunny & warm.

Men's Championship
Ladies Championship.

Trophies and certificates for 1st man and 1st woman, and plaques and certificates for 2nd and 3rd. Certificates for all competitors who completed the course. This year a hat trick for Colin Procter who retained the Championship for the third time - well done Colin, and for the ladies a new champion, Mrs. Brenda Yule (formerly Brenda Evans) who was last year's runner-up to Elaine Gray.

Men's Championship.

Colin Procter.	1.26.13.
[illegible] Redfern.	1.25.15.
[illegible]topher Dewar.	1.34.46.
[illegible] Miller.	1.38.51.
[illegible] Bennander.	1.44.32.
[illegible] Atkinson.	1.46.38.
[illegible] Berry.	1.47.26.
[illegible] Elliott.	1.49.27.
[illegible] Barrett.	2. 2.56.
[illegible] Clark.	2.[illegible]

Ladies Championship.

Brenda Yule.	1.25.14.
Dilys Deynon.	1.29. 8.
Susan Holroyd.	1.31.24.
Susan Shalleross.	1.43. 2.
Judith Eggleton.	1.54.36.
Margaret Butcher.	2. 1.55.

Peter Small, Pat [illegible], Michael Day, Geoffrey Clayton and Diane Aked.

Presentations were made by Mrs. H.E.Carter (Hon.) and Mrs. H.E.Carter, Chairman of the Northern Counties Swimming Teacher's Association Great Britain and the L.D.S.S. Darrell Ann John Alexander, and Miss Susan Shalleross [illegible] Silver Trophy presented by [illegible] that welcome hot meal in the

...ionships ... L.D.S.A. - continued.

... Show all had an enjoyable day. I must express my sincere thanks and ... to all our executive members who assisted, and to Mr. Turton, ... Shaftnam, Mr. George Wicks, Mrs. Sheila Hibbert, Mrs. Sybil Newton ... all our Warrington Life-Saving Cadets, and the Carter family, and to ... who assisted in any way to make another successful season for the ...

I only hope our parent body, the L.L.D.S.A. has space (not to mention ... having enough fingers) to print this little lot. Cheerio and best ... for the 1968 season.

... Thompson. 9, Norbury Avenue,
... Secretary. Orford, Warrington.

...A.A.S.A.F.H.S.S.A.L.S.S.A.S.A.S.A.S.A.S.A.S.A.S.A.B.L.D.S.A.

... CROSS BAY ... CHAMPIONSHIPS.

I am sorry, but ... illness caused by an accident, it is not ... possible for me to give my usual detailed report. My apologies to members ... competitors.

... to Fleetwood Championships. 15th July, 1967.
... crowd of 5,000 at Fleetwood to see start at signal of the Mayor of ... Fleetwood.

Ladies Championship.

... Longworth. Urmston, M/c. Tyldesley S.C. 4 hrs. 44 m. Record.

Men's Championship.

... Watson. Bingley. 4 hrs. 7 mins. Record.
... Redfern. Chetwynd. Lancs. S.C. 4 20 (backstroke)
... Murphy. Barrow. 4 23

... Ayres. Coventry. 4 57 30.
... Allen. Blackwich. 5 hrs.

... Relay race held between Stone Jetty and Central Pier. 30th July.
... first two members of team complete 5 lengths, last swimmer 3 lengths and ... finish on beach near Flagstaff Tombay.

...lesbrough "A"	(B.Metcalfe, P.Hatfield, R.Hatfield.)	2h.	31.m.	7s.
...ldcliffe S.C.	(P.Sillett, W.R.Pennce, A.Heaton.)	2	32	30
...dford BDSC.	(T.Ramson, E.Watson, F.Robson.)	3	9	35
...hdale S.C.	(L.Matthews, J.Williams, P.Miller)	3	10	15
...Hatfield S.C.	(L.Critchill, D.Sykes, J.Taylor.)	3	22	
...Middlesbrough Police.	(M.McNulty, C.Dewar, Dd. Bellerby.)	3	31	

... following teams did not complete the course:- Middlesbrough "B", ...dybridge "A", Warrington, Tyldesley "A", Tyldesley "B".

... Cross Bay Championship. 23rd July.

... Longworth.	Urmston.	3.19.30.	
...garet J.Butcher.	Liverpool (West Lancashire Water Beetles)	3.56.58.	
...ry J.Reilly.	Atherton. Tyldesley S.C.	unfinished 3½hrs.	

... Cross Bay Championship. Cancelled on 3rd Sept., held on 17th Sept.

...rian Metcalfe.	Darlington.	3.10.10.
...ge. Holland.	Wigan.	3.14. 7.
... S.S.Forsberg, OBE., MM.	Bath.	3.29.0.
...ert Allen.	Keighley.	3.30.45.
...evor Smith.	Huddersfield.	3.48.30.
...ard Allen.	Blackwich.	3.53.29.
... R.Ayres.	Coventry.	4. 0. 37.

Retired:- James (Bill) Redfern and Peter Hatfield, after leading for two hours.

... congratulations go to Trevor Smith, Boy Champion in 1948. He seemed ... swimming as well in this race as when he won the Championship. It is ... that he should honour the Worcombe Cross Bay Swim with his ... swim. Margaret J.Butcher awarded the Musgrave-Hoyle trophy ... Holland the Turton Cup, respectively for best first attempt swims ... Cross Bay Championships.

... Brown. 50, Acre Moss Lane,

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[illegible] LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

The Association seems to plod on with the regulars turning up swims the country. We have some new members, one of the men swam well and one of the youngest in the country is ours.

[illegible] on with the Open list. Altogether our members have taken part [illegible] swims. We started the year off, as usual, with a trip to Bala, [illegible] rough water. [illegible] R.G.W. "freezing up" about a mile [illegible] finish. Out of Coventry, along the A.17 (I think) down to Exmouth, completed the course. On June the 16th (the day after the SEVENTEENTH) [illegible] and R.G.W. swam [illegible], and still in June, our youngest [illegible] the Longold Lake Championship. This of course was Pauline Endersby, [illegible], you've guessed, Arthur Endersby. We'll have him back in the water [illegible] to Torbay, Arthur and R.G.W. completed the course, hard luck on [illegible] needless to say, Arthur [illegible], being this year's President of the [illegible] Bay Association, almost lived in the Bay. Morecambe, Fleetwood [illegible] Bay, you mention it, he was there. A.S.A. Trentham, although not [illegible] our lads were among the first SEVENTEEN boats out, as boat crew. [illegible], where Francis Miller and Arthur both did well. Ireland, and from [illegible] Bryan and Arthur had a splendid trip (and even swam, so [illegible]). August the 12th, Arthur from Ullswater, R.G.W. got fed up and [illegible] out, said he couldn't get the SEVENTEENTH off his mind. Now on the [illegible] Bay Bull swam Windermere. Roy Ainsworth, Arthur, Bryan and R.G.W. [illegible] about the "Longest Day" from the folks that made the film. 12 hrs [illegible] AND 54 seconds. We finished up using a torch that was just about [illegible] to a glimmer. The radio had long since packed up. (We even scrounged [illegible] two, cigarettes off a passing rescue boat, the food had by then, [illegible].) Percy was disappointed mind you. Another thirty minutes and [illegible] have said 12th and 13th on his certificate. On to Bala, Norman Allen [illegible] first championship entry, and did well. Bryan Finlay and R.G.W. [illegible] completed the swim.

In the Junior event, Pauline Endersby added the winners trophy to her [illegible]. R.C.W. was presented with a birthday cake when he arrived on the [illegible] - covered in night-lights and candle grease, together with a huge slab [illegible] to go with it. Thank you - Jack Somerfield, and the officials. Every [illegible] had a slice, on arrival, from then on, also the SEVENTEENTH that [illegible] earlier. Arthur and Francis were in the highlands at this time, [illegible] away in Loch Lomond, unfortunately both having to retire. We won't [illegible] the Windermere Championship too long, enough to say that true to the [illegible] Industrial Rules, "One out, one in out." All at the same spot - [illegible] Wood. Percy went off to Piedmont and plodded into the finish with his [illegible] pain. Poole, on the 16th September (day before the SEVENTEENTH) we [illegible] going to "have a go", but the one of our lads was getting married, well [illegible] decorate the car if we weren't there to help the Vicar. ? Last but [illegible] - Trentham. I shall not dwell on this has already been given by the [illegible] Hon. Secretary. By the way, did you notice that there were [illegible] ladies entered the water at the start of the event.

The boats crews have been active throughout the season, Chris Faulkner, [illegible] Davison, David Jeavons, and also to see Nigel Marsay and Tom Pitt in [illegible] again.

On the social side, Helga Cahill and Carol Cutteridge became husband and [illegible] despite the W.L.D.S.A. being present at the Church. Bryan Finlay got [illegible] Helen on the Saturday, then drove to Glasgow like the clappers on [illegible].

[illegible] SEVENTEEN weeks between the B.L.D.S.A. Dinner and our own, we sang [illegible] through the winter season entertaining at Old Folks Homes and at one [illegible] hospitals. On one weekend, the Treasurer and the Hon. Secretary [illegible] seen falling out of a boat from a bank of water, all for charity [illegible] (Bills for six pence, lights and Wood beer that went with the job !). [illegible] of our number Winnie had his usual, a hilarious weekend. On [illegible] morning there was a bag of wet, women Style over a brook with the [illegible] of Coventry City F.C., George Curtis acting as Referee. Football [illegible] note - the fact that he broke his leg at the start of the [illegible] nothing to do with the [illegible] a side tug of war.

[illegible] all at one of the winter functions, such as the dinner at Matlock, [illegible] (all members know - comes of breaking the ice by [illegible] it). You can always tell our members, they are the serious [illegible] usually see you at [illegible] "Be." You'll never guess the [illegible] the SEVENTEENTH key at Torquay, Eyée.

[illegible]. 20, Kimble Close,
[illegible]. Willesley Park, Coventry.

[illegible].S.A.P.H.S.C.[illegible].S.A., W.S.S., W.L.D.S.A.

[illegible] CLACTON PIER. [illegible] DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

[illegible]ship is now more than twenty, but is largely administrative rather [illegible] ! Nevertheless we have half a dozen active swimmers, one of [illegible] the Solent record for women this year - Willy van Rysel.

[illegible] inaugural championships were blessed with excellent weather conditions. [illegible] sunshine, fairly calm [illegible], slight breeze from the north-east cooling [illegible] (58F), but behind the competitors and boats. Twenty-four swimmers [illegible] first effort is very rewarding, and escort boats for the majority were [illegible] by the fishermen of Clacton, and other stalwarts, with several life-[illegible] Clacton S.C. and a sprinkling of Pilot Life-Savers of the ELDSA. [illegible] place in the seven mile swim, so far as the ELDSA members were [illegible] went to Andrew Wood, who came seventh. A good result as this was [illegible] only real long distance effort this year. Winner of the personal trophy [illegible] the first Clacton swimmer home was our Publicity Officer Maureen Eastman. [illegible] other active youngsters on our membership roll completed the swim in fine [illegible] - Willy van Rysel and Trevor Smith.

[illegible] 'Flying Dutchman' stole the limelight by steering a course closer [illegible] than the others, but he is indeed a fine powerful swimmer. Brian [illegible] will certainly give him a good run next time if he chooses a [illegible] route, as will Mike Wood who took third place a couple of minutes [illegible].

[illegible], as expected, took the Ladies Trophy and was fourth overall, while [illegible] Genge set us a record by being the first home of two breaststroke [illegible].

[illegible] day for the organisers was sealed off with a pleasant [illegible], buffet and dance, to which competitors, crews and officials were [illegible] without charge.

[illegible] have instituted certificates for escort crews and the recipients who [illegible] called to the table with their swimmer seemed to appreciate the idea. [illegible] committee are now to consider a "sealed handicap" concurrent with [illegible]onships, which may enable the less young long distance swimmers to [illegible] the trophies on merit.

[illegible] my thanks to all [illegible] members who gave me advice and [illegible] when I called for it, but most especially to that silver-tongued [illegible] who came from Yorkshire of all places, with a name like O'Hara, and [illegible]tively charmed the whole of Clacton and all its visitors within earshot. [illegible] greatest performance !

[illegible] to member [illegible] who missed his announcer's duties [illegible] in August what [illegible] Wood endured in May - the extract of the [illegible].

[illegible] Championship.		Ladies Championship.	
[illegible] Scheyndel.	2. [illegible]	1. Elaine Gray.	2.18.30.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Orford.	2.[illegible] 6.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Eastman.	[illegible]
[illegible] Murphy.	2.29.[illegible]	5. Willy van Rysel.	3.23.50.
[illegible] Tomlinson.	2.30.15.		
[illegible] R.Wood.	2.31.[illegible]		
[illegible] Trusty.	2.31.46.		
Christopher Carter.	2.34.[illegible]		
[illegible] C.G.Forsberg,	2.[illegible].54.		
[illegible] Sandsbee.	2.43.20.		
[illegible] Tomlinson.	2.56.[illegible]		
[illegible] Smith.	3. 4. 8.		

[illegible] Swimming Club.

[illegible] has been little participation in long distance events, to some [illegible] the Long Distance representative being occupied in fostering [illegible] to Clacton Championships ! However, the successful inauguration [illegible] 7 mile swim has created some interest, and it is probable that at [illegible] contestants from the Club will enter next year. In addition [illegible] Wood, David Smith and Linda Pipe are likely competitors. David [illegible] well in the Essex County Long Distance Championship at Maldon on [illegible]. His time of 41 minutes for the tidally assisted 3½ miles took [illegible] third place in a field of 40 swimmers. Pilot Life-Saver Roger [illegible] 17th. Other Hornchurch swimmers were A.Coomer, 11th, [illegible], 23rd, and B.Steel, 35th. In the Ladies event Jane Williams was [illegible], only 29 seconds behind the winner. Linda Pipe was 5th and [illegible] 15th out of 24 entrants.

[illegible] News.

[illegible] establishment by [illegible] seven mile swim, the Walton [illegible] Championships, has [illegible] it was intended to do, rekindled [illegible] long distance swimming in the area. New marathoneers, John and

Personal News - continued.

...ee Sea, that they may be able to have some swimming for Windermere next year. ... Chairman of Clacton S.C. also has privately swum Walton to Clacton ...tion to Walton is also considering a trip to Windermere next year. ... splendid chance of establishing the course. We hope that Andrew ...ow fit again, will be able to take in more events during the coming ...imer as a comp athlete or water...

...ship Hon. Secretary. ... Representative Pool Secretary.

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...A.S.A.L.D.S.A. (s.t.c.)

...SAUGS BAY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Organised by the Douglas Amateur Swimming Club and under A.S.A. Laws ...A.S.A. Rules. ... 1¼ miles, from Port Jack Beach to ...Steps near Victoria Pier. ... very well organised swim with excellent ...bath, and transport facilities.

...very choppy, and drifting to start. Wind in the wrong direction for ...breathers but became decidedly calmer. In spite of the "Instructions" ...Powers, which said in point 5) "Lookout crews should look out for their ...rather than waste valuable swimming time by the swimmer having to look ...," there was still much confusion at the start of the race. Puzzled ...crews were looking in bewilderment at 26 pair of spinning arms and legs, ...to them looked all the same. Nevertheless all went well and only two ...titors retired, men, of course. At the finish all swimmers were provided ...towel, and a blanket if they wished. Hundreds of holiday makers watched ...along the promenade from start to finish.

...the swimmers walked down from the bus down the rocks to the beach ...start, in a row, in bathing suits, carrying grease pots, goggles, little ...with glucose, orange juice, honey etc., one lady spectator said to ...companion "I think that next time I shall turn up in evening ...with a chauffeur to carry my goods."

...YULE competing for the first time, won the Ladies race. Wm. H. ...won the Mens race for the fourth time.

..."F.W.Cubbon" shield, for the first team of three men, was won by the ...Constabulary. S.C.

...Isle of Man "Grady" shield, for the first Isleof Man Club swimmer ...F.Casement of Ramsey, who finished 7th.

...the "Best performance" ... to 20 year old D.Gell, of Douglas, ...

...Douglas ... Mayor of Douglas James E. ...V.P. at the Sea ... Buildings after the swim. Four prizes ...event and all finishers received a plaque.

...behalf of the swimmers I would like to thank the organisors and all ...assisted to make the swim a success.

...ionship.

...YULE. Middlesbrough S.C.	49 mins.	07 secs.
...DYSON. Boldmere S.C.	49	33
...COOTEEN. I of Man Sub-Aqua.	56	30
...van RYSEL. E.L.D.S.A.	63	49
...Hopkins. Welsh Wanders, Swansea.	65	33
...Quine. Laxey.	68	17
...Sargent. I of Man Sub-Aqua.	69	43

...ainder.

...PEARCE. Lancs. Constab.	40m.43s.	10.	R.J.Batty.	Douglas SC	68. 47.
...Lancs. " "	43. 05.	12.	A.W.Cowin.	" "	70. 55.
...HINS. Welsh Nomads.	52. 28.	13.	T.J.Clague.	Peel SC	77. 03.
...OWS. Northwich SSC.	56. 45.	15.	B.Crellin.	" "	82. 28.
...Lancs Constab.	58. 36.	14.	B.Gell.	" "	89. 35.
...Northwich S.C.	60. 39.	15.	H.Kirk.	Farnworth SC	90. 33.
...Ramsey S.C.	62. 38.	16.	W.Wasley.	Douglas SC.	95. 30.
...Douglas S.C.	63. 35.	17.	K.Fletcher.	S.J.O. S.C.	96. 27.
...Lancs. " "	67. 15.				

...retired:- F.A.Caton and J.W.Armstrong.

...van Rysel.

...Carisbrooke Way,
...Lisvane,
Cardiff.

[illegible]MERE CHAMPIONSHIP. Lake Windermere Swimming Association.

[illegible] on the 31st August, 1967, from Barkhouse to Millerground. [illegible] possible entries - [illegible] - all [illegible], all finished, right down to [illegible] competitor in [illegible] of B.L.D.S.A. and kindred championships - [illegible] Beadlestone, age [illegible].

Men's Championship.			Ladies Championship.		
[illegible]	Holland.	[illegible]	Elaine Gray.	B.L.D.S.A.	21.32
[illegible] Metcalfe.	Darlington.	[illegible].33.	Carol Jeffs.	Halifax.	23.56
[illegible] Beadlestone.	Tyldesley.	20.57.	Lyn Atkinson.	Halifax.	27. 7
[illegible] Procter.	Halifax.	21.[illegible].	Jane Atkinson.	Huddersfield.	27.53
[illegible] Rushby.	S.Bridge.	[illegible]. 7.	Shirley Freeman.	Whitby.	31.28
[illegible]	Warley.	23.39.	Lynne Kirk.	B.L.D.S.A.	31.55.
[illegible] Jeffs.	Halifax.	25. 0.	Alison Slater.	B.L.D.S.A.	33.24.
[illegible]	Tyldesley.	26. 3.	Jean Noble.	Whitby.	34.23.
[illegible] Rushby.	S.Bridge.	27. 0.	Susan Pattinson.	L.W.S.A.	35.32.
[illegible]	Padiham.	28.55.	Lesley Rushby.	S.Bridge.	38.20.
[illegible]	Whitby.	[illegible]	Jennifer Robinson.	Whitby.	40.21.
[illegible]	Midd'bro'.	30.[illegible].	Helen Brockbank.	L.W.S.A.	40.26.
[illegible]	S.Bridge.	31.30.	Yvonne Beadlestone.	Tyldesley.	40.29.
[illegible]	"Water Beetle"	31.[illegible].			
[illegible] Turner.	Stalybridge.	34.40.			
[illegible]	Ye A.A.B.A.	35. [illegible].			
[illegible]	Whitby.	36.48.			

I have concocted the above results from a hastily scribbled programme, and know that there are one or two inaccuracies, but in the absence (for the second year in succession) of an official report from the Lake Windermere Swimming Association, I hope that my recollection of the swim does not conflict too much with the facts. Halifax turned out nine swimmers [illegible] event (under various disguises such as Sowerby Bridge and BLDSA) [illegible] "Whitby Jim's Tiny Tots" also arrived in full force. Nice to see [illegible] and daughters following in father's footsteps (or is it "wake") ! [illegible] swimmer Derek Turner's son, Jason; B.L.D.S.A. Hon. Sec's daughter [illegible] (10), Jim Robinson's daughter, [illegible] (12). Three members of [illegible] Rushby family from Sowerby Bridge, and two member's of the Beadlestone [illegible] from Tyldesley.* Altogether, it seems to have been a family affair. [illegible] temperature was around 61 F. Light wind and a pleasant enough evening. [illegible] forgot Carol and Alan Jeffs, and Lad's a Pilot L.S. as well.

J.A.S.

[illegible] Margaret Mallinson.
[illegible] Race Secretary.

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Windermere.

[illegible] HARBOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Held on the 16th September. Temp. 62. Tidally assisted. Calm sea, [illegible] shining - perfect. A friendly atmosphere, most of the swimmers being [illegible] known to each other and to the officials, we are always pleased to [illegible] them back each year. We were sorry that Commander C.G.Forsberg [illegible] Willy van Rysel were non-starters, circumstances beyond their control, [illegible] we look forward to seeing them next year.

Men.			Women.		
[illegible] Wilson.	59.55	Record.	1. Elaine Gray.	69.59.	Record.
[illegible] Road.	61.06		2. Margaret McCarthy.	70.53.	
David Gillespie.	65.[illegible].		3. Marilyn J.Evans.	74.31.	
[illegible] Mace.	65.14.		4. Linda Neale.	76.37.	
[illegible] Trusty.	66.46.		5. Ann Jordan.	76.48.	
[illegible] Neil.	67.03.		6. Susan Manning.	78.50.	
[illegible] Young.	76.06.		7. Lesley Emmett.	80.26.	
[illegible] Saunter.	76.19.		8. Madelaine Lowe.	81.43.	
[illegible] Hunkart.	79.30.		9. Nicholette Jacob.	83.39.	
[illegible] Larrard.	80.50.		10. Catherine Beer.	83.53.	
[illegible] Newcroft.	81.56.		11. Marilyn Haskett.	87.06.	
[illegible] Julien.	82.06.		12. Alison R.Bailey.	92.41.	
[illegible] Wilson.	83.39.		13. Susan Pipe.	97.18.	
[illegible] S.Waters.	83.53.				
[illegible] D.Coy.	88.[illegible].				

[illegible] four men were within the previous record time of 65.18.

Bartlett.
[illegible]

8, Churchfield Rd.,

[illegible] AND DISTRICT [illegible] CLUB.

Alas, I cannot start this account with another channel success. [illegible], a mention of a gallant failure. Graham McIntyre attempted the [illegible] - France route, this August. Conditions were cool, calm but foggy. [illegible] 7 hours 24 mins and two very near misses from large ships, the swim was abandoned due to the increasing density of the fog.

[illegible]-Way Windermere Open Championships. 20½ miles.

Four entries were received for this testing Windermere swim. Only [illegible] started. Two were unable to compete due to injuries - [illegible] luck next time - Ken Kellerman and Stanley Birtley.

Barry Watson and Kevin Murphy, fresh (?) from their triumphs at Loch [illegible] started out just after 11 p.m. Barry led all the way to Lakeside which he reached in a little under 6 hours, Kevin taking just over 7 hours.

The night was fairly calm, air rather cool with the water temp. 58 F. [illegible] Lakeside, Kevin was feeling the cold and, perhaps, the effects of other [illegible], so he decided that he would be satisfied with the one way trip.

Barry swam steadily on during the morning which was dull with a light [illegible] wind. Although feeling cold he finished strongly and walked [illegible] ashore at Water end in a time of 12 hrs. 8½ mins. to break the record for the second year in succession. Will Barry be the first to get under 12 hrs athis swim.

At the reception at the Wateredge Hotel, the Ayrton Cup and a plaque was presented to Barry.

Our thanks are again due to Mrs. Tyson and Jim at the Wateredge Hotel for making facilities available for the reception.

Ullswater Championships [illegible] miles.

Our friends at Ullswater again rallied around and enabled us to enjoy a very good day on the Lake. Seven swimmers set off at 11.16 a.m. on a fine [illegible] day. Colin Procter took an early lead and the field soon spread out. Christine Long, swimming in 4th place led her only rival Carol Jeffs. After only about 2 miles however, Christine got cramp in her legs and never [illegible] got rid of it.

First to arrive at Pooley Bridge was Colin who had gained a considerable [illegible]. First lady was Carol Jeffs. Carol again was very near to the record. [illegible] year she missed it by 3 mins. this year by 5 mins. Christine Long [illegible] in to finish only 11 minutes after Carol and her swim owed all to Christine's courage and determination. We were all very glad that she succeeded. Last to finish and being given a very enthusiastic welcome was [illegible].S.A. Hon. Treasurer, Trevor Smith. I was going to call him a [illegible].S.A. VETERAN, but not being too sure of how he would receive that term I decided that discretion was the better part of valour.

Men.		Ladies.	
1. Colin Procter.	3.23.30.	1. Carol Jeffs.	4. 7.13.
2. David Sykes.	3.54.33.	2. Christine Long.	4.18.11.
3. Bobby Allen.	3.56.19.		
4. Graham McIntyre.	4.33.45.		
5. Trevor Smith.	5.40. 8.		

An unusual feature of this list is that for David, Bobby, Trevor and Christine, this was their first successful Ullswater.

[illegible] 2 miles.

Our Annual Junior Championships were held at this Lake in July. Nine swimmers under the age of 16 took part. The conditions encountered were not good, to say the least. A very strong southerly wind made it very rough in places. All the swimmers seemed to master the conditions surprisingly well in view of their ages, and there were no retirements.

First home, in a new record time, was Lloyd Gledhill, in 1 hr. 2 mins. [illegible] girl competitor was Pamela Yaxley, again in a very good time.

Girls.			Boys.		
[illegible] Yaxley	Halifax.	1.13. 0.	Lloyd Gledhill.	Golcar.	1. 2. 0.
[illegible] Atkinson.	Huddersfield.	1.17. 0.	Michael Rushby.	S.Bridge.	1. 5. 0.
[illegible] Lammyman.	"	1.18. 0	Alan Jeffs.	Halifax.	1. 6. 0.
			Christopher Evans.	Bradf'd.	1.10. 0.
			Peter Rushby.	S.Bridge.	1.14. 0.
			Paul McGee.	Keighley.	1.39. 0.

A reception and prize giving followed at which the two winners [illegible] their cups and all swimmers received a certificate for completing [illegible].

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District Long Distance Swimming Club - continued.

Open Swim.

For the first time this event was run as an open swim. The course was, as [illegible] one mile in the River Nidd. Half a mile upstream and [illegible] to the start. A record entry of 16 competitors proved that our idea [illegible] open event was a good one.

Due to the large number of swimmers we decided that to provide a boat [illegible] each one would result in congestion of boats and swimmers. Instead we [illegible] rowing boats out along one bank and this was a successful move.

Conditions were not too good. The air temperature was cool and the [illegible] cold. A strong wind blew downstream and there was a faster water flow [illegible] usual. In these conditions it is very pleasing to record that all the [illegible] finished.

Help was received every [illegible] from Otley S.C. It is easy to take [illegible] matters for granted, but this Club really do help us. With such [illegible] as Fred Slater, Derek Dickinson, Bernard Bell, among their [illegible], it is not surprising that they do.

Boys.			Girls.		
[illegible] Rushby.	14. S.Bridge.	27.[illegible].	Pauline Endersby.	12. Coventry.	29.17.
[illegible] Gledhill.	14. Golcar.	28. 2.	Lyn Atkinson.	14. Halifax.	29.27.
[illegible] Jeffs.	14. Halifax.	28. 6.	Lyn Stabler.	15. Halifax.	33. 9.
[illegible] Rushby.	12. S.Bridge.	31. 9.	Jane Atkinson.	12. Huddsfld.	35.24.
[illegible] Miller.	14. Burley.	32.28.	Janet Foster.	13. Leeds.	35.25.
Christopher Evans.	14. Bradford.	34.10.	Denis Lammyman.	12. Huddsfld.	35.29.
[illegible] Smyth.	12. Halifax.	38. 2.	Susan Gledhill.	13. Golcar.	40. 3.
[illegible] Sheard.	12. Bradford.	39.34.	Catherine Walker.	11. Honley.	40. 4.
[illegible] Armstrong.	10. Huddsfld.	39.59.	Helen Gill.	13. Otley.	42.40.
[illegible] Philips.	11. "	40. 3.	Suzanne Lodge.	14. Kirkburton.	45. 2.
[illegible] Ingham.	14. S.Bridge.	45. 1.	Elizabeth Spencer.	12. Keighley.	45.52.
[illegible] Thornber.	11. Ludd.Post.	46.48.	Lesley [illegible]by.	11. S.Bridge.	50. 7.
[illegible] Pitts.	13. Bradford.	51.[illegible].			

Prizes and certificates were presented after the swim, in the Open Air [illegible].

[illegible] now, the fourth person to swim this lake was Christopher Evans. Christopher, aged 14, swam the lake in a time of 2 hrs. 10 minutes. A good time put up in fairly poor conditions. This lake is a lovely spot but perhaps those extra few miles which it lies north of Windermere put people off, as it seems little known.

Coniston. As usual, this lake has proved a popular venue for our swimmers this year. The swims on the lake were pioneered by Bradford members so we [illegible] that this is our lake. However, visitors are welcome. I do not have all the times but I do know that Barry Watson broke the two-way record and Lloyd Gledhill set up a new junior record.

[illegible]-way. Barry Watson.

[illegible]-way. Kendall Mellor. Colin Brooker. Graham McIntyre (twice). Bobby Allen. Colin Woodhouse. Lloyd Gledhill. Denise Lammyman.

These last two swims, by junior members, were done on 17th Sept. [illegible] does not seem to worry these two.

Other swims. Nearly every swim in the calendar has seen a Bradford member competing. I do not propose to go through these swims, but to close I [illegible] say that the promise shown last year by our members has been fully [illegible] this season. Barry Watson has added two new records to his list [illegible] several records which he already held.

Of the younger members, Christine Long and Carol Jeffs have both added [illegible] successes to their books and gained more experience. Lloyd Gledhill [illegible], Christopher Evans and Allen Jeffs have all lived up to expectations. The [illegible] family have now really come to the fore, with Michael, Peter and [illegible] swimming at Otley, they followed this up by many more swims through- [illegible] the season. Denise Lammyman and Jane Atkinson both had a very [illegible] successful time finishing off the season at Coniston.

Another very good season for the Club.

[illegible] Gill.
[illegible]. Secretary.

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Bradford Rd., Otley. Yks.

[illegible].A.S.A.F.H.S.o. [illegible].S.A.S.A.S.A.S.A.S.A.S.A.T.SLDSA.

[illegible] REPORT.

[illegible] the Christmas [illegible] to [illegible] social affair, Mrs. E.M.Leonard and [illegible] patiently for [illegible] to participate with local Clubs, [illegible] forthcoming, so [illegible] at Swansea, on New Year's Day. [illegible] out with a ruddy [illegible] E.M. chanted a lot of Welsh phrases [illegible] understand. After a good towelling, to quote a well known [illegible], we felt "Kings among men", or was it "Queens" ? .....you work it out. [illegible] successes that day :- I managed to get some of the coffee from the [illegible] into the cup. E.M. using two hands managed to turn on the car [illegible]. I finally came to the conclusion that it is just as easy to be [illegible] on New Year's Day as it is on Christmas Day, especially if you [illegible] toe on a rock!

[illegible] this year to our new [illegible] Ivor Sutton. Ivor trains at [illegible] Park Swimming Pool, where the mid-summer temperature would make Lee [illegible] Christmas feel like a warm [illegible]. We must also congratulate Mr & [illegible] Sutton on the birth of their son Timothy. Now that we have started [illegible] distance swimmers you can look out over the border.

[illegible] to our first swim at Torbay. It is not possible to find any [illegible] adjectives to express our appreciation of this swim, all such [illegible] as marvellous and fabulous seem totaly inadequate. E.M. and I [illegible] our third successful crossing, so I suppose we can now describe ourselves [illegible] regulars.

Our local Swansea-Mumbles 3½ miler went on 27th August. Conditions [illegible] perfect and with a temperature of 64F, nothing could be better. After [illegible] start we got away with Roy Williams taking the lead and being [illegible] chased by Ivor Sutton. Mrs. Leonard and June Bragg fought for [illegible] place, with June just pipping E.M. at the post. The pace was too hot [illegible], but I managed to get in before the others were dressed. Gail [illegible] made a good pace but had to retire after 2½ miles, and Mike Staples [illegible] suffering from knee trouble had to withdraw. Both these swimmers [illegible] a good first attempt, and we feel sure th[illegible] will be successful in their next attempt.

Trophies were presented by the President of the West Wales Swimming Association, and all who completed the swim received plaques of the Swansea SC.

	Men.				Women.		
[illegible] Williams.	Swansea.	1 hr.	25m.	29s.	June Bragg.	Swansea Ottrs.	1. 29. 9.
Ivor Sutton.	Darren Pk.	1	27	35	Mair Leonard.	Swansea SC.	1. 30.40.
[illegible] Tyrell.	Swansea.	1	32	40			

[illegible] the Mumbles swim, wit[illegible] no time to dry our swim suits, Mrs. Leonard [illegible] myself set off for Bala to compete in the two way on 28th August. Conditions being good, this swim was delightful, but although well attended [illegible] absent of Welsh competitors. Many thank to the secretary [illegible] Somerfield for his organisation of the swim, and we are indebted to the [illegible] for the promotion of this swim in Wales.

[illegible] it difficult to [illegible] Windermere. My soul is torn between [illegible] of agony and [illegible]. [illegible] Dylan could have described it. [illegible] was not really his favourite liquid. I retired from the Lake [illegible] the agony of defeat, E.M. made her third successful crossing and [illegible] the agony of success. Then all wounds are healed with a [illegible] reception organised by the tireless John O'Hara. Who else could [illegible] this swim and escort a swimmer, rowing for eight hours; then play [illegible] host to a packed out reception ?

[illegible] programme closed with the 7 miles Mumbles-Aberavon swim. With the [illegible] 61F, good conditions, the best we have had for some years. Neil [illegible] quickly went into the lead and held on to it, being strongly [illegible] by Ivor Sutton during the last mile. Third place went to E.M. [illegible] the "Kitty Nash" trophy for the first lady to finish. The swim was [illegible] well organised and all competitors received plaques from the [illegible] S.C. We are indebted to the Lady - Mayor of Aberavon who started [illegible] and stayed to welcome even the last swimmer to land (I can't help [illegible] good looking). Hot showers and a grand reception completed the [illegible]. Incidentally all four competitors were B.L.D.S.A. members, [illegible] for a swim in West Wales.

	Men.				Women.		
[illegible]	Aberavon.	[illegible]	26	[illegible]	[illegible] Leonard.	Swansea.	3 hrs. 50m.
[illegible]	Darren Pk.	3	[illegible]				
[illegible]	Swansea.	3	55				

[illegible] you may wonder what happened to my last year's invitation to [illegible] Long DistanceClub in this area. As I did not receive one reply, [illegible] conclude that no one was interested.

[illegible] favourite columnist writes about Six Swim meetings in two days [illegible] total of seventy competitors. It is remarkable when we realise [illegible] International Association has organised itself that it is practising [illegible] merely paying lip service to the doctrine of "The greatest possible [illegible] for the greatest possible number."

Finally, E.M. and myself would like to convey our apologies for absence [illegible] Trentham and Pickmere Secretaries. We would have loved to be in [illegible] swims, but circumstances made it impossible for us to attend. [illegible], we will do our best to be with you next season.

Best wishes to all, see you in the swims, 1968.

Peter Tyrell.

[illegible] SWIMMING CLUB.

[illegible] was a record number of crossings between Southsea and Ryde this [illegible]. In fact, at the time of compiling this report for the B.L.D.S.A. [illegible] precise number of ratified swims is known to exceed 20 and nothing like [illegible] ever happened before. Verifications with witnesses, observers and [illegible] are still coming in, so that the picture given here is [illegible] incomplete.

[illegible], the ladies. Although only two ladies made the attempt, both [illegible]! Last year, on her [illegible] birthday, WILLY van RYSEL did her [illegible] Southsea-Ryde [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] July [illegible] [illegible] in a record [illegible]. This [illegible] once attracted the attention of [illegible] year old CHRISTINE WALLACE, member of [illegible] unique 'one-mile butterfly' club. Under conditions sogood that they [illegible] unlikely to be repeated, Christine returned an officially observed time [illegible] 1.31.0. to equal KEN [illegible]'S all time record ! Stroking at 66 for the [illegible] 1½ hours, she sprinted for the finish at 72 while her observers had visions of the men's record being broken. As her feet touched dry land, [illegible] watches recorded exactly the same time as Ken's 1965 record.

The men were less fortunate. So were the observers. In a summer which must surely be among the best on record, the only bad days seemed to [illegible] those on which we had organised a swim. Two engine failures resulted in tows from the R.N.L.I.; two attempts were abandoned within 15 minutes of starting; one of our officials went over the side in gum boots, oil skins [illegible] sou'-wester (not very funny) and others got soaked as never before.

RICHARD GLYNN completed no less than six swims this year ! He has [illegible] seventeen crossings all told, and clearly holds the record for [illegible] greatest number of crossings. He also had a few hours in the Channel [illegible] Dover before the weather took charge. A good year's work for a 47-year [illegible].

PETER HOOKEY now holds the record for the slowest observed swim, with [illegible] of 5.37.0 ! ANTHONY HOOKEY added another to his collection in [illegible]. JOHN CONISBEE and STEPHEN [illegible] recorded 2.14.57 and 2.17.0 [illegible] between Ryde and Southsea.

[illegible]. MAIN did the same swim in 2.14.20. Two young Life Guard Corps [illegible] MARTIN PARR and JOHN [illegible] returned creditable first attempts [illegible] to Southsea in [illegible] and [illegible].0 respectively. Among the best [illegible] BARBER'S 2.11.30 under poor conditions and KEITH RICHARDS' 2.20.0. [illegible] same day.

Still to be received and ratified are some very interesting times from [illegible] VALENTINE and MERVYN PORTMAN for both singles and doubles. We were [illegible] well represented in away events this year. The outstanding [illegible] was DAVE GREEN. He has always had the strength and speed; now [illegible] to have developed the [illegible] as well. After being 7th at Exmouth [illegible] at Torbay, he came home [illegible] at Weymouth, swimming shoulder to [illegible] with ELAINE GRAY ! Elaine herself, of course, carved a niche in [illegible] history with a Channel record which no doubt will receive attention [illegible] page in this report. Previously we had arranged a 17 mile [illegible] swim for her from Southsea round the Nab Tower and back, but she

[illegible] Swimming Club - continued.

[illegible] to give up after an accident at the beginning of the swim in [illegible] dislocated her knee. [illegible] was 5th at Exmouth and ANTHONY [illegible] 5th at Weymouth.

[illegible] has again been a difficult one for boats, although one or [illegible] helpers have come forward. It finally proved that outboard engines [illegible] run slowly enough for our purposes. The Solent is becoming a bit [illegible] at times and we must always put safety first.

[illegible] interested swimmers should apply early for 1968 swims and must not be [illegible] if we ask them to start at some apparently outrageous hour.

[illegible] will wait for no man ! Cost of a single £3 to 4 and £5 to 6 for a [illegible] depending on duration, etc.

[illegible] heartfelt vote of thanks to our band of observers, who have got very [illegible] this year.

[illegible] Secretary A.J.Moorey, 13, Burnet Avenue, Burpham, Guildford, Surrey. [illegible] enquiries to the Chairman J.E.C.Moorey, 72, Evelegh Rd., Farlington, [illegible]; or to the Assistant Hon. Secretary E.Vallentine, "Windrush" [illegible]., North Hayling Island, Hants.

John E.C.Moorey.

[illegible] SWIMMING CLUB.

[illegible] good season for our newly formed Long Distance Section. Pride of [illegible] with Geoffrey Lake's Channel swim in bad conditions (15h.21m.) [illegible] Murphy's Loch Lomond swim, in good conditions, time 15h.4m. [illegible] to finish this year - only two, my retirement in Loch Lomond [illegible] Murphy in the two-way Windermere.

[illegible] industrious swimmer in competition - Kevin Murphy. In training - [illegible] Lake.

[illegible] Dyton - 17 years, our newest recruit to long distance swimming, [illegible] both his swims although having some trouble with leg cramp this [illegible].

[illegible] has asked me to mention that although he is a member of Wealdstone, [illegible] first claim member of Kingsbury S.C.

[illegible] Page again in Bala Junior one-way, took third place in 1hr. 32 mins.

[illegible] - Birkham Championship. - 3 miles.
[illegible]y - 4.38. P.Dyton - 5. 2. G.Lake 5.33. K.Murphy 3.46.
[illegible] - Weymouth Championship. - 12 miles.
[illegible]. - 5.59. G.Lake - 8.16. K.Murphy - 4.36.3.
[illegible] Championship - 10½ m iles.
[illegible] - 5.24. K.Murphy - 6.34.30. S.Bartley - 8.38.
[illegible] - Paignton Championship. - 7 miles.
[illegible] - 2.22. K.Murphy - 2.29.30.

[illegible] other swims this year - Exmouth, 3rd 1.36.25. 11th June.
A.S.A. 5 miles, 7th, 2.45.12. 8th July.
Blackpool-Morecambe 3rd, 4.23. 16th July.
Loch Lomond, 2nd, 15. 4. Aug.26/7th.
Windermere - 7.38. 16th Sept.

[illegible]
France - England 15 hours and 21 minutes.

[illegible] Bartley.
[illegible] Secretary Long Distance Section.

[illegible] SWIMMING CLUB (Surrey)

[illegible] third successive year a number of Richmond swimmers competed in [illegible] distance swims around the country, and there is no doubt that [illegible] in the sport is on the increase. Pride of place goes jointly [illegible] Lyons and Stephen Higgins who were both well placed at Bala. In the [illegible] Terry reaped some measure of success from considerable training [illegible] 6th, just behind Colin Ingoldsby, in 1.17. in a race faster than [illegible] year. Stephen Higgins was placed 7th in the two way after a [illegible] swim in 3.15. Between the races, on Sunday, John Calvert, [illegible] to the Club, swam a solo [illegible] long swim in 1.47. It was a very [illegible] first outing and we hope he will be encouraged further by this [illegible].

[illegible] were represented by Stephen Higgins and John Conisbee. On [illegible] wish the water to-day, [illegible] caught cramp after approx. 6 miles [illegible] finished in an exhausted condition in 17th place in 5.15. Both [illegible] tackled the Solent on 16th June, a swim starting from Southsea. [illegible]

[illegible] Club - [illegible]. -35-

[illegible] meant abandoning after five minutes. The second attempt was [illegible] August, this time from Ryde to Southsea. Conditions were not easy, [illegible] mist, force 4-5 wind, and temperamental escort boats. [illegible] despite oppositinn from paddle steamers, both swimmers finally [illegible] John Conisbee's time being 2h. 1[illegible]. and Steve's time 2h.17m. [illegible]lation - the water was 63F - phew ! Worse was yet to come when [illegible] boats got into difficulty in an increasing sea. Although only [illegible] off shore, Tony and Janice Moorey, and John were eventually [illegible] the Royal National Lifeboat !!

[illegible], the Club Captain was very pleased to row for Stephen Higgins [illegible] a first attempt on Coniston Water in 3h.2m. Apparently it [illegible] cool and choppy at times. He really must be congratulated on a fine [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Walton to Clacton 7 mile swim, on a lovely day in September, we [illegible]sented by Steve, Terry and John. The first two retired, Terry [illegible] of Clacton pier, and John plodded home in 11th position in [illegible] Organisation and publicity were first class.

[illegible] all our best year yet, with greater representation in more swims [illegible] before. We now hope and look forward to the possible return to [illegible] of Dr. Leon Walkden, our "original inspirator" whom we congratulate [illegible]ointment as Hon. Medical Officer to the Association.

"Nautilad"
13a, Pewley Hill,
Guildford. Surrey.

[illegible]SHORE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

[illegible] and two mile swims held at Pontins Holiday Camp, Morecambe, [illegible] June. One hundred foot pool. Temp. 68. The one mile is the [illegible] swim, and the two mile is the open championship. Forty swimmers [illegible], with a following of over 150 people plus hundreds of campers who [illegible] the events.

[illegible] trophy was presented to the President Counc. Robinson, by Arthur [illegible], donated by him on behalf of his grandchildren in the U.S.A. The [illegible] the "Denise and John Shipley" trophy. The original Ladies [illegible] had served its purpose. It was agreed that Brenda Evans should keep [illegible] she held it for five years undefeated. Presentations to the [illegible] competitors were made by Counc. Robinson. We hope to stage [illegible] next year at the same venue.

[illegible] amenities of Middletower Holiday Camp are available to swimmers [illegible] friends. The names of all persons accompanying the swimmer must be [illegible] to the Hon. Secretary on the entry form. This enables friends to [illegible] the camp at a cheaper rate. Swimmers and organising officials are [illegible] without charge.

[illegible] requiring meals on the day should make a reservation for a meal [illegible] they arrive. A number of swimmers and supporters took [illegible] of overnight and weekend accommodation at the Camp and were very [illegible].

Women.			Men.		
[illegible]worth.	Urmston S.C.	52.27.*	[illegible] Williams.	Lancaster.	42.19.*
[illegible]	Middlesbrough.	55.41.	Peter Hatfield.	Middlesbro'	45.37.
[illegible] (12)	Tyldesley.	57.45.	Tom Holland.	Tyldesley.	51.25.

[illegible] performance for such [illegible]

* = record.

[illegible], Warrington, Breast stroke record, Ladies, 67.12.
[illegible] Pickles, " " " " Gents, 64.29.
[illegible]dfern, Lancaster, Back stroke record, Gents, . .

[illegible] girls championship winner - Margaret Bradbury. 12 yrs. Morecambe. [illegible] Pat Simpson, 11 yrs. Caton. 3rd Susan Penegar, 12 yrs. Morecambe.

[illegible] 11, 21 years old spastic completed the course for a certificate. [illegible] year took the award of merit for life saving which was no easy [illegible] pleased to see so many from Tyldesley. Like old times [illegible] of the officials who used to belong to the other swimming world.

[illegible] thank everyone including the Pontins and their staff for their [illegible]istance.

[illegible] Shipley.
[illegible] Secretary.

"Lu-Mona"
Caton Rd., Lancaster.

[illegible] for 1968 should be made to Mrs. Joan Penegar, Assistant [illegible] of 4, Beaufort [illegible], Morecambe.

1967 A.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS OF ENGLAND.

I have pleasure in presenting my personal report on the above Championships held at [illegible], Stoke-on-Trent, on Saturday, 8th. July, 1967.

Once again I journeyed to Trentham on Friday, 7th. July, 1967, to check that the arrangements previously made with the Trentham Gardens Ltd., were in order and I marked out the course on the lake with red painted buoys which were kindly put by the swimmers. I had [illegible] provided this year which meant that we had to [illegible] and we have a qualified Pilot-Lifesaver on board. I am pleased to report that I had an excellent response from the [illegible] Pilot-Lifesavers and I was able to put 33 rowing boats around the course against 16 rowing boats last year. I adjusted the course to approximately [illegible] taking 4 laps of the course for the 5 miles.

We had another fine day for the events and a water temperature of approximately 68 degrees which pleased the "sprinters" but was a little too warm for competitors used to the longer distances.

The Briefing Meeting was held at 12-00 noon in the Bathing Pool Cafe with roll call - course briefing - questions asked - answers given, and the Competitors were then transported to the lake for the start. At 1-30 p.m. the Officials, provided by the Northern Counties A.S.A., were ready, the boats were "greasing up", and the boats took up their allotted positions. The Championships were started at 1-30 p.m. with 13 competitors - 3 original entrants, No's 2,7,&9, on the programme did not attend. The Ladies Championships, with 7 competitors, were started 5 minutes later and were exactly as programme.

The standard of swimming was even higher than last year with Wilson, [illegible] Hilton, fighting it out together for the first 2 laps with Hatfield [illegible] handy but a little further back than usual. Wilson sprinted on the 3rd. lap and opened up a gap, being the eventual winner, and in the later stages Hatfield [illegible] through to take 2nd. place. It was very exciting racing swum at a cracking pace [illegible] achieved 3rd. place. J. Bowes cut across some buoys, missing part of the course although he was informed of this he carried on rather than go back round the buoys he had missed and was therefore disqualified. The Ladies Champion, in a field covered only by 4 men, was [illegible] - a magnificent performance, with [illegible] McCarthy second and Carol [illegible]. A full result sheet is attached at the end of my report.

The Referee was Mr P.H.Rising [illegible], the President of the B.L.D.S..., and [illegible] we had 3 power boats circling the course at all times. The local Red Cross Society was in evidence doing their usual efficient work, on board a power boat and on shore, and this year they shouldered the responsibility of taking the competitors back to the Bathing Pool for hot showers after they had completed the course.

Messrs. Bovril Ltd., had their representatives attend the Championships and provide both swimmers and officials with free Bovril. The local Territorial Army were not available this year with their transmitting equipment but we managed very well with loud hailers and Mr. Fred Oldman, the announcer, kept the crowds and competitors informed and amused with his usual "patter".

We were honoured once again to have the President of the Northern Counties A.S.A., Mr. Albert Bentley, and his wife, as our chief guests and to present the trophies and medals. We missed the presence of Mr. Sidney Smith, of the Northern Counties A.S.A., who was to have been the Official Starter but who, unfortunately, was taken seriously ill on the day before the Championships.

The Reception was held, as last year, in a specially hired room in the [illegible] at Trentham Gardens and an excellent buffet meal was enjoyed by all. The presentation of the trophies and medals followed and this ended a very enjoyable and another successful Long Distance Championships.

My thanks are due to a wonderful team of helpers and Officials and I have sent a personal letter of thanks to all swimmers, helpers, and Officials, - quite a task I think well worth the effort.

After discussion with Alderman Fern, I have already arranged the date of the [illegible] Long Distance Championships to be Saturday, 13th.,July, 1968, to be held at Trentham. Trentham Gardens Ltd., have now confirmed their consent to [illegible] on terms similar to the 1967 Championships.

Finally, I must say that I was a little disappointed with the drop in entries but I had to refuse to send forms after the closing date to at least [illegible] entries so I hope for increased entries next year. I think that once the competitors get used to the date of the A.S.A. Championships being held on the Saturday in July of each year the entries will increase in number.

[illegible] Long Distance [illegible] of England - continued.

Men.		Women.	
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.	M.E.Gray.
[illegible]	[illegible]	2.	M.McCarthy.
[illegible]	[illegible]	3.	C.Jeffs.
[illegible]	[illegible]	4.	L.J.Snowden.
[illegible]	[illegible]	5.	L.Neale.
[illegible]	[illegible]	6.	C.Genge.
[illegible]	[illegible]	7.	M.J.Evans.
[illegible]	[illegible]	8.	J.Eggleton.
[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]		

[illegible] SWIM.

[illegible] by Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association. Held on the [illegible] July. Temp. 58F. Distance 2 miles. Not tidally assisted. Weather conditions excellent.

Men.		Women.	
[illegible]	[illegible]	1. H.Warnock.	70.9.2.
[illegible]	[illegible]	2. D.Ross.	70.15.8.
[illegible]	[illegible]	3. M.Reilly.	82.20.
[illegible]	[illegible]	4. B.Saunders.	85.7.5.
[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]		

Denis Sullivan.
Swim Secretary.

191, King St., Broughty Ferry,
Dundee. Scotland.

[illegible] LULWORTH - [illegible].

Held on the 22nd July, this year the course was slightly altered to give everyone the same tidal conditions, giving true times to the swimmers ability. Distance 10½ miles, water temp. 59. Wind N.W. 2-3.

Things did not look too bright [illegible] was time for the boats to make their [illegible] Lulworth; the N.W. wind making it a trip only for the sailors. After half an hour at sea, finding the shelter of the cliffs at Ringstead, [illegible] trip took them to Lulworth. The 20 competitors, 16 men and [illegible], made their way to Lulworth for the start, the ladies being first to [illegible] at 10.59 and the men following at 11 o'clock. The swimmers followed [illegible] boat out of the cove with an escort of canoeists for the first half [illegible] while swimmers were located by the accompanying motor boat, causing the [illegible] no delay. The race took a normal pattern, Elaine Gray leading the [illegible], G.Lake the men. When the swim settled down, a cracking pace was being [illegible] G.Lake, K Murphy and S.Halls, this was maintained for the first 5½ [illegible] after which all tidal benefit had ceased, making the tail-enders very comfortable near the leaders - ½ mile covering the whole field.

From this point on, the swim really began, G.Lake and S.Halls opened [illegible] 100 yd gap from K.Murphy, but within the next 1 mile, S.Halls had shot [illegible] and G.Lake had the race to himself, with K.Murphy pulling back on [illegible] tiringS.Halls. The rest of the field settled into positions which [illegible] determined to hold. By this time the weather had worsened and it [illegible] obvious that the tailenders were going to have a hard struggle. [illegible] Gray, who had set up a Channel record on the previous Monday, was by [illegible] off a little stiffness, and beginning to overtake a lot of the [illegible] and with D.Green, was fast pulling back on K.Murphy, who was now [illegible] comfortable second.

[illegible] race across the Bay [illegible] two aroused plenty on interest amongst [illegible] crowd waiting for the finish at the end of the pier - Elaine Gray [illegible] honour by 1 min. giving her the Ladies trophy, which was 20 [illegible] behind G.Lake. Without giving an account for each swimmer, one [illegible] such [illegible] S.Halls, [illegible], having done little training due [illegible] fever before [illegible] the longest time he'd ever spent on a [illegible] 3½ hours, this [illegible] well for next season in B.L.D.S.A. swims. [illegible], only 1[illegible], [illegible] a very fine swim. Mark Chapman again

- Weymouth Swim - continued.

...ed the course in a much quicker fashion than last year, whilst ... only 13 years old, had to be taken out of the water just ... from the finish, sustaining to go on the presentation later. ... worthy of mention was Linda Hewson of Cheltenham, at 16 years ... completed the swim, all the way in breast crawl. Christina Genge, breast ... way, was ... ...ion, in such conditions this ... one of her ... ... swimmers name for the Ladies ... Leonard, and for shortest ... Other trophy winners being ... the most meritorious effort by an unplaced swimmer - after great ... exertion, was to Miss L.Snowden.

... first Dorset competitor Philip Bellup.

Men.		Women.	
...rne.	4.[illegible].46.	1. E.M.Gray.	4.46.19.
...eady.	4.[illegible].6.	2. C.Genge.	5.44.44.
...Dixon.	4.[illegible].32.	3. L.J.Snowden.	6.7.17.
...Bellup.	4.[illegible].41.	4. M.Leonard.	6.43.40.
...Mills.	5.[illegible].38.		
...Fernberg.	5.[illegible].4.		
...Wemp.	5.[illegible].44.		
...Mooney.	5.[illegible].53.		
...Sheehan.	5.[illegible].46.		
D.R.Williams.	5.33.33.		
...Allen.	5.46.		
S.J.Birtley.	5.59.46.		
...S.Ayres.	6.2.28.		

Channel Swims.

...Ward. France to England.

Sunday 27th August, 1967, water temp. 61-62F, calm, visibility nil, fog ... duration of attempt. Time 18 hrs. 35 mins. Unrealistic time in such ... conditions.

... Unsuccessful two-way attempt ... bad wind conditions. ... temp. 61F. reasonable conditions at ... of starting, wind conditions ... gradually worsening up to Force 5 winds ... ...ased at time of arrival at ... of first leg. Time for England to ... crossing - 13 hrs.45 mins. ... making Philip the youngest ever swimmer to have completed both channel ... crossings. Needless to say both these swimmers will be going back to have ... a two-way bash.

Jim Hart.
... Hon. Secretary.

195, Love Lane,
Chapelhay, Weymouth.

... SWIMMING CLUB FOR EARLY IN SEPTEMBER.

... 1,000 above sea level, on a cool crisp Sunday, members again gathered ... Dog and Partridge, Lumbutts, near Todmorden, to savour the last minute ... of the friendly pub. before indulging in a brief dash across Lee Dam. ... from the swim lacked the normal layer of ice, but there was another ... Part way across the Dam, right across the course and unknown to ... those until they reached it, was a mud bank, only a foot under the

... and to rise to their feet, struggle over the mud bank, swim to the ... round it and repeat the performance on the way back. Hot soup, ... sandwiches kindly supplied by 'Mine Host' at the "Dog", tog other ... normal warming remedies available at such premises, a good fire, and ... second heat from the goodly gathering of members warmed both body and ... The day was rounded off when after adjourning to the local Cricket ... and tucking into the pie and peas provided by the Todmorden Swimming ... the night well entertained by Alex Williams and company.

... this year is on the 3lst December, Sunday, and we have no doubt ... will be the last swim of the year - come and join us.

... from Mrs. Betty Sutcliffe, "Hillcrest" Castle Lane, Todmorden. Yks. ... answering the event you will complete the official entry form. We ... want for everyone going in, and check them coming out, to make sure ... left anyone behind. Only members used to open water swimming are ... this part.

J.K.S.

[illegible] ASSOCIA[illegible]

[illegible] busy season [illegible] is gratifying to be able to [illegible] interest in [illegible] and on the 'up and up'! [illegible] the weather [illegible] - they have faced a mixed bag of [illegible] - [illegible] sensitive, fields of [illegible] jelly fish; [illegible] characteristic determination and courage [illegible] to report 15 successful attempts.

Completed Swims.

[illegible] GRAY - aged 21 - St. Albans - swam F/E, mid-July - Pilot, Capt. Hutchinson - Observer, [illegible] - time 10 hours 24 mins. - a new [illegible]'s Record for F/E.

[illegible] ROY - aged [illegible] - [illegible] - swam E/F Sept:- Pilot, Taylor - [illegible], Mrs. Mallett - time [illegible] hrs. [illegible] mins. - a new Men's Record E/F - [illegible] was the 1st. leg [illegible] a 2-way attempt, 2nd. leg abandoned owing to [illegible] indisposition of the swimmer..

[illegible] J. HETZEL - aged 31 - New York City, U.S.A. - swam F/E August - Pilot, Capt. Hutchinson - Observer N. Smith - time 18 hrs. 54 mins [illegible] most of the way.

GEOFFREY LAKE - aged 19 - Harrow - swam F/E, August - Pilot, Capt. Hutchinson - Observer M. Jennings - time 15 hrs. 21 mins. - very rough seas - our Centurion Swimmer i.e. our 100th. individual person to succeed.

NORMAN TRUSTY - aged 34 - Dartford, Kent - swam F/E, August - Pilot, Capt. Hutchinson - Observer, Mrs. Mallett - time 12 hrs. 5 mins.

[illegible] GOLLOP - aged 18 - Weymouth - swam E/F August - Pilot Capt. Hutchinson - Observer D. Powell - time 13 hrs. 45 mins. - this was the [illegible] leg of a 2-way attempt, weather worsened to Force 5 winds caused 2nd. [illegible] to be abandoned.

[illegible] SHARP - aged 18 - Weymouth - swam F/E, August - Pilot B. Bacon - Observer, H. Hubbard - time [illegible] in dense fog throughout.

[illegible] GEORGE aged 27 - Dover - swam [illegible] gust - Pilot Capt. Hutchinson [illegible]

[illegible] aged 21 - Sydney, [illegible] swam F/E September - Pilot [illegible] Hutchinson - Observer Rev. [illegible] - time 13 hrs. 2 mins. choppy seas.

[illegible]

[illegible] SWIMMING CLUB - Atherton, Lancs. swam E/F September, - Pilot [illegible] Hutchinson - Observer, T.H. Cook - time 11 hrs. 37 mins. - being [illegible] fastest time for a Relay team of the season. Team of 5 men and 1 girl.

[illegible] GENERAL/BRITISH TRANSPORT - [illegible]leigh, Hants: - swam F/E August - Pilot, Capt. Hutchinson - Observer [illegible] - time 13 hrs. 57 mins. in [illegible] and thick seaweed. Team of girls.

[illegible] ON TRENT CHANNEL TEAM - swam F/E August 2nd. - Pilot Bacon - Observers, Bradley & Hubbard - time 12 hrs. 33 mins.

Three days later this Team swam E/F - time 17 hrs. 39 mins - Pilot and Observer as for first swim - a very hard fought swim, wind Force 5/6 all the way - average age of these youngsters 13 years 2 months - their courage and determination in facing 10' waves deserves special praise, likewise the wonderful inspiration of their Trainer Mr. R. Fear.

[illegible] RICHARD OF CHICHESTER BOYS' SCHOOL - Camden, London - swam, July F/E Pilot - Bacon, - Observers N. Smith and H. Hubbard - time 14 hrs. 9 mins. - average age 13 years. 9 months - dogged by seasickness but showed grand [illegible].

[illegible] OF ENGLAND, LONDON - St. Christopher's Sports Section - swam August [illegible] - Pilot, Brickell - Observer, T.H. Cook - time 12 hrs. 17 mins. Team [illegible].

ALL THE ABOVE SWIMS ARE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION

[illegible] fortunate were :-

[illegible] aged 35 - [illegible] - Pilot Bacon - Observers, [illegible] and Mrs. [illegible] - [illegible] mins. of valiant effort, had to [illegible] from exhaustion.

[illegible] - aged 21 - Keighley - swam E/F, August - Pilot Bacon - [illegible] B.A. Smith - time 7 hrs. [illegible] mins. after which swim abandoned due [illegible] thick fog.

[illegible] - aged 24 - [illegible] - swam F/E, August, - Pilot Bacon, - Observer, P. Croughan - made two attempts - during the first, he [illegible] a ligament in his leg, and had to retire after swimming for only a short time - on the second attempt the leg gave way again. Now he faces probable operative treatment - a very bitter disappointment after months of intensive training. We wish him a satisfactory recovery of the injury.

[illegible] - aged 42 - [illegible] - a paraplegic whose only wish was to swim the Channel as an encouragement to other handicapped people - no use whatsoever in his legs, had to crawl on all fours into the water. He was full of determination to succeed if it took him 30 hours! Then, the most unlooked for tragedy befell him; he swallowed some grease which became detached from his arm. This caused vomiting, and finally exhaustion. He retired after 8 hours of very plucky effort - Pilot, Brickell - Observer V. Matcham.

[illegible] - aged 33 - [illegible] - swam F/E, August - Pilot Capt. G. Feat - Calais - Observer [illegible] - swim abandoned after 10 hrs. 45 mins.

[illegible] aged 16½ - Maryland, U.S.A. - swam F/E August - Pilot Bacon - Observer [illegible] S.J. Archer - retired from exhaustion after 3 hrs. 53 mins.

[illegible] - aged 20 - London - swam F/E September - Pilot Capt. Hutchinson - Observer, J. Wrapson - reached the Goodwins, but had to retire after [illegible] hrs. 35 mins. due to rough seas and exhaustion.

Sympathise with these gallant souls and hope that they are not too frustrated disappointed to come back another time.

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[illegible]---- TOPPING----THE TOPS----[illegible]

[illegible] - Members will have read in the Press of all the furore there has been concerning Linda McGill having said that she intended to swim the Channel topless. I wish to state that she DID not swim topless, but in a regulation costume. I could go to sea !!! on all the inconvenience caused to me - my life was hell for weeks - no peace day or night, thanks to the Press hounds - letters anonymous and complaining - misquoted and misrepresented. It was all most unpleasant while it lasted - if I say more, the paper will burn--------!

[illegible] - This season we have had the services of a new Observer Liaison Officer, Mrs. Rae Smith. She has dealt solely with the business of providing Observers. She has given us yeoman service of the highest order - I have been left breathless at the way in which she buckled down to finding new Observers - her inexhaustible patience and power of organisation too. I am lost in admiration and we owe her a deep debt of gratitude, and for me, it has been a pleasure to work with her.

[illegible] - Our Observers! many of them new to the work and their "baptism" consisted of hair-raising experiences in fog - anything but pleasant. They have been splendid throughout and have given service to us in the highest C.S.A. tradition. A very big 'thank you' to all.

[illegible] - Stoke on Trent Channel Team of youngsters went on from the Channel double victory to Loch Ness, which they swam in 12 hours. (hope I am right in the time). Not satisfied with this, at the end of August they added the Irish Channel to their laurels. (Sorry it was mid-September !!!) a distance of 2[illegible]½ miles in 17 hours, from Donaghadee to south of Port Patrick, They had on board a representative of the B.L.D.S.A. who paced the last swimmer in. Greeted by the Town Band who played them to their lodgings with full musical honours. We offer to them our admiration and warmest congratulations on such an unprecedented successful season of Swims.

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[illegible] As I type this, news has just come that Linda McGill has again swum from Cap Gris Nez to St. Margaret's Bay in a new Record time of 9 hrs. [illegible] mins., thus beating [illegible]'s time set up earlier this year by [illegible] mins. Pilot, Capt. Hutchinson - Observer, P. Frayne. Subject to ratification.

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The ANNUAL DINNER - 1958 will be held on May 11th. Please chalk up this date.

[illegible] SWIM We all know [illegible], and can report that he has added another splendid conquest to his already long list - i.e. from the [illegible] which are rocky outcrops in the Pacific to the California - very cold [illegible] and sharks have been known to take [illegible]

"strength-sapping journey". His time [illegible] hrs. 38 mins. - the second to complete this Swim - first was Lt. Col. Evans of U.S.A. Army who did the Swim a few days earlier; his time 13 hrs. 44 mins.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ted Huntley of Dover - a Life Member - ever a keen supporter who served on the Committee for several years.

[illegible]!!! Happy Christmas !!!! Hope to see as many of you as possible at the [illegible].

"[illegible]"
[illegible] Dogwood Way,
[illegible], Maidstone.

I. Kellam-Smith.
Hon. Secretary.

ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE FOUNDER HONORARY SECRETARIES.

Nowadays, we all have to be careful who we associate with. Especially if 'we' happens to be us, and 'associate' means admitting a new member to the mysteries and secrets of our sect. The candidates themselves are alright, of course - no better testimonial exists than, simply, qualification to join. But trouble can lie - danger even lurk - in the general membership of the novice founder secretary's affiliated swim or club. It is against potentially corrupting influences from these lesser breeds that we have to guard.

Take, for example, the case of the recent admission of a Water Beetle to our fold. The candidate's credentials were impeccable. But what of all her relations and club-mate water beetles? What depravities might they conceivably bring to our swims? What carnage might ensue from their incursion into our jealously guarded swimming affairs.

To find out we read all the relevant sections of "Imm's Textbook of Entomology". Check it if you like.

First we found the variety of water beetle types to be totally bewildering. So we studied the common ones and prayed that none of the West Lancashire species are completely off-beat.

The 'true water beetles' or 'Dytiscidae', turn out, apart from being carnivorous, to be wholesome - even excellent - animals... 'Species frequent both running and standing water, brackish or salt, while one or two inhabit thermal springs....." (Shades of Bath and Matlock! - is that why they affiliated?) "Their hind legs", we learned, "function as swimming organs, are greatly flattened, widely separated and fringed with long hairs". (Not beautiful perhaps, but nothing to complain of there). A point which worried us at first concerned their use of grease in conjunction with adhesive suckers on their front legs. That's the sort of device which could be put to many immoral uses. As it happens, it's nothing more than one which....." allows the male to cling to the female for many hours continuously".....so it's none of our business.

At first we were worried, too, by the 'Gyrinidae' or 'whirligig beetles'; [illegible] and happ[illegible] [illegible] surface [illegible] large [illegible] are sometimes [illegible] darting round one-another in graceful curves with an agility which renders their movements difficult to follow".

We were delighted, of course, by the biology of the pilot-lifesaver types - the 'water boatmen'. They all seem to be middle-aged and have probably retired from active swimming. Why else should they be described as...." more or less onion-shaped"? With over two hundred species, Bill Anderson is going to have a busy time..

We were much less happy with the 'Micronecta' - - wee beasties which live among water weeds and are able to 'stridulate'. And an urgent enquiring telegram [illegible] to go out about the 'Notonectidae' or 'back-swimmers' That they are..... [illegible] observed floating'....is alright, but that they....."dive readily when [illegible]".....is alarming! That they....."can leap into the air".....and [illegible] "[illegible] is needed in handling them as they can inflict painful punctures" [illegible] more than we could stand. Don't want them around our swims! We were [illegible], however, that there isn't an honest back swimmer in West Lancashire. [illegible] we know that the only true representative of the 'Hydrometridae', which [illegible] be seen.... crawling very slowly over the surface of stagnant water"..... [illegible] the Midlands.

After considering all this we put the matter to vote. By a show of [illegible] fore-tarsi, and stridulating gleefully, we admitted the candidate.

[illegible]

[illegible] of the Inner [illegible] [illegible] note, All members are liable to the [illegible] fine of paying for the first round without a drink for himself/herself [illegible]/she does not present himself/herself (if decides to do so) at functions [illegible] the Association tankard.

"R.G.W."

A brief reminder to the uninitiated, that the long string of initials following the name of any member contained in these Reports denotes that he/she is a Member of the Association of Active Founder Hon. Secretaries of Amateur Long Distance Swimming Associations, Championships or Clubs affiliated to the British Long Distance Swimming Association. If the [illegible] has not been inferred from that title I must further explain that to be a member of this 'Different' Association, one must be the Founder or First Hon. Secretary of any new Championship, Club or Association (or supporting activity i.e. The Pilot Life Saver Scheme) which is affiliated or part of the B.L.D.S.A. The word "Active" means that the person concerned must still hold his/her office. Retirement from office means retirement from this Association. Each member is entitled to purchase a tankard (from The Keeper of Tankards - Rex G.Williams) and must have this tankard with him/her at all functions where he/she is likely to meet fellow members. The customary penalty for failing to bring the tankard is that the offending member pays for the first round. In case anyone should consider that the members of this Association are obvious tipplers, I should point out that the penalty for failing to pass a breathalyser test is twelve months suspension from membership.

Members to date:- Founders - John K.Slater, Jim Robinson, Rex Williams.
Other members:- Jack Somerfield, Jack Brown, William Anderson, Ian [illegible], Derek Gill, Jean [illegible] and Margaret Butcher, with pending [illegible] for other [illegible].

[illegible] to Mrs. [illegible], who, with regret, and due to [illegible] and subsequent [illegible] to London, feels that she can no longer do justice to the Fairhaven/Langold Championship.

Welcome to Margaret Butcher, of "West Lancashire Water Beetles" regarding which, much has been written by "Whitby Jim" above.

J.K.S.

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL SWIMS BY MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

[illegible] and Windermere swimmers will be published in the Association's [illegible] the Handbook Committee will shortly be considering the [illegible] including a full list of Ullswater and Coniston swimmers. [illegible] list of swims made on these two latter courses and this [illegible] to all members, together with the Annual Reports in 1965. [illegible] this list up to date, by including the officially recorded [illegible] swims made since 1965 and I should be glad if those whom it may concern would [illegible], year and duration of swim, and let me know if there are any [illegible] or mistakes.

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[illegible]	4.25. 3.
[illegible]	4.33.13.
[illegible]	4.41.45.

[illegible]	3.23.30.
[illegible]	3.54.53.
[illegible]	3.56.19.
[illegible]	4.33.45.
[illegible]	5.40. 8.
[illegible] - Brian Metcalfe)	
[illegible]	4.7.13.
[illegible]	4.18.11.

[illegible] 1966.

[illegible] Sherratt. 31.27.

[illegible] Harbour to Gorey Harbour [illegible] Penec. 4.19.28.

[illegible] Denise le Penec.

[illegible] to Eerehove Reef. [illegible] Penec. 4.46.

[illegible] HAVE, AFTER [illegible] CONSIDERATION, DECIDED NOT [illegible] ANY RELAY OR TEAM SWIMS [illegible] SWIMMER COVERS A DISTANCE [illegible] FIVE MILES. AT THE SAME [illegible] ASSOCIATION APPRECIATES [illegible] OF TEAM EVENTS AND THE [illegible] THIS GIVES TO YOUNG [illegible] TO QUALIFY AS RECOGNISED [illegible] SWIMMERS BY [illegible] A COURSE OF AT LEAST [illegible].

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[illegible]	4.50.
[illegible]	2.15.38. (1)
[illegible] Gray.	2.31.25. (2)
[illegible] Ayres.	3.26.30.

1967.

[illegible]	3.14.48.6.
Denise Lammyman.	3.37.
Margaret Butcher.	4.55.
Constance Lumb.	3.39.10.
[illegible] Atkinson.	4.10.
Suzanne Lodge.	4.38.
Phyllis Sullivan.	3.35.4.
Colin Procter.	2.28. (3)
Christopher Carter.	3.59. 0.
[illegible] Carter.	3.16.10.
[illegible] Williams.	3.30.15.
Bryan Finlay.	3.0.15.
Lloyd Gledhill.	2.52.30. (4)

Coniston two-way.

(unconfirmed - Barry Watson - record)

(1) = Fastest time but conditions relating to record swim not complied with.

(2) = Ladies record.

(3) = All-comers record.

(4) = Fastest under 16 yrs.

Rowing Record - two man crew - no passengers - any boat selected from Bob Clarke's beach - from Bob's jetty to old steamer jetty or reverse - approximately 4 miles.

Colin Procter & David Ingham in 49m.15s. 1967, breaking the previous record by a Dutch team, made in 1966, by nearly 10 minutes. All future attempts on this record should be made in accordance with conditions governing swim records, and the boat, an oar, or boat occupant must touch either jetty, start and finish.

[illegible] published in the 1968 Handbook, it is unlikely to be included [illegible] Handbook.

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[illegible]. Delete Chris. Carter's swim of 3.59.0. *

(Sorry Chris. a bit of a mix-up here !)

[illegible]. Christopher Carter. 2.30. 0.

[illegible]. Christopher Carter. 3.59. 0.

[illegible]. G.Trevor Smith. . . . (Pending)

John K.Slater.

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

INFORMATION BULLETIN. 1968.

"Bryden"
29, St.Albans Avenue,
HALIFAX. Yks.
Tel. 60229.

10th March, 1968.

Gentlemen;

Herewith the dates and details of the season's activities, together with other items of interest:-

11th MAY. Sat. Annual Dinner Channel Swimming Association. Tickets & information from Miss. I.Kellam-Smith, "Coolmoyne" 5, Copsewood Way, Bearsted, Kent.

12th " Sun. A.G.M. of C.S.A. and usual Dover Dip. Write Miss I.Kellam-Smith for details of membership & for information re Observer in Channel Swims.

19th " Sun. B.L.D.S.A. Executive Meeting, Boro' Police H.Q. Halifax. All members entitled to attend, speak with permission, but not vote. 2.15 p.m.

26th " Sun. Pilot Life Saver Examination at Pickmere. Write William Anderson, 64, Festival Avenue, Orford, Warrington. (See attached circular).

" " " Langold Lake trial to select B.L.D.S.A. representatives for Dutch International. Write Fred C.Oldman, 164, Handley Rd., New Whittington, Chesterfield. Tel. Office Chesterfield 7271 Ext.217. Home 71167.

" " A.M. Shandoran Swim, Ireland. (Lough) 2 miles. 10/- entry fee. 5/- returned if you swim. Mr. G.Walker, 14, Lenaghan Avenue, Belfast. 7. Entries ltd. Men only. I.L.D.S.A.

1st " Sat. Spring (Whit.) Bank Holiday. Coniston Old Hall Camp Site. Camping,
to 3rd. to Mon. canoeing, fishing, fell walking, mountaineering, sailing, swimming, hound trailing, deer stalking, ditching, trenching, baling, sunbathing ! Usually about 40 members attend, the more the merrier.

2nd " Sun. Morecambe Cross Bay S.A. Relay Race. 4-5 miles, 3 men per team. Stone Jetty to Central Pier. Start 2 p.m. Stone Jetty. Jack H.Brown, 30, Acre Moss Lane, Morecambe. Tel. 10.

9th " Sun. Exmouth Fairway Buoy Swim. (1963) 4¾ miles. Report 10.30 am Swim Pool. Start 11 am. Men only. Alternative course available. Mr.D.W.Binmore, 17, Marpool Hill, Exmouth, Devon. Tel.5071 (to 5 p.m.)

16th " Sun. Morecambe & Heysham Inshore S.C. Ladies - Junior & Senior, 2 miles. Heated fresh water pool. Pontin's Middleton Tower Hol. Camp, Morecambe. Strong possibility date may be changed to Sun.23rd June. Write to Mrs. J.Penegar Assisistant Sec. 4, Beaufort Rd., Bare, Morecambe.

22nd " Sat. Lough Neagh Championship. (1967) 3 miles. Skeffington Lodge to Firing Head & back. Report Skeff. Lodge Hotel 2 p.m. Start 3 p.m. Alt. date 23rd June. Robert G.McGaffin, 3, Marmont Cres. Holywood Rd., Belfast. Men only. Entries may have to be limited.

23rd " Sun. Morecambe & Heysham Inshore S.C. Men-Junior & Senior, 2 miles. See above strong possibility date may be changed to 16th June. Mrs.J.Penegar (above

22nd " Sat. Coniston Relay Swim. 6 swimmers from Keighley S.C. to swim in relay for
& 23rd & Sun. 24 hours, backed at £.s.d. per mile, in aid of local Bath Appeal Fund. Amongst those taking part - Kendall Mellor, Graham McIntyre. B.B.C. T/v attending.

29th " Sat. B.L.D.S.A. Langold Lake Junior Championship. 2 miles. Boys and girls under 16 on day. Report 11.15am Start 12 noon. Map, programme and full details to all competitors beforehand. Presentation 1.30pm. Mrs. Marian Dent, "Oaklands" Moor Rd., Ashover, Chesterfield.

" " " Double Tay Swim. 2 miles. (1957). Broughty Ferry to Tayport. Report 10am Club Pier. All ages all sexes ! Alt. date 30th June. Denis Sullivan, 191, King Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee. Scotland.

6th JULY. Sat. B.L.D.S.A. Torbay Championships. (1958) 8 miles. Torquay - Brixham & back. Report Fri. Marine Spa. 8 p.m. Start 11am Beacon Cove. Men & women over 16. Closing date for entries - Sat. 1st June. Jeffrey Taylor, 15, Myrtle Terr. Golcar, Huddersfield. Yks. Tel. Hdsfld 32177(Ofce)

13th " Sat. A.S.A. Long Distance Championships of England. (1877) 5 miles. Trentham Lake. Report 12 noon. Start 1.30pm. Entry forms from B.L.D.S.A. Bernard Bell, 17, Millcroft Estate Pool in Wharfedale, Tel. Arthington (Nr.Leeds) 2497, or A.S.A. Hon. Sec. Ald. H.E.Fern. Entries close 1 month beforehand.

" " " Copelands to Donaghadee. Ireland. 3-3½ miles. Beaver S.C. John Moffett, 22, Roundhill Street, Belfast 4. Beaver S.C. is not yet affiliated to the I.L.D.S.A. or B.L.D.S.A. but friendly terms.

18th " Thur. Two-way Channel attempt by B.L.D.S.A.'s Barry Watson. Two good camping sites at Dover.

20th " Sat. Belfast Lough. Ireland. (1967) 5 or 10 miles ? Men only. I.L.D.S.A. Hon. Sec. Fred J.Parkes, 19, Finchley Park, Belfast 4. Tel. 63619.

21st " Sun. Fleetwood-Morecambe Championship. 14 miles. Start 1.45pm from beach North Euston Hotel. Men & women. Jack Brown (see 2nd June.)

27th " Sat. Sandsend-Whitby Championships. (1961) 3 miles assisted. All ages all sexes. Entry fee 200 New Pence. Report 1pm. Start 3.30pm

4th JULY. Thur. River Wharfe Championships, Otley. 1 mile. Juniors only. Open. Team event also. Note new Hon. Sec. Eric Atkinson, 24, Woodlands View, Boothtown, Halifax. Yks.

20th " Sat. Lulworth Cove - Weymouth Championships. 10 miles. Men & women. Jim Burt, 19b, Love Lane, Weymouth. Dorset. Tel. Michael Hunt 4204

28th " Sun. Ullswater Championships. 7 miles. Bradford & Dist. members only. Eric Atkinson, see above.

4th AUG. Sun. Derwentwater Championships. 2 miles. Bradford & Dist. members only. Boys and girls under 16 on day. Eric Atkinson, see above. 11am start.

10th " Sat. Dublin Bay Swim. Ireland. (1968) 5½ miles. Alt. course.(or) Alt. date 11th Aug. 10/- entry, 5/- returned if swim. I.L.D.S.A. Fred Parkes, 19, Finchley Park, Belfast 4. Tel.63619.

11th " Sun. Morecambe Cross Bay Ladies' Championship. (1907) 9 miles, assisted. Grange to Morecambe. Start 2.12pm. Alt. date 8th or 22nd Sept. Hon. Sec. Jack H.Brown, see over.

18th " Sun. B.L.D.S.A. VETERAN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS. (1968). 4 miles. From Old Stanmer Jetty to Pat Smith's jetty. Report 10am. Start 11.30 am. Men & women and men & women over the age of 40 years. The Wade Cup. Rysel' Trophy for men, and the'Fred C.Oldman'trophy for women. Eddie Robinson, 25, Belmont Avenue, Otley. Yks.

24th " Sat. Two-way Windermere Championship. 21 miles. Marathoneers of proved
& 25th & Sun. ability. Approx. 11pm Sat. start. . .Eric Atkinson, see above.

24th " Sat. Ulster Championship. Ireland. (1968). Aranmore to Burtonport. 5-7 mile Alt. courses. (or) Alt. date 25th Aug. I.L.D.S.A. Mr. L.V.Burke, 17, Victoria Road, Holywood, Co. Down, N.Ireland.

25th " Sun. Morecambe Cross Bay Mens Championship. (1907) Grange-Morecambe. Start 1.7pm Alt. dates 8th Sept. or 22nd Sept. Jack Brown, see above.

31st " Sat. B.L.D.S.A. Bala Lake One-way Championships. 3 miles. Men & women.
and Three lakeside camping sites. Jack Somerfield, Tiddington Stores & Post Office, Tiddington, Stratford on Avon. Warwicks. Tel. S on A 2008.

1st SEPT. Sun. Day of rest at Bala. Chat-up boat owners for Monday.
and
2nd " Mon. B.L.D.S.A. Bala Lake One-way Junior, and Two-way Senior, Championships. Juniors start 9 a.m. Seniors 11.30 a.m. Jack Somerfield, see above.

31st AUG. Sat. Munster Championship. Ireland. (1968). Shannon Estuary. 14 miles assisted. Airport Pier to Limerick. I.L.D.S.A. John Earls, "Cennander" Park Rd., Limerick, Ireland. Tel. 47535. (Well done John !)

5th SEPT. Thur. Windermere Cross Lake Championships. (Recommenced 1959) 1 mile. All ages, all sexes, but juniors are under 15 ! Mrs. Margaret Mallinson, 6, Springfield Rd., Heathwaite, Windermere, Westmorland. Report at 5.45 p.m. Start 6.30 p.m.

7th " Sat. B.L.D.S.A. Windermere Championships. (1957). 10½ miles. Lakeside to Ambleside. Report 8pm Fri. Embassy Ballroom. Start 9am Lakeside Pier. Presentation at Lakeside Hotel 7.30 p.m. John O'Hara, 21, Woodhouse Grove, Fartown, Huddersfield. Yks. Tel. Huddersfield 20986.

14th " Sat. Walton to Clacton Championships. (1967) 7 miles. Walton Pier - Clacton Pier. Report 11 am. Start 1 pm. Men & women. Sealed handicap - age group. (?). Civic Reception. Buffet and dance till midnt. 7pm St. Charles Hall, Clacton. Cert's. to crews. Alec Wood, 1, Maple Avenue, Upminster, Essex. Tel. Upminster 22939.

" " " Pickmere Lake Championships. 2 miles. Men and women. Meal etc. after. Ian Thompson, 9, Norbury Avenue, Orford, Warrington.

22nd " Sun. B.L.D.S.A. Trentham Lake Championships. 3 miles. (1963) Report 12.15pm Baths Cafe. Start 2 pm. Jetty - Italian Gardens. Men and women. Alt. course - reverse direction ? Alt. date - 'Bonfire night'?. Rex G.Williams (of course) 20, Kimble Close, Allesley Park, Coventry. Tel. Coventry 73484.

28th " Sat. Poole Open Harbour Swim. (1962) 3 miles. The Haven to Poole Bridge. Men & women. Report 12 noon. Start 2pm. Civic Reception. Team prize. 5 p.m. Canteen, Carter Tiles Ltd. Alt. course. Miss Jean M.Bartlett, 8, Churchfield Rd., Poole, Dorset. Tel. Parkstone 4557.

Sept. Minorca to Majorca Swim. 26 miles. Expenses paid if you get invited.
& 5th. & Sun. Spanish Navy Escort boats. Report 29th Sept. Kendall Mellor and Graham McIntyre now speaking fluent Spanish. To save time write Kendall Mellor, "Rathlin" Station Rd., Steeton, Keighley. Yks.

9th NOV. Sat. B.L.D.S.A. ANNUAL DINNER. The Crown Hotel, Harrogate. Yks. Tel.67755. Full details, together with list of other accommodation and prices to be forwarded to all members, with Annual Reports, approx. 3 weeks
and beforehand.

10th " Sun. B.L.D.S.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The Crown Hotel, Harrogate.

nther Championships - dates not yet notified. B.L.D.S.A. Rathlin Island to Ballycastle. N.Ireland. Due to rough conditions experienced during last 3 years, strong possibility that this course might be abandoned in favour of a more sheltered venue. Kendall Mellor, see last page.

Douglas Bay Swim. 2 miles. Men, women, teams. Mr. L.W.Pratley, 46, Ballabroie Way, Douglas, Isle of Man. Usually Sunday early August. Swansea to Mumbles 3½ miles. Mumbles-Aberavon 7 miles. Usually restricted to local members only, but a swimmer who can provide his own boat and crew might possibly be accepted ! Write Peter Tyrell, 7, Chesshyre St., Brynmill, Swansea, for further information.

Individual Swims. Channel Swimming Association. Miss I.Kellam-Smith. Hon. Secretary, "Coolmoyne" 5, Copsewood Way, Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent. 37900 Mdstne. Solent Swim. Anthony J.Moorey, 22, Spencer Walk, Putney, S.W.15. Tel. PUT.6088.

Blind swimmers. Members may have read in the press of an appeal by a Mr. Westley, [illegible] parents of blind swimmers to contact him with a view to forming a Relay Team. Mr. Westley is not a member of this Association or of the Channel Swimming Association. Your Executive Committee wish to make it clear that the B.L.D.S.A. do not support Mr. Westley or his activities, neither does the National Association for the Blind. We hope that the subject has now n lost the interest of the press, but should any member be approached by Mr. Westley for assistance or information which might in any way concern your Association, please refer him to your Association's Hon. Secretary.

Marriages. Congratulations and good wishes to Stephen J.Higgins and his bride, now living at 8, Ravens Head, Chinnor, Oxon. Tel. Kingston Blount 8572.

Births. Hearty congratulations to Kendall and Kathie Mellor, the happy arrival of Allison Louise. Life Membership paid on day of arrival. When pressed for comment yesterday, Kendall replied "She's not just ready for the Channel yet."

[illegible] Congratulations [illegible] to Gerald Wilson, two enthusiastic members of this Association and the Bradford & District L.D.S.C. Coined at the Bradford meeting was the sobriquet "Marie (Cupid) Toft." ! Veronica Anderson now heading for the matrimonial stakes, with Leeds Loiner Ed. Murray. I always told her she couldn't do any better than a Yorkshireman. Veronica is, of course, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.Anderson, of Warrington, (Lancs) ow in Karachi, with husband-to-be in New York. Our very best wishes to both.

Boats. Urgently needed at several Championships, especially at Bala, where entries have to be refused because of boat shortage. Two additional boats will be seen during the season. A runabout launch, 4/6 seater built by Lawrence Jeffs, and a 12' sailing, rowing, outboard dinghy by J.K.S. Colours blue, white & varnish. British Long Distance Sailing Association pennants available this year. Anyone interested in a B.L.D.S.A. pennant please contact J.K.S.

Championship Entries. The majority of entry lists (Torbay excepted) close at least one month before the Championship. Late entries from home or abroad cannot be accepted after the closing date. Write early and avoid disappointment.

Irish Long Distance Swimming Association. Hon. Secretary Fred J.Parkes asks me to point out that the Irish dates are only provisional (in time to catch this Bulletin) and that most of the events are new. The boat situation and local interest (i.e. oarsmen etc.) is an uncertain quality/quantity. Because of this it cannot be guaranteed that everyone who enters will be accepted. Apart from individuals who may have their entries accepted, Fred hopes to invite 5 of our swimmers to Belfast Lough and at least two to Arranmore - Burtonport.

American Visitors. From the Presbyterian Medical Center we hope to welcome Janice M.McGowan and her companion, a marathoneer and member of the San Francisco Dolphin Club (Golden Gate Bridge Swim). Both would like to meet swimmers and officials. Arriving in August for unspecified period.

Obituary. From Morecambe comes the sad news that Jack Mount, a real stalwart of the Bay Swim, died just before Christmas. Jack was well known to many of our members and was one of the founder members of the Cross Bay Swim.

B.L.D.S.A. Blazer Badges, cloth £1, gold wire 35/-. Available only to Windermere swimmers and Executive serving a second year of office. Lapel Badges, 5/-. Association ties, 13/6d. Swim Flashes for all courses 1/-, all available from Keith Seymour, 15, Hazelhurst Road, Bradford 9.

Boat Crew Flashes. For all Championship long courses, available from each B.L.D.S.A. Championship Hon. Secretary. No charge !

Society Award. To be made to Bernard Bell, our [illegible] Championship Liaison Officer in recognition of his gallant rescue of two men marooned on an island in the River Wharfe at Otley by rising flood waters. Bernard suffered cuts and bruises in taking a line across to the men, but was otherwise none the worse for the ordeal. Our sincere congratulations.

Our Member in Harley Street. Mr. John E.Buck writes supporting canoe borne Pilot Life-Savers. John was a welcome attender at Torbay, Clacton and Poole last year and thoroughly enjoyed himself. His letter did not bear the usual medical abbreviations which one normally connects with the Harley Street profession, and the initials O.M.R.O.M.B.C. puzzled me more than somewhat. To save you the effort it stands for"oldestmemberribena onemilebutterflyclub."

Miss Monserrat Tresserras (Spain). This young lady has many outstanding swims and records to her credit, but tells me that "The Spanish A.S.A. fights against [illegible] (long distance swimming) and say that [illegible] SWIM MERIM." Miss Tresserras indicates that because of this attitude she has "fought more on land than in the water." She is interested in the Windermere swim (having already completed a Channel crossing) and on your behalf I have told her that she will be most welcome as a member and that we will do all we can to assist her. Her next swim will be an attempt on the Ibiza Channel, 47 miles, and she would like her swim to be officially observed by the B.L.D.S.A. Your Executive Committee are still struggling with this problem, anyone with helpful suggestions please pass them on.

Membership Subscriptions. Now due. See enclosed form. All competitive members must insert the current year's Membership No. in the Championship Entry Form. Membership subscriptions, changes of address etc., to be sent to Kendall Mellor, Assistant Hon. Secretary of the B.L.D.S.A. "Rathlin" Station Road, Steeton, Nr. Keighley. Yks. Tel. Steeton 2359

I look forward to seeing you all sometime during the season.

Yours sincerely,

John K.Slater.

Hon. Secretary.

To all Members of the B.L.D.S.A.

P.S. No doubt there will be, somewhere in the foregoing, a 'clanger'. I can already anticipatethe next issue of "The Swimming Times", C.G.F's page on Long Distance Swimming,which will rectify matters. At least members can rest assured that there will be no Weymouth to Clacton swim this year !

J.K.S. Hx. 12.3.68.