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B.L.D.S.A. Presidents Report 2002/03

Dear Members

Thank you for putting up with me as your President and hope you forgive me for the times I have let you down and the mistakes I have made. Over the years, with the boat, use, familiarity and experience have compensated for deterioration in eyesight, reaction times and the ability to make correct snap decisions. But now the scales are tipping away from the high standards I know we must maintain. I do not have that experience to fall back on as President, and so with hindsight approaching your second childhood was not the time to learn.

I am compiling this report with three to four months of office still to run. The reason for this is that our Hon Administrative Secretary, who does the bulk of the work on the Annual Report, is always under pressure to send it out early. To this end she is always jollying along the Championship Secretaries, officers etc, including the President to send in their reports early. Like me, not everyone can type, not all reports are the same length and the type size is different, so sorting condensing and collating before going to print is a time consuming job. Furthermore is I would class this as a "labour of love." we should try to make it as easy as possible.

Swim secretaries will be reporting on their own swims in this Annual Report and I will try not to duplicate anything that they are better equipped for.

The Jasons Cradle (for which we must thank our Past President) has proved a major asset to the rescue boat and has been used a number of times throughout the season.

More and more venues are insisting on all powerboat users having a level 2 powerboat certificate. Daniel made the effort to get on a course and has been the only member of the association to have this qualification this last season. I declined the committee's recommendation that I obtain one on the grounds that as I am now taking more of a back seat in that area, they would not be getting value for money. We do however need a team, as illness, injury, accident or work commitments mean we cannot always rely on one person. The committee has approved two further

members to take this qualification. The same can be said of the radios, three members managed to pass a Marine Band Operators Certificate before the start of the season, bringing our legal operators to five. Mobile phones are now a big help, but in country areas with high hills or mountains and steep valleys, so good for large stretches of open water, do not always 'like' mobile phone reception. Since the season ended four more members have made the time and been successful in passing the course. This means that next season some of them will be able to enter swims without feeling guilty about jeopardising our radio cover.

Now some of the things for which my year as President will be remembered. I forgot to be at the end of the jetty to act as finishing judge at Rivington, leaving the swim secretary's dad trying to cope along with all the other jobs his daughter had cajoled him into doing, (sorry Dad!)

At Torbay I was so late to the presentation that they had to start without me. (I would have been even later if it hadn't been for Trevor Morgan practically lying down in the road to save me a parking place.)

Result: All swimmers had to queue for the President's signature on their certificates after the presentation (sorry Nick!)
Excuse: Time lost queuing to use the slipway at Paignton in order to get the boat out.

Coniston was another example of age dulling the mind. I didn't realise how slow those Mistic Boats are, and had to arrange the start by radio whilst still quarter of a mile away and again signing certificates after presenting them. (a growing trend now!)

I must just mention Windermere. Apart from being late calling in at Bowness (swim safety cover came higher on my list than passengers) I thought the swim organisation was excellent. It must be about 10 years since I was able to be on the beach to see all the swimmers finish and I was amazed at the public interest generated, especially as it was far from being a glorious summer day. This can only be due to the hard work and organisation of the secretary and his committee. I would also like to thank John and some of the other more experienced swim secretaries who looked after me and guided me almost like mother hens. I am truly grateful.

I attended all the swims that I had been invited to including three non B.L.D.S.A. swims, these being Budworth Mere, Llyn Padarn and Albert Dock. I don't think I let you down, unless you consider what happened at Llanberis. I had showered, put on clean clothes and my chain of office. I arrived at the venue in good time and managed to push my way through to the trophy table. I stood very still and quiet for about 15 minutes whilst a gentleman who seemed to be organising everything and everybody kept pushing past or dodging around me. Feeling in the way and seeing someone vacate a seat, I went and sat down. After a while the said gentleman came to me and said, and I quote word for word "Hello Carl, I didn't recognise you all dressed up." Without naming names, did the reason he said that mean I had scrubbed up well, or that I normally appear so scruffy? Don't worry Dave, whatever the reason we both know we like a joke and cannot easily be offended.

Earlier this month I went to Dover to be a guest at the Channel Swimming Association 52nd Annual Dinner. The food and the service were excellent; I really enjoyed the evening. Getting older, perhaps the absence of loud disco music helped, there was no time for music as the presentation didn't finish until after midnight. The venue, The Town Hall, was like a medieval castle banqueting hall, only the missing fancy dress spoilt the effect. The hotel normally used for this function has been taken to extend our hospitality to friends the world over who want to cross the channel and visit our wonderful little island.

The only down side to the weekend was the 'monsoon' on the Sunday morning, the roads were choked with stranded cars, even inland above the cliffs and castle. We have not yet trained even modern petrol engines to swim or even paddle in water 12 to 18 inches deep, thank goodness for diesels.

On a more sombre note. During my year of office two of our longest serving members have passed away, Mrs E Butcher and Mr R G Hinchliffe. Both had been members from the start of the Association and were very good friends to me, encouraging me to join, and later along with Trevor Smith, John O'Hara and Lewis Craven talked me into becoming the Pilot Life Saver Secretary. I did not represent the Association at Mrs Butcher's funeral due to the fact that I left vague messages on Margaret and

Graham's answer phone giving the impression I knew about her passing away when in fact I was only expressing my concern for her condition. The result was that when I did hear the sad news it was too late for me to attend. I would have been there not only as your President but also as a family friend, and I apologise to everyone concerned.

I was however with Ralph a few hours before he passed away, living close to him it was easy to call in and see him and Margaret, just as we always have called on each other over the past years. From the beginning of the first season that we had the Dory rescue boat, Ralph towed, drove, cleaned, maintained and stored it up until the last two years of it's life. At a time when the Association was still struggling to balance it's finances, Ralph found that towing the boat with shower tents and plumbing, stirrup pumps, metal buckets, gas burners and propane cylinders had doubled his towing costs. The Association, arguing that Ralph would be going to the swims anyway, decided that they would pay for half of his towing costs. Later, when the Association was on a more sound financial footing and fuel cost had risen so as to make a weekend trip to Torbay out of the reach of the working man, they took control of the boat finances and paid the full towing costs, as it stands today.

Finally, unlike Brian who was so efficient at executive meetings and did not require any help, I must thank Margaret for the help she has given me and wish her all the best in her coming year of office.

Carl Walker
B.L.D.S.A. President

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HON. GEN. SECRETARY'S REPORT

My comments regarding hatches and matches are the same as last years'.

HATCHES

Again no notification has been forwarded to me so I cannot tell everybody else about any happy events. If any friends or relatives know of either a birth or indeed marriage then please let me know. The people directly involved, due to their modesty, may not like putting their names forward for inclusion in this (now next) years report!

MARRIAGES

I have had no notification of any weddings or indeed partnerships having taken place this year. If someone out there has in fact got themselves attached during 2002 then please accept our congratulations.

DEATHS

Mrs. Eileen Butcher, the Mother of our President Elect, sadly died on 14th April 2002. Eileen was a stalwart supporter of the BLDSA since it's early days, being number eighty-five on our list of Life Members. Like a lot of those early members she was prepared to put "her money where her mouth was" in order to help when the association was in it's formative years. She was also the co-donator of the Tom Butcher Trophy, which will carry the Butcher name forward into the future.

On behalf of the BLDSA and all who knew Eileen we extend our sincere condolences to Margaret and family at their sad loss.

10th October 2002. Mr Ralph Hinchliffe. The husband of Margaret, our President in 1975, Ralph will be remembered by all as the cheery face looking over the side of the rescue boat as he fished another exhausted swimmer out of the water. Ralph was one of that diminishing number of stalwarts who was at the BLDSA's Inaugural Meeting on 30th September 1956.

When the BLDSA received its first rescue boat, as a gift from the Swimming Teachers Association, Ralph took over the job of driving it, to, from and on the water, at every swim. He also took on the job of looking after it's general maintenance. A job he did for the next twenty years. Few will appreciate that the first person on the water at a championship and the last person to leave is also the guy who sits for hours on end, in any weather, looking after the safety of all taking part.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Ralph not only for his contribution to our sport but also for the example he gave to those who followed in his wake. An unintended pun that I know Ralph would have been the [illegible] and appreciate.

To Margaret and the boys we can only offer our heartfelt sympathy at their sad loss.

ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCMENTS

1. Fred and Rene Oldman Trophy.

The Channel Swimming Association decided that the Fred and Rene Oldman Trophy should be awarded to Roy Naisbitt as the most meritorious BLDSA swimmer in the Channel in 2002. Our President Carl Walker presented the Trophy at the CSA's Annual Dinner on the 16th November 2002.

2. Presidents Year of Office.

Your President for 2003-2004 will be Margaret Smith. Please contact her as early as possible if you require her official presence at your Championships or indeed any other function. By doing so you will help Margaret to plan her diary for the coming season. She will of course be willing to act in an official capacity, say "a few words", take part in a presentation or anything else you may think of and she is willing to do. Address: - "Windermere" 9 Cromwell View, Caistor, Lincs. LN7 6UH. Book early to avoid bitter disappointment!

3. Annual Awards.

All members are invited to nominate people for our annual awards, to be presented at the 2002 Annual Dinner at the Cresta Court Hotel, Altrincham on 15th March 2003.

All nominations, along with any information you believe to be relevant, should be sent, for consideration by the Trophy Committee, to Mrs M Pike, 28 Efford Road, Higher Compton, PLYMOUTH. Devon. PL3 6NE as soon as possible.

4. Officials and Committee.

A list of Executive Committee members and Officers plus vacancies is included with your Annual Report. Nominations for the committee or against a standing officer should be submitted to the Hon. Gen. Secretary, with a appropriate pen picture of not more than 100 words, no later than fourteen days before the AGM. You can nominate yourself of course! Come and join us, reasonable travel expenses are paid and you may find you can make a difference as well as enjoy the involvement.

5. Commander C.G Forsberg, OBE, RN.

On the 2nd June 2000, thanks to everyone's donations, our President Mr Carl Walker and Councillor James Airey, "Cabinet Minister with responsibility for coastal regeneration" unveiled the memorial to Gerry jointly. The ceremony took place at Battery Point, Morecambe where it may be seen. The memorial takes the form of a seat overlooking the bay and depicts Gerry swimming. It is in the form of a sculpture taken from the picture of him, opposite page 47 in his book "Modern Long Distance Swimming," in Lough Neagh in mid July 1959, when he set the Inaugural Record.

6. Publicity

Publicity can only be obtained if all swim secretaries' send their Championship results to the Publicity Officer Dee Llewellyn promptly! She will need a date for your swim early in the year and then the results as soon as possible **(within hours if possible)** after the event. A brief summary of the event, including weather conditions and any notable occurrence that may have happened during the swim, will help to make the report more than just a list of finishers. A photograph of the start or of a close finish (with an explanation of what is going on) will help Dee when she informs any publications that show an interest in our sport. Note we stand a better chance of publication if a photograph is included to enliven what can be a dull page to non long distance swimmers.

"Dee may also wish to publish more formal pictures on our web site so the persons permission should be sought before the photographs, for web site or newspapers, are sent to Dee. The permission of the parents, of persons under the age of eighteen, is even more important and should always be obtained, and submitted along with the picture. If more than one child is in the photograph then all parents should conform to this requirement. This will ensure that we comply with the requirements of the 1989 Children's Act and Data Protection legislation."

This report would not be complete without me thanking all who have helped me in any way during the last twelve months. With particular thanks to 16 Elmwood Road's Chief Executive, for all the cups of tea plus telephone answering and memory jogging services.

Maunce F. 26th November 2002

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Minutes of 45th Annual General Meeting

B.L.D.S.A. WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Once again it gives me great pleasure to present my report on our Premier Championship.When I saw the number of swimmers, boat crews, officials,and spectators at Waterhead I was really worried that every one was not going to get on the launch, when the launch finally arrived at Bowness luckily there was no one to get on the launch travelling down to Fellfoot Park every one seemed to want to go from Waterhead.

In my 2001 annual report I wrote about swims at Windermere has produced many Surprises and this year was another one with so many first time contestants taking part eighteen of them got in to the water with the rest of the twenty two swimmers the swim was about eight minutes late due to a little bold up we had at Waterhead.

And so with with the B.L.D.S.A. President Mr Carl Walker and Councillor Michael Bentley blowing the whistle and waving the flag the 2002 race was on butterflies and nerves leaving the swimmers and getting down to a good swim on their long haul to Waterhead . In the mens event we knew we were in for a good race with men like Nathan Renshaw defending his title, Darron Corden and Simon Lee Challenging Nathan for his trophy. Just as to be expected Nathan Renshaw was in the lead but very close was Darron Cordon then Simon Lee,as the swim progressed. Darron took the lead from Nathan and still dropping further back Simon got in to Second place.

In the ladies we had Dee Llewellyn the present ladies champion and Dee's sister Lian could they repeat their 2001 form and other ladies hoping to give them a good race in fact all the ladies and gents had a chance of winning, one never knows the luck or the unknown quality of any of these contestants.In both the mens and ladies I must offer my congratulations to John Iliffe swimming Windermere at seventy one is a fine achievement also to Les Robinson and to John Rickhuss at sixty five well done. And my congratulations to young Rachel Hesson at seventeen just out of the juniors to take on Windermere a fine swim Rachel. My condolences to Mandy Grouse having to retire at the very beginning of the swim finding it a bit to cold try again Mandy you never know it could be your turn in 2003.

I would like to thank all boat crews who rowed on the day and looked after their swimmer where would we be without you people a big thank you to you all.

In organising Windermere swim a lot of thanks go to a lot of people and to mention everybody in person would be impossible.

I would like to thank the following : My sub-committee- Mrs. Margaret Hinchliffe, Mr. Graham McIntyre, Mr. Graham Smith, Gill Stables, The President of the B.L.D.S.A. Mr Carl Walker, Councillor Michael Bentley of the South Lakeland District Council, Mr. S. Rothwell, Northern Counties A.S.A. Mr. Phil Crosby at Fellfoot Park, Mrs Dugdale, Ambleside Conservative Club, Dr J. C. France, Pilot Boat and P.A. System, Bownes Boating Company, Mr Neil Crosland, and Mr Philip Thompson, St. John Ambulance, Lake District National Park, Danial and Mathew Thomas, B.L.D.S.A. Rescue Boat, Mr Trevor Morgan and Mrs Joan Metcalfe, Rescue Boat, Graham and Christine McIntyre, Rescue Boat, Mr Brian Ferrand Mr. Maurice Ferguson, programmes. Timekeepers Mrs Terri Lambert ,Commonwealth Games Representative, Mrs Beverley Thomas, Mrs Pat Llewellyn, Mrs Margaret Smith, Mr Graham Smith. Judges, Mrs Pam Morgan, Finishing Judge, Pick-up Launch, Jackie Classen, Mr John Charlton Shepherds Boating Company. Commentator Mr.Stephen Bedford.

WINDERMERE RESULTS

Gents

Name	Times
1. Darron Corden	4-17-16
2. Simon Lee	4-24-86
3. Nathan Renshaw	4-31-05
4. Jesse Kelly	4-58-13
5. David Pantling	5-32-41
6. Alan Turk	5-52-01
7. Mark Blewitt	6-27-25
8. Chris Green	6-33-57
9. Mik Hennessy	6-38-29
10. Derek Griffiths	6-54-15
11. Paul Tew	7-00-44
12. Alister Stocks	7-05-41
13. Sam Jenkins	7-04-23
14. John Rockbuss	7-11-50
15. Kevin Sykes	7-27-13
16. Dan Quake	7-29-13
17. Andrew Kaye	7-29-12
18. Peter Larrad	7-38-11
19. John Iliffe	7-45-39
20. Tom Clarke - Nolan	7-56-53
21. Les Robinson	8-05-13
22. Jonathan Eastwood	8-08-57

Ladies

Name	Times	
1. Dee Llewellyn	4-38-20	
2. Lian Llewellyn	4-59-08	
3. Jacy Wood	5-06-42	Best First Attempt
4. Joanna Weedon	5-11-04	
5. Rachel Hesson	5-15-29	
6. Alison Horsfall	5-50-08	
7. Louise Hansard	6-07-49	
8. Lucy Pittuck	6-20-46	
9. Tamra Blanchard	6-26-44	
10. Karen Longhorn	6-42-23	
11. Hannah Lietzau	6-53-25	
12. Sue Aitken	6-56-51	
13. Gill Stables	7-01-50	
14. Lesley Feakes	7-20-50	First Breaststroke
15. Georgina Heath	7-46-57	
16. Manjit Rai	7-51-25	
17. Sue Edgar	8-04-07	Second Breaststroke

Retired Mandy Grouse

Water Temperature Good at 62 -65

Weather – Cloudy at first and showers at intervals

Wind – Slight southerly breeze

Date for 2003 Saturday 6th September

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Coniston Water Championship
21st July 2002

I am happy to report that the weather people got it right for once and there was a south westerly wind in the swimmers favour. There was some cloud cover that broke at times to give some warmth to the swimmers as they made their way to the finish. The water temperature was between 60 - 62 degrees.

I changed my role this year handing the formalities to Jean and got a chance to observe the championship from one of the Mystic safety boats. A total of 29 swimmers started the race all were chocked in along with their crews at the briefing and BLDSA President Mr Carl Walker gave his words of wisdom and safety to the swimmers. We then all made our way to Water Park for the start.

With all the swimmers and crews present at Water Park they entered the water and the championship started. The swimmers got safely round the narrow gap and the lake opened out in front of them, the field gradually spread out each swimmer finding their own pace.

It was very interesting being able to witness the swim watching the variation of techniques used by swimmers, most of the boats managing to stay with their swimmers. We only witnessed one of the two swimmers that retired getting out, and I was sorry to see Tom Clarke- Nolan retire. It was interesting to see however, the new hoist being used on the BLDSA rescue boat. It certainly proved it's worth when I saw how little effort it took Daniel to "roll" Tom up on the side of the rescue boat with safety to the swimmer and to the operators back. Alexander Anderson got within a mile of the finish having to retire with cold and fatigue on his first attempt at this distance, but achieving a personal best of 4.5 miles from a previous 2 miles. Well done.

Nathan Renshaw once again came in first in 1-57-04 to take the Challenge Cup ahead of Simon Lee in 2-13-38. The First Lady Home was Sally Chapman in 2-55-25 taking the Percy Bull Trophy. After a steady stream of swimmers arriving the first breastroker home was Kate Tyson in 3-15-39 to take the female Bryan Finley trophy with Richard Atkinson being the first Male breastroker to take the male trophy in 3-44-17.

It is always exiting to see swimmers as they come in battling against each other for a place. But this year the last swimmer David Foster caused much a nail biting, hair raising, breath holding, experience for those who witnessed it. Time was ticking on as David came to the last mile of the swim. Gill on his boat was ever confident that he would make it' the conversation between myself and Jean on the shore being a bit more doubtful . David plodded on at his steady pace unaware of the situation unfolding before him. Then when he was about 200 -300 feet away we could stand it no more and everyone on the shore and myself in the mystic started shouting at him to kick out to the line. He looked at us, looked at the finish and with one last ditch valiant effort gave all he had left to finish in 4-58-39 a mere 1 min 21 sec before the time limit. This amazing determination earned him the Arthur Ayres Trophy of Endeavour. Well Done David.

My thanks as always goes to those who have helped to make this Championship possible. To President Carl Walker, Daniel Thomas and his brother for their ever needed Safety cover in the BLDSA Rescue Boat. Jean Wilkin-Oxley, Audrey Aldis, Tim Wilson and David Cross for their supporting roles. And thank you to all those who have given up their time to support the swimmers.

I look frowrd to seeing you all at next season. Thank you.

Jacklyn Clissett

Coniston Senior Championship
Results 2002

Women,s Championship

1	Sally Chapman	Barrow LDSC	2-55-07	1 Percy Bull Trophy
2	Tamra Blanchard	BLDSA	2-55-25	
3	Louise Hansard	Newark	3-01-01	
4	Karen Longhorn	Elsenham	3-04-02	
5	Susan Aitken	Troutbeck Bridge ASC	3-05-27	
6	Kate Tyson B/S	BLDSA	3-15-39	2 Bryan Finley Trophy
7	Vicki Thompson	Barrow LDSC	3-19-03	
8	Lesley Feakes B/S	Warrington Dolphins	3-21-20	
9	Susan Edgar B/S	Troutbeck Bridge ASC	3-33-04	
10	Janet Wilson	Otley SC	4-03-55	
11	Pauline Kay B/S	Barrow LDSC	4-19-21	

Mens Championship

1	Nathan Renshaw	Scarb'gh Kingfishers	1-57-04	3 Challenge Cup.
2	Simon Lee	Solent SC	2-13-38	
3	Olly White	Exmouth S&LSS	2-21-46	
4	Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins	2-28-00	
5	David Feakes	Warrington Dolphins	2-32-21	
6	Andrew Herd	Provident SC	2-45-23	
7	Chris Green	Barrow LDSC	2-48-39	
8	Mark Westaway	Exmouth S&LSS	2-57-17	
9	Peter Goodman	Sutton Coldfield	3-14-19	
10	Andrew Kaye	Troutbeck Bridge ASC	3-17-46	
11	Les Robinson	North Worc's LC	3-27-40	
12	Clive Burbage	FHM Birmingham	3-29-08	
13	Alistair Stocks	Heckmondwike	3-38-53	
14	Richard Atkinson B/S	Provident SC	3-44-17	4 Bryan Finley Trophy
15	Joseph Coy	St Helens	3-48-42	
16	David Foster	Carnforth Otters	4-58-39	5 Arthur Ayres Trophy

My special thanks go to John Bedford for his wonderful renovation of the Percy Bull ladies Championship trophy. The trophy had seen better years but with John's time and patience it looks quite special. John has made a new wooden base and plaque for the trophy, and replaced the existing names of the previous winners on it. Thankyou John.

BLDSA Lynn Regis Championships- 14th September 2002

The forecast for the day was to be sunny by midday. The race started at 11:30am for five of the slower competitors and the main race started at 12:00pm. The sun did not come out in fact it stayed miserable for the rest of the day. The water temperature was 62 degrees but I feel that by the end of the race the temperature had dropped considerably lower with a wind travelling down the channel, it made for a very tough swim. Some competitors, the slower ones, found the cold hard to deal with.

We had only two retirements, which was a credit to the field. Omar Hussain set a blistering pace and started to pull away form Simon Lee on the second lap. Dee Llewellyn went in to her customary pace in the lead and lead Stephen O'Brien on the first lap, but their was a tussle on the last lap between her younger sister Liane who eventually caught Stephen around the last buoy and sprinted home to be second lady.

Congratulations goes to all the competitors especially to all the older ones who managed to stay in and complete the race. I would like to say a special thank you to all the juniors who turned up for the race and lets hope next year there will be even more.

My thanks go to Ron and Sally Bone for the supplying the catering which was excellent and also to Pat and Gwyn Llewellyn for timekeeping along with Avril. Also to Pam Masden for helping with the trophy receipts and to Daniel Thomas and Carl Walker for the BLDSA boat cover. I would like to thank the Ouse Sailing Club for supplying an extra boat on the water.

Many thanks to the canoeists, Gill Stables, Brian Tyson, Tom Wilson, John Sheridan because without them we could not have run the race.

Thanks also to St. Johns Ambulance for being in attendance.

Lastly I would like to thank Carl Walker for attending as the president of the BLDSA.

Stephen Smith
Swim Secretary

BLDSA Lynn Regis Championships- 14th September 2002

Men's Championships 5k

1st Omar Hussain	16	1.17.19	City Of Bradford
2nd Simon Lee	37	1.25.17	Solent
3rd Stephen O'Brien	34	1.33.52	Howebridge Marlins
4th Kevin Saunders	40	1.38.07	Warrington Dolphins
5th Jarad Walbridge	23	1.41.09	Hitchin
6th Eric Millican	65	1.48.18	Rotherham
7th John Barry	64	1.53.32	Hitchin
8th Terry Lyons	66	2.05.00	Richmond
9th Clive Burbage	44	2.14.31	FHM
10th Ivan Naisbitt	42	2.17.30	Enfield
11th Edward Gerald	66	2.27.56	Serpentine
12th Roy Naisbitt	72	2.39.58	Enfield WP
13th David Foster	58	3.06.12	Camfoff Otters

Retired-Andrew Watson

Women's Championships 5k

1st Dee Llewellyn	24	1.26.51	Halifax SC
2nd Liane Llewellyn	21	1.33.36	Halifax SC
3rd Gill Broadley	38	2.08.00	Scarborough KF
4th Janet Wilson	49	2.48.54	Otley SC

Women's Breastroke Championships 5k

1st Kate Tyson	39	2.01.01	BLDSA
2nd Julie Dimaline	40	2.28.15	Hull Masters

Male Breastroke Championships 5k

1st Nicky White	30	2.04.15	Torbay

Retired- Jeremy Hunter Coddington

Junior Male Championships 2.5k

1st Tom Wilkinson	15	41.38	Scarborough KF
2nd Scott Webster	13	55.54	Scarborough KF

Junior Female Championships 2.5k

1st Christina Stapleton	14	46.03	Bradford SC
2nd Amanda Cracknell	15	49.04	Scarborough KF
3rd Hannah Sheridan	12	57.26	West Holme

BALA LAKE (LLYN TEGID) CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002

The 2002 Bala Lake Championships were held under ideal conditions over the weekend of 13/14 July 2002. Water temperature for both events was 16°c (61°f), and weather conditions were perfect - particularly for the Junior and Senior One-Way event.

18 competitors entered the water for the Two-Way Championship, with 17 finishers. Liane Llewellyn won the Ladies Championship by just over 5 minutes from Jo Weeden, with Kate Tyson just edging out Lesley Feakes to be the first breast stroke swimmer home.

In the Men's Championship, an excellent swim from David Feakes saw him take second place behind Nathan Renshaw, with all swimmers completing the course in well under the five hour time limit.

If anything, conditions for the One-Way Championships on Sunday 14 July were even better - with a slight following wind providing some assistance for the swimmers. This is borne out in the times - with three new Championship Records set.

In the Junior Ladies Freestyle, Natalie Jones took over 2 minutes off the previous record, and new records were also set for the Senior Gent's and Senior Ladies Championship.

Once again, the 1000m Novices Event proved extremely successful, with 22 competitors completing the course, and hopefully getting a taste for open water competition.

As many of you will know, we had no Championship Secretary for Bala at the start of the year, and the 2002 swims were very much the result of a joint effort. I would therefore like to formally thank Mrs Pam Morgan for all her help in putting together the event - particularly her excellent liaison with the Llyn Tegid Lake authorities.

I would also like to thank the safety boat crews and all officials and helpers who are so necessary for these events to go ahead.

LLYN TEGID CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002

SENIOR 6 MILE (10km) CHAMPIONSHIP

LADIES

NO	NAME	TIME	POSITION
2	Liane Llewellyn	2.37.51	1
4	Jo Weeden	2.42.48	2
3	Kate Tyson (Breast Stroke)	3.42.45	3
1	Lesley Feakes (Breast Stroke)	3.45.09	4

MENS

NO	NAME	TIME	POSITION
14	Nathan Renshaw	2.13.08	1
9	David Feakes	2.40.33	2
13	David Parry	2.46.22	3
20	Andy Wright	2.50.03	4
16	Kevin Saunders	3.01.27	5
19	Lee Wakeham	3.08.10	6
8	Chris Edmondson	3.09.51	7
18	James Tinsley	3.09.51	7
12	Dan Quake	3.53.38	9
7	Jonathan Eastwood	3.58.10	10
17	Alister Stocks	4.00.12	11
15	Les Robinson	4.03.05	12
5	Clive Burbage	4.03.56	13
6	Tom Clark-Nolan	RETIRED	

1km NOVICE EVENT

LADIES

NO	NAME	TIME	POSITION
	Stephanie Thomas	17.26	1
	Victoria Keeley	17.28	1
	Jane Stevens	18.41	3
11	Hannah Unsworth	18.43	4
12	Olivia Knowles	18.44	5
6	Deborah Preston	18.46	6
	Anna Anderson	18.59	7
10	Kara Shuttleworth	20.54	8
3	Taryn Duckworth	21.31	9
5	Emily Shepherd	21.41	10
4	Hayley Forbes	23.00	11
9	Hannah Sheridan	26.18	12
8	Stephanie Haworth	28.23	13
7	Katy Rammell	28.45	14
1	Pat Llewellyn	34.58	15
2	Joan Metcalfe	34.58	15

MENS

NO	NAME	TIME	POSITION
	Michael John	15.09	1
	Tom Wilkinson	15.12	2
	Ryan Williams	17.51	3
13	Philip Salts	20.02	4
	Craig Davies	22.54	5
	Dave Colley	22.54	5
	James Robinson	28.36	7

3 MILE (5km)

SENIOR LADIES

NO	NAME	TIME	POSITION	
4	Claire Wilson	1.04.15	1	*Championship Record*
5	Liane Llewellyn	1.16.34	2	
2	Claire Dickinson	1.28.06	3	
3	Jean Wilkin-Oxley	1.57.07	4	
6	Joan Metcalfe	2.16.22	5	

SENIOR MENS

NO	NAME	TIME	POSITION	
12	Nathan Renshaw	1.02.03	1	*Championship Record*
9	Peter Harper	1.23.08	2	
7	Ian Corrin	1.24.07	3	
11	Sam Thompson (Breast Stroke)	1.52.26	4	
8	Joseph Coy	1.56.00	5	

JUNIOR LADIES

NO	NAME	TIME	POSITION	
16	Natalie Jones	1.03.54	1	*Championship Record*
15	Jemma Dutton	1.17.30	2	
14	Amanda Cracknell	1.26.33	3	
17	Nicola Wright	1.38.00	4	

JUNIOR MENS

NO	NAME	TIME	POSITION
19	Tom Wilkinson	1.07.29	1
18	Scott Webster	1.40.44	2

The Annual 45th Torbay Swim

The B.L.D.S.A. Torbay championship received a near record entry for 2002, of 34 swimmers in total, this being a100% increase from a few years ago. The local media took a very keen interest in the swim overal, with coverage leading up to the swim on the sports news in the area, this brought a crowd of spectators for the start, and with the pleasant weather, a lot stayed to see some of the swimmers return. The day started with a good weather forecast, light southwesterly winds 15 mph with cloud cover and sunny spells,with winds freshtioning later with the incoming tide. The swimmers would have to work hard going across the bay to the turn boat, half distance, with the wind and tide helping the swimmers back to Meadfoot beach for the finish.

As always the 9 00am rush started, with swimmers and families arriving some kayaks were already fixing up on the beach, it all looked to be falling in to place after months of planning. Then we heard that a road accident had closed the main Torquay in bound road, and it some came clear that swimmers and kayaks were caught up in it. The briefing had to be delayed while problems were resolved with the missing swimmers, and kayaks, after a lot of pulling out of hair, each swimmer had got a saftey craft with some of the veterans electing to swim back from the turn boat.

The swim started 20 minutes late, with all the swimmers lined up in the water, all the kayaks assembled together just off the shore and all the saftey craft awaiting the start of the race, the saftey craft totalled 6 RIBS 1coverted trawler for turn boat, and a small yacht for the referee.The championship race was as always started by the Mayor of Torbay in the presence of the B.L.D.S.A.president Mr Carl Walker.

The swimmers made their way across the bay lead by the turn boat the Marie Gurie, the safety RIBs covered both sides of the swimmers , with the referees boat covering the rear of the swim keeping the swimmers in a narrow as possible group. The sea state was good with ahead on chop from the small waves, adding alight swell in the middle of the bay, decreasing towards the turn boat now moored 100 mtrs off shore in Fishcome cove.The leading swimmers were the duo of Dee Llewellyn and Simon Lee as they neared the turn boat, they had taken a 3minute lead from Simon Oliver, the first mens veteran to reach the turn boat was the Warrington swimmer Andrew Wright, he also carried on for the two way. With this number of swimmers this year taking part the area around the turn boat was a busy place with swimmers using the calmer waters to take a well earned feeding stop, before returning back on the return leg of the swim.

With only 2 retirements at the turn boat and none in the bay this proved to be a successful swim for most of the competitors, the return leg proved to be a easier leg with the wind and tide moving with the swimmers towards Meadfoot direction. The kayaks were able to take the swimmers in direct line to Meadfoot there fore making it easier for the safety RIBs to protect them from the busy boat traffic within the bay.

The first swimmers to the finish, were in for a welcome with 2 television channels waiting to film the first few swimmers to finish, it was a sprint finish for the touching of the buoy between, Dee and Simon Lee, followed in a few minutes by Simon Oliver. Then a constant flow of swimmers finished through the afternoon.

The presentation took place later in the prestence of the Mayor of Torbay, at a local hotel.

The swim committee would like to thank all the people, and organisations that helped the swim, run as smooth as possible on the day.

Senior Gents Freestyle		
Position	*Name*	*Time*
1	Simon Lee	3hrs 03mins 22secs
2	Simon Oliver	3hrs 13mins 00secs
3	Andrew Wright (V)	3hrs 29mins 15secs
4	Olly White	3hrs 36mins 31secs
5	Simon Murie	3hrs 40mins 25secs
5	David Panthing	3hrs 41mins 05secs
6	David Feakes	4hrs 01mins 18secs
7	Michael Read (V)	4hrs 02mins 51secs
8	Lee Wakeham	4hrs 18mins 58secs
9	Mark Blewitt	4hrs 19mins 12secs
10	Tom Clark-Nolan (V)	4hrs 23mins 48secs
11	Peter Larrad (V)	5hrs 08mins 53secs

Senior Gents Breaststroke		
1	Nick Hunt	4hrs 14mins 05secs
2	Brian Finlay	5hrs 44mins 43secs
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Veteran Gents Freestyle		
1	Andrew Wright	1hr 47mins 03secs
2	Michael Read	2hrs 03mins 27secs
3	Nick Hunt	2hrs 19mins 29secs
4	Tom Clark-Nolan	2hrs 14mins 15secs
5	Chris Green	2hrs 28mins 47secs
6	Peter Larrad	2hrs 30mins 57secs
7	Leslie Dlicane	2hrs 40mins 58secs
8	Brian Finlay	2hrs 44mins 54secs
9	David Foster	2hrs 44mins 57secs

Senior Ladies Freestyle		
1	Dee Llewellyn	3hrs 03mins 22secs
2	Jane Soloman	3hrs 14mins 54secs
3	Jacy Wood	3hrs 47mins 33secs
4	Lucy Roper	3hrs 50mins 38secs
5	Lyen Ette	4hrs 58mins 06secs

Senior Ladies Breaststroke		
1	Jackalyn Classen	5hrs 09mins 20secs
2	Kate Tyson	5hrs 21mins 03secs

Veteran Ladies Freestyle		
1	Gill Stables	2hrs 28mins 01secs
2	Morag Hughes	2hrs 39mins45secs
3	Janet Wilson	4hrs 18mins 09secs

BLDSA Veterans Championship
Coniston - 11 August 2002

...rain, no foot and mouth, no canoeists - but plenty of support.

With a following breeze, warm water and an armada of craft, all the swimmers completed the course in a variety of strokes; yet without any strokes.

Andy Wright, who is only really 18, just missed Dave Reason's record time, Dave came second.

Anne Barker, first lady home, swam backstoke - perhaps this evens out her tantan. Gill Stables - second lady home - probably started early.

The usual old hands supported the swim, Eric Mountain and Pam Mayfield were the oldest finishers, yet Paul and Amanda Taylor are 'knocking on'.

Alex Anderson's first attempt at this swim, despite the shark attack at Rivington, still beat Maurice Ferguson who next year must win something!

Thanks to my committee, Beverley, Dave Colley and Anne Stewart, and to Margaret Smith and Audrey Aldis as timekeepers. Canoeists and oarsmen are always at a premium, thank you to those who volunteered.

Next year's swim date is SUNDAY, 10th AUGUST 2003.

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BLDSA CONISTON VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday August 11th 2002

Men:

1.	A. Wright	1.28.45
2.	D. Reason	1.30.02
3.	P. Taylor	1.57.39
4.	A. Anderson	2.02.47
5.	B. Hey	2.04.25
6.	E. Mountain	2.20.32
7.	M. Ferguson	2.36.06
8.	L. Hankasrt	2.53.22
9.	I. Magrath	2.55.58
10.	D. Foster	3.00.09

Ladies:

1.	A. Barker	1.47.13
2.	G. Stables	1.55.08
3.	M. Hughes	2.02.41
4.	A. Taylor	2.12.32
5.	G. Gall	2.21.24
6.	P. Kay	2.30.21
7.	P. Mayfield	2.43.52

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Derwent Water Swim 2002

This year's swim at Derwent water was attended by a record number of swimmers (46) since the B.L.D.S.A took over the swim.

This was mostly due to two factors.
1) We opened the two-mile swim to include seniors. (this will be an annual event from now on.)
2. We received a large number of entries from Westholme girls school in Blackburn a number of these girls are hoping to do a channel relay swim in 2003 and we wish them good luck in their attempt.

The weather, on the day was not particularly kind to us, as a strong wind was blowing from the top of the lake and made it difficult for the boats and canoes to reach the two mile start point but eventually all succeeded and the start was only delayed by 15 minutes.
44 people actually took part in the swim of which 5 retired (I hope they all return and try again) Leaving 39 who completed their distance.

Congratulations to you all.

My thanks go to my committee members, My wife Jacqueline, Chris Green, Bev Green, also to Pam and Trevor Morgan for their help and assistance, Carl Walker our president and Daniel Thomas on the rescue boat who we could not do without. Anne Stewart, one of my regular committee members who has always been a great help to me with this swim, was unfortunately taken into hospital a few weeks before the event. Get well soon Anne.

See you in 2003

D. COLLEY

DERWENTWATER 2002
RESULTS

GENTS 5.25 MILE

1. ADAM HARVEY	1.53.12
2. NATAHN RENSHAW	1.55.33
3. OLIVER WHITE	2.19.00
4. MARK WESTAWAY	2.47.35
5. PAUL NAISBITT	3.08.29
6. ANDREW KAY	3.09.20
7. MORGAN HITCENS	3.21.13
8. ALISTER STOCKS	3.26.01
9. JOSEPH COY	4.09.14
10. JOY NAISBITT	6.02.52

LADIES 5.25 MILE

1. DEE LLWELLEN	2.11.38
2. TAMRA BLANCHARD	2.53.57
3. SUE AITKIN	3.09.18
4. KATY TYSON 1 B/S	3.12.49
5. LESLEY FEAKES 2 B/S	3.15.03
6. GILL STABLES	3.20.32
7. SUE EDGAR	3.46.00
8. JEAN WILKIN-OXLEY	4.25.41

JUNIOR GENTS 5.25 MILE

1. TOM WILKINSON	2.20.14

JUNIOR LADIES 5.25 MILE

1. AMANDA CRACKNELL	2.54.02

GENTS 2 MILE

1. OMAR BUSSIAN	42.30
2. IVAN NAISBITT	1.35.14
3. SAM THOMPSON 1 B/S	1.20.34
4. MORRIS FERGUSON	1.30.29

LADIES 2 MILE

1. LINDSEY ENTWISTLE	55.15
2. SHEREEN MALA	57.23
3. CLAIRE DICKENSON	1.05.23
4. AMY HUTCHISON	1.07.39
5. GILLIAN BROADLEY	1.11.43
6. PAULINE KAY	1.30.26
7. MARGARET SMITH 1 B/S	1.59.34

JUNIOR GENTS 2 MILE

1. TROY RENSHAW	1.03.29
2. SCOTT WEBSTER	1.03.59

JUNIOR LADIES 2 MILE

1. NATALIE JONES	46.50
2. KARA SHUTTLEWORTH	1.02.04
3. REBECCA STONE	1.02.25
4. SARA ROBERTS	1.09.56
5. HAYLEY FORBES	1.20.44
6. STEPHANIE HOWARTH	1.35.43

5 - RETIREMENTS

BLDSA CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS 2002

The 2002 Champion of Champions event took place at a new venue, the Cotswold Water Park, on Sunday 16 June 2002.

The Championship itself followed the standard format - albeit with longer, and hence fewer, laps for each event. Using GPS, it was possible to use a 1 mile circuit and consequently the event was swum over 5 laps, 3 laps and 1 lap - giving a total distance of around 9 miles.

Water temperature was around 16°c (61°f) and weather conditions were good with very little wind and a relatively high air temperature.

With a new venue, the event attracted a record entry of 34 competitors with a further 15 competitors swimming in individual events.

The two Senior titles were retained by Simon Lee and Dee Llewellyn - Simon finishing first overall in an aggregate time of 3.30.22 to beat Simon Olliver into second place by just over 14 minutes.

In third place in the mens' race was Mike Read who swam a particularly strong second leg to finish overall just under 7 minutes in front of Simon Murie in an aggregate time of 4.4.29.

Tom Wilkinson retained the Junior Mens' title and Amanda Cracknell won the Junior Ladies' title for the first time. Overall, there were 25 finishers out of a total field of 31 starters.

The general view of competitors after the event was that the water quality and environment were both excellent and it is therefore likely that this Championship will remain at the Cotswold Water Park venue for the foreseeable future.

I would like to express my thanks to Peter Pendlebury and his wife, Jo, for manning the safety boats, and to all other helpers, particularly Joan, for helping me both in advance and during the day.

Provisional date for 2003 is Sunday 22 June 2003.

BLDSA CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS
COTSWOLD WATER PARK
SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2002

		AGGREGATE TIME	5 LAPS	3 LAPS	1 LAP
	SENIOR MEN				
1st	Simon Lee	3.30.22	1.58.14	1.08.35	23.33
2nd	Simon Oliver	3.44.40	2.03.10	1.15.37	25.53
3rd	Michael Read	4.04.29	2.20.05	1.58.14	26.10
4th	Simon Murie	4.11.11	2.20.00	1.22.58	28.13
5th	Andrew Wright	4.14.33	2.13.83	1.36.39	25.15
6th	David Panting	4.18.10	2.22.24	1.26.43	29.03
7th	Keven Saunders	4.31.22	2.27.15	1.34.02	30.05
8th	David Feakes	4.33.51	2.27.34	1.34.06	32.11
9th	Nick Hunt	4.39.37	2.34.27	1.33.12	31.58
10th	Mark Blewitt	4.46.59	2.35.41	1.39.57	31.21
11th	Ian Comin	5.05.23	2.41.43	1.48.30	35.40
12th	Stephen Smith	5.14.26	2.54.34	1.46.53	33.59
13th	John Rickhuss	5.37.34	3.04.23	1.54.14	38.27
14th	Stephen Bullen	5.46.25	3.08.06	1.59.32	38.17
15th	Alister Stocks	5.54.51	3.00.26	2.08.37	45.48
16th	Les Robinson	6.16.12	3.19.03	2.13.26	40.43
	John Barry		2.51.52	1.48.36	
	Henry Lowther			1.48.48	39.17
	Jared Walbridge		2.26.29	1.40.58	
	Andrew Watson		3.06.26	RETIRED	
	Nicholas Gay		2.44.10		
	SENIOR LADIES				
1st	Dee Llewellyn	3.32.30	1.58.14	1.11.29	22.37
2nd	Jacy Wood	3.47.02	2.06.14	1.16.21	24.27
3rd	Rachel Hessom	3.51.35	2.07.08	1.16.51	26.26
4th	Liane Llewellyn	3.58.05	2.12.47	1.19.35	25.43
5th	Lucy Roper	4.06.16	2.18.47	1.20.56	26.33
6th	Kate Tyson	5.26.00	2.59.36	1.48.46	36.36
7th	Lesley Feakes	5.27.40	2.58.53	1.50.11	37.36
	Gill Stables		RETIRED		33.26
	JUNIOR MEN				
	Tom Wilkinson	3.50.49	2.06.37	1.18.51	25.21
	JUNIOR LADIES				
	Amanda Cracknell	4.49.36	2.43.57	1.30.49	31.55

INDIVIDUAL SWIMS	TIME
5 MILES	
Pearce Turner	2.42.33
2 1/2 MILES	
David Foster	2.26.52
Marguerite Pike	1.51.56
Roy Pitt	1.20.43
Charlotte Roberts	1.08.42
Doug Smith	1.43.38
Nicola Wright	1.36.14
1 1/4 MILES	
Steve Dennis	33.57
Roy Pitt	27.11
Nayme Renshaw	23.24
Charlotte Roberts	23.50
Doug Smith	36.36
Mike Smith	32.43
Jane Stevens	29.34
Andy Wells	34.06
Kyoko Wells	33.40

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

CONISTON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
8TH SEPTEMBER 2002

The 16th Junior Coniston took place in good conditions with an improvement of weather from what we had the day before at Windermere.

It was a disappointing entry with only 5 swimmers taking part. 3 girls and 2 boys. With the season ticket for Juniors I did expect a larger entry but alas that was not so.

The cost of the swim is in the region of £250 - £275 which with 5 swimmers works out at £60 per swimmer. Cost of safety and boats has increased again, we need more Juniors in 2003.

I would like to congratulate all who were successful and hope that Troy Renshaw comes back in 2003 for another chance of completing Coniston.

Many thanks to our President Mr. Carl Walker and to all officials, boat crews, helpers and my sub committee Joan Metcalf and Beverley Thomas. Special thanks to the following without whose help the swim would not take place.

High Nibthwaite Water Park
Coniston Boating Company
Coniston Sailing Club
St. John's Ambulance
Daniel & Matthew Thomas
Blue Bird Café

7th.

Date of next year swim is September 2003
Closing date 2 weeks prior
Results Sunday 8th September 2002

Boys	1st	Tom Wilkinson	Scarborough Kingfisher 15
	2-13-06		
Girls	1st	Natalie Jones	Warrington 15
	2-10-07		
	2nd	Mhairi Murdoch	City of Dundee 15
	2-36-05		
	3rd	Amanda Cracknell	Scarborough Kingfisher 15
	2-48-27		

Retired Troy Renshaw

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Rivington Reservoir Championships

This event is held annually at The Anderton Centre, Lower Rivington Reservoir, Chorley, Lancashire, and this year was held on Saturday 22nd June 2002.

Despite weather forecasts predicting showers throughout the day the weather was once again kind to us and we got a dry day with sunny spells and the water remained calm. This years event attracted a record number of entries to increase the entries from 81 in 2001 to 127 in 2002. It was pleasing to see a large group of swimmers from Westholme School, Blackburn taking part in their first open water event and many other newcomers all doing extremely well and enjoying their experience. The field of swimmers came from far and wide with one swimmer (Mostafa Khalil) coming all the way from Cairo, Egypt - Hopefully many more international swimmers will follow suite next year!

The first swimmers started at 10am these were the 2 mile competitors. In the Junior Girls event Natalie Jones (Warriors of Warrington) showed impressive form to defend her title in a time of 47mins 02 secs, Jo-Anne Bennett (Bury & Elton) was 2nd in a time of 53mins 40secs and she was closely followed by club mate Gemma Hitchlock who took 3rd place in a time of 54mins 02secs. In the junior boys event Tom Wilkinson (Scarborough Kingfishers) out classed his rivals to defend his title, convincingly with Scott Webster (Scarborough Kingfishers) in his first year of open water swimming taking 2nd place. In the Senior Ladies 2 mile event Liane Llewellyn (Halifax SC) took 1st place in a time of 52mins 52secs with Lindsey Entwistle (Howebridge Marlins) taking 2nd place in 55mins 12secs (repeating their 1-2 of last year) and Tamra Blanchard (BLDSA) took 3rd. In the Senior Mens 2 mile event there was strong competition at the front of the field with Nathan Renshaw (Scarborough Kingfishers) taking an early lead however, he was closed down by Adam Harvey (Scarborough S.C.) on the 2nd lap and this lead to a close finish with Harvey taking the victory in a time of 41mins 30secs and Renshaw finishing 2nd in 41mins 37secs. In third place was Simon Lee (Solent S.C.) in a time of 49mins 22secs. In the Veteran Ladies event Gill Stables (Troutbeck Bridge) put in a superb performance to take the title in a time of 1hr 09mins 26secs and she was followed closely by Morag Hughes (Lochaber ASC) who finished in a time of 1hr 10mins 50secs. In third place was Amanda Taylor (Leeds). In the Veteran Mens event Andy Wright (Warrington Dolphins) took 1st place in a time of 52mins 04 secs (too fast!) with Nick Hunt (Chelmsford) taking 2nd place and also the 1st Breaststroke finisher and Steven Smith (Barrow LDSC) taking 3rd place.

At lunch time there was a 1,000 metre Novice event and this year saw sisters Jennifer and Stephanie Clegg (Halifax S.C.) finish 1-2 in the ladies section with Clare Kane (Westholme School) taking 3rd place. In the gents section Wayne Renshaw (Scarborough Kingfishers) out sprinted Dave Reason (Howe Bridge Marlins) to take the title and Jason Cooke (Bury & Elton) finished third. Well done to all those who completed their first open water swim, we hope to see you again soon!

In the afternoon the 4 mile event took place and once again Adam Harvey, Nathan Renshaw and Simon Lee led the field. Lee's distance experience showing as he passed Renshaw and closed down Harvey in the final stages however, Harvey managed to hold on to take his second victory of the day. In the ladies race Dee Llewellyn retained her title with Joanna Weedon (Manchester Triathlon Club) taking 2nd and Dee's younger sister Liane finishing third. Nick Hunt was once again the first Breaststroke finisher.

Our thanks to United Utilities for the use of the reservoir, The Anderton Outdoor Activities Centre for all their help and the use of their facilities, St John Ambulance for first aid cover, the BLDSA Safety boat, the canoeists, the caterers, all of the officials and the many other people who stepped in and helped to make the event a success.

The Date for the next Rivington Reservoir Championships will be on **Saturday 28th June 2003**, all being well. I look forward to seeing you all again then, and this time why not spread the word and bring some friends along! If you had a go at the 1000 metre event this year lets see you try the 2 mile event next time.

Miss Dee Llewellyn (Swim Secretary)

Results

JUNIOR 2 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Natalie	Jones	14	F/s	Warriors of Warrington	00:47:02	1st
Jo-Anne	Bennett	14	F/s	Bury & Elton	00:53:40	2nd
Gemma	Hitchlock	14	F/s	Bury & Elton	00:54:02	3rd
Christina	Stapleton	14	F/s	City of Bradford	00:54:31	4th
Amanda	Cracknell	14	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:02:31	5th
Nicola	Wright	13	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:06:26	6th
Rebecca	Patrick	13	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:13:34	7th
Hayley	Dobson	14	Br/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:14:06	8th
Lynsey	Tuckerman	14	F/s	Bury & Elton	DNS	-
Jemma	Dutton	15	F/s	Everton	DNS	-
MALE						
Tom	Wilkinson	14	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:50:05	1st
Scott	Webster	13	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:08:13	2nd
Matthew	Cooke	13	F/s	Rykneld	Retired	-
Troy	Renshaw	13	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	Retired	-

SENIOR 2 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Liane	Llewellyn	20	F/s	Halifax	00:52:52	1st
Lindsey	Entwistle	21	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	00:55:12	2nd
Tamra	Blanchard	32	F/s	BLDSA	01:06:00	3rd
Amy	Hutcheson	16	F/s	Westholme School	01:10:11	4th
Katie	Tyson	38	Br/s	BLDSA	01:12:28	5th
Gillian	Broadley	38	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:13:52	6th
Helen	Tristam	40	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:14:00	7th
Lesley	Feakes	37	Br/s	Warrington Dolphins	DNS	-
MALE						
Adam	Harvey	16	F/s	Scarborough S.C	00:41:30	1st
Nathan	Renshaw	19	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:41:37	2nd

Simon	Lee	37	F/s	Solent S.C.	00:49:22	3rd
David	Feakes	40	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:53:51	4th
Kevin	Saunders	40	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:55:32	5th
Mark	Blewitt	35	F/s	Haslingden	01:01:50	6th
Jonathan	Tilt	34	F/s	Dewsbury	01:04:55	7th
Andrew	Watson	32	F/s	Cardiff	01:08:39	8th
Paul	Holman	36	F/s	Accrington	01:09:55	9th
Sam	Thompson	17	Br/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:18:44	10th
Joseph	Coy	42	F/s	St Helens	01:20:12	11th
Omar	Hussain	17	F/s	City of Bradford	DNS	-

VETERAN 2 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Gill	Stables	48	F/s	Troutbeck Bridge	01:09:26	1st
Morag	Hughes	46	F/s	Lochaber ASC	01:10:50	2nd
Amanda	Taylor	55	F/s	Leeds	01:16:37	3rd
Greta	Gall	59	F/s	Ye AABA	01:25:08	4th
MALE						
Andy	Wright	45	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:52:04	1st
Nick	Hunt	46	Br/s	Chelmsford	01:01:47	2nd
Steven	Smith	49	F/s	Barrow LDSC	01:08:49	3rd
Paul	Taylor	56	F/s	Leeds	01:09:19	4th
Brian	Hey	63	F/s	Marlborough Penguins	01:10:43	5th
Tom	Clarke-Nolan	59	F/s	Chorley	01:11:09	6th
Alexander	Anderson	52	F/s	Barrow LDSC	01:13:26	7th
John	Rickhuss	65	F/s	Darlaston	01:15:34	8th
Eric	Mountain	72	F/s	Macclesfield	01:16:13	9th
Stuart	Ainsworth	62	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:24:58	10th
Reg	Ayre	60	F/s	Workington	Retired	-

1000 METRES

NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE					

Jennifer	Clegg	14	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:15:34	1st
Stephanie	Clegg	12	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:17:15	2nd
Clare	Kane	13	F/s	Westholme School	00:17:18	3rd
Shereen	Mala	17	F/s	Westholme School	00:18:37	4th
Sara	Mala	16	F/s	Westholme School	00:20:03	5th
Joanne	Lougheed	16	F/s	Westholme School	00:20:09	6th
Hayley	Lymbery	14	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:20:45	7th
Rebecca	Stones	17	F/s	Westholme School	00:20:59	8th
Deborah	Preston	13	F/s	Westholme School	00:21:00	9th
Rachel	Cunningham Clark	13	F/s	Westholme School	00:21:16	10th
Tracey	Hellrwell	32	F/s	Indigo Tri Club	00:22:35	11th
Anna	Anderson	13	F/s	Westholme School	00:23:09	12th
Hannah	Sheridan	11	F/s	Westholme School	00:23:35	13th
Karen	Jones	43	F/s	Darwen Masters	00:23:54	14th
Kara	Shuttleworth	12	F/s	Westholme School	00:24:11	15th
Clare	Taylor	14	F/s	Westholme School	00:25:19	16th
Rachael	Coar	15	F/s	Westholme School	00:25:48	17th
Hayley	Forbes	14	F/s	Westholme School	00:25:56	18th
Kathryn	Goss	14	F/s	Westholme School	00:26:36	19th
Emily	Shepherd	17	F/s	Westholme School	00:26:50	20th
Harriet	Gilson	12	F/s	Westholme School	00:27:23	21st
Moira	Hart	-	F/s	Ye AABA	00:28:42	22nd
Melanie	Stones	12	F/s	Westholme School	00:31:51	23rd
Taryn	Duckworth	13	F/s	Westholme School	00:31:54	24th
Stephanie	Haworth	14	F/s	Westholme School	00:32:37	25th
Katy	Rammell	14	F/s	Westholme School	00:33:08	26th
Dominique	Morton	14	F/s	Westholme School	DNS	-
Amelia	Berry	12	F/s	Westholme School	DNS	-
Candis	Lightbown	13	F/s	Westholme School	DNS	-
Sarah	Cawtherley	17	F/s	Westholme School	DNS	-
MALE						
Wayne	Renshaw	-	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:16:35	1st
David	Reason	57	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	00:16:48	2nd
Jason	Cooke	-	F/s	Bury & Elton	00:17:17	3rd
Chris	Murray	-	F/s	Salford Masters	00:17:47	4th

David	Fairbrother	15	F/s	Blackburn	00:18:21	5th
Dave	Renshaw	-	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:20:14	6th
Mathew	French	-	F/s	Bury & Elton	00:20:18	7th
Philip	Salts	30	F/s	Manchester	00:23:04	8th
Mike	Scott	38	F/s	Indigo Tri Club	00:25:01	9th
Craig	David	-	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:25:38	10th
James	Robinson	-	F/s	Wirral	00:34:10	11th

SENIOR 4 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Dee	Llewellyn	24	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:41:02	1st
Joanna	Weedon	22	F/s	Manchester Triathlon Club	01:51:06	2nd
Liane	Llewellyn	20	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:53:46	3rd
Liz	Hopley	36	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	02:13:58	4th
Tamra	Blanchard	32	F/s	BLDSA	02:31:54	5th
Katie	Tyson	38	Br/s	BLDSA	02:36:32	6th
Morag	Hughes	46	F/s	Lochaber A.S.C.	02:49:09	7th
Jean	Wilkin-Oxley	46	F/s	BLDSA	02:51:57	8th
Lesley	Feakes	37	Br/s	Warrington Dolphins	DNS	-
MALE						
Adam	Harvey	18	F/s	Scarborough S.C.	01:39:17	1st
Simon	Lee	37	F/s	Solent S.C.	01:39:51	2nd
Nathan	Renshaw	19	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:41:59	3rd
Andy	Wright	45	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:52:50	4th
Stephen	O'Brien	34	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	01:56:56	5th
David	Feakes	40	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:00:00	6th
James	Tinsley	49	F/s	City of Liverpool	02:00:02	7th
Chris	Edmondson	36	F/s	City of Liverpool	02:04:14	8th
Kevin	Saunders	40	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:07:29	9th
Chris	Green	52	F/s	Barrow LDSC	02:07:52	10th
Peter	Harper	46	F/s	Liverpool Masters	02:08:17	11th
Nick	Hunt	46	Br/s	Chelmsford	02:09:49	12th
Ian	Corrin	48	F/s	City of Liverpool	02:12:32	13th

John	Lydon	42	Br/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:19:01	14th
Mark	Blewitt	35	F/s	Haslingden	02:21:56	15th
Stephen	Smith	49	F/s	Barrow LDSC	02:32:11	16th
Stephen	Bullen	40	F/s	City of Liverpool	02:34:53	17th
Alister	Stocks	39	F/s	Heckmondwike	02:39:15	18th
Clive	Burbage	44	F/s	FHM Birmingham	02:40:57	19th
Peter	Hawksworth	45	F/s	Colwick Park	02:44:19	20th
Mostafa	Khalil	44	F/s	Cairo Sporting Club, Egypt	02:46:07	21st
Les	Robinson	65	F/s	North Worcs Lifeguards	02:55:01	22nd
Jonathan	Eastwood	35	F/s	Barnsley	03:09:59	23rd
Mick	Gallagher	57	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	03:32:15	24th
David	Foster	58	F/s	Carnforth Otters	03:55:24	25th
Andrew	Watson	32	F/s	Cardiff	Retired	-
Henry	Lowther	43	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	DNS	-

Wykeham Lake

SPONSORED BY NEWITTS
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This event was held at Wykeham Lakes in Scarborough on Saturday 8th June 2002. It was a dry overcast day and the water temperature was a reasonable 62 degrees. This year, we were very privileged to have the event sponsored by Newitts sport & leisure of York and were very pleased to welcome swimmers from as far away as Dundee, Glasgow and London. This year the event had a very high success rate with only 2 swimmers choosing to retire out of the 51 who started (I'm very proud of you all!)

The event began with the senior and junior 2 mile swim, consisting of three circuits of the lake. In first place in the senior mens event was Adam Harvey from Scarborough S.C in an excellent time of 47 mins 18 seconds. Second place went to Kevin Saunders from Warrington Dolphins, closely followed by Steven O'Brien from Howe Bridge Marlins. In the senior ladies event first place once again went to Dee Llewellyn from Halifax to retain her title, closely followed by little sister Liane (one day I will beat her!!!). Third place went to Louise Harsand from Newark S.C.

In the Junior girls event Natalie Jones from the Warriors of Warrington came first in a fantastic time of 51 mins 50 seconds (A storming swim!). In second place was Gemma Hitchlock from Bury & Elton, just beating her team mate Jo- Anne Bennett on the final circuit (Well done girls.) In the junior boys event Tom Wilkinson from Scarborough Kingfishers came first, looking faster than ever this year. Second place went to Jamie Logan from City of Glasgow, who was also awarded the Kendal Mellor award for the best first attempt. In third place was Scott Webster from Scarborough Kingfishers. Sarah Roberts from Scarborough S.C once again retained her breaststroke title in style, finishing in a time of 1 hour, 18 mins, 47 seconds.

The second event of the day was the 1000 metre swim, consisting of one lap of the lake. Thirteen swimmers took part in this event and for most this was their first attempt at an open water swim. It was very nice to see new swimmers from Dundee, Halifax & Loughborough in this event and every one of them completed the course. First place in this event went to Jennifer Clegg from Halifax S.C in an excellent time of 17 minutes, 46 seconds, narrowly beating younger sister Stephanie into second place. Third place went to Rebecca Williams- Brown from Loughborough town. In the mens event Jamie Logan took first place in 19 minutes 37 seconds. Second place went to Troy Renshaw from Scarborough Kingfishers and third place went to Craig Davis also from Scarborough Kingfishers.

I would like to express my thanks to Newitts Sport & Leisure for their kind sponsorship, Mr Tedman and Wykeham lakes for the use of the lake and the British Red Cross for their first aid cover. I would also like to thank the safety boat crews and officials for their invaluable support, Scarborough kingfishers for providing the barbecue and all canoeists for their valuable safety cover.

The event will next be held on **Saturday 14th June 2003**, and I look forward to seeing you all again then.

Liane Llewellyn (Swim Secretary)

Results

1000 METERS

NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE					
Jennifer Clegg	14	F/S	Halifax S.C.	17.46	1st
Stephanie Clegg	12	F/S	Halifax S.C.	18.45	2nd
Rebecca Williams-Brown	13	F/S	Loughborough Town	20.29	3rd
Jessica Bottomley	14	F/S	Halifax S.C.	20.38	4th
Hayley Lymbery	14	F/S	Halifax S.C.	22.30	5th
Sarah Finnegan	12	F/S	Dundee	25.36	6th
Laura Jackson	12	F/S	Dundee	32.06	7th
Claire Moodie	12	F/S	Dundee	32.08	8th
Stephanie Taylor	14	F/S	Dundee	36.38	9th
MALE					
Jamie Logan	13	F/S	City of Glasgow	19.37	1st
Troy Renshaw	13	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	24.01	2nd
Craig Davis	—	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	30.57	3rd
John Wilson	14	F/S	Leeds & district Lifeguard	1.34.36	4th

JUNIOR 2 MILES

NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MALE					
Tom Wilkinson	14	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	57.50	1st
Jamie Logan	13	F/S	City of Glasgow	1.01.43	2nd (Best 1st Attempt)
Scott Webster	13	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.23.32	3rd
Matthew Cooke	13	F/S	Rykneld	—	DNS
FEMALE					
Natalie Jones	14	F/S	Warriors of Warrington	51.50	1st
Gemma Hitchlock	14	F/S	Bury & Elton	1.02.19	2nd
Jo-Anne Bennett	14	F/S	Bury & Elton	1.02.20	3rd
Christina Stapleton	14	F/S	City of Bradford	1.02.46	4th
Amanda Cracknell	14	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.04.38	5th
Sarah Roberts	13	B/S	Scarborough S.C.	1.18.47	6th (1st Breaststroke)
Rebecca Jane Patrick	13	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.26.54	7th
Katherine McMahon	13	B/S	Wykeham Hatters	1.33.21	8th

SENIOR 2 MILES

NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
			MALE		
Adam Harvey	19	F/S	Scarborough S.C.	47.18	1st
Kevin Saunders	40	F/S	Warrington Dolphins	1.02.22	2nd
Stephen O'Brien	34	F/S	Howe Bridge Marlins	1.02.34	3rd
Jimmy Tinsley	49	F/S	City of Liverpool	1.02.40	4th
Chris Edmondson	36	F/S	City of Liverpool	1.05.26	5th
Kevin Sykes	28	F/S	Scarborough	1.10.56	6th
Stephen Smith	41	F/S	Barrow L.D.S.C.	1.19.56	7th
Alistair Knocks	39	F/S	Heckmondwike	1.22.31	8th
Rob Tyson	46	F/S	Wykeham Hatters	1.22.46	9th
Clive Suttaby	44	F/S	FHM Birmingham	1.24.03	10th
Jonathon Eastwood	36	F/S	Barnsley	1.26.23	11th
Henry Lowther	43	F/S	Warrington Dolphins	—	RETIRED
Ryan Reiss	18	F/S	Dundee	—	RETIRED
David Cosey	32	F/S	B.L.D.S.A.	—	DNS
David Foster	26	F/S	Carnforth Otters	—	DNS
			FEMALE		
Dee Llewellyn	24	F/S	Halifax S.C.	53.39	1st
Liane Llewellyn	20	F/S	Halifax S.C.	1.02.41	2nd
Louise Pilkyard	33	F/S	Newark S.C.	1.08.09	3rd
Simon Chadwick	17	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.08.43	4th
Sonia Blakemore	22	F/S	B.L.D.S.A.	1.19.09	5th
Jo Hadley	48	F/S	Knostrop Bridge	1.23.36	6th
Jillian Brooksby	34	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.27.01	7th
Jean Aiken-Obey	68	F/S	B.L.D.S.A.	1.35.57	8th
Janet Walker	49	F/S	Otley S.C.	1.45.34	9th
Kathryn Ellis	21	B/S	Wykeham Hatters	—	DNS

LOCH LOMOND

The United Kingdom's premier marathon swimming event of 2002 was held overnight on the 14th/15th August. The 21.6 mile Loch Lomond Championship attracted five entrants from across the country. Conditions for the swim were excellent with calm water and light winds, although the water temperature was as low as 50 degrees Fahrenheit in places.

The race started from Ardlui beach with competitors starting at various times between 5.30 p.m. ad 8.30 p.m., staggered depending on predicted finishing times. Swimmers were expected to finish at the beach at Balloch sometime around 6 a.m. on Sunday the 25th. Three of the five competitors completed the gruelling race with Andy Wright of Warrington and Hannah Liezau of Dudley being forced to retire.

Emerging form the early morning gloom the ladies championship was won by 20 year old Liane Llewellyn of Halifax Swimming Club completing the course at her first attempt in a time of 10 hrs 36 mins 16 secs, just 5 minutes outside the championship record set by older sister Dee two years ago. Liane's sister Dee Llewellyn was second in a time of 10 hrs 44 mns 11 secs. After an outstanding swim Simon Lee of Solent Swimming club completed the course in a new championship record time and gents world record of 10 hrs 11 mins 11 secs to take the gents title.

A sixth swimmer also completed the 21.6 distance. Laura Colette who came all the way from California, U.S.A. was unable to compete in the championship because of an administrative mix-up. However she completed the course in a superb time of 11 hrs 39 mins 22 secs.

RESULTS

Male
1. Simon Lee 10.11.11
Retired: Andy Wright

Female
1. Liane Llewellyn 10.36.16
2. Dee Llewellyn 10.44.48
Retired: Hannah Liezau

Annual Report
BLDSA Grand Prix of Long Distance Swimming 2002

With more swims, more swimmers and an incredible 1,584 miles completed - the series just got better.

When we first ran the Grand Prix in 1998 it was easy to include all the swimmers in an easy to read table on a single page – now it takes three.

Hearty congratulations to Simon Lee (Solent) for wrestling the Grand Prix Champion title off Dee Llewellyn (Halifax) who finished second and remains a constant source of inspiration. Following closely in third place was Liane Llewellyn (Halifax).

Tom Wilkinson (Scarborough Kingfishers) won the Junior Grand Prix Championship closely followed by Amanda Cracknell (Scarborough Kingfishers). Both competed in all the junior events. Natalie Jones (Warrington Dolphins) came third.

Andy Wright (Warrington Dolphins) competed in and won, all of the veteran races making him the winner of the Veteran's championship with maximum distance and position points. Gill Stables (Troutbeck Bridge) competed in all events and came second with Nick Hunt (Chelmsford) in third.

Finally, a mention for the leading clubs. This year in BLDSA events the swimmers from the Warrington Dolphins club completed a total of 172 miles, Scarborough Kingfishers collectively completed 137 miles and Barrow LDSC completed 96 miles. In total there were nine active clubs with three or more competitors including a fine turn out of swimmers from Westholme School competing for the first time in preparation for their Channel Relay in 2003. With a good pilot and good luck, one of Westholme Team should get the bug for a solo.

The results speak for themselves. Well done to the organisers. The BLDSA swims series remains the best.

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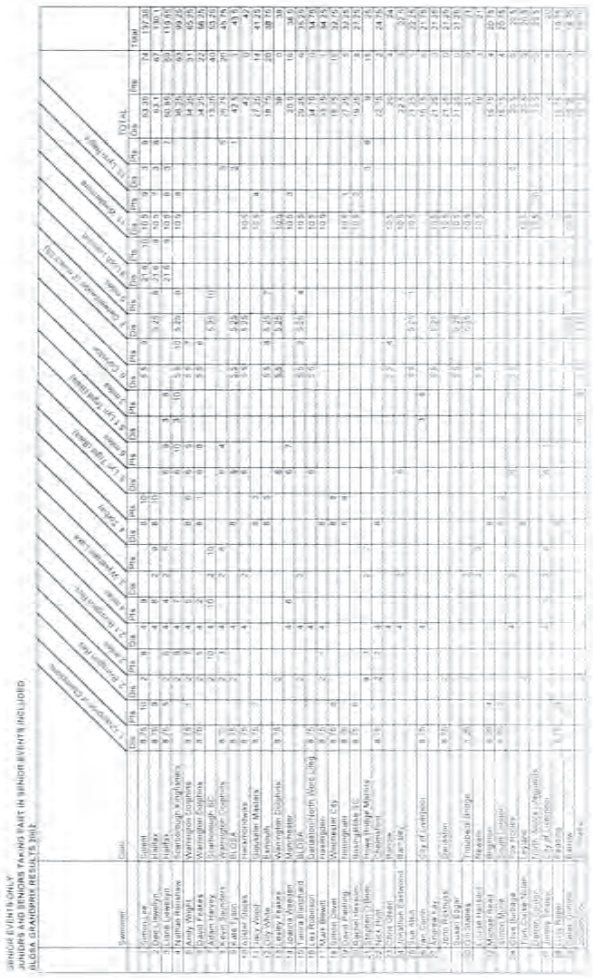

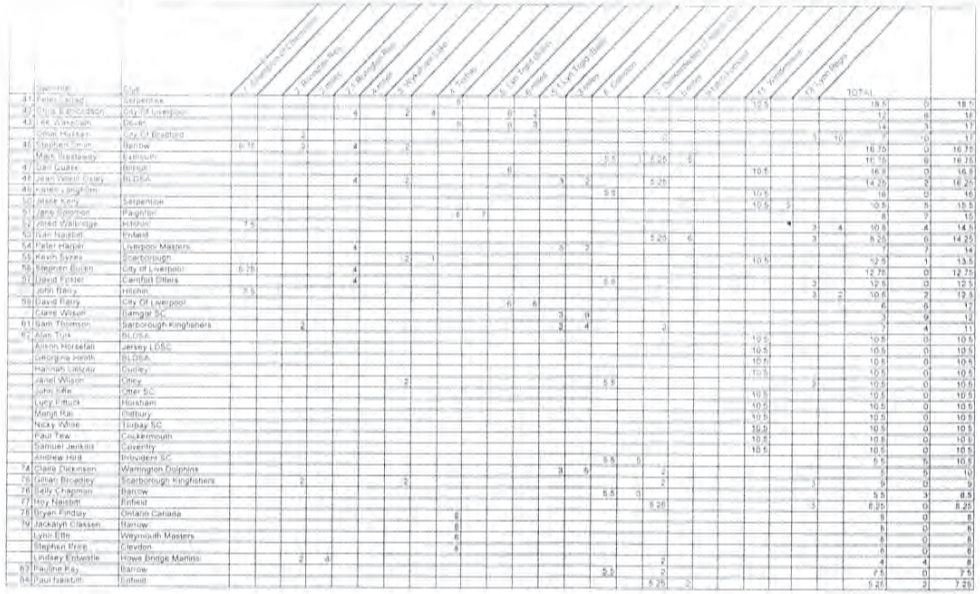

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41	Peter Leland	Serpentine																10.5	18.5	0	18.5
42	Chris Brocklebank	City Of Liverpool				4		2	8			0	4						17	0	17
43	Ali Chisholm	Otter							8			0	9						17	0	17
	Gillian Hallam	City Of Bradford			2														2	10	12
45	Stephen Smith	Barrow	8.75		3		4												15.75	0	15.75
	Mark Stallaway	Ellesmere											7.5	1	8.25	0			15.75	0	15.75
4	Carl Guarini	Bilston							8									10.5	18.5	0	18.5
47	Jean Yelvin (Tate)	BLDSA				4						5	5		5.25				14.25	2	16.25
48	Helen Wrightson																	10.5	10	0	10
50	Jessie Kelly	Serpentine											5.5					10.5	16	0	16
51	Jane Boorman	Paignton								6	7								13	5	18
52	Jared Walbridge	Hilchurch	7.5																7.5	7	15
53	Dan Nugent	Enfield													5.25	6			11.25	4	15.25
54	Peter Harper	Liverpool Masters				4						3	3						10.5	3	13.5
55	Kevin Sykes	Scarborough					2	1										10.5	8.25	0	8.25
56	Stephen Bucks	City of Liverpool	8.75			4													12.5	1	13.5
57	David Foster	Camfibi Otters				4							8.5						12.75	0	12.75
	John Reay	Hounslow	8.5																12.5	0	12.5
59	David Rapp	City Of Liverpool						6	6										10.5	3	13.5
	Claire Wilson	Bamgate SC										3	3						12	0	12
61	Sam Thomson	Scarborough Kingfishers			4							3	4						7	9	16
62	Alan Tutt	BLDSA																	3	4	11
	Anton Horsefall	Jersey LDSC																10.5	10.5	0	10.5
	Georgina Heath	BLDSA																10.5	10.5	0	10.5
	Hannah Lidstone	Dursley																10.5	10.5	0	10.5
	Janet Wilson	Otley					2						8.5						10.5	0	10.5
	John Ilife	Otter SC																	10.5	0	10.5
	Lucy Fitch	Horsham																10.5	10.5	0	10.5
	Margit Rai	Dudbury																10.5	10.5	0	10.5
	Nicky White	Torbay SC																10.5	10.5	0	10.5
	Paul Tew	Cockermouth																10.5	10.5	0	10.5
	Samuel Jenkins	Coventry																10.5	10.5	0	10.5
	Andrew Hird	Intrudent SC											5.5	5					5.5	5	10.5
74	Claire Dickinson	Warrington Dolphins										3	6						9	1	10
75	Gillian Broadley	Scarborough Kingfishers			2			2							2				6	0	6
76	Sally Chapman	Barrow											6.5	3	2				9	0	9
77	Roy Nesbitt	Enfield													5.25				5.5	3	8.5
78	Bryan Findlay	Ontario Canada							6										8.25	0	8.25
79	Jackalyn Classen	Barrow							6										6	0	6
	Lynn Ette	Weymouth Masters							6										6	0	6
	Stephan Price	Clevedon							6										6	0	6
	Lindsey Entwistle	Howe Bridge Marlins			2	4													6	0	6
67	Pauline Ray	Barrow											5.5						4	4	8
84	Paul Hailstone	Enfield													5.25	2			7.5	0	7.5
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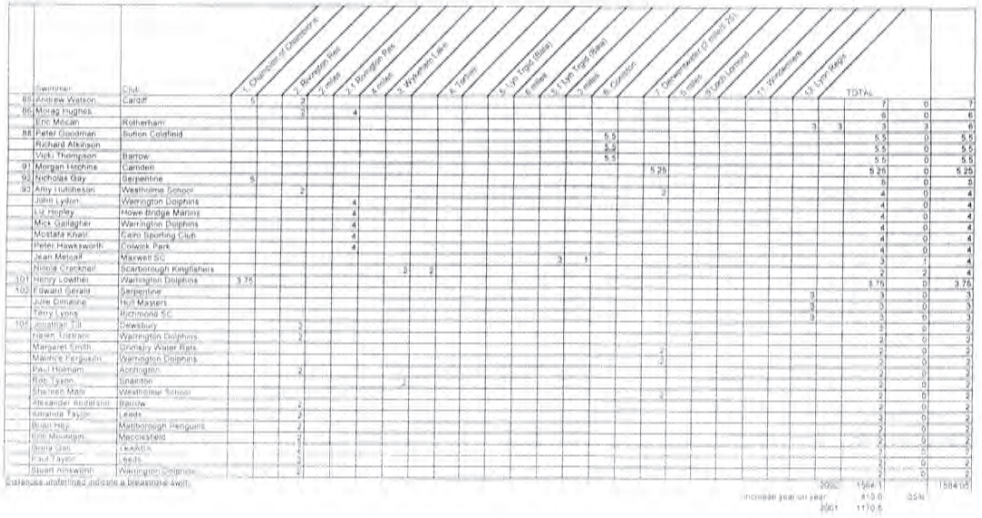

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89	Andrew Watson	Cardiff	5		2														7	0	7
86	Morag Hughes				2		4												6	0	6
	Eric Mecan	Rotherham			2													3	3	3	6
88	Peter Goodman	Sutton Coldfield											5.5						5.5	0	5.5
	Richard Atkinson												5.5						5.5	0	5.5
	Vicki Thompson	Barrow											5.5						5.5	0	5.5
91	Morgan Hopkins	Camden													5.25				5.25	0	5.25
92	Nicholas Gay	Serpentine	5																5	0	5
90	Amy Hutchinson	Westholme School			2										2				4	0	4
	John Lydon	Warrington Dolphins				4													4	0	4
	Liz Hopley	Howe Bridge Marlins				4													4	0	4
	Mick Gallagher	Warrington Dolphins				4													4	0	4
	Mostafa Khalil	Cairo Sporting Club				4													4	0	4
	Peter Hawksworth	Colwick Park				4													4	0	4
	Jean Metcalf	Marwell SC										3	1						4	0	4
	Nicola Crenshaw	Scarborough Kingfishers						2	2										3	1	4
101	Henry Lowther	Warrington Dolphins	3.75																3.75	0	3.75
100	Edward Gerald	Serpentine																	3	0	3
	Julie Gimaine	Hull Masters																3	3	0	3
	Terry Long	Richmond SC																3	3	0	3
105	Jonathan Till	Dewsbury			2														2	0	2
	Helen Tolerton	Warrington Dolphins			2														2	0	2
	Margaret Smith	Grimsby Water Rats													2				2	0	2
	Maurice Ferguson	Warrington Dolphins													2				2	0	2
	Paul Hannam	Accrington			2														2	0	2
	Rob Tyson	Spalding					2												2	0	2
	Sharleen Mair	Westholme School													2				2	0	2
	Alexander Anderson	Barrow			2														2	0	2
	Johanna Taylor	Leeds			2														2	0	2
	Brian Hay	Marlborough Penguins			2														2	0	2
	Kim Mountain	Macclesfield			2														2	0	2
	Steve Gan	HAARA			2														2	0	2
	Paul Taylor	Leeds			2														2	0	2
	Stuart Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins			2														2	0	2

Extensive underlines indicate a breastroke swim.

Increase year on year:	2002	1564.1	0%
	2001	1710.5	

1564.05

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JUNIOR EVENTS ONLY

BLDSA GRANDPRIX RESULTS 2002

	Swimmer	Club	1. Chairman BJ Gladman		2. Rivington Reservoir		3. Pennine Lake		4. Lyon Teggat (Bala)		5. Devonshire		6. Junior Condition		13. Tyne Meet		TOTAL		
			Dis	Pts	Dis	Pts	Dis	Pts	Dis	Pts	Dis	Pts	Dis	Pts	Dis	Pts	Dis	Pts	TOTAL
1	Tom VanHouten	Scarborough Kingfishers	8.75	10	2	9	2	9	3	9	5.25	10	5.25	9	2	10	28.25	86	94.25
2	Amanda Crackett	Scarborough Kingfishers	8.75	9	2	7	2	4	3	7	5.25	9	5.25	7	2	8	28.25	49	77.25
3	Natalie Jones	Warriors of Warrington			2	10	2	10	3	10	2		5.25	10			14.25	40	54.25
4	Sean Webster	Scarborough Kingfishers			2	3	2	2	3	5	2				2	7	11	17	28
5	Christina Stapleton	City of Bradford			2	6	2	6							2	8	6	20	26
6	Jill-Anne Dennett	Bury & Elton			2	5	2	6									4	14	18
7	Gemma Hitchcock	Bury & Elton			2	3	2	7									4	14	18
8	Nicola Knight	Warrington Dolphins			2	4			3	6							5	10	15
9	Matthew Harrison	Scarborough Kingfishers											5.25	8			5.25	8	13.25
10	Jamilla Dutton	Everton							3	8							3	8	11
11	Jamie Logan	City of Glasgow					2	8									2	8	10
12	Rebecca Patrick	Scarborough Kingfishers			2	2	2	1									4	3	7
	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough SC					2	3			2						4	3	7
14	Hayley Dobson	Scarborough Kingfishers			2	1											2	1	3
15	Katherine McMahon	Wykham Hatters					2										2	0	2
16	Rebbeca Storie	Westholme School									2						2	0	2
17	Kara Shuttleworth	Westholme School									2						2	0	2
18	Troy Renshaw	Scarborough Kingfishers									2						2	0	2
19	Hayley Forbes	Westholme School									2						2	0	2
20	Stephanie Howarth	Westholme School									2						2	0	2
21	Hannah Sheridan	Westholme School													2		2	0	2

VETERAN EVENTS ONLY
VETERANS RESULTS FROM SENIOR EVENTS NOT INCLUDED
BLDSA GRANDPRIX RESULTS 2002

	Swimmer	Club	2. Rivington Reservoir		4. Torbay		9. Cawston Veterans		TOTAL		
			Dis	Pts	Dis	Pts	Dis	Pts	Dis	Pts	TOTAL
1	Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins	2	10	4	10	3.25	10	9.25	30	39.25
2	Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge	2	6	4	6	3.25	7	9.25	19	28.25
3	Nick Hyrit	Chelmsford	2	9	4	8			6	17	23
4	Moray Hughes	Lochaber	2	4	4	2	3.25	5	9.25	11	20.25
5	Paul Taylor	Leeds	2	7			3.25	6	5.25	13	18.25
6	Tom Clarke Nolan	Leyland	2	3	4	7			6	10	16
7	Bryan Hey	Marlborough Penguins	2	5			3.25	3	5.25	8	13.25
8	Mike Read	Brighton			4	9			4	9	13
9	David Reason	Howe Bridge Marlins					3.25	8	3.25	9	12.25
10	Alexander Anderso	Barrow	2	2			3.25	4	5.25	6	11.25
	Anne Barker	Warrington Dolphins					3.25	8	3.25	8	11.25
12	Steve Smith	Barrow	2	8					2	8	10
13	Chris Green	Barrow			4	5			4	5	9
14	Jackalyn Classen	Barrow			4	4			4	4	8
15	Amanda Taylor	Leeds	2				3.25	2	5.25	2	7.25
	David Foster	Carnforth Otters			4		3.25		7.25	0	7.25
17	Peter Lenard	Serpentine			4	3			4	3	7
18	Eric Mountain	Spencer	2				3.25	1	5.25	1	6.25
19	Greta Gall	YAARA	2				3.25		5.25	0	5.25
20	Leslie Di Cane	Serpentine			4	1			4	1	5
21	Bryan Finlay	London Silver Dolphins			4				4	0	4
	Janet Wilson	Otley			4				4	0	4
23	Ian Magrath	Chelmsford					3.25		3.25	0	3.25
	John Ellson	Gateshead					3.25		3.25	0	3.25
	Lucien Rankart	BLDSA Belgian Frogs					3.25		3.25	0	3.25
	Maurice Ferguson	Warrington Dolphins					3.25		3.25	0	3.25
	Pauline Kay	Barrow					3.25		3.25	0	3.25
	Pam Mayfield	Troutbeck Bridge					3.25		3.25	0	3.25
29	John Rickhuss	Nanaston	2	1					2	1	3
	Stuart Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins	2						2	0	2

B.L.D.S.A. HON. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT 2002

I am not clairvoyant! And I occasionally have a holiday. If you have not received your membership card within three weeks (my normal turn round time is two days) then please give me to find out what has happened. As has happened before, things get lost in the post and then people wanting to enter a particular swim discover they are not members. This is always after the closing date for entries for that swim of course.

NOTE

It is neither the Championship Secretaries job nor mine to ensure you have sent off your membership form, before you send off your entry form. If **both** of these are not in place before the championships' closing date then the rules do not allow you to swim in that championship. To do so would mean all those who had taken the trouble to ensure they complied with the rules had been wasting their time.

Whilst the number of seniors has increased slightly since last year (six), the juniors have reduced by one. Affiliated clubs are down by three and Life members have remained the same.

Our current membership numbers are: -

Seniors –	253
Juniors –	34
Life –	96
All Clubs –	17
Total	380

As you can see our membership numbers have remained around the 380 mark again. It is worth stating, however that **seventy-nine** of last year's senior members did not renew this year. Despite this, over the last three years our senior membership numbers have only varied between 228 and 233.

Please note, for those of you who may lose your Renewal form, a Membership/Renewal form may be found on our web site at: **www.bldsa.org.uk**. I can, of course email a form to anyone and also send one in the usual way by snail mail. Of the totals above, some 31 applications were made using the form on the web site this year.

Maurice F. 26th November 2002.

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
INCIDENT CONTROL REPORT

This year the BLDSA Championship secretaries and our affiliated clubs' secretaries have distinguished themselves by keeping their records excellently and by not letting too many swimmers get too cold or suffer from the swimmer's two main scourges – cut feet or cramp!

There was a sprinkling of incidents but my thanks to the hard working secretaries who followed up with individuals and checked, in one case, after a cut, that a tetanus jab was in force or being planned immediately.

To all new championship secretaries, completing the incident control form is 'just one more job', but it is important to the Association, so thank you. To Steve Smith, new at the water's edge as a championship secretary this year, thanks for ringing to check just what I needed. As Steve had, quite rightly, entered his incidents in his accident book, he forwarded a copy of the entries – perhaps a way forward for others to follow up for next year.

My impression is that you all run very safe and controlled swims – the BLDSA is now building a block of evidence for our insurers to prove it! Well done.

Happy and safe swimming in 2003.

Incident Control Officer
Margaret J Smith, Windermere, 9, Cromwell View, Coastor, Lincs LN7 6UH
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BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

FUND RAISING INSIGNIA REPORT

Once again another successful year with B.L.D.S.A. items being sold.

I attended a number of swims and our car boot was always full of flag alpha's, towelling robes, bags, hats, sweat shirts, polo's, you name it, I had it except when I was asked for a whistle (I did loan but never got back).

I would like to thank Joan and Tracey Fisher who made and donated 10 towelling robes. We sold 9 and raffled 1 (sold at £12.50 each). Again Joan and Tracey made flag alpha's and Trevor finished them by fixing the pole. We sold 38 at £2.75 each.

Many swimmers would not have been able to take part in swims if flag alpha's had not been available at the swim, please remember this vital piece of equipment each time you go to a swim.

If any member would like any item before the season get in touch, I will post on to you.

Items:

Polo Shirts	£12.50
Sweatshirts	£19.00
Bags	£20 or initialled £24
Fleece Body Warmer	
All colours	£17.50
Swim Hats	£1.00
Ties	£2.50
Windermere Badges	£10.50
Pens	40p 3 for £1.00

During the season I also held raffles at various swims and raised about £300.00.

Thank you to anyone who donated prizes for the raffles, more will be needed in 2003. Please give any unwanted gifts, nothing will be refused, large or small.

Looking forward to another good season in 2003.

Insignia Secretary B.L.D.S.A.
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BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

B.L.D.S.A. 200 CLUB 2002

DATE	NO.		AMOUNT
January 02	25	Mr. A. Earland	£10.00
	1	Miss E. Fenton	£10.00
	98	Margaret Jones	£ 5.00
February 02	31	Margaret Smith	£10.00
	18	Jackie Classen	£10.00
	94	Paul Taylor	£ 5.00
March 02	96	Paul Tew	£10.00
	82	Miss A. Brodie	£10.00
	11	Brian Hey	£ 5.00
A.G.M. 02	45	Mr. G. Dornon	£20.00
	53	Mr. Carl Walker	£20.00
April 02	77	Paul Taylor	£10.00
	72	Keith Seymour	£10.00
	102	J. W. Oxley	£ 5.00
May 02	42	Mrs. A. Smith	£10.00
	56	Mrs. P. Morgan	£10.00
	104	Mr. J. Goodbody	£ 5.00
June 02	64	Mr. G. Thompson	£10.00
	95	Mr. D. Foster	£10.00
	76	Willy Van Rysel	£ 5.00
July 02	36	Dick Garnish	£10.00
	102	J. W. Oxley	£10.00
	57	Duncan Heenan	£ 5.00
August 02	31	Mrs. M. Smith	£10.00
	118	Mrs. P. Llewellyn	£30.00
	86	John Barry	£ 5.00
September 02	14	Mrs. M. Ferguson	£10.00
	28	Graham Smith	£10.00
	81	Duncan Heenan	£ 5.00
October 02	78	A. J. Lawson	£10.00
	8	Mrs. N. Smith	£10.00
	113	Mrs. M. Smith	£ 5.00
November 02	74	MR A FERRANS	£10.00
	77	MR P TAYLOR	£10.00
	4	TYRON ELLEKER	£5.00
December 02	70	JEAN WILKIN-OXLEY	£10.00
	92	JOHN DESMAN	£10.00
	107	MAUREEN DICKINSON	£5.00

More members are needed for the 200 Club. At present we have only 107 paid up 2002. Cost of 12 months 200 Club is only £6, pay either cash or bankers order direct. For further details please contact: Pam Morgan, 38 Meadow Drive, East Ayton, Scarborough YO13 9EZ. Telephone: (01723) 863430.

SUPPORT THE B.L.D.S.A.

B.L.D.S.A. Boat Co-ordinators report 2002

Gone are the days when I thought that the season ended when the cover had been put on for the last time, the boat hitched to the back of the van and all that was left to do was a steady slog homeward. This year I have had to try to put the season into words.

My first year as the B.L.D.S.A. Boat Co-ordinator has been a relatively uneventful one, with no major incidents occurring. The only minor problem which was encounted was at the last swim of the season, when the boat must have enjoyed itself so much on the swim, it just did not want to come out of the water!! But with a little persuasion from a few friends, myself breaking the long jump record as I threw myself back into it as it hurtled back down the slip after a rope snapped, and a little perseverance the boat lost the fight.

The problems that we had with the boat engine at the latter end of the 2001 season and the beginning of this last season, were thankfully rectified just before the Torbay swim. This year saw the christening of the Jason's Cradle water recovery device. This has proved to be an invaluable asset whenever it has been deployed in anger. More so when my younger brother and I were confronted with an eighteen stone gentleman who had retired from a swim. We needed to get him aboard and the cradle made netting that particular fish look effortless.

I must thank everyone who has helped me to do the best job I could this year. The swim secretaries who have made arrangements for launching, parking for car/trailer, the various crew members who I have greatly appreciated help from throughout the season on and off the water, just people offering assistance, even if the offer was not taken is a good thing as there will be a time when a helping hand is needed. My thanks also go out to all assistance which has been given by external means to the B.L.D.S.A. be it from boating companies, local

authorities, lake wardens, park rangers, sailing clubs, Coastguard's and the ever present St John Ambulance.

I am willing to stay on as the B.L.D.S.A. Boat Co-ordinator for the foreseeable future. I have recently started a new career with the West Yorkshire Police so I can not guarantee that I will personally be with the boat at every swim but the boat will be there with my younger brother acting in lieu. If the association wishes to look into electing another Boat Co-ordinator or putting more people through the powerboat 2 course to lessen the commitment I will stand down from my post.

Daniel Thomas
B.L.D.S.A. Rescue Boat Co-ordinator

PILOT LIFESAVER AWARDS

The pilot lifesaver awards took place directly after the swim at Derwentwater (Lake). 7 candidates took part and were all successful and well quite impressive with their knowledge and skill of lifesaving, Boat handling and resuscitation.

Their names are as follows-,
David Renshaw
Geoff Taylor
Gill Stables
David Foster
Gemma Franks
Helen Westaway
Maurice Ferguson

This makes the number of qualified pilot lifesavers to 8, as Greta Gall had already passed her exam earlier in the season.
We are always looking for more qualified P.L.S. to escort swimmers on B.L.D.S.A. swims.
The next exams will take place after the Derwent Water swim in 2003.

My thanks go to Brian Tyson, Maureen Dickinson, and Gill Stables who are qualified instructors, and help me on the day

P. L. S. SECRETARY.
D. COLLEY.

HON. RECORDERS REPORT 2002

Happy New Year to you all, a little late maybe, but no change there.

This year, I don't think I'll find many people saying there wasn't enough water around to fill up the lakes etc.

However, some of you have been out and about completing swims outside of the normal calendar, and also taking the rules about costumes to the limit again.

Yes, the British Naturists team have been out there again completing an inaugural two way Loch Lomond, setting a new record, complete with a very presentable observers report. Well done to all and I believe a great amount of thanks is owed by the team to those persons manning the launches.

Also, as usual, the Lake District has claimed the other individual swims this year with Ullswater, Bassenthwaite Lake and Coniston Water seeing some action.

Next year I will be handing over the Hon Recorders role to Gill Stables, a well known personality in the swimming year. Gill can be contacted via her address in the Handbook and will be able to supply forms etc as required next year. Best of luck Gill, I hope you receive some interesting swims in the coming year.

Lastly, thanks to Dad, who, although I took the job on properly only a few years ago has proven an invaluable, necessary and welcome archive of information about the swims around the country. Thanks.

The individual results are as follows –

BASSENTHWAITE TWO WAY 6 8Mls.

Kate Tyson	20th September 2002	4hrs 04mins 26secs (BS)

ULLSWATER 7.00Mls

Mark Clint Westaway	10th August 2002	4hrs 07mins 45secs
Oliver White	10th August 2002	3hrs 23mins 15secs
Kate Tyson	24th August 2002	4hrs 33mins 50secs (BS)

CONISTON 7.25Mls

Gill Stables	1st September 2002	4hrs 11mins 48secs

The relay result is as follows –

LOCH LOMOND TWO WAY 43.2Mls.

British Naturists team 1 Ruth Fay John, 2 Taylor, 3 Dilys Bevnon, 4 Kevin Murphy, 5 Trevor Colman, 6 Carol Sing	15th July 2002	24hrs 35mins 40secs Inaugural Record

A very well done to all the swimmers this year, this hasn't been the best year for the weather and conditions and so these times are due all the more credit. I hope all you swimmers remembered to thank your crews.

Don't forget the rules of the claim form, don't forget to contact Gill (next year) before your swim, and don't forget it's free to claim, so what's stopping you.

Good luck in the coming season I hope I'll see you at some of the swims throughout the year. Now, where did I put my cossy?

Simon Ferguson.
Hon Recorder.

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CCPR
REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN SMITH FOR THE BLDSA

I ATTENDED THREE MEETINGS THIS YEAR AND THE AGM AT NO1 GREAT GEORGE STREET LONDON WHICH WAS SWITCHED FROM ST JAMES S PALACE BECAUSE OF GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS. THE VENUE FOR AGM IS TRULY A WONDERFUL BUILDING AND THE DUKE IF EDINBUROUGH WAS THERE AS THE PRESIDANT ONCE AGAIN.. HE CONDUCTED THE MEETING WITH CONFIDENT MANOUR AND WENT OFF WITHOUT ANY HICCUPS..GENERAL IDEA IS TO ALLOW EXECUTIVE AND SPEAKERS FROM ALL SPORTS VOICE THERE OPINIONS ON HOW THE CCPR HAS GONE FORWARD IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS..THERE WAS A MOVING SPEECH BY GEOFF THOMPSON A JUDO OLYMPIAD WHO NOW WORKS FOR THE UNDER PRIVILAGED GROUPS WHERE HE ONCE LIVED..HE SAID THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY WHAT HE HAD SEEN SPORT DO FOR CHILDREN AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT WAS A MORE POSITIVE LOOK FOR THEM AND NOT TO BE DRAGGED INTO THE CRIME AREAS OF THESE KIDS ENVIROMENT..I SPOKE TO SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS DISPUTES REPRESENTATIVE OF WHOM I SPOKE ABOUT AT BLDSA MEETINGS ..SHE SAID THEY HAD MADE GREAT STRIDES IN GIVING SUPPORT FOR ATHLETES IN ALL SPORTS WHEN THERE WAS NOWHERE FOR THEM TO GO AFTER BEING IN DISREPUTE WITH THERE OWN GOVERNING BODIES..

THE MAIN TOPICS OF THE THREE MEETINGS I ATTENDED ARE THESE.. I SPOKE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE WINDERMERE SPEED LIMIT AND SPENT A LOT OF TIME PREPARING A SPEECH FOR THIS..I FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US TO SHOW THAT WE WERE LISTENING TO ALL ARGUMENTS AND NOT TO GO DOWN THE ROAD ONE POINT OF VIEW UNLIKE THE PROTEST ACTION GROUP HAD DONE..I HAD A FAVOURABLE REACTION FROM THE MEETING AND THINK THAT I REPRESENTED THE BLDSA AS A RATIONAL BUNCH OF PEOPLE...AND HOPED THAT THEY TOOK NOTICE..THAT WINDERMERE NEEDED TO BE A VIABLE AND ECONOMIC COMMODITY ENHANCING EVERYBODIES NEEDS AND TRY TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION FOR EVERBODY..BILL BEAUMONT THE EX ENGLAND RUGBY PLAYER HAS VOICED HIS OPINIONS TO BACK THE BLOCKING OF THE SPEED LIMITS SO IM SURE HE WONT BE THE LAST CELEBRITYTO SAY SO..

THE C R B/CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU..
THE CCPR HAD TRY TO BECOME AN AGENT FOR THIS BUT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT GIVE FUNDING .SO THE CCPR COULD NOT GO FORWARD WITH THIS UNABLE TO FUND THER SELVES..

ANDREW CHURCH RESEARCH INTO ACESS TO WATER AND THE REASONS WHY THERE IS LIMITED ACESS AND THE REASONS WHY.. UP UNTIL NOW THE GOVERNMENT HAVE NOT BACKED THIS PROJECT SO IT LOOKS AS IF THIS WILL BE OF NO USE UNLESS IT HAS FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESEARCH,YOU COULD SAY A DEAD DUCK,LETS HOPE NOT.

THER IS A PAPER OUT NOW CALLED PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE FOR SPORT AND RECREATION OF OPEN SPACES..POINT 2.6.SAYS LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD ENSURE THAT DEVELOPMENTS NEAR WATER DO NOT RESTICT ACESS FOR SPORT AND RECREATION ..AND WHERE POSSIBLE ACESS SHOULD BE ENHANCED..

TO SUM UP,AS PER USUAL DISCUSSIONS ON SOME SPORTS GETTING MORE FUNDING THAN OTHERS IS A OLD ACORN BECAUSE MORE COMMERCIAL SPORTS WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE MORE AND I DON'T THINK IT WILL CHANGE,BECAUSE WE HAVE THE IM ALRIGHT SYNDROME IN THSE AREAS.I HAVE HEARD HOW BECAUSE OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CANOES NEW REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN INTODRUCED AND MY SWIM HAS SUFFERD BECAUSE OF OF IT BEING LET DOWN BY LOCAL CANOE CLUBS THROUGH NO FAULT OF THER OWN..OUR INVOLVMENT IN THE CCPR I THINK IS A WAY OF FINDING OUT FIRST HAND OF THESE REGULATIONS AND WE SHOULD CARRY ON BEING INVOLVED.....IT IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY ,.WE ARE SMALL BUT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF BIGGER ORGANISATIONS AND THE IMPUT WE GET WE CAN USE IT TO OUR OWN ADVANTAGE..

YOURS SINCERELY STEPHEN SMITH CCPR REP.....

TROPHY STEWARD'S REPORT 2002

This Association's gratitude is expressed to the Serpentine Swimming Club who donated a silver trophy, dedicated to Gerald Forsberg O.B.E., to the Torbay Championship. The cup was awarded to the 1st Veteran Gent, who, due to a misunderstanding received the trophy immediately following the competition.

I feel I must offer the B.L.D.S.A.'s apologies to the three members of the Serpentine Club who attended the evening function in order to officially present the trophy to the Association and were unable to do so.

A similar quality trophy was purchased by the B.L.D.S.A. and dedicated to Owen Christie who was the Torbay Secretary for nineteen years. Mrs Muriel Christie presented the rosebowl to the 1st Lady Veteran – Gill Stables.

I wish to place on record the B.L.D.S.A.'s thanks to Mr. John Bedford who refurbished the Coniston Water Ladies Trophy. This has been renamed "The Percy Bull Trophy" in honour of the founder of the event. It is hoped that Percy will be able to attend the Annual Dinner to be held at Altrincham during March.

Two Silver Salvers have been purchased for the Senior Wykeham Lake Competition. These awards complement the Trevor Smith, Lewis Craven and Kendall Mellor Junior trophies, which were transferred from the former Waterloo Lake event.

The Executive committee has decided that all trophies returned by post should be sent by "Special Delivery" at the holder's expense. All items returned by this method should be insured. Hallmarked Trophies for £1,000 and other items for £500. It is hoped that this instruction will ensure the safe return of our valuable silverware.

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BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

DINNER & DANCE 2002

This year's Dinner & Dance was held at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough.

The evening was a huge success with many members saying it was one of the best for years. Everyone joined in and thoroughly enjoyed the disco, it was nice to see members and friends really having a good time.

The local Kingfisher Swimming Club supported the event with about 30 tickets being sold to their members.

I would like to see the same support from Warrington Dolphins at the 2003 Dinner/Dance to be held at Cresta Court Hotel, Altrincham on March 15th - 16th.

We broke the tradition at the 2002 Dinner and had guests who had helped the Association throughout many years and our own Mr. Mike Read who for many years was King of the Channel.

Montserat Tresserras from Madrid joined us and spent 5 days in Scarborough enjoying the resort and meeting her many friends from the B.L.D.S.A. and Channel Swim Association Ltd.

Trevor and myself met her on the Monday and took her on a tour of Scarborough, Whitby and surrounding areas which she really appreciated.

We had a very good raffle with prizes being donated by members which I say a big thank you to.

I would appreciate prizes for the 2003 Dinner, please bring on the night.

Please try to book early for the 2003 Dinner, it does help in arranging tables.

Support the Annual General Meeting which is on the 16th March, 10am at the hotel.

I look forward to seeing you all at Altrincham for the 2003 Dinner.

Pam Morgan.
Dinner Hon. Secretary.
B.L.D.S.A.

Publicity Officers Report

This year the BLDSA has seen an increase in the number of competitors taking part in events and it is very pleasing to see many new swimmers starting their open water swimming experience with the BLDSA's 1000 metre events and then going on to tackle the 2 mile swims. I feel privileged, as the BLDSA publicity officer, to have communicated with and advised many of these swimmers throughout the season.

With the increased use of electronic mail and internet technology the number of e-mails I receive every week has grown to on average 80 and the number of hits on the website has dramatically increased. This form of communication is allowing us to make contact with people all over the world and as a result we had swimmers from Egypt and the USA taking part in our events this year.

The website has undergone a facelift this year and is now much faster and easy to use. You may also have noticed that reports are being updated much quicker after the swims. I must at this point thank swim secretaries for informing me of the results almost instantaneously. However, I have only one request could I be informed of who is taking part especially local swimmers and the number of entrants before the swims take place as this will enable me to engage much more press attention.

As from January 2003 the BLDSA will operate through the original BLDSA website ONLY www.bldsa.org.uk. Next year should also see the website include downloadable swim entry forms and information, a list of championship rules and faster updating of swim photos. I am sorry that the photos taken at this years swims have not made it on to the site yet but because of their size they require time consuming editing. However, with my new digital camera I have been able to send high quality pictures to the "ASA Swimming Times" and the "Water Marks" magazines and to local and national papers. As a result we have had much more coverage via this media and a great number of pictures published (local papers especially like photographs).

Hundreds of digital photos have been taken of swimmers at events and I have been able to send many competitors photographs via email attachments but if you have not received these and saw me taking pictures of you at the swims

please contact me and I will do my best to send them to you via email. Alternatively, if you require prints of any of the photos there will be a small charge to cover printing and postage costs. If for some reason you don't want any photographs of yourself or children publishing on the web or in the press please let me know and I will respect your decision.

I have been contacted by many organisations including Nova International, who run the Great North Run, asking for advice on the running of Long Distance swims. Nova International ran an international adventure challenge in September which included a 2 mile swim in Loch Lomond and was televised in December on Channel 4. Also this year we were lucky to have both BBC and ITV cover the Torbay swim. The BLDSA also teamed up with MGM in December to run a competition on the website. This tied in with the release of The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course film on DVD and Video and offered prizes of 5 x Videos, 5 x talking dolls and 5 x talking key-rings.

In 2003 posters will be distributed to local tourist information centres to publicise our events. I would appreciate it if swim secretaries could send me information about their swims ASAP. This should include events, time schedules, entry fees, location, a map and any other relevant details.

To enable me to publicise your achievements please fill in the name, email address and telephone contacts for your local papers on your membership form and inform me if there are any changes during the season.

If you have any ideas on further website / promotional material developments please contact me.

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Warrington Dolphins LDSC

Annual Report 2002

2002 has been another successful year for the Dolphins from Juniors through to Veterans.
The Postal swim in February brought us two team awards in the 45+ gents and 35+ ladies categories Graham Padgett also came first in his age category, something he has repeated several times during the season. Age does not seem to slow him down!
The Budworth Championships were well supported and good weather contributed to the success of the day. The 1 mile novice championship attracted many new swimmers and is now an established event.
In July the club held its annual Marbury Handicap followed this year by a buffet in a local hostelry. The event was a great success, thanks to John Glynn, our new social secretary. It is hoped more such events will be organised in the near future.
Many swimmers have competed successfully outdoors, too many to mention individually, but well done to you all. A special mention is deserved for some outstanding swims, these include David Feakes' successful Channel Swim in July, Andy Wright's Coniston Veterans swim in August, and Natalie Jones' Junior Coniston in September. Other juniors including Nicola Wright and Julia Lydon have also had successful swims.
The club cannot operate without the support of many others; our thanks therefore go to Budworth Mere Sailing Club, Peter Dickenson for coordinating much of our canoe cover this season, and to all those who organise events, especially John Lydon for the Albert Dock Championships. A big thankyou to all our coaches for all their time and hard work and also the committee members.
The start of the year saw the retirement of Tony Johnson from the post of president. Tony has long been associated with the club and all involved express their thanks and best wishes. It is hoped we still see him at the occasional event.
Jim Nurse became club president in January and has had a busy year organising the committee, attending events and setting up a Civic Reception with the Mayor of Warrington to celebrate the successes of the club. Nearly all members attended the event making for a very enjoyable evening.
Sadly many of our members are currently involved in an Action Group looking at preventing the closure of Legh Street Baths in Warrington. The outcome of various meetings and consultations will be known in December. If the Baths are shut it is hoped a replacement will be built but this is not guaranteed. The Dolphins may therefore be fighting for pool space in Warrington. It is vital therefore that we maintain and increase our current membership and attract more people to Open Water Swimming so as to ensure our future.
Despite this the Club has much to celebrate and is looking forward to another successful season in 2003.

Lesley Feakes
Hon. Club Secretary

Warrington Dolphins Albert Dock Liverpool Championship 2002

The Albert Dock Championship for 2002 took place on 10th August 2002. Again the course was changed in comparison to the previous year to further accommodate the 2 amphibious vessels from Duck Tours which ferry sightseers around the Dock complex. The weather was unfortunately more unseasonal, with heavy rain starting during the briefing and continuing throughout the swim until brightening once we were all in the Bar Monaco enjoying the buffet and presentation. Water temperature was a moderate 63 deg. F, with very favourable comments being made by swimmers regarding its clarity.

A larger entry than the previous couple of years resulted in 45 swimmers starting the swim, however the unfavourable pre-race conditions perhaps contributed to several retirements. Once the race, started by Mr. Maurice Ferguson, was under way the field soon separated into groups as competitors settled into the task ahead. Justin Palfrey, eventual winner of the Gents 4 mile event, led the field from the start and set an uncompromising pace. Claire Sweeney, recently returned from her successful Channel swim and Natalie Jones, winners of the Senior and Junior Ladies 2 mile events, kept each other under pressure throughout the swim. Dee Llewellyn, Graham Padgett and Tim Wilkinson retained trophies from the 2001 Championships. Eric Millican was an emergent winner of the 2 mile Gents Championship, aged 65. The Championships were graced by another recent Channel success, David Feakes, who finished a creditable third in the Gents 4 mile event. Note should also be made of Henry Lowther, who whilst entered for the two mile event unfortunately missed count and completed four.

The success of the swim is of course heavily dependent on all the volunteers who helped, and English Partnerships who allow use of the Dock. Accordingly, many thanks are due on behalf of Warrington Dolphins to the following:

Bill Broadbent, Harbour Manager, for permission to use the Dock and assistance in staging the event.

Maurice Ferguson, BLDSA Secretary, starter and finishing judge.

Carl Walker, BLDSA President, referee and provision of the BLDSA rescue boat.

Daniel Thomas, rescue boat, assisted by Andrew Wright.

Jim Nurse (also provider of walkie talkies), Lyn Lowther, and Helen Tristam (marshalling, recording, certificates, presentation and raffle).

Jeff Philips, Bob Feakes, Jo and Family, spotters.

Peter Dickinson, Dolphins canoe co-ordinator, and Friends of Alfords Canoe Club, Secretary Lorna Waters, for the excellent level of canoe cover, much complimented by swimmers.

Jimmy Tinsley for loan of walkie talkies.

Merseyside Red Cross for their first aid expertise and assistance with swimmers retiring from the event.

Bar Monaco for an excellent buffet and facilities.

Individual donors of raffle prizes, especially Kevin Saunders for his Commonwealth Games memorabilia.

Most importantly swimmers themselves for an entertaining competition.

And finally special thanks to Tony Johnson, the previous long-standing Secretary, both for assistance and his work with Bill Broadbent in establishing the event.

John Lydon
Hon. Championship Secretary

Warrington Dolphins Albert Dock Championship Results 2002

Junior Ladies 2 mile Championship

1st	Natalie Jones	14	Warrington Dolphins	44.45	
2nd	Jo-Anne Bennett	15	Bury & Elton	52.12	
3rd	Gemma Hitchlock	14	Bury & Elton	52.43	
4th	Lydsey Tuckerman	14	Bury & Elton	53.41	
5th	Hannah Unsworth	13	Westholme School	1.08.33	
	Hannah Sheridan	12	Westholme School	RET	
	Melanie Stones	12	Westholme School	RET	
	Claire Taylor	14	Westholme School	RET	

Senior Ladies 2 mile Championship

1st	Claire Sweeney	32	Greenwich Borough Manners	44.54	
2nd	Lindsey Entwistle	21	Howe Bridge Marlins	53.41	
3rd	Shereen Mata	17	Westholme School	54.09	
4th	Helen Unsworth	46	Howe Bridge Marlins	59.52	
5th	Alanda Scott	21	Shepperton	1.03.10	
6th	Sara Mata	16	Westholme School	1.03.20	
7th	Amy Hutcheson	16	Westholme School	1.08.57	

Senior Ladies 4 mile Championship

1st	Dee Llewellyn	24	Halifax SC	1.37.31	
2nd	Liane Llewellyn	20	Halifax SC	1.46.57	
3rd	Liz Hopley	36	Howe Bridge Marlins	2.04.35	
4th	Philippa Armstrong	29	Bristol	2.20.40	
5th	Lesley Feakes	37	Warrington Dolphins	2.24.00	1st Breaststroke
6th	Jo Gow	49	Bristol	2.29.21	1st Veteran

Junior Gents 2 mile Championship

1st	Tom Wilkinson	15	Scarborough Kingfishers	48.57	
2nd	Troy Renshaw	14	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.06.42	
	David Fairbrother	15	Blackburn	RET	
	Scott Webster	13	Scarborough Kingfishers	RET	

Senior Gents 2 mile Championship

1st	Eric Millican	65	Rotherham Metro	59.03	
2nd	Jonathan Till	34	Huddersfield	59.54	
3rd	John Glynn	43	Warrington Dolphins	1.03.32	
4th	Henry Lowther	43	Warrington Dolphins	1.05.10	
5th	Alan Pomfret	45	Warrington Dolphins	1.08.04	
6th	Tom Towey	52	Warrington Dolphins	1.08.51	
7th	Stuart Ainsworth	62	Warrington Dolphins	1.11.55	
8th	Steve Bullen	40	City of Liverpool	1.12.23	
9th	Jeremy Hunter-Coddington	59	Serpentine SC	1.14.54	1st Breaststroke

Senior Gents 4 mile Championship

1st	Justin Palfrey	31	Greenwich Borough Manners	1.23.38	
2nd	Graham Padgett	54	Warrington Dolphins	1.46.29	1st Veteran
3rd	David Feakes	40	Warrington Dolphins	1.50.44	
4th	Phil Taylor	52	Howe Bridge Aces	1.53.02	
5th	Kevin Saunders	40	Warrington Dolphins	1.54.14	
6th	Mark Blewitt	35	Blackburn	2.04.54	
7th	John Ricketts	65	Darlaston	2.23.24	
8th	Clive Burbage	44	FHM Birmingham	2.23.35	
9th	Paul Holman	36	Haslingden	2.23.47	
10th	Les Robinson	65	North Worcs Lifeguards	2.32.14	
	Stephen O'Brien	34	Howe Bridge Marlins	RET	

Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.
Championship Report
8th Annual Budworth Mere Championships.
Saturday 1st June 2002.

Saturday 1st June 2002 dawned bright and sunny with a good forecast and a favourable water temperature of 63°F (with 1 or 2 colder spots).

57 swimmers entered the water at 9.45am to complete the novice 1 mile, junior 2 mile or senior 3 mile course. Carl walker, President of the BLDSA and race referee started the Championships.

Safety cover was provided by Budworth Mere Sailing Club, Scarborough Kingfishers and friends and associates of the Warrington Dolphins. Peter Dickinson coordinated the canoe cover and it is hoped that this will become a regular part of the Championships as in general both swimmers and canoeists benefited from his support.

The course, as usual caused some confusion with the lead swimmers unfortunately taking a slightly different course with all the other swimmers following. This did not matter greatly as the course swam was estimated to be just under a 3 mile circuit.

Time keepers Helen Tristan, Jim Nurse and Lyne Lowther observed from the jetty alongside Kevin Ferguson, the finishing judge.

The slightly short course, good conditions plus the ever improving standards of the competitors meant several course records were broken including the junior freestyle, the senior gents freestyle and the senior breaststroke times.

Jim Nurse, President of the Warrington Dolphins and Carl Walker presented the trophies and certificates following the race. Dee Llewellyn retained the senior ladies freestyle trophy and Tom Wilkinson the junior gents freestyle trophy. Natalie Jones from the Warrington Dolphins collected the junior ladies freestyle trophy with an impressive time of 41.02 minutes. Gill Stables and Keith Ilosson collected the veteran trophies with Nicola Wright and Clare Dickinson being the first junior and senior female Dolphins home respectively.

The Merit Of The Mere trophy was awarded to Henry Lowther who had completed the 3 mile course despite severe shoulder and back pain which had restricted his training.

The junior and senior team trophies were awarded to Scarborough Kingfishers and Warrington Dolphins respectively.

Once again, many thanks go to the Budworth Mere Sailing Club for their hospitality and support (safety boat and bacon butties!) and to all those who helped on the day, particularly canoeists without whom the Championships could not run.

I've booked the sunshine already for next years Championships on Saturday 7th June 2003.

I look forward to seeing you all then.

Lesley Feakes.

Honorary Club Secretary.

ps: remember, don't be late with your entries or you will be disappointed.

BUDWORTH MERE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002
Results

Novice- mile

1. Troy Renshaw	25.57 (NR)	Scarborough Kingfishers
2. Becky Thompson	27.12	Warrington Dolphins
3. Scott Webster	27.50	Scarborough Kingfishers
4. Jane Brant	29.53	Macclesfield Masters
5. Gillian Broadley	32.47	Scarborough Kingfishers
6. Nigel Thompson	39.57	North Worcs. Life Guards
7. Katy Parker	41.59	Macclesfield Masters
8. John Heapy	59.16	Warrington Dolphins

Junior Ladies 2 Miles Freestyle

1. Natalie Jones	41.02 (NR)	Warriors Of Warrington
2. Jo-Anne Bennett	48.40	Bury & Elton ASC
3. Gemma Hitchlock	48.54	Bury & Elton ASC
4. Jemma Dutton	50.07	Everton S. A.
5. Amanda Cracknell	51.58	Scarborough Kingfishers
6. Nicola Wright	58.40	Warrington Dolphins
7. Rebecca Patrick	1.09.25	Scarborough Kingfishers

Junior Gents 2 Miles Freestyle

1. Tom Wilkinson	44.35 (NR)	Scarborough Kingfishers

Senior Ladies 3 Miles Freestyle

1. Dee Llewellyn	1.05.54	Halifax SC
2. Joanna Weeden	1.10.35	Manchester Tri. Club
3. Lindsey Entwistle	1.15.58	Howe Bridge Marlins
4. Colleen Blair	1.23.48	Dundee Arnhall
5. Liz Hopley	1.24.55	Howe Bridge Marlins
6. Nicola Cracknell	1.25.18	Scarborough Kingfishers
7. Claire Dickinson	1.29.46	Warrington Dolphins
8. Gill Stables	1.45.01	Trentbeck Bridge ASC

Senior Ladies 3 Miles Breaststroke

1. Lesley Feakes	1.28.24 (NR)	Warrington Dolphins
2. Anne Stephenson	1.28.54	Warrington Dolphins

Senior Gents 3 Miles Freestyle

1. Nathan Renshaw	58.29	Scarborough Kingfishers
2. Omar Hussain	59.58	City Of Bradford SC
3. Simon Lee	1.05.34	Solent SC
4. Pete Hopkins	1.07.12	Manchester Tri Club
5. Chris Byrne	1.10.25	Warrington Dolphins
6. Keith Bosson	1.10.28	Warrington Dolphins
7. Dave Feakes	1.11.35	Warrington Dolphins
8. Andrew Wright	1.11.47	Warrington Dolphins
9. David Pantling	1.13.41	Nottingham
10. Simon Mulderrig	1.13.43	Haslingden
11. Kevin Saunders	1.17.38	Warrington Dolphins
12. Stephen O'Brien	1.20.29	Howe Bridge Marlins
13. Ian Corrin	1.23.55	City Of Liverpool
14. Mark Blewitt	1.29.29	Haslingden SC
15. John Glynn	1.29.52	Warrington Dolphins
16. Andrew Watson	1.37.28	Cardiff Masters
17. Stephen Bullen	1.40.31	Liverpool SC
18. Alister Stocks	1.40.48	Spenborough
19. Tom Towey	1.42.22	Warrington Dolphins
20. John Rickhuss	1.43.03	Darlaston
21. Dan Quake	1.43.14	Bilston
22. Les Robinson	1.47.44	NWLG
23. Stuart Ainsworth	1.52.04	Warrington Dolphins
24. Henry Lowther	1.52.55	Warrington Dolphins
25. Mick Gallagher	2.21.48	Warrington Dolphins
26. David Foster	2.24.57	Camforth Otters

Senior Ladies 3 Miles Breaststroke

1. John Lydon	1.28.07 (NR)	Warrington Dolphins

Veterans

1st Female	Gill Stables	Trentbeck Bridge ASC
1st Male	Keith Bosson	Warrington Dolphins

First Dolphins Home

1st Senior Female	Claire Dickinson
1st Senior Male	Chris Byrne
1st Junior Female	Nicola Wright
1st Junior Male	No Entries

Junior Team

- Northwich Kingfishers (7.22.80) -
  - Tom Wilkinson
  - Amanda Crocknell
  - Rebecca Patrick

Senior Team

- Warrington Dolphins (8.32.28) -
  - Chris Byrne
  - Keith Bosson
  - David Feakes

- Howe Bridge Marlins (4.05.22) -
  - Stephen O'Brien
  - Lindsey Entwistle
  - Liz Hopley

Merit Of The Mere

Helen Unsworth — Warrington Dolphins

Howe Bridge Marlins L.D.S.C
Annual Report 2002

I have to start this report by announcing the sad death of Harry Hurst our current club president. Harry died suddenly in May and will be sadly missed throughout long distance swimming.

This season has again been disappointing with our competing members getting fewer. On a brighter note we have just held our 1500m annual winter event with swimmers from all over the North West taking part. Lindsey Entwistle was the ladies freestyle winner but what was encouraging was the number of swimmers from within the club who improved on their personal best. We had a new award 'The Harry Hurst' memorial trophy for the swimmer who showed the most improvement, the first winner was Debbie Field.

Onto the outdoor swimming, Lindsey Entwistle had an outstanding year swimming a total of 12 miles. She finished in the first three in every event with her best result at Derwentwater winning the 2 miles.

Steve O'Brian was in his first season in outdoor swimming, going from strength to strength as the season progressed. He started at Budworth in June then completed swims at Wycombe Lake, Rivington, Liverpool and finally the last events of the season at Lynn Regis.

I had a quiet season only swimming at Rivington, Llyn Padarn and Coniston, but I will be back next year.

Liz Hopley carried on where she left off last year with swims at Budworth (twice) and then increasing on last year's distance with 4 miles at Rivington and Albert Dock.

Helen Unsworth did her usual 2 miles at Albert Dock and 2 miles Llyn Padarn, winning the first lady veteran.

Although the number of swimmers is down this year, the results are encouraging for 2003. We have a few more swimmers now doing winter training; all we have to do is tempt them outdoors.

To end this report I would like to thank all our club members who assisted in running our 1500m swim and Llyn Padarn championships.

Regards from Howe Bridge, here's to 2003.

Dave Reason
Hon Sec.

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INTER SERVICES OPEN-WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS - LAKE BALA

1. Introduction. The 27th Inter Services Lake Bala Swim was held on 24 Jun 02. Weather conditions were overcast and water temperatures were cooler than in previous years presenting the swimmers with a more challenging event. The number of competitors continues to grow with 100 swimmers taking the plunge this year. The results of the 2 events are attached.

2. Long Course. Once again, Cpl Spike Buchan (RAF) won the 5k event in a time of 1:09:23 following on from his success in the 90K Cyprus Cape to Cape swim. SAC Sarah Hartley (RAF), followed in 2nd place (1:12:38) beating the previous ladies champion Flt Lt Teresa Walsh by a narrow margin. Terese's recent Solo Channel Swim (10 hrs 54 min) underlines the girl's dominance in Service open-water swimming. The RAF won the Inter Services Event retaining their hold on the FUJIARM Trophy for the 25th consecutive year. The Trophy was won by Cpl Spike Buchan, SAC Sara Hartely and Flt Lt Teresa Walsh with a combined time of 3:27:49.

3. Short Course. The 1.5k novice event was won by Capt Iain Brown (Army) in a time of 22:55 with Lt Rachel Wileocks (Army) winning the ladies event in 28:48.

4. Safety Cover. The success of the event was due, in part, to the number of swimmers who brought their own canoeist and canoe to provide safety cover. As the event grows the pressures on the Safety Officer, Chf Tec Paul Kendall, continue to grow and next year all swimmers are strongly encouraged to provide their own support. Additionally, the event could not take place without the excellent services of the safety-boat crews, officials, medical officer and first aid staff.

K WILLOX
Squadron Leader
RAF Swimming Association

2002 INTER-SERVICES OPEN-WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

LONG COURSE 5000m - ORDER OF FINISH

POS	TIME	STROKE	SERVICE	NAME	M/F
1	1:09:23	FREE	RAF	CPL SPIKE BUCHAN	M
2	1:12:38	FREE	RAF	SAC SARA HARTLEY	F
3	1:12:48	FREE	RAF	FLT LT TERESA WALSH	F
4	1:13:17	FREE	RAF	JT PAUL RUSSELL	M
5	1:13:38	FREE	ARMY	CAPT CHRIS ALLEN	M
6	1:14:54	FREE	RAF	SQN LDR KEITH WILLOX	M
7	1:15:10	FREE	RAF	SQN LDR J BURBRIDGE	F
8	1:16:33	FREE	RAF	SAC KAY BINGHAM	F
9	1:17:19	FREE	RN	LT HEATHER FRASER	F
10	1:17:52	FREE	CIV	MR CHRIS GIBBS	M
11	1:19:37	FREE	CIV	MR PETE STEPHENS	M
12	1:20:55	FREE	ARMY	L CPL M GIBBONS	M
13	1:23:23	FREE	ARMY	SGT SEAN BAILEY	M
14	1:23:43	FREE	CIV	MR P MITCHELL	M
15	1:25:13	FREE	RAF	SGT ROGER GOUGH	M
16	1:26:04	FREE	CIV	MR MARK BLEWITT	M
17	1:26:57	FREE	CIV	MRS KATHY BATTS	F
18	1:29:47	FREE	ARMY	L BDR M CROY	M
19	1:31:28	FREE	CIV	MR IAN SLOSS	M
20	1:33:14	FREE	CIV	MR M ROBINSON	M
21	1:33:423	FREE	CIV	MR IAN CORRIN	M
22	1:33:56	FREE	ARMY	CAPT R WINDSOR	M
23	1:35:18	FREE	RAF	SGT DAVE TOINTOIN	M
24	1:36:00	FREE	ARMY	S SGT A JONES	M
25	1:36:13	BR	ARMY	L CPL J TROUPE	M
26	1:37:00	BR	RAF	SGT JACKIE McDONALD	F
27	1:37:11	FREE	ARMY	MAJ MARK LAWSON	M
28	1:37:43	FREE	ARMY	CAPT A O'CONNER	M
29	1:38:42	FREE	RAF	SGT S MELVILLE	M
30	1:39:20	BR	ARMY	WO T MAYERS	M
31	1:41:41	FREE	CIV	MR T CLARKE NOLAN	M
32	1:57:58	FREE	ARMY	WO G EYDMAN	M
33	1:58:50	FREE	ARMY	SGT G LANE	M
34	2:06:12	FREE	ARMY	GNR K DYER	F
35	2:07:04	BR	CIV	MR ANDY HEAP	M

FUJIARM INTER-SERVICE TROPHY

	SERVICE	SWIMMERS
1st	ROYAL AIR FORCE	CPL SPIKE BUCHAN
	3:27:49	SAC SARA HARTLEY
		FLT LT TERESA WALSH
2nd	ARMY	CAPT CHRIS ALLEN
	4:07:56	L CPL M GIBBONS
		SGT SEAN BAILEY
	ROYAL NAVY	DID NOT QUALIFY

MEDAL WINNERS – 5,000 M EVENT

SERVICE	EVENT	NAME	TIME
RN	MALE FREE	1. LT HEATHER FRASER	1:17:19
ARMY	MALE FREE	1. CAPT CHRIS ALLEN	1:13:38
		2. L CPL M GIBBONS	1:20:55
RAF	MALE FREE	1. CPL SPIKE BUCHAN	1:09:23*
		2. JT PAUL RUSSELL	1:13:17
	MALE BR	1. SGT DAVE TOINTOIN	1:35:18
	FEMALE FREE	1. SAC SARA HARTLEY	1:12:38
		2. FLT LT TERESA WALSH	1: 12:48
	FEMALE BR	1. CPL JACKIE McDONALD	1:35:14
CIVILIAN	MALE FREE	1. MR CHRIS GIBBS	1:17:52
		2. MR PETE STEPHENS	1:19:37
	FEMALE FREE	1. MRS KATHY BATTS	1:26:57
	MALE BR	1. MR ANDY HEAP	2:07:04

* Overall Winner

2002 INTER-SERVICES OPEN-WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SHORT COURSE 1,500m - ORDER OF FINISH

POS	TIME	STROKE	SERVICE	NAME	M/F
1	22:15	FREE	ARMY	CAPT BROWN	M
2	24:55	FREE	ARMY	L CPL GIBBONS	M
3	25:29	FREE	ARMY	L CPL CRAB	M
4	25:50	FREE	RN	PO CLARKE	M
5	26:28	FREE	ARMY	SGT PROFFITT	M
6	28:42	BR	ARMY	CPL LEE	M
7	28:48	FREE	ARMY	LT WILCOCKS	F
8	28:48	FREE	CIV	MR SMITH	M
9	29:00	FREE	ARMY	O CDT HALSTEAD	F
10	30:04	FREE	ARMY	MAJ CRAIG	M
11	30:08	FREE	ARMY	O CDT MACKAY	F
12	30:22	FREE	RAF	FLT LT JOHNSON	F
13	30:43	FREE	ARMY	PTE GRAY	F
14	30:50	FREE	ARMY	SGT WEBSTER	M
15	31:35	FREE	USA	CAPT LINGENS	M
16	31:37	BR	ARMY	O CDT SMITH	F
17	31:38	FREE	ARMY	CPL MARLEE	M
18	31:40	FREE	ARMY	CPL WEBB	M
19	31:46	BR	ARMY	S SGT DAVIDSON	M
20	31:49	BR	ARMY	PTE HUMPHRIES	F
21	31:53	FREE	CIV	MR CLARKE	M
22	32:02	FREE	RN	LT BUCK	F
23	33:01	FREE	ARMY	PTE LAMBERT	F
24	33:05	BR	ARMY	O CDT CARMICHAEL	F
25	33:17	FREE	CIV	MR SMITH	M
26	33:56	FREE	CIV	MISS JONES	F
27	34:07	FREE	ARMY	L CPL MENZIES	F
28	34:09	BR	ARMY	O CDT ROWLEY	M
29	34:14	FREE	ARMY	2 LT SANDS	M
30	34:19	FREE	ARMY	SGT HARRISON	M
31	34:57	FREE	ARMY	CFN SHIPP	M
32	35:23	BR	RAF	WC CDR CODGBROOK	M
33	36:08	FREE	ARMY	L CPL SUMNER	M
34	36:27	BR	RAF	O CDT LAYTON	F
35	36:57	FREE	ARMY	L CPL BUDD	M
36	37:40	FREE	ARMY	CPL BATES	M
37	38:00	FREE	ARMY	2 LT HEATH	F
38	38:42	FREE	ARMY	SGT CRAIB	M
39	39:23	FREE	ARMY	CPL SIMPSON	M
40	39:31	BR	ARMY	O CDT PEREZ	F
41	39:57	BR	ARMY	SGT McCORMICK	M
42	39:59	BR	ARMY	O CDT HOBSON	F

43	40:23	FREE	ARMY	CPL MILLAR	M
44	40:34	BR	ARMY	O CDT HIGGOTT	F
45	40:56	BR	ARMY	O CDT HANNA	F
46	40:57	FREE	ARMY	L CPL BROWN	F
47	41:03	BR	ARMY	CFN TALBERT JONES	M
48	41:05	FREE	ARMY	L CPL DARBY	M
49	41:14	BR	ARMY	MAJ McDERMOTT	M
50	41:36	FREE	ARMY	L CPL KELALL	F
51	42:28	FREE	ARMY	GNR STURGESS	F
52	42:31	FREE	ARMY	PTE HALL	F
53	44:18	FREE	ARMY	SGT SCOTT	M
54	44:35	BR	ARMY	O CDT SMITH	M
55	44:51	FREE	RN	S/CDR SIDOLI	M
56	47:15	FREE	ARMY	GNR BALMFORTH	F

MEDAL WINNERS - SHORT COURSE

SERVICE	EVENT	NAME	TIME
RN	MALE FREE	1. PO CLARKE	25:50
		2. S/CDR SIDOLI	44:51
	FEMALE FREE	1. LT BUCK	32:02
ARMY	MALE FREE	1. CAPT BROWN*	22:15
		2. L CPL GIBBONS	24:55
	FEMALE FREE	1. LT WILCOCKS	28:48
		2. O CDT HALSTEAD	29:00
	FEMALE BR	1. O CDT SMITH	31:37
		2. PTE HUMPHRIES	31:49
RAF	FEMALE FREE	1. FLT LT JOHNSON	30:22
	MALE BR	1. WG CDR CODGBROOK	35:23
CIVILIAN	MALE FREE	1. MR SMITH	28:48
		2. MR CLARKE	31:53
	FEMALE FREE	1. MISS JONES	33:56

* OVERALL WINNER

TROUTBECK BRIDGE ASC OPEN WATER REPORT 2002

TBASC open water section have had a successful year with regular swimming members ranging from 5 to 10. Gill Stables has done particularly well by swimming a total of 36.25 miles in the BLDSA season gaining 2 Golds and 1 Silver and a number of personal bests.

A welcome return by Pam Mayfield was made to open water swimming after a break of over 15 years by entering this years Coniston veterans and receiving the trophy for oldest lady finisher in a commendable time of 2.45.

We have also had 3 members - Sue Aitken, Andy Kaye and Sue Edgar, making 1st attempts in the Coniston, Derwent Water and Windermere Championships, all completing each race with good times. We hope to have a few more members entering next year.

Our annual club Cross Lake Championship was successful, having 14 members enter. The first swimmer back was Tina Jackson and the first male swimmer home was Andy Kaye.

The open cross lake was once again fully subscribed with the usual waiting list, with the results as follows:-

1.	Rebecca Lewis	21:05	1st Senior lady F/S Best first attempt	Diverston
2.	Catherine Pickthall	21:14	2nd Senior lady F/S	BLDSC
3.	Jamie Logan	21:57	1st Junior male	Glasgow
4.	Gavin Singleton	21:58	1st Senior male	BLDSC
5.	Jennifer Clegg	22:35	1st Junior lady	Halifax
6.	Ceri Lumb	23:17	3rd Senior lady F/S	Kendal
7.	Stephanie Clegg	24:09	2nd Junior lady	Halifax
8.	Stuart Robinson	24:46	2nd Senior male	Appleby
9.	Jonathan Lumb	25:06	2nd Junior male	Kendal
10.	Simon Mulderrig	26:05	3rd Senior male	Haslingden
11.	Sally Chapman	28:04		BLDSC
12.	David Cross	29:57		BLDSC
13.	Richard Eastman	30:01		Copeland
14.	Nicola Wright	30:43	3rd Junior lady	Warrington Dolphins
15.	Anne lewis	30:50		BLDSC
16.	Alexander Anderson	31:05		BLDSC
17.	Andrew Kaye	31:25		TBASC
18.	Sue Aitken	31:26		TBASC
19.	Robert Hodgson	32:03		TBASC
20	Alistair Stocks	33:56		Hackmoolahoks
21.	Helen Lancaster	34:00		BLDSC
22	William Cook	34:46	3rd Junior male 4th local	TBASC
23.	Irene Merkle	34:47	1st Senior lady B/S	BLDSC
24.	Jack Grier	35:31		BLDSC
25.	Sue Edgar	36:34	2nd Senior lady B/S	TBASC
26.	Pamela Masden	37:37	3rd Senior lady B/S	Doncaster
27.	Kathleen Walker	37:44		BLDSC
28.	Andrew Edgar	40:55		TBASC

Many thanks to all who have made the TBASC open water swimming season so successful and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4th September 2003.

SUE EDGAR
(OPEN WATER SECRETARY (TBASC)

Ye Amphibious Ancient Bathing Association

Annual Report

I dare to admit that after our poor season of 2001 the first half of 2002 was little better, and I was having the sort of nightmares more commonly associated with the football manager, who is living on borrowed time after a series of poor results. Whatever happened at the interval, I don't know but it certainly worked a charm because the second-half performance had real vintage rating and I am still in a job as a result.

It's probably too early to say we have turned the corner, but the signs are good, increased entries and most importantly, the quality is back. The spectators have also returned and I always feel their presence gives the swimmers that extra buzz. Not only the swimmers, as we on the organising team got the buzz as well and I am pleased to report that our performance reflected good organisation and planning, good discipline and professionalism which we can justifiably be proud of. It's easy for me to sit down and plan it, but we all know it never works that way, so my congratulations all my crews,rescue boats and those on shore. No matter the problems we are confronted with, somehow you always manage to cope — Thankyou.

As a club we are continuing to build for the future, but with eight youngsters up for it and another six on the way, the futures bright. Our results follow, but I would single out the performances of your own Jackie Classen at Balmerino, Doc and Lianne as always, a big welcome back to Simon Lee and to young Tom Williamson who refused to relinquish his title at Loch Earn without a battle.

Great swimming from all of them and indeed from our own representatives.

Club Secretary

AMPHIBIOUS ANCIENTS BATHING ASSOCIATION

SWIM RESULTS 2002
CLUB EVENTS

Open - Kirkton of Balmerino — **Saturday 22 June - 8 Miles TA**

Men/Boys

1. Ian Hunter	Ye AABA	2 H 14m 19S

Ladies/Girls

1. Colleen Blair	Dundee Amhall	1H 58M 34S
2. Jackalyn Classen	Barrow LDSC	2H 08M 03S
3. Vicki Thompson	Barrow LDSC	2H 11M 15S

Open - Tayport Cup — **Sunday 23 June - 1 Mile**

Event was cancelled due to gaire force conditions. As 3 of the 4 entrants were visitors from a distance it was decided, for a 1 mile event not to reallocate another date.

Club Only - Senior Single Tay — **Sunday 7 July - 1 Mile**

Men

1. Ian Hunter	Ye AABA	32M 12S
2. Joe Owens	Ye AABA	32M 53S

Ladies

1. Barbara Brown	Ye AABA	44M 48S

Open - Double Tay — **Saturday 3 August - 2 Miles**

Men/Boys

1. Anthony Cura (J)	Dundee Amhall	1H 01M 36S
Ian Hunter	Ye AABA	1H 54M 01S
		Beached not accorded a place.

Joe Owens and Ryan Petrie, both Ye AABA, retired due to ebbing tide.

Ladies/Girls

1. Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	47M 03S
2. Leanne Llewellyn	Halifax SC	50M 21S
3. Andrea Gellan	Dunfermline Carnegie	54M 50S
4. Jamie Cargill (J)	Dundee Amhall	56M 44S
5. Mhairi Murdoch (J)	City of Dundee	1H 05M 27S
Morag Hughes	Lochaber SC	1H 41M 15S
Sarah Finnegan (J)	Ye ABBA	1H 49M 39S

Morag and Sarah were beached and not accorded a place.

Open - Woodhaven — **Sunday 4 August - 5 Miles TA**

Men/Boys

1 Anthony Cura (J)	Dundee Amhall	2H 04M 43S
Joe Owens forceed to retire when tide turned.		
Ryan Petrie withdrew prior to swim.		

Ladies/Girls

1 Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	1H 29M 01S
2 Leanne Llewellyn	Halifax SC	1H 33M 16S
3 Mhairi Murdoch	City of Dundee	1H 42M 14S
4 Andrea Gellan	Dunfermline Carnegie	1H 49M 01S
Jean Wilkin, Oxley, BLDSA, retired due to ebbing tide.		

Open - Monifieth to Broughty Ferry Saturday 10 August - 3-1/3 Miles TA

Men/Boys

1)	Anthony Cura (J)	Dundee Arnhall	52M 06S
2)	David Cura	Dundee Arnhall	58M 37S
3)	Joe Owens	YeAABA	1H 01M 46S
4)	Ian Hunter	YeAABA	1H 02M 27S
5)	Ryan Petrie	YeAABA	1H 04M 18S

Ladies/Girls

1)	Andrea Gellan	Dunfermline Carnegie	47M 54S
2)	Mhairi Murdoch (J)	City of Dundee	53M 26S
3)	Sarah Finnegan (J)	YeAABA	57M 26S
4)	Laura Jackson (J)	YeAABA	1H 03M 29S
5)	Janet Wilson	Otley	1H 07M 12S
	Stephanie Taylor	YeAABA	Forced to retire

Open - Juvenile Harbour Waterfront Swim Saturday 10 August - 500 Yds

Girls

1.	Claire Moodie	Ye AABA	7M 03S
2.	Lesley Anderson	Ye AABA	8M 27S
3.	Kirsty Melville	Ye AABA	8M 56S
4.	Ailsa Gellan	Dunfermline Carnegie	9M 20S
	Samantha Finnegan	Ye AABA	Retired

Grant Anderson withdrew prior to swim.

Open - Veterans Single Tay Sunday 11 August - 1 Mile

1.	Andrea Gellan	Dunfermline Carnegie	36M 49S
2.	Janet Wilson	Otley SC	1H 10M 34S
3.	Barbara Brown	Ye AABA	1H 12M 17S

Open - Triathlon Sunday 18 August

	Swim Leg 1.6K	Cycle Leg 13K	Running Leg 6.5K
Team Placing			
City of Dundee	Ross Clark 28M 09S		
		Andrew Littlejohn 27M 11S	
			Scott Dyer 26M 41S
	Total Time 1H 22M 01S		
Individual Men			
1 Billy Smith	30M 48S	24M 57S	30M 36S
City of Dundee	Total Time 1H 26M 21S		
2 Stewart Maxwell	35M 32S	29M 33S	33M 34S
City of Dundee	Total Time 1H 38M 49S		
3 Ian Strachan	45M 27S	25M 01S	28M 1S
Easy Fife Tri-Club	Total Time 1H 38M 54S		

Open - Triathlon Sunday 18 August
Cont'd.....

	Swim Leg 1.6K	Cycle Leg 13K	Running Leg 6.5K
Individual Ladies			
1 Mary Rose Cross	35M 28S	24M 07S	30M 53S
East Fife Tri-Club	Total Time 1H 30M 28S		
2 Lorna Rice	50M 12S	27M 13S	35M 10S
Fleet Feet Triathletes	Total Time 1H 52M 35S		

Club Only - Perth to Broughty Ferry Relay Sunday 8 September

Cancelled at last minute due to engine failure in sea-scouts covered launch, which was vital to the project.

Club Only - Senior Championships Sunday 15 September - 4 Miles TA

Men

1.	Joe Owens	Ye AABA	1H 23M 25S
2.	Ryan Petrie	Ye AABA	1H 31M 35S

Ladies

1.	Pamela Short	Ye AABA	1H 21M 17S

Open - Loch Earn Sunday 22 September - 6-1/2 Miles

Men/Boys

1.	Simon Lee	Solent SC	2H 46M 48S
2.	Tom Wilkinson (J)	Scarborough Kingfishers	3H 00M 36S

Anthony Cura, Arnhall and Jamie Logan/City of Glasgow both retired.
David Cura, Arnhall, withdrew.

Ladies/Girls

1.	Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	2H 55M 30S
2.	Leanne Llewellyn	Halifax SC	3H 05M 56S
3.	Andrea Gellan	Dunfermline Carnegie	3H 40M 12S
4.	Morag Hughes	Lochaber SC	4H 57M 56S

Lynne Donnachie, Maybole withdrew.

Charity Events and Positions Plus Times of Club Swimmers in Solo Attempts and in Other Competitions

Carnoustie Rugby Club Charity Swim Sunday 30 June - 1 Mile Single Tay Swim

1.	Ewan McGuire	34M 06S
2.	Alastair Hay	36M 13S
3.	Iain Ross	39M 54S

Lindsay Rennie and the Platform Boys 1 July - 1 Mile

1.	David Pert	27M 52S
2.	Lindsay Rennie	30M 17S
3.	Eric Fleming	37M 36S
4.	John Murphy	37M 37S
5.	Ian Fleming	40M 26S

Charity Swim	14 July - 1 Mile Single Tay	
1. Alex Cargill for RNLI	32M 03S	
2. Gary Dunn for Parkinsons	41M 30S	

First Double Tay Solo Attempt	14 July	
Ryan Petrie	Ye AABA	1H 24M 44S

First Double Tay Solo Attempt	25 August	
Siobhan Massey	Dundee Amball	52M 02S
Sarah Finnegan	Ye AABA	1H 19M 55S
Pamela Short	Ye AABA	1H 24M 03S

First Single Tay Solo Attempt	25 August	
Claire Moodie	Ye AABA	47M 20S

BLDSA Wykham Lake	15 June	
Junior/Novice 1000M Placings		
Sarah Finnegan	5th Place	25M 36S
Laura Jackson	7th place	32M 06S
Claire Moodie	8th Place	32M 07S
Stephanie Taylor	9th Place	36M 18S
Senior - 2 Miles		
Ryan Petrie retired halfway with cramp		

Midland District 1/2 Loch Earn	Saturday 21 July - 3-1/4 Miles	
Girls		
Sarah Finnegan	2H 10M	
Novice Girls Race - 500 Yds		
Lesley Anderson	6M 27S	

ECC Bridge to Bridge	Tuesday 27 August - 1 Mile TA	
Male		
Joel Owen	5th	21M 51S
Ryan Petrie	6th	25M 29S
Ladies/Girls		
Barbara Brown	4th	26M 43S
Sarah Finnegan	5th	23M 05S
Kirsty Melville	7th	25M 55S
Claire Moodie	8th	26M 03S
Lesley Anderson	9th E	26M 30S
Laura Jackson	9th E	26M 30S
Stephanie Taylor	10th	30M 18S

GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES A.S.A. WATER RATS

Grimsby & Cleethorpes Water Rats are going through a 'down' period, with only 3 truly active swimming members.

Pete Winchester has not only notched up his 65th Humber Crossing (pity he has to swim – he simply never catches the boat up!). Seriously, Pete is a glutton for punishment. Over the years he has encountered trawlers, ladybird carpets, unmentionables, oil tankers and seals during his crossings.

This year's crossing, on 4th September, took 2 hours 28 minutes in fair conditions – a rare pleasure for Pete.

Earlier in the year Pete piloted Trevor Nuttall, with the Vigilantes (Cleethorpes rescue boat) as his own was in dry-dock, across the River, to raise £2000 for the Hospice and Macmillan Nurses, in memory of his Dad. Trevor swam the Spurn to Grimsby course in 2 hours 48 minutes.

In mid September Peter piloted two younger swimmers, both in perfect conditions. Unfortunately Gemma Cook did not quite complete the course but Joanna Evans landed in 2 hours 38 minutes. Both were raising funds for charities.

Margaret Smith swam the 2 mile Veteran's course at Derwentwater and enjoyed being back in the water.

Tony Espin, despite super training used his energies as an observer at the Channel.

Christmas Morning and New Year's Eve dips have continued to raise funds for the Life Boats and other charities.

We have been asked to revive the Humberside Festival Swims. We have thought long and hard about it, but with the Club's change in location, our safety would be compromised, so reluctantly, the Club does not feel able to re-start the Championships.

We look forward to seeing fellow swimmers and officials on the circuit, next year.

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Kingfishers S.C. Scarborough

Hon Secretary: Mrs L. Broadley | Chief Coach: Mr D. Renshaw | Long Dist. Coach: Maureen Dickinson

2002 was another special year for Kingfishers swimmers the Club goes from strength to strength both in the pool and outdoors in cold water.

The year got off to an impressive start at the BLDSA Annual Dinner Dance in Scarborough when Tom Wilkinson was awarded the Tom Butcher Junior Swimmer of the year Trophy, and Matthew Cook the Elise Brook Trophy for continuous effort in junior competition.

Capitalising on our winter training we started out-doors in cold water at Wykeham Lake in April and Atlantis in May the excitement started to build and Liverpool Dock and Budworth could not come quickly enough.

There have been many highlights and incredible performances this year too many to list individually the most rewarding was receiving the new Safety Boat bought for us by the club. This has reduced the stress level out at the Lake considerably, we can cover the swimmers now with care and confidence. Safety and the constant spectre of hypothermia has always been my principle concern, now we have the equipment to handle emergency situations.

Tom Wilkinson and Amanda Cracknell entered the Champion of Champion's in June and won both junior events, consisting of a 5, 2½ and 1¼-mile swim all in the same day. A true test of determination and stamina, they proved themselves exceptional long distance swimmers that day.

I have watched the development of the novice's swimmers for the past twenty years and it is always special. This year's new swimmers included, Emily Wardman, Gill Broadley, Sarah Wilkinson, Chantelle Boulton and Debra Adcock. They all deserve acknowledgement for their determination and courage but one swimmer in particular who captured all our hearts this year was Craig Davis.

Uncle Craig came to canoe for his nephew Scott and impressed with the sport tried a short swim for himself. Since then we have not been able to get him out of the water and he is still taking short dips in cold water to keep him acclimatised for next year!

10-year-old Emily Wardman successfully completed the 1½-mile Sea swim from the South to the North Bay in August, with David and Wayne Renshaw canoeing and Mum and Dad in the support boat. Emily also raised £100 for the club by completing the swim.

Her mother Gill Broadley (a novice herself this year) successfully entered several long distance events, culminating in a 5½ - mile swim down the length of Coniston Water with Dave and Wayne again canoeing alongside.

Sarah, Debra and Chantelle entered the mile Challenge swim and raced home in superb style. I look forward to watching them tackle even greater challenges next year. Scott Webster showed true Yorkshire grit by completing the 3-mile Bala swim.

Nathan Renshaw set a new record for the 3-mile race also at Bala and ended the season by completing the 10½-mile Windermere swim for the third time and finished in a very creditable 3rd place. He says he will be back again next year he wants the trophy back so watch this space!

Indoors our Club Championships this year were even more impressive with new records being set at all levels. Nathan Renshaw and Amy Rimmi set the standards in the top squad and like a waterfall the rest followed, old records tumbling in nearly every event. The teaching and coaching staff have been well rewarded for their tireless efforts in encouraging our swimmers to set and reach their targets and goals.

The year was brought to a close with Tom Wilkinson being recognised by the Town's Sports Council as a Junior Sports Personality of the Year. Tom is a deserving recipient of such a prestigious award, a generous and thoughtful young man who is admired and respected by all those who work with him. He moves up into the senior ranks next year and has made plans to follow more closely in Dee Llewelyn and Simon Lee's Wake!

I have had to stand a little back this year and let others take the strain and am so very grateful for their help and hard work. Especially Ginny Wilkinson who has taken over a great deal of the administration and provided entry forms for swims and kept us all in touch with dates and venues.

To Dave Renshaw for his tireless efforts with training and hours sat in his canoe encouraging the swimmers. To all the canoeists for their help in and out of the water, especially Tom Patrick who provided training for the support crew of the safety boat and Mary Renshaw and Paulla Keech for manning the boat out on the water. To Pete Wilkinson for his reports on events to the Scarborough Evening News and Dave Cracknell for transporting me to events.

Lastly the swimmers - I am very proud of our squad, their sportsmanship and achievements and to be recognised as their Coach and mentor is a great privilege. These young people are the future of the sport of Long Distance Swimming, they are a credit to the Association and bringing recognition and honour to Kingfishers and Town of Scarborough. I look forward to bringing them out to meet you all again next year.

Maureen Dickinson A.I.S.T.C.(L.S.)

EXMOUTH SWIMMING & LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

(Founded 1891: Affiliated to the DCASA, WCASA, BCDASA & RLSS)

President: R.W.A.D.Somerhall

THE EXMOUTH OPEN FAIRWAY BUOY SWIM 2002.

The annual Fairway buoy sea swim for 2002 was cancelled due to extremely bad weather conditions. With southwesterly gales, stormforce 9 with heavy rain, making sea conditions extremely rough with poor visibility.
A few swimmers that had travelled down to Exmouth on Saturday witnessed this, when they ventured along the esplanade to check the swim was cancelled.

The Exmouth Swimming & Life Saving Society would like to take this opportunity, to thank all the entrants for being so understanding. The traditional meal still went ahead for a few, that did not have to rush home, this occasion was also used to announce the retirement, of the swim secretary Mrs A Jordan. I am sure everyone would like to thank her for the hard work, and dedication over the last 29 years, in organising the entries and the after swim meal.

There will be two new cups to be won next year these being, the Men's & Ladies open breaststroke, this we hope will encourage more breaststrokers to take up the challenge for this early season open sea swim.

The new secretary will be in the B. L. D. S. A. swim book in the new year, please remember to enter early to secure a place in this well supported swim.

SOLENT SWIMMING CLUB OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002

The Solent Open Championships took place at Calshot Beach on Sunday 28th July.
Weather conditions were excellent with calm seas and warm sunshine.
A sea temperature of 20 C and a slack tide made for fast times and no retirements.
Eighty five swimmers entered the event. There was a 5 kilometer, 2.5 kilometer and 1 kilometer race.
Stanswood Rescue provided the boat cover and lifeguards and local canoe clubs assisted on the water with canoes and surf skis. Lifeguards from local clubs patrolled the waters edge keeping a keen eye on the swimmers.
The friends of Stanswood Rescue made the event a great success and the organisers are really grateful for all their help.
Awards and certificates were presented by Mary Collett - Hampshire Amateur Swimming Association President, assisted by Peter Collett and Tony Mooney.
The day ended with a bar-b-que on the beach in a happy and relaxed atmosphere.
The 2003 swim will take place in July at Calshot Beach.

MENS FREESTYLE 5K

Record David Fytche 59.35 1999

1	Adam Acland	Toddington S.C.	1.00.31	
2	Ryan Blake	Yeovil S.C	1.00.35	
3	Simon Lee	Solent S.C	1.05.25	1st Hants
4	Olver White	Exmouth	1.08.35	
5	Lee Partingale	Bristol Henlease S.C.	1.09.24	
6	Jesse Kelly	Serpentine S.C.	1.11.40	
7	Peter Jolly	Portsmouth Northsea	1.11.57	1st Vet 2nd Hants
8	Christopher Hunt	Havant & Waterlooville	1.12.01	3rd Hants
9	Ian Banks	Southampton Tri Club	1.16.02	
10	Chris Leaman	Clevedon ASC	1.19.50	
11	Duff Kelly	Serpentine	1.19.55	
12	Terry Lyons	Richmond SC	1.20.26	1st Super Vet
13	Mark Westaway	Exmouth	1.21.10	
14	Matthew Eckford	CSFB Team	1.23.25	
15	Adrian Carr	CSFB Team	1.23.34	
16	Patrick Turner	South London SC	1.24.27	
17	Brian Wilson	Kelly Masters	1.30.29	
18	Andrew Watson	BLDSA	1.30.38	
19	Frank Cerveny	CSFB Team	1.32.09	
20	Adam Hipkin	Spencer ST	1.32.50	
21	Mike Smith	Coventry	1.33.47	
22	Duncan Heenan	Isle of wight Masters	1.55.41	
23	Gordon Brodie	Serpentine	2.00.33	
24	Dennis Arnold	Solent SC	2.02.32	
25	Robert Acton	Dudley	2.11.19	

MENS BREASTSTROKE 5K

Record David Butler 1.30.16 2001

1	Nick Hunt	Cheelmsford SC	1.24.17	New Record
2	Geoffrey Ransom	Serpentine SC	1.44.43	
3	Jeremy Hunter Coddington	Serpentine SC	1.46.25	

LADIES FREESTYLE 5K

Record Lisa Grindrod 1.09.24 1999

1	Rachel Hessom	Basingstoke SC	1.13.08	1st Hants
2	Xanse Jones	CSFB Team	1.23.14	
3	Shelly Richards	Solent SC	1.23.40	2nd Hants
4	Wendy Morgan	Yeovil & District	1.28.19	
5	Tina Otton	Portland Dolphins	1.32.50	

MENS FREESTYLE 2.5K

Record Joe Tellett 31.50 2001

1	George Bush	Bristol Henlease SC	32.00	
2	Mark Edwards	Bristol Henlease SC	32.06	
3	Roy Pitt	Bristol Masters	36.00	1st Vet
4	Matthew Earland	TeddingtonSC	36.07	
5	John Barry	Hitchen SC	40.06	1st Super Vet
6	Ian Piddock	CSFB Team	41.04	
7	Oliver Ellis	Clevedon ASC	45.01	
8	David Taylor	CSFB Team	46.04	
9	James Hodge	London	47.00	
10	Keith Whitten	Totton SC	47.04	
11	Gordon Lovell	Soundwell SC	52.03	
12	Leonard Hurley	Clevedon ASC	53.03	
13	Andrew Dennes	Poole	54.05	
14	Dave Mace	Spencer ST	57.02	
15	John Reid	Serpentine SC	1.09.01	

LADIES FREESTYLE 2.5K

Record Sarah Martin 36.56 2001

1	Rebecca Herbert	Serpentine SC	32.07	New Record
2	Sarah Martin	Teddington SC	37.01	
3	Margueritte Pike	SpencerST	52.04	1st Vet
4	Sujanda Nilchan	Serpentine SC	52.05	
5	Rosemary Johnson	Street & District SC	56.04	
6	Jenny Ball	Isle of Wight Masters	56.05	

MENS BREASTSTROKE 2.5K

Record John Sextone 57.12 1999

1	David Whitlock	City of Southampton SC	43.02	New Record
2	Leslie Du Cane	Serpentine SC	52.5	
3	Robin Hunter	Serpentine SC	54.04	
4	Christopher Legg	Exmouth	1.02.00	

LADIES BREASTSTROKE 2.5K

Record Linda Tellett 59.10 2000

1	Ingrid Hunter Coddington	Serpentine SC	56.01	New Record
2	Laura Moffatt	Serpentine SC	57.06	
3	Gill Smith	Coventry	1.20.03	

JUNIOR LADIES FREESTYLE 2.5K

Record Rachel Hessom 33.05 1999

1	Amy Richards	Seaclose SC	34.14	1st Hants
2	Kelly Gobey	Bournmouth SC	37.07	2nd Hants
3	Charlotte Bullock	Clevedon ASC	40.55	
4	Amy Collier	Portland Dolphins	46.33	

JUNIOR MENS FREESTYLE 2.5K

Record Jason Otton 31.50 2001

1	Michael Alchin	South Wight SC	33.57	1st Hants
2	David Curant	Teddington SC	34.01	
3	Sam Malony Cox	Teddington SC	34.02	

JUNIOR MENS BREASTSTROKE 2.5K

Record Andrew Earland 45.43 2001

1	Andrew Earland	Teddington SC	45.10	New Record
2	Richard Simpson	Coventry	1.08.46	

JUNIOR LADIES BREASTSTROKE 2.5K

Record Linda Webber 44.04 2001

1	Linda Webber	City of Southampton SC	46.21	3rd Hants

NOVICE MENS FREESTYLE 1K

Record Kevin Pickard 20.17 2001

1	Jamie Cole	City of Southampton SC	17.55	New Record
2	Daniel Jermy	Teddington SC	18.03	
3	Mike Ballard	Southampton Tri Club	24.24	
4	Matthew Arnold	Totton LSC	25.04	

NOVICE LADIES FREESTYLE 1K

Record Erin Marshall 20.46 2001

1	Nerys Williams	Teddington SC	17.54	New Record
2	Natasha Day	City of Southampton SC	17.58	
3	Erin Marshall	City of Southampton SC	19.03	
4	Daniela Milroy	Teddington SC	20.21	
5	Alexandra Buckley	Bath	20.37	
6	Ciara McEllin	Teddington SC	20.59	
7	Ann Spelman	City of Southampton SC	23.28	
8	Yoko Saruhashi	Serpentine SC	28.21	
9	Lorraine Jones	Serpentine SC	35.23	

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If nothing else boys and girls we've learnt these last few months just what this swimming lark is all about! Aired bodies, exhilarated sprints and a summer holiday which even a sprightly Sir Cliff Richard, with or without his red double-decker bus, would have had trouble keeping up with. As the season clock enters the change back to winters dark ages, this household for one is already in the advanced planning stages for next years onslaught. Not for us the satin comforts of blue agean seas with gentle Channel currents lapping lazily against freeboard. Here we're up and at it before chickens have fancied enough. Bouncing through the dawn drenched gutters of St Clements Bay heading into a swimming session which would delight a homesick Nipponese gentleman, with swimmers from near and far, from places we've never heard of, let alone ever thought that people actually live. Such is the lot of the JLDSC escort crews.

Still as always January 1st swept in like a Christmas hangover, with vague memories of a untreated brussel sprout too many and shivering bodies which only an AA councillor could fix. With cuts as absent as Cinderella's slipper, near naked bodies flay about in the bubbling waters off St Catherines slipway, pretending to enjoy the ritual New Years day immersion. Screams from temperature controlled lungs bellow in an unsuccessful bid to lure others to join them! But not however your lady President and her entourage, they chose to bask with dolphins in Florida's more temperate waters. Their thoughts on the correct positioning of an intransigent sprout probably the only common denominator in the whole aquatic madness of the day!

As sure as the good Lord made little green apples and it don't rain in Indianapolis, the first day of the year was followed in February by the Jersey Lions Club Swimarathon. Once again we mangled the complete nine lanes of the pool for our fifty minutes worth of charity fund raising for various worthy causes. Thanks to all our members who contributed towards club efforts as our swimmers, fete managers or vocal supporters, all raising a goodly few bob by their efforts. Our club is fortunate to have many diverse members who appear on the surface to enjoy the moistness of this annual get together. Special thanks to Alison Streeter our much appreciated mate who is so supportive of this annual event. Coming over from Redhill especially, she made good use of the February sun by joining a mass dunk at St Catherines the following morning, making so many overseasers day by bobbing up and down with them all. Not many of us have bobbed with a real life Lawson, apart from Julian Cleary maybe. A memorable day for all bobbers.

A major addition these last few months to our clubs communications network has been the launch of the Club Newsletter. The 'Baby' of the incredibly hard working team - news collator Jennie Albert, ably assisted by son and IT specialist Jonny, chief printer Nigel and of course young Bethany - on typesetting duties and synchro sessions! To research and produce such a high standard of readable, informative, educational and entertaining musings of our swims, club presentations and many behind social asides is a truly magnificent achievement. They present a formidable, enjoyable read on a monthly basis throughout the season and we're to expect enough to fill the gossip columns each year in three months during the quieter close season. I'm slightly worried about Nigel's input however. Working, or rather employed, within Air Traffic at the Airport, from his many words to the wise high greenhouse, just what does he see in his approach radar? Perhaps he could cover a ceremonies. Predictions be Mystic Nige!". Well done Jennie and the Albert team, your first seven editions have been avidly read from far and wide. Editions are just waiting for a page three scandal to liven up the dark winter months. (Eric, the little tosser, bless him, has begged to become

the first centre spread, but we had to explain it was only A4 size!) Our thanks also go to Webmistress Helen Barker who has kept us abreast of modern technology with her updates for the club website. Both brilliant 'tools' in spreading the word of our club and its achievements afar and wide.

On the basis of win some, lose some, we've gained a newspaper to wrap the chips in but lost the fish! Our sponsors for the last three years, Brewin Dolphin Securities Ltd came to the end of their 'contract' and have moved on in order to sponsor other organisations, which to be perfectly fair to them was always their stated intention. Our sincere and grateful thanks to Stuart Sargent and Mark Miles for their secure financial backing and encouragement which has allowed several of us to pursue the dreams of many. More importantly it went a good way to supporting our incredibly successful Tuesday evening sessions at Haute Vallee Pool. As a club we are actively seeking another sponsor, but in this climate of fiscal jodhpur support tightening this is no easy task. Therefore should anyone know of any company or individual who would enjoy being financially associated with the worlds finest, then please contact any committee member. In return we offer loyal service and excellent promotion, be assured exposure is no problem to our members.

With no local swimmer participating in the New York City swim this year, despite our intention to field a squad, logistics and organisational changes in NYC being instrumental in our decision. Plus the change of the usual date for the Tour de Roc outing to Granville France making it impossible for any JLDSC inclusion, our attendance out of the Island in the early stages of the season were confined to Dr Pippa's antipodean adventure in darkest February. Rottnest Island lays some 12 miles offshore from Perth Western Australia and gives its name to an annual race to the nature reserve. A course congested by legions of "stingers" greets contestants. So bountiful is the local waters harvest of jelly fish, even sharks don't swim in its crystal clear waters! So what sort of nutter goes in for this one? Quite why any one should endure such pain and agony in the name of sport eludes me and is reserved for the hardy souls who undertake such punishment! Dr Pippa, taking professional advice I'm sure, ensured no queasy moments by taking her own drinking water. Perth, renowned for the Swan river which flows through its lush pastures and from which the excellent Swan Lager is extracted, surely has an abundance of H_2O, but not apparently as once in St Helier's own dog soup. Was the good Dr not aware that just 200 years ago the plague started in the waterways below Tunnell Street? (And you thought this drivel was all rubbish – edification – that's what its all about!) Our GP is to be commended for her meticulous preparations. It obviously paid off as battle scared by stings and various lesions she completed the tideless marathon in 9 hrs 41 plus the all important second! (And according to her diary, Mrs Dale was worried about Jim! What would she make of our GP?) More from Pippa later boys and girls.

With all this excitement and the many Round Jersey swims yet to be chronicled it is easy to forget the bread and butter swims which are the basis of our clubs existence. But happen they surely did. The percentage of totally sectioned club members is small in overall terms and the not so silent majority who strive each week to compete in shorter more sane events are to be loudly congratulated on their efforts. If every club member had a Round Island plaque hanging on their toilet wall then life would be pretty dull and boring. For most of us just having a door on it is sufficient. Those who bust a gut to complete a few hundred yards, the younger element achieving meters, then extend that to a couple of miles by the end of the season, are the backbone of our club. Small daddy people evolve into big swimming monsters, training to harass boat crews and cause parents and future partners untold jitters, then personal goal as great as any Round Islander. Runners and riders in the first of the annual pot presentations were to be found at Havre des Pas pool for the Ann Flanhard swim. Other competitive and warm up swims had been in operation since early May, but now with the June sun cracking the paving stones it was time to decide some early trophy winners. The ever youthful pairing of Dilys Maletroit and Jenny Brown excelled with determination to catch the judges eye and in unison be crowned in the appropriate manner. An excellent turnout by our club members for the Jersey Swimming Clubs "Castle to Harbour" swim had many of our swimmers returning good times for the short 1 ½ mile course. Sprinters will always head such a

short distance but team JLDSC won the day with beaming smiles as we enjoyed a change of scenery and performed before an appreciative crowd of onlookers. Well done all who competed, especially the junior swimmers and those who fought their own private contest to cover the distance for a first time. Special congratulations to Rainer Rice who from my privileged position, sur le bateau, appeared to cover every inch of the outer harbour as she swam her own victorious route.

For me, one of the most enjoyable swims I escorted was young Peter Blandin completing his two way St Catherines in the Club Junior Championships. After the initial leg he was about ready to jump on the boat and take the easy option home. With the cunning and nagging bred into boat crews we shouted and cajoled him into the return leg. Now with the tide and current running with him he swept 'almost' majestically back across the bay. Peter is keen to 'explore' his environment and spends long periods of time with his bum in the air, head down in the sea looking at the wonderful strange world that exists below the surface. But he eventually made it and won the Junior Boy event of the race. I'm sure that in years to come the experience will pay untold dividends in confidence for him. Our club championship results placed Sammy Maletroit - first Senior Lady, Simon Dowling - first Senior Gent, Martine le Guilcher - first Junior girl and Peter Blandin first Junior boy. Meanwhile in the (JASA) Long Distance Championships – held over the same course at the same time – new names on these trophies too. Again congratulations Sammy, Simon and Martine and well done to all who took part.

Our incredible list of Round Island swims can never be truly chronicled in such a light hearted epistle such as this...it would take old Billy Shakespeare himself a month of Sundays to commit them individually and give them the space they deserve. Sally has been hard at work over the early winter months knocking out observers reports which contain the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the facts. Perhaps they should be read in conjunction with this drivel to gain an overall picture of each swimmers endeavour and do justice to their day out. So I shall, with the greatest of respect to each swimmer, make rude haste through their achievements. I am totally in awe of each and every swimmer who lives, trains, eats and sleeps for their own special day. Having been involved with Sally in the preparation and logistical planning of each of the swims there are never any two days, or swimmers the same. I am fair to say, on as big a high as the swimmers come that magical moment when it all comes together, the whistle blows and they push of from the Castle wall or walk into the water at Green Island. Our first competitors were the Clubs Junior relay squad departing the wall along with that most gentle of giants, Major Tim, the spaceman had returned – from Waterloo I mean. The relay squad were raising funds for RNLI and Channel Island Air Search, two of the most appreciated S&R facilities for local sea goers and deserving of charitable funding. Part of the total raised was also donated to club funds. In all they raised the not inconsiderable sum of well over £2000. The team comprised Sammy Maletroit, Katharine Clark, Martine Le Guilcher, Johnny Vibert, Abbey de Caux, Sophia Roberts and travelling reserve Stacey Harsford. The swim was 'left over' from last season when diabolical weather put paid to several non-starting attempts. Due to the delay, original squad members Hannah Maletroit and Emily Fosse were unable to join in the fun and were replaced by Abbey and Sophia. Stacey, although too young to be a 'proper' team member, she swam along with Sophia for over half an hour for the experience – this was on the north coast too – the roughest part of the swim. As on previous relay swims the team were accommodated onboard the luxury of Mark Peters' "Surfeiter." Canoeist Stuart McGlinchy gave sterling service as guide and close support along with Sally and John Clark in the escort boat plus Linda Devereux and Dee Richards as chaperones on board the Mothership. Tim Lawrence had to settle without a chaperone, but he's a big strong boy! Helen Barker, dispensing guidance and spare goggles ad hoc, canoed for the initial couple of hours to La Rocque after which he was at the mercy of the escort boat crew with Alison and Freda Streeter along with yours truly. 'A support team to die for!' Perfect conditions eased their passage and for long periods along the north coast speeds of over 5.8 knots were encountered as strong currents pulled us round. As I 'Etaco the small light-weight brigade swept across the sharp, shallow mussel beds as we swung the good Major out wide, protecting the future of the space race

and more delicate items from the hazards. Through out the swim positions changed as double entrances were won and lost in the tidal runs. Eventually the relay team contacted the Hunk and subsequently at the end of the Castle wall to complete their day out in a superb time of 10.40.31. The full Quadrant people had arrived in time to form up for a cheering watery guard of honour for what was now to be Major Tim Lawrence USAF became the first American citizen to swim around Jersey. A provisional time of 10.35.23 was posted. Tim had deserved his success as his previous attempts had been thwarted away before getting his toes wet. The time and effort by both sets of swimmers had been worth it in the long run.

The day following the relay and Tim's efforts was again to resound to the sound of foreign bodies afloat in our waters. Our next contestant to soak in was again from 'Off the Rock' (cue jokes about connections with Waterloo please) From la belle France came M. Jean-Paul Mallebranche of Coutances, Normandy. JP is no stranger on our shore, he has been a valued club member and associated closely with us for many years. His fine head of hair devoid of tell tale grey has long been a source of attraction to the local ladies and snarls of envy from less thatched contemporaries. 1999 was to be his big swimming year. Already a French national masters champion in the pool he took the gauntlet home and on the international circuit, this year he was throwing down his gantlet (previously gauntlet) before both a Round Jersey swim and a crack at La Manche, which eventually coincide in similar appearance and distance to The English Channel. At 60 years young JP was out to prove he may no longer be a 'spring poulet', but there was plenty of joy de vee on the old chien's clock. Again Sally, John Clark, Dee and canoeist Richard Flambard who went as far as La Rocque, sat safely providing close support. A fine sunny day suddenly became a dangerous fog enshrouded seascape as Grouville Bay blanked out. GPS, compasses and mobile phones suddenly took on a very curious role as all sight of land and horizon for that point was lost. Several of us assembled on Jenny FitzGerald's dads sea-front lawn strained our ears and eyes for sight or sound of the boat and its swimmer somewhere just off shore. Contact was made by the escort crew with Gorey Harbour Office and their reassuring advice that it would clear as quickly as it had settled was quite correct as within thirty minutes normal service was resumed and progress was once again restored. Chris Maletroit swapped as helmsman with John 'le Fog' at Gorey Pier and good progress was made right around to St Clements Bay where it was realised that the fog break had delayed their arrival at Corbiere for the start of the building tide. Again those of us assembled, but this time at Corbiere waited as Richard drove his canoe out from the land into a marshalling position to assist the escort boat crew to find the most advantageous route around the lighthouse. A weary but ecstatic 'aged garcon de la Mer' came ashore after 31 hours 46 .46. His record of the oldest swimmer and first Frenchman to surround our Island with his Garlic charm and courage was rewarded by the new but much appreciated free tradition – which is worth the days efforts alone, that of the distribution of champagne and snackettes intermingled with the cods heads of the 'Fisherman's Slip.' Bravo Mon Brave!' There's more to come from JP later.

What possesses Richard Flambard and his ambitions are lost on the great majority. And yet ambition it is that spurs him on to complete ever more circuits of our small but beautiful nautical rock. Be it by foot, cycle, canoe or by aquatic self propulsion Rachelle's dad has become an annual fixture in the forward planning for swims over the last few years. He is the proverbial fish out of water, add water and stir could well be his and a limited few other club members motto. Over years JP has been bouncing off windscreens of erratic cars, running and cycling like a man possessed and spending more time in pools and gymnasiums than is good for him, all for the mind numbing prospect of yet another Round Jersey swim. This year he set sail on the highest tide of 35 ft (under) was on the cards that he could well challenge Alison Streeters record. At the half way point he was gaining so fast that it all seemed too good to be true. Perhaps our planning had not foreseen such a situation and his progress was such that he was almost ahead of the tide. His impressive stroke rate and power was such that somewhere along the course we expected a cloud of steam and a burst boiler gasket. No such departure from physical well being occurred and although the forward pace

slackened towards the mystical Corbiere we were still treated to a new men's record of 9 hours 56 minutes and 3 seconds! Missing Alison's time by just a few minutes. His first words when taking stock of his achievement as the escort boat returned him to shore was to book himself in for next year! Watch this space.

Tim Lawrence the first, a regal title which can never be disputed. However there came from Wallingford Connecticut USA (They call it 'Wally-World' but I think their Wallies are different than ours!) yet another American! Blimey, how many are there? This one, also a giant, fashioned in the image of Steve Martin and with that self-same mischievous sense of humour. There came to our shores Mr Dennis Dressel, a man for whom the Channel had called and unceremoniously spat out. We came upon him in a tavern in Olde Dover Town in 2001. He was accompanied by his good lady 'Doodle Dandy' Doreen, a brave suffering wife if ever I saw one, whose strange obsession involves blowing up balloons for students, we'll leave it there for now! Also fellow Americans, Kristine Buckley and Dave Parrelli, both recent conquerors of that watery stretch. (Dave was to progress to a magnificent two way record this year.) The British team comprised, Sally, Helen, Eric and your scribe. Duxpondency was shown the door as copious amounts of ale flowed, gaiety blossomed and a friendship was formed based on bitter sweet memories associated with the battle for "getting across." It was suggested to young Dennis that our waters were kinder and more forgiving. And so it came to pass that he proved knowing far more about Jersey's coastline than many old sages. For Dennis is an amateur cartographer and carts for fun. He'd studied maps and charts of Jersey until he was able to know exactly where he was at any given time during his swim. He even knew when he was level with Big Vern's! He knew more than his boat crew which was extremely worrying! That's Bouley Bay they would cry, oh no it's not said he, I wasn't arguing, they all look the same to me! He swam with that authority which becomes a man who has patiently waited through bad weather and rescheduled flights to make his mark. Merry quips were exchanged during feeding stops and a jolly time was had by all. In front of him powered our local chap Richard, but Dennis was never far behind. With a stroke fashioned the other side of the Atlantic he drove on, quipping and feeding, smoking and joking. As he swam across St Aubins Bay powering home those last few hundred yards Richard and his crew came out to cheer him on as he touched home in 10:34 the fastest American – to date. A record crowd on the slip, obviously attracted by the lure of free booze, cheered the two heroes' debate. A magnificent day's exercise, with two brilliant swimmers. Many of our youngsters had never met a real live American before. TV Americans aren't real surely? Well I know Michael Moore isn't! It's a bit off the coach route here. But in the space of a couple of weeks they've been entertained by and met two of the nicest guys we've had the pleasure of hosting. Both Tim and Dennis have left a lasting impression of real fun people. Huge in stature, appetite and personality they've been great ambassadors for the States and America can be very proud of them. You're welcome back anytime gentlemen.

Another day, another two swimmers, this time with two of our lady competitors. First on the starting block of fame, we don't promise fiscal rewards, came a member of the Clubs Junior relay. A young lady about to leave us for a three year tree hugging experience at the University of Welsh Wales in Aberystwyth. Miss Katharine Clark has been a club member for some three seasons since her peripatetic parents felt that long distance swimming was just the sport to move into away from boring pool swims and bullies. Like the proverbial fish to water Katharine became a regular club member and great supporter of Hannah and Sammy the previous year in their successful swims. This obviously fired her determination and imagination. She applied herself to a winter of discontent and hard slog training. Forever smiling, a worrying affliction in many, Katharine had many 'second thoughts' on her 'today to complete a Round Island. However with the encouragement of her Mum and Dad, trainer Sal and friends she went for it big time. She filled the escort boat and accompanying canoes with friends and chocolate bars and set off, as many before, into the rising sun. It was never straight forward, as Capt Matthew himself said, 'Nothing great is!'. There were times when strong words of encouragement were required. Dad John saw a completely new aspect of his daughter and I

believe heard a completely revised vocabulary! A view we generally try to hide from loving parents. It can't be easy sat in a boat watching nearest and dearest suffer and struggle as the pressure comes on and the energy drops off! But as in so many aquatic achievements of this persuasion, guts came to the fore and tired muscles became more dominant than watering eyes. 'Clarky' buffed on bless her, accompanied at times by her swimming partner in-brine Lucy, who I'll wager will, in twelve months, be in the same situation. As that towering edifice to the homeward-bound swimmer, Corbiere, floated past it all became smiles and downhill here-on in. An even larger ear to ear smile, gracing the morning sunrise which 11 hours 25: 23 earlier had seemed like a good idea. It up'ed the tempo of the evening as yet more bubbly was dispensed to the regulars at 'The Cod's Head Inn' a jolly band of followers who have been so supportive and welcoming for our band of hero's.

Starting alongside Katharine, but being the other side of twenty-one and a Mum to two Round Islanders herself Dilys Maletroit would not be a swimmer who you would think would normally jump to the front of the queue for a day at sea. And yet she'd spent hours and hours walking away at length after length in Quennevais pool during the last year. Plus many hours of sea swimming building up stamina and fitness to enable her to be dropped over the side early in the morning and strike out for a finishing point, just yards from where she started. In between we were treated to a rare talent indeed. Delightful Dee and Lovely Linda kept me under control in Capt Maletroit's 'Sea Witch' on call as escort vessel for the day – as it was for Richard the day before. Once upon a time many years ago, in 1966, Denize le Pennec had become the first Jersey swimmer to conquer both the Channel and a Round Jersey swim in 1969. These first footholds in the history of long distance swimming in Jersey had sown the seeds of ambition in the young Dilys. Now, several years later, she was able to attempt and emulate one of those fears. Last year both daughters Hannah and Sammy had succeeded and now it was Mum's turn and she wasn't going to be denied victory. The initial stages went well and currents together with tides and what wind there was were kind to her until we reached the NE corner of the Island. A good swell developed and it was tough going for a while. During this period Dilys became troubled by painful shoulder muscles and it was obviously causing her a good deal of discomfort. The pain remained with her across St Ouen's and as good old Corbiere we had problems getting in having moved too far out as we crossed the Bay. There followed a two or three minute spell which will remain with me till my clogs are well and truly popped. As trying to get Dilys to manoeuvre closer to the lighthouse I had placed her in a current which pulled her into a fast flowing stream of water taking her into the area of a cluster of rocks. As she passed these she raised her arms and shouted. Thinking things had got out of hand I called the Marine Radio nearby and "explained" the situation fearing the worst! Suddenly the area was swarming with fishing boats come to offer assistance. It's great to know people are there when you might need them. Within seconds she was out the other side and going like a train, thankfully in the right direction and smiling. She tells me later that she was "Waving not drowning!" She had me fooled, but I learned from that situation. The rush of adrenaline did wonders for her shoulders and for my digestive system! Again by St Brelade's Richard canoed out and the falling tide which was causing us grief became less of a problem as he used his experience of the inshore currents to guide her across St Aubins. As daylight left us and darkness fell, the swim ended under the Hermitage on the castle breakwater. After 12 hours 30 minutes and 53 seconds (much to Sammy's surprise) Dilys had realised her youthful ambition and proved herself a superstar and supermum. A gallant, plucky, courageous lady had proved that dreams do come true. All you've got to do is believe and stick with it.

Cliff Golding needs no introduction to Jersey swimmers. So he won't get one! He fell foul of the Jersey bug back in 1994 with the "Willieaters Relay" and from there on in hasn't left us alone for a minute's peace! He was spookily keen to make a third circumnavigation in an attempt to have three Channel, three Jersey and three Lake Zurich's to his CV. The fact that we were able to assist in this crazy dream is down to the fact that we like him and he drinks Guinness. With his golden mane tucked away and sporting a very nautical nose for the occasion (Red Port, Green Starboard! – Don't ask!) Cpl Gelding, as he is known to the Lords of the Admiralty, completed his strange compulsion

in 10:43:01 some 53 seconds faster from when he was a small boy during his first solo in the dark days of '08. Hardly seems worth all that extra training over the intervening years!

Between Cliff and the final solo a group was hastily formed to rival the Stones for cranky old folk. 'The Up and Comers (Masters) Relay' sounds like a manufactured boy band, however the statuesque Alison Horsfall had knocked that idea on the head. With an assorted content of Terry Fitzpatrick, Ali H, Channel swimmer, Simon Dowling, Steve Toudic from Tigers, Ian Anderson, rugby player and Atlantic rower and Michael Lucas television executive. Again the services of Mark Peters' "Sufferenzy" were press-ganged into service as the floating Green Room, whilst Cliff and Sally spent yet another day before the mast. This jolly band made a very creditable time of 10:06:25.

Training solidly for a year, then postponing your swim for a couple of weeks because you don't feel as prepared as you feel you ought, before walking into the waters off Green Island can be a daunting prospect. Jonny Vibert dealt with it with his usual smiling countenance. The lone chap amongst the successful Junior Relay squad earlier in the month. Alone for so long as the clubs only 'junior boy' Jonny has ploughed a singular furrow as he enjoyed his swimming but with a total lack of male opposition. How he's dealt with all those tetchy females week after week is a separate tale of courage; it'll stand him in good stead for later life I'm sure! On Sally's advice he started easy and "backed off from there!" Don't rush it was the secret of his success as he took it all in his capable stride. Accompanied by Charlie, Cliff, Stacey and Sally – on her third day in the boat, there was an appreciation of fine tunes by Blondie, Deep Purple and others was carried over the water from various locations as Nigel and Jennie rock hopped their way round the Island with a ghetto blaster, sending encouraging vibes across the waves through the walkie-talkie radios to our boy. The ever welcome sight of Richard in his canoe as he joined us after St Brelades cheered up a young man still with a goodly distance to travel. We crossed the harbour mouth only to find the plug was out in St Clements Bay and water of any useful depth was at a premium. With Richard leading the way and Cliff standing at the sharp end of the escort boat like a demented tank commander signalling our way with windmilling arms we eventually floated through the maze of rocks into Green Island for yet another bucket of champagne. 10 hours 32 minutes bought to an end a crazy but exhilarating five weeks, which seemed at times like five months. Thankfully the champagne helps dull the pain! This season has seen the many and various technology gadgets come to the fore. Besides mobile phones, ship to shore radios and GPS units, we have also had a set of walkie-talkie radios which have kept the air waves busy with "unofficial" banter. A great way of keeping in touch with the many supporters who have manned vantage points around the Island. Voices from out of the sky can now be linked to distant blobs on hilltops and lookout posts!

Straight from Jonny's adventures we travelled back into town for a new addition, to our regular swim calendar, dreamt up by Sally. In the darkness of Havre des Pas pool the club performed a mass night swim. Night sticks illuminated the darkness like a Japanese water feature as 23 swimmers with lights tucked under their goggle straps splashed around in the sea. Young ladies shrieked with "terror" as hateful small boys dived down into the darkness reappearing suddenly in their faces. No great distance was covered, but it was a new experience for most in the safety of the sea water pool and great fun for the best part of an hour. Our thanks to café owner Mario and his wife for the hot food and drinks which followed.

Some may say a natural progression from Round Island swims leads to The Channel. Some definitely might not! This year we've had two superb representatives in Dr Pip and JP. Pippa spent the time between her Rottnest swim and the Channel playing mind games. Her swim was on and off more times than Peggy Mitchell's happy pills box lid. In the final days she elected to go walkabout in North Africa rather than swim. When the trip was cancelled at Gatwick Airport she quickly diverted to Dover taking everyone by surprise. She ran cheering and screaming into the sea, reappearing on the other side of the Channel cartwheeling like a demented circus clown. The video coverage is really worth watching! A great swim with a very special "guardian angel" to guide her. Pippa has ended up raising over £2000 for Jersey Hospice from her Channel efforts, well done Pip.

JP on the other hand approached the swim with grim determination and a training schedule which even exasperated his local French rescue services on several occasions. His coastline training swims during rough weather caused some consternation off the coast of Coutances. Fortunately they were aware of his plans and only little old ladies were alarmed. JP as we would expect was prepared down to the minutest detail. Seemingly piloting his own course at times - well he was going home! "Are you sure you're going to France?" He questioned the boat crew! Stoically he stuck to his task, saying very little and focusing his energies on getting to the Cape. A very thoughtful athlete in his preparation, JP deserves his success and as a club we all take pride in his great achievement, there can't be too many sexagenarian swimmers with a tally similar to his this season.

Unfortunately Eric's Channel attempt was put on hold again this year, but bog snorkelling and finding your way up mountains takes it out of you!

One other marathon swim undertaken by a club member off the rock occurred in the mist shrouded, rain soaked splendour of a windy and cold Windermere in the Lake District. Alison Horsfall joined the small band of club swimmers who have completed the 10 ½ mile premiere championship of the BLDSA. Never an easy swim, it gets worse the closer you get to the end!

The season ended on a real high – only two weeks after the JSC Green Island where swimmers young and old 'surfed' the course on the highest (and roughest!) tide of the year, a new swim was introduced to the club, their very own Green Island swim - sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada. Thanks to Linda who works there, they very kindly donated some money to put towards an event of our choice. The RBC swim was then born. On 20th September, we awoke and assembled at Green Island – to find glass like conditions and glorious blues skies – exactly what we deserved for the last officials swim of the year. It was a wonderful swim – well done to all those who competed – and also to all the 'guest' swimmers who swam just for the sake of it. Thanks to Jenny Fitz for organising all the lovely new crystal trophies – and well done to the winners – Aly Bellec, Marcel Morin, Sammy Maletrot, Richard Flambard, Martine le Guilcher and 'final swimmer' home (as there were no boys) – Stacey Hansford. Thanks must also go to RBC – and it's looking good that they may help us again next year too.

Finally my sincere and special thanks to our growing army of willing 'volunteers' without whom none of the above would be possible. Thanks to all who have aided and abetted at any time as crew, as humpers and dumpers and as very valuable supporters for those not quite so confident on the sea. Special thanks to Barry de Caux who produced two good trailers this season to enable us to tow our boats around the Island. And thanks to Mick le Guilcher for his 'professional' assistance with boat engines when they've played up.

Next season? We're already full up with Round Island requests and with a possible four more Channel swims on the cards, who knows.