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Minutes of 47th Annual General Meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2004-5

First I must offer Congratulations to our President Elect, Maurice Ferguson, who was inducted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame, in recognition of his outstanding work as BLDSA Secretary along with his own personal achievements. Maurice went to Fort Lauderdale to collect his award, and his photograph made the front page of the Hall of Fame Headlines quarterly newsletter.

My Presidential swimming season began on May 24th with the Veteran 2mile Ivan Percival swim run by City of Liverpool Swimming Club, in Albert Dock. We were presented with our certificates by Stephen Parry who later won a Bronze Medal at the Athens Olympics.

The following week we had a good swim at Warrington Dolphins Budworth Mere, and following that the Wykeham Lake Championships

Swimmers and Officials were awaiting the start of summer but wind and rain prevailed and although 2 mile Rivington was a very exciting swim, for some of us, battling against choppy waves, the weather worsened as the day went on, and it was sensibly decided to cut the 4mile to 3.

The following week Champion of Champions were held in cool conditions, those of us providing safety cover in canoes were privy to a magnificent display by the Red Arrows, appearing and disappearing between low grey clouds. There were many very good swims, particularly by the newer swimmers, young and old, who were attempting the full distance for the first time.

By the time July, and Torbay, had arrived it was fairly obvious that the summer was not going to be anything like last year and the water nowhere near as warm. Ever hopeful for a sudden change I did some sea training at Meadfoot Beach and some in the excellent sea water pool at Brixham. The sea and sky continued to look dark and threatening, and the severe weather warnings combining very high tides with gale force winds meant that, with the Coastguards guidance, Torbay was a circuit swim held at Meadfoot. The conditions were very severe and the canoeists worked very hard to keep with their swimmers, particularly as wind blew stronger as the day wore on. I was on a safety boat and did not swim – there is always next year – and congratulations to all those who braved the swim. The evening presentation was held in Paignton, at Oldway Mansion, in the presence of the Lady Mayor, who had started the race earlier in the day.

The following Tuesday was my swimming clubs cross lake swim (Troutbeck Bridge), and although it was very wet it wasn't windy and I managed a PB for the mile course.

By the following weekend Llyn Tegid was the chilly venue. It was colder and windier than usual and I was on the BLDSA Safety Boat for the 6mile when I witnessed several new swimmers doing their pre-windermere swim. They were certainly going to be able to say they had experience of open water. On the boat I had had to dress as for winter fell walking, but envied another safety boat whose occupants were in dry suits. The following day I was pleased to complete the 3mile – my first ever Bala Certificate!

Coniston next, where I was referee, and having seen a lot of swimmers from boats I was getting to recognise the faster (faster than me) ones who I only ever saw disappearing into the distance, and then it was Howe Bridge Marlins Llyn Padarn, where I enjoyed a coldish 2mile swim in the morning and a coldish trip on the BLDSA boat to referee the 4mile. Everyone recovered for the presentation and the disco. We also had rather a lot of hot meals at Pete's Eats.

Scotland was next and Loch Lomond. The weather was perfect, sunny and looking like a proper summer, but was still cold water, mist, midges and 21.5 miles. Congratulations to all the swimmers, but particularly to the two novices to Loch Lomond who completed the course.

The following week I was invited by the Warrington Dolphins to referee Albert Dock, with our President Elect, Maurice. The weather was fantastic and I really enjoyed rowing a boat round the course. I wish I had taken the sun cream but we hadn't seen the sun in England for months. The next day I competed in the Veterans swim in Coniston. It was weather as usual for the year, but it is always an enjoyable swim as we are old enough to remember that the water was always this cold, before we became veterans!

Derwentwater was flat calm and perfect conditions for swimmers (and referees). I thoroughly enjoyed watching the 2mile swim which combined with the end of the 5miles. We were also able to test the Pilot Life Savers in unusually pleasant conditions.

Sandwell SC invited me to attend their club swim of Ullswater. It was organised so that, with a staggered start, they would all finish fairly close together. My congratulations to, not only the swimmers, but the organiser, who planned it very well indeed.

Back to my club, and the Open Cross Lake, which they invited me to swim as President. I have been involved as secretary or crew for many years but last swam it in 1994. I can now say that I have completed all the Windermere Swims in both Breastroke and Freestyle.

The following Saturday I was referee for the first half of the Windermere Swim and then greeted swimmers on the beach at Waterhead as they finished. This is the first time I have seen the first swimmers 'land' and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone finish. Most of the swimmers I had seen swimming at other venues throughout the season, and I was particularly pleased for those who were completing Windermere for the first time.

Llyn Regis is the last BLDSA swim on the calendar, it was fairly typical conditions for the year, and I was on the BLDSA boat. I was pleased to see Carl's Van back on the road following its swimming attempt at Albert Dock in 2003. This was not my final swim appearance of the season as I went to row on Loch Earn (YAABA's) the

next week. Unfortunately, especially for the swimmers, the rain and wind was very strong – and then there were hailstones.

My sincere thanks go to the BLDSA Safety Boat Pilots, Daniel and Matthew Thomas who have manned the boat throughout the season and have also had to entertain me on the boat for a lot of them. They are very much appreciated, by all of us.

Congratulations to all swimmers and officials for all the swims. Having given you a history of the weather in summer 2004 there is the real information about the swimmers in the individual reports for you to read, and reminisce. Thank you to the Swim Secretaries who have not only put everything together and run the swims, but made me very welcome.

At the end of October I attended, in the company of the President Elect and a member of the executive committee, the World Premiere of a BBC Ireland Film about Swimming the North Channel. It was held at the Curzon Cinema in Clevedon near Bristol, and was about the swimmers who have tried, particularly Stephen Price, who is one of only eight to successfully complete the swim since the first in 1947. It was a very glamorous event and I was pleased to meet many swimmers and swim officials, in my capacity as President. The film was very good indeed and we are hoping that it will be shown on television soon. We also saw the large sea water pool that local swimmers train in. Sadly, we did not have time to try it.

I am preparing now for the midwinter swims – Christmas Day in the Serpentine, New Years Day in Windermere.

Thank you to everyone for your support and hospitality. I hope you have all enjoyed your swims as much as I have enjoyed watching you all, and presenting certificates, particularly to those who were new to the BLDSA swims .I hope that the weather hasn't deterred you – next year will be great conditions – you all deserve it.
I hope to see you at the Annual Dinner in March – details on the website.

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Acting Secretary's Report 2004

Thank you to Joe Coy who volunteered to take over the role of Acting Secretary, following a very active and successful swimming season – including a channel relay. His offer was accepted, gratefully, by the entire committee.

Maurice Ferguson, in his capacity of President Elect has organised the Emergency Committee, and as a past secretary, been very helpful and supportive with regard to the secretarial duties. Margaret Smith, immediate Past President and Acting Secretary has offered continuing and welcome help, and is, with Joe, keeping active contact with our insurers, to ensure that we are up to date. They are also developing our Child Protection Policy. Liane Llewellyn has taken over responsibility for co-ordinating the swim calendar.

Thank you to Maurice, Margaret and Liane, for their continued support, and to everyone else who has reduced the workload of the Hon. Secretary.

This has been an unhappy year for the BLDSA in that a number of distinguished members, and supporters, have passed away, some suddenly, some after illness.

John Rickhuss, Roy Ainsworth, Lucy Ainsworth, Ian McIntosh, Ron Mackie, Dorothy Connell, Norah Smith, Dr John France and John Slater.
Our thoughts are with their families and friends. As swimmers we have all benefited from their commitment to the BLDSA and Open Water Long Distance Swimming. We remember them, with affection and gratitude.

Gill Stables

B.L.D.S.A. 48th WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004.

Once again I have great pleasure to present my report on our Blue Ribbon championship in the B.L.D.S.A. calendar.

As in previous years the entry was down this year with only 35 swimmers taking part and thirteen of those it was their first time at Windermere. I don't know why the entry was down perhaps lack of training or the weather had some thing to do with it that put people off I just don't know.

As always the briefing meeting took place as usual in the Conservative Club in Church Street Ambleside on the Friday evening where swimmers register their appearance along with their boat crews. It is so important for the briefing for swimmers to attend for their aspect of the swimmers safety and to their boat crews as well.

At the briefing on Friday night I was talking to Victor Malwa and his supporters that had come up from London to take part in the Windermere Championship. They told me that Victor was very nervous in taking part in the swim I told him there will be thirty four more people tomorrow morning just as nervous as you so, all you have to do is just swim, swim, and swim, do what your boat crew tells you to do and go were your boat crew tells you to go, just enjoy what you are doing and think what you are doing.

The swim started 15 minutes late owing to a mix up of rowing boats I was told there was one rowing boat missing then I started to panic thinking that Bownes Boating Company had only brought 34 rowing boats down from Waterhead instead of 35 eventually the rowing boat was found to make the 35.

After the delay the President of the B.L.D.S.A. Mrs Gill Stables blowing the whistle along with Councillor Michael Bentley waving the flag got the swim off to a damp start with fine drizzle and low cloud I thought to myself no not another wet Windermere but how wrong I was the low clouds lifted the rain stopped the sun came through and my prayers was answered.

I must say again that this year I was delighted to see so many new swimmers taking part in this Blue Ribbon championship off ours.

As the swimmers progressed along with their rowing boats swimmers spread out and got on their way up to Ambleside.

Rebecca Lewis streamed ahead from other swimmers and still keeping her trophy in her possession. Jennifer Clegg from Halifax swimming club her first time at Windermere just 16 years old and coming third in the ladies championship I think we will be seeing a lot more of things from Jennifer in future.

A good race was on between Darron Corden, and Simon Lee fighting it out for 1st place and Darron just creeping ahead from Simon. I would like to congratulate John Iliffe still swimming Lake Windermere at the age of 73 years old well done John.

I would like to congratulate Beverley Thomas the only Breaststroke swimmer in the championship to take the trophy at her first time in the Windermere championships it must have been going through Beverley's mind at times looking up into white clouds and the blue sky and saying I am doing this for you Mam.

In many of my reports on Windermere I must apologise if I cannot give everybody a mention it is impossible to give a report on all who took part on the day so if you are not mentioned please don't think that I have forgotten you it would make this report like a volume. I thank you all very much for your support.

The presentation took place in the Conservative Club, the trophies and certificates were again given out by Councillor Mrs Jean Ewing and the British Long Distance Swimming Association President Mrs Gill Stables.

I can not close my report without saying a big thank you to all boat crews for a magnificent job you all do towards these championships. Again I thank you all.

I would like to thank my sub – committee Mrs Margaret Hinchliffe, Mr Graham McItyre, Mr Graham Smith, The President of the B.L.D.S.A. Gill Stables, Councillor Michael Bentley of the South Lakeland District Council, Mr S. Rothwell Northern Counties A.S.A., Mr Richard Myers at Fellfoot Park, Mrs Dugdale Ambleside Conservative Club, Dr J.C. France Pilot Boat and the P.A. Systom, Bownes Boating Company, Mr Paul Crossland St John Ambulance, Lake District National Park, Danial and Mathew Thomas the B.L.D.S.A. boat, Mrs Joan Metcalfe and Mr Gordon Singleton Rescue boat, Mr Graham McIntyre and Christine McIntyre rescue boat, Mr Brian Ferrand Programmes, Timekeepers Mrs Terry Lambert Commonwealth Games Representative, Mrs Pat Llewellyn, Mrs Hazel Simm, Pick up Launch Mr Reg Simm, Mr Martin Ackroyd Rescue Boat, Mr James Tinsley and team Rescue Boat, Mrs Margaret Smith Second Referee, Mr John Charlton Shepherds Boating Company, Mr Stephen Bedford Commentator, Mrs Vicky Stocks Finishing Judge.

B.L.D.S.A. 2004 WINDERMERE RESULTS

GENTS

1.	Darron Corden.	4-21-42
2.	Simon Lee.	4-21-51
3.	Tom Wilkinson.	4-51-16
4.	Richard Davidson.	5-03-22
5.	Andy Wright.	5-26-36
6.	Stephen O' Brien	5-43-19
7.	Patrick Turner.	5-48-12
8.	Peter Harper.	6-04-23
9.	David Feakes.	6-07-26
10.	Kevin McCalden.	6-10-53
11.	Chris Green.	6-15-58
12.	Geoffrey Taylor.	6-17-54
13.	Victor Malwa.	6-27-27
14.	Mik Hennessy.	6-39-54
15.	Paul Tew.	7-01-42
16.	Frank Chalmers.	7-17-53
17.	David Taylor.	7-32-14
18.	Peter Larrad.	7-42-02
19.	John Iliffe.	7-51-55
20.	Kevin Wendt.	8-06-18
21	Tom Gunning	8-39-46

RETIRED

Phillip Salts.

Nicholas Robinson.

OUT OF TIME

Joseph Coy.

B.L.D.S.A. 2004 WINDERMERE RESULTS

LADIES.

1.	Rebecca Lewis.	4-07-.37.
2.	Dee Llewellyn.	4-27-59.
3.	Jennifer Clegg.	4-43-30. Best First Attempt.
4.	Laura Colette.	5-10-22.
5.	Andrea Gellan.	5-26-07.
6.	Nicki Scott.	5-54-09.
7.	Sally Goble.	6-45-18.
8.	Sue Aitken.	6-58-35.
9.	Hannah Lietzau.	7-25-06.
10.	Beverley Thomas.	8-01-37. First B/T.

RETIRED

Jackalyn Classen.

Water Temperature. 60-62.

Weather- Fine Drizzle at the start of the swim, then became warm and sunny.

Wind North Westerley.

Date for 2005 Saturday 3th September.

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Coniston Water Championship
18th July 2004

Despite the weather preceding the swim being more akin to winter, we were yet again blessed with a wonderful blue sky dotted with white clouds and a northerly wind up the lake in the swimmers favour. The water temperature had managed to reach a respectable 60 - 62 degrees and all was set for a good championship.

With a welcome and good luck from BLDSA President Gill Stables, the Swimmers and Crews were all briefed and everyone set off to Water Park for the start. Unfortunately everyone was so keen to get there, that the family and crew of Geoff Taylor forgot him. Fortunately he managed to get a lift on a Mystic Rescue Boat arriving with 3 minutes to spare. He jumped into the water with his sweatshirt on, got to the shore, greased up and leapt in, in time for the start. Not so for David Foster. His boat had trouble up the lake and he arrived just as the race had set off. But in good sporting manner, put on his goggles and with a smile and a joke set off 3 minutes and 30 seconds behind the field.

In the Ladies Championship Rebecca Lewis led from the start taking the Percy Bull Trophy for the second year running after setting a new Championship record last year. An exciting battle between Darren Cordon, Dee Llewellyn and Simon Lee began early on, with little distance between them for the greater part of the race. At the finish Darren Cordon took the Challenge Trophy closely followed by Dee Llewellyn and Simon Lee. Liane Llewellyn being third lady home.

Katie Tyson took the Bryan Finlay Breastroke Trophy with Beverley Thomas and Sue Edgar coming second and third respectively. The Mens Bryan Finlay Breastroke Trophy was presented to Lesley Du Cane on his first attempt at this championship.

This year although no records were broken, there was once more a high standard of swimming from all the entrants. Four swimmers took the sensible action of retiring with dignity rather than risking having to be taken out in poor condition at a later stage. It takes a lot of guts to say "this is not my day" and retiring. Well done for the valiant efforts of Lucien Hankart, Sharon Harris, Christina Stapleton and Irene Meikle.

A swimmer that really touched my heart was Lesley Du Cane. This was his first attempt at Coniston and after he had finished he stood and looked back up the lake. He discussed the condition of the water, the difficulty he had for the last three miles with cramp wondering if he would finish and he had. It is difficult to describe the elation he was expressing without you being able to see the enjoyment in his face and the delight in his voice. We have all been there and it is this that draws us back to each swim time and time again. He had no idea that he had won the Breastroke trophy and on receiving this his elation and happiness was fit to explode he was so surprised. I spoke to him again after the presentation. There was no "bigheadedness" about winning the trophy just sheer surprise and delight.His son had supported him in the swim and his delight for his father was obvious, each time I saw them they both had a big grin on their faces. I gave them a lift back into Coniston and as I drove off took a look back and they were both still grinning like Cheshire cats. A true reflection of the feelings of a successful swim.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have helped me make this Championship possible. To President Gill Stables, Daniel Thomas in the BLDSA Rescue Boat. To Pat Llewellyn and Kathleen Walker for Timekeeping. Tim Wilson Safety Officer, to my Championship Committee and officials for their support. To Joe Wilkin -Oxley and Pam Morgan for selling the raffle tickets and programmes. To all the Boat crews for supporting the swimmers especially those that stepped in at the last minute. To all the swimmers for giving us a good Championship.

My thanks also to Pat,Dee and Liane Llewellyn and Chris Hickling. Whilst I went to prepare for the presentation, they showed true sportsmanship by staying at the finish to welcome home the last swimmer and to remove the bouys from the water. A lovely gesture thankyou

I look forward to seeing you all next season. Thank you

Jackalyn Classen.

Coniston ChampionshipResults 2004

Mens Championship

1 Darren Cordon	38	1:59:20	Challenge Cup
2 Simon Lee	39	2:03:39	
3 Richard Davidson	34	2:16:18	
4 Tom Wilkinson	17	2:19:32	
5 Stephen O'Brien	36	2:23:43	
6 Derek Griffiths	45	2:31:03	
7 Mark Westaway	24	2:34:48	
8 Mik Hennessy	45	2:39:09	
9 Chris Green	54	2:39:39	
10 Geoff Taylor	47	2:48:41	
11 Peter Goodman	50	2:50:13	
12 Tom Gunning	53	3:01:57	
13 Craig Davies	42	3:12:15	
14 Joseph Coy	44	3:14:11	
15 Paul Tew	45	3:16:02	
16 Peter Rigg	51	3:16:08	
17 Lesley Du Cane	50 B/S	3:31:02	Bryan Finlay Trophy
18 David Foster	60	4:46:39	

Ladies Championship

1 Rebecca Lewis	20	1:54:51	Percy Bull Tropy
2 Dee Llewellyn	26	1:59:46	
3 Liane Llewellyn	22	2:17:49	
4 Gemma Franks	19	2:33:40	
5 Nicki Scott	24	2:35:56	
6 Anne Kupschus	36	2:50:02	
7 Cath Samways	34	2:57:35	
8 Sue Aitken	37	3:00:32	
9 Phillippa Armstrong	31	3:03:21	
10 Katie Tyson	41 B/S	3:08:56	Bryan Finlay Trophy
11Helen Westaway	21	3:16:20	
12 Vicki Thompson	35	3:20:36	
13 Beverley Thomas	47 B/S	3:21:29	
14 Sue Edgar	36 B/S	3:21:54	

The Arthur Ayres Trophy for Endeavour was this year awarded jointly to Dee and Liane Llewellyn. The spirit of the trophy is not only for the fastest, slowest or record breaking swim. It is for people who foster the ideal of the sport. Our competetors are also our friends and each of us should not only value how we do, but should endeavour to help others to achieve their goal. Dee and Liane can always be seen giving support and encouragement to other swimmers. At the time of the presentaion they were making their way back from the finish after staying to see the last swimmer home despite being amongst the first home themselves. They have always been extremely supportive to the championship and it's participants. It is this endeavour that has won them the Trophy this year.

BLDSA CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS EVENT
COTSWOLD WATER PARK
SUNDAY 20 JUNE 2004

The event was held at the Cotswold Water Park on Sunday 20 June 2004. Conditions were reasonably good, with a water temperature of 20°c (68°f), albeit with a lower air temperature, light winds and intermittent heavy showers.

The course had been set using GPS, and was very similar to that used in previous years.

Thirty six competitors took to the water for the full event, with thirty one successfully completing the three elements.

The Men's Championship was won by Darron Corden, whilst Natalie Jones made a successful transition from Junior to Senior to win the Ladies Championship by just over 3½ minutes from Dee Llewellyn.

The Junior Men's Championship was won for the first time by Robbie Cook – who had competed in the 1 Mile Novices event in 2003.

As part of the event, the BLDSA hosted the Wiltshire ASA County Open Water Championship in which seven swimmers competed over a 1 Mile course.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those that helped on the day, but particularly Trevor and Karen Symmons, and also Pete Pendlebury who, apart from making available his facilities, also arranged additional safety cover using BCU members.

The 2005 event has been provisionally booked for Sunday 12 June 2005 – one week earlier than in 2004 to fit in with other events at the Cotswold Water Park.

RESULTS

		AGGREGATE TIME	5 MILE	3 MILE	1 MILE
	SENIOR MEN				
1st	Darron Corden	3.29.53	1.56.22	1.10.53	22.38
2nd	Simon Lee	3.36.18	1.58.19	1.14.45	23.14
3rd	Olly White	3.54.16	2.08.00	1.21.05	25.11
4th	Tom Wilkinson	3.57.41	2.10.17	1.21.05	26.19
5th	Andy Wright	4.06.19	2.15.54	1.23.29	26.56
6th	Stephen O'Brien	4.10.20	2.15.42	1.27.36	27.02
7th	Kevin Sanders	4.20.04	2.22.01	1.29.11	28.52
8th	Richard Gillman	4.21.15	2.21.48	1.30.28	28.59
9th	Richard Davidson	4.25.05	2.29.14	1.27.58	27.53
10th	Kevin Saunders	4.36.26	2.32.51	1.32.12	31.23
11th	Chris Jarvis	4.37.16	2.30.07	1.35.47	31.22
12th	Mark Westaway	4.38.44	2.31.18	1.35.56	31.30
13th	Nick Hunt	4.42.07	2.32.30	1.38.16	31.21
14th	Mik Hennessy	4.58.04	2.41.42	1.43.11	33.11
15th	Tom Gunning	5.03.24	2.37.23	1.48.39	37.22
16th	Henry Lowther	5.11.43	2.48.32	1.46.43	36.28
17th	Kevin Wendt	5.55.00	3.05.01	2.13.43	36.16
	Adam Hipkin		2.57.16	2.03.32	WITHDREW
	John Coote		2.58.48		
	David Foster		4.38.18		
	Clive Burbage		RETIRED		
	Russell Crew		WITHDREW		
	Craig Davies		WITHDREW		
	Michael Trew		WITHDREW		
	SENIOR LADIES				
1st	Natalie Jones	3.31.31	1.57.11	1.11.22	22.58
2nd	Dee Llewellyn	3.35.03	1.58.20	1.13.28	23.15
3rd	Emma Spinks	3.57.33	2.11.12	1.20.42	25.39
4th	Liane Llewellyn	4.06.49	2.16.00	1.23.24	27.25
5th	Kate Mason	4.19.23	2.21.36	1.28.16	29.31
6th	Jo-Anne Bennett	4.23.44	2.27.28	1.28.24	27.52
7th	Gemma Hitchlock	4.24.33	2.25.18	1.30.34	28.41
8th	Nicki Scott	4.30.47	2.34.19	1.28.28	28.00
9th	Julia Aston	4.45.29	2.39.42	1.35.24	30.23
10th	Philippa Armstrong	5.29.22	3.00.47	1.52.23	36.12
11th	Julie Dimaline	5.48.17	3.08.45	2.01.06	38.26
	Michelle Arnold		WITHDREW	1.28.34	28.47

		AGGREGATE TIME	5 MILE	3 MILE	1 MILE
	JUNIOR MEN				
1st	Robbie Cook	3.36.00	1.58.19	1.14.34	23.07
2nd	Scott Webster	5.33.25	3.11.05	1.47.42	34.38
	JUNIOR LADIES				
	Michelle Sanders	3.44.57	2.04.03	1.16.48	24.06

Derwentwater Report 2004

The weather in the two weeks preceding Derwent Water was appalling and I had visions of having to cancel the swim, luckily for me Saturday the 14th August dawned bright, clear and virtually still, perfect conditions for long distance swimming.

We had 44 entries each with a full complement of crews, flags and whistles. Officials, buoys and safety boats were all in place what had I been worrying about? The 5¼-mile races were started by the BLDSA President Gill Stables and were refereed by Carl Walker with the support of Matthew Thomas in the BLDSA safety boat.

Also in her role as President Gill started and refereed the 2 mile races, she was accompanied by David Foster in a motor boat with safety cover provided by the Scarborough Kingfishers power boat, crewed by Mary Renshaw and Philip Lee.

Thankfully all competitors finished their events with no retirements or incidents many swimmers produced personal best times but despite the excellent conditions no new records were set.

Results **Junior Girls 2 miles**

1	00:47:44	Clegg Stephanie	14	Halifax SC
2	00:49:51	Deborah Preston	15	Blackburn Centurions
3	00:57:23	Kara Shuttleworth	14	Blackburn Centurions

Junior Boys 2 mile

1	00:44:52	David Richardson	14	Howe Bridge Marlins
2	01:06:29	Scott Webster	15	Scarborough Kingfishers

Senior Men's 2 miles

1	00:43:03	Omah Hussain	18	City of Bradford
2	01:04:18	Jonathan Tilt	36	Meltham
3	01:09:02	Craig Davis	42	Scarborough Kingfishers

Senior Ladies 2 mile

1	00:48:06	Sarah Roberts	16	Scarborough ASC
2	00:49:25	Christine Stapleton	16	City of Bradford
3B	01:12:36	Irene Meikle	42	Barrow LDSC

Senior Ladies 5¼ mile

1	01:46:36	Rebecca Lewis	20	Barrow LDSC
2	01:52:42	Jennifer Clegg	16	Halifax
3	01:52:44	Clare Kane	16	Warrington Dolphins

Junior Girls 5¼ miles

1	01:59:39	Michelle Sanders	14	Sherwood CSC
2B	03:02:50	Emily Wardman	12	Scarborough Kingfishers

Senior Men's 5¼ miles

1	01:45:17	Adam Harvey	20	Scarborough ASC
2	01:55:31	Simon Lee	39	Solent SC
3	02:09:57	Tom Wilkinson	17	Scarborough Kingfishers

Sadly there were no entries for the Junior Boy's 5¼-mile race

I would like to take this opportunity to thank -

The Keswick Launch Co. for their support and help especially Douglass Hodgson and Carol Ray for their invaluable help, without them these Championships could not be held. They provided us with 16 rowing boats on a busy Saturday in August, when they could well have hired them out to other users.

The St. John's Ambulance, Cumbria Division for their presence and support, fortunately the only emergencies they had to deal with were unrelated to the swim.

Scarborough Town Centre Management for the supply of Chocolate for the swimmers and crews, and White Rose Vending for the hot drinks.

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Lastly all of the swimmers and crew who supported the Derwentwater Championships this year, without you there would be no swim to organise - thank you!

Maureen Dickinson

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4.	Terry Lyons	Richmond	1hr.56m.19s
5.	Paul Taylor	Leeds	2hr.15m.37s
6.	Paul Tew	Cockermouth	2hr.15m.44s
7.	Peter Rigg	Troutbeck	2hr.20m.35s
8.	Charles Forsberg	Lancaster	2hr.25m.00s
9.	Les Robinson	BLDSA	3hr.02m.15s
10.	David Foster	Carnforth	3hr.34m.40s
11.	John Ellison	Gateshead	3hr.36m.55s

Ladies' Championship:

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3.	Jackie Classen	Barrow	2hr.06m.50s
4.	Gill Stables	Troutbeck	2hr.18m.31s
5.	Gill Whalley	Bingley	2hr.21m.13s
6.	Joan Steel	Barrow	2hr.25m.43s
7.	Amanda Taylor	Leeds	2hr.32m.36s
8.	Greta Gall	YAABA	2hr.41m.23s
9.	Pauline Kay	Barrow	2hr.44m.47s
10.	Kath Walker	Barrow	2hr.49m.45s
11.	Margaret Smith	Grimsby	3hr.52m.36s

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Rivington Reservoir Championships

This event is held annually at The Anderton Centre, Lower Rivington Reservoir, Chorley, Lancashire.

On Saturday the 26th June the 5th Annual BLDSA Rivington Reservoir Championships took place. This event once again attracted a large field of competitors with many entering the 1km event on the day despite the dreadful conditions. The weather forecast for the day wasn't good with strong winds and rain expected and that is just what we had to contend with on an area of water, which is very exposed.

The strong winds brought the air temperature right down and caused the water to become very rough and move fast in a northerly direction. This meant that the first and third sections of the triangular circuit were swum into the wind which drained the competitors of their energy but for many seasoned swimmers and some of the new fools this part made the event all the more exciting!

The 2-mile event got under way slightly later than scheduled due to one of the marker buoy's breaking loose, as was the shear power of the water. However, Rebecca Lewis quickly took the lead followed by Natalie Jones, Simon Lee, Clare Kane, Dee Llewellyn and David Richardson. By the end of the first lap the weather had claimed retirements. David, having completed his first Open Water Swim in the 1km race at the 2003 Rivington Championships, continued to lead the junior boys race but dropped back behind two junior girls, and Holly Williams, who were having a close race for 2nd place behind the leading girl, Clare Kane. A sprint finish was also encountered in the senior ladies section between the 4th and 5th placed swimmers, Liane Llewellyn and Michaela Richard with Liane just edging it this time. In the veterans section Andy Wright and Andrea Gellan lead the way home with Charles Forsberg making a come back to take the Veteran's Breaststroke title. Mark Blewitt was the first Senior Breaststroke finisher.

At lunchtime the novice 1km event was shortened on the grounds of safety to 500m and despite being very reluctant to enter the water only one person retired. These swimmers had a really solid experience of Open Water Swimming as the first 250m were directly into the wind. If you were in this group of swimmers your confidence for future events should be greatly enhanced.

The 4-mile event, again on the grounds of safety, was shortened to 3 miles, which by all accounts was more than enough! As in the 2-mile event Rebecca Lewis lead the way, but this time she was followed by Jennifer Clegg and Simon Lee. Tom Wilkinson and Steven O'Brien had a close race for 2nd place in the gent's event and Andy Wright who was the fastest veteran followed them home. Nick White was the first Breaststroke finisher followed by Beverley Thomas who is making a fine return to long distance swimming.

I would like to once again thank United Utilities for the use of the reservoir, St John Ambulance for supplying first aid cover, the B.L.D.S.A. Safety boat, my officials, the caterers and all the many other people who stepped in and helped to make the event a success. Special thanks go to The Anderton Outdoor Activities Centre for all their help and the kind use of their hospitality facilities which helped to keep people warm and dry throughout the day. Finally, I would like to thank the small number of canoeists who were out on the water all day providing invaluable support to all swimmers. It was not pleasant conditions for them to canoe and had it not been for these people it would not be possible for the swim to take place.

Reporter: Miss Dee Llewellyn (BLDSA Rivington Reservoir Swim Secretary)

Results

Junior 2 Miles

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Clare	Kane	15	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:51:18	1st
Julie	Connor	14	F/s	Warriors of Warrington	00:53:18	2nd
Holly	Williams	14	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:53:24	3rd
Michelle	Sanders	14	F/s	Sherwood SC	00:55:52	4th
Deborah	Preston	15	F/s	Blackburn Centurions	01:01:14	5th
Kara	Shuttleworth	14	F/s	Blackburn Centurions	01:03:12	6th
Rebecca	Patrick	15	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:30:05	7th
Stephanie	Clegg	14	F/s	Halifax S.C.	RETIRED	-
Lauren	O'Neill	14	F/s	Halifax S.C.	RETIRED	-
Kirsty	Richardson	14	F/s	City of Bradford S.C.	RETIRED	-
Deborah	Adcock	13	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	DNS	-
Hannah	Keech	12	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	DNS	-
MALE						
David	Richardson	14	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	00:53:53	1st
Troy	Renshaw	15	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:04:51	2nd
Scott	Webster	15	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:13:06	3rd

Senior 2 Miles

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Rebecca	Lewis	19	F/s	Barrow L.D.S.C.	00:48:55	1st
Natalie	Jones	16	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:50:07	2nd
Dee	Llewellyn	26	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:51:33	3rd
Liane	Llewellyn	22	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:58:29	4th
Michaela	Richards	37	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:58:35	5th
Gemma	Hitchlock	16	F/s	Bury and Elton	01:05:17	6th
Jo-Anne	Bennett	16	F/s	Bury and Elton	01:05:55	7th
Sally	Chapman	42	F/s	Barrow L.D.S.C.	01:13:56	8th
Philippa	Armstrong	31	F/s	Henleaze S.C.	01:14:36	9th
Julie	Dimaline	41	B/s	Hull Masters	01:32:00	10th
Christina	Stapleton	16	F/s	City of Bradford S.C.	RETIRED	-
Vicky	Thompson	35	F/s	Barrow L.D.S.C.	DNS	-
MALE						
Simon	Lee	39	F/s	Solent S.C.	00:51:01	1st
Tom	Wilkinson	16	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:56:03	2nd
Kevin	Sanders	44	F/s	Rykneld SPSC	00:58:36	3rd
Jonathan	Tilt	36	F/s	Dewsbury	01:16:34	4th
Mark	Blewitt	37	F/s	Haslingden S.C.	01:22:02	5th
Craig	Davies	42	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:35:30	6th
Liam	O'Neill	17	F/s	Halifax S.C.	RETIRED	-

Veteran 2 Miles

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Andrea	Gellan	47	F/s	Carnegie S.C.	01:02:54	1st
Gill	Stables	50	F/s	Troutbeck Bridge	01:22:18	2nd
Amanda	Taylor	57	F/s	Leeds	01:33:45	3rd
Greta	Gall	61	F/s	Y.A.A.B.A.	01:46:27	4th
Anna	Barker	56	B/s	Warrington Dolphins	RETIRED	-
Margaret	Smith	59	F/s	Grimsby	DNS	-
Kathleen	Walker	58	F/s	Barrow L.D.S.C.	DNS	-
MALE						
Andy	Wright	47	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:57:13	1st
Henry	Lowther	45	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:14:34	2nd
Paul	Taylor	58	F/s	Leeds	01:21:21	3rd
Charles	Forsberg	50	F/s	Lancaster	01:12:06	4th
Brian	Hey	65	F/s	Marlborough Penguins	01:27:36	5th
David	Foster	60	F/s	Carnforth Otters	02:06:52	6th
Eric	Mountain	74	F/s	Stockport	DNS	-

1km

NAME		STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE					
Alice	McCall	F/s	Wigan Wasps	00:09:16	1st
Laura	Bagley	F/s	B.L.D.S.A.	00:09:27	2nd
Heidi	Kearsey	F/s	City of Sheffield	00:10:24	3rd
Nikki	Dand	F/s	Halton S.C.	00:11:26	4th
Nicola	Wright	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:11:30	5th
Claire	Dickinson	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:12:40	6th
Hannah	Keech	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:13:56	7th
Paula	Gandy	F/s	Halton S.C.	00:14:42	8th
Abigail	Morgan	F/s	Bridlington	00:21:31	9th
Debbie	Field	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	D.N.S	-
MALE					
Michael	Searl	F/s	Everton S.C.	00:08:14	1st
Matt	Harrop	F/s	Bolton	00:10:15	2nd
Robert	Dickinson	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:10:26	3rd
Derek	Booth	F/s	Halton S.C.	00:10:30	4th
Tim	Ribton	F/s	St. Helens	00:10:50	5th
Ian	Bury	F/s		00:10:52	6th
Peter	Flynn	F/s	Halton S.C.	00:10:53	7th
Francis	Kilgannon	F/s	Halton S.C.	00:10:54	8th
Christopher	Hext	F/s	Halton S.C.	00:11:53	9th
Roy	Keane	F/s	Halton S.C.	00:12:29	10th
Kevin	Comer	F/s	Halton S.C.	00:13:22	11th
Raymond	Marshall	F/s	Halton S.C.	00:13:42	12th
Toni	Gandy	F/s	Halton S.C.	00:14:41	13th

Charles	Forsberg	F/s	Lancaster	00:15:21	14th
Lewis	Sharp	F/s	City of Bradford	00:20:52	15th
Joe	Wilkin Oxley	F/s	B.L.D.S.A.	00:22:18	16th
Michael	Callaghan	F/s		00:55:55	17th
Sean	Gallagher	F/s		RETIRED	-

Senior 4 Miles

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Rebecca	Lewis	20	F/s	Barrow L.D.S.C.	01:16:58	1st
Jennifer	Clegg	16	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:19:01	2nd
Dee	Llewellyn	26	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:22:49	3rd
Joanna	Weedon	24	F/s	Manchester Triathlon Club	01:32:07	4th
Liane	Llewellyn	22	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:35:01	5th
Jackie	Classen	47	F/s	Barrow LDSC	01:59:20	6th
Phillipa	Armstrong	31	F/s	Bristol	02:00:41	7th
Vicky	Thompson	35	F/s	Barrow LDSC	02:15:13	8th
Beverley	Thomas	47	B/s	Halifax SC	02:21:26	9th
Jean	Wilkin-Oxley	49	F/s	BLDSA	02.41:41	10th
Julie	Dimaline	41	B/s	Hull Masters	Retired	-
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MALE						
Simon	Lee	39	F/s	Solent S.C.	01:21:00	1st
Tom	Wilkinson	16	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:28:37	2nd
Stephen	O'Brien	36	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	01:29:14	3rd
Andy	Wright	47	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:33:16	4th (1st Vet)
Dave	Parry	28	F/s	City of Liverpool	01:36:20	5th
Kevin	Sanders	44	F/s	Rykneld SPSC	01:36:20	5th
Peter	Harper	48	F/s	City of Liverpool	01:39:12	7th
Chris	Green	54	F/s	Barrow L.D.S.C.	01:46:50	8th
David	Taylor	35	F/s	Derby	01:54:22	9th
Henry	Lowther	45	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:58:19	10th
Nick	White	31	B/s	Blackpool	01:59:05	11th (1st Bst)
Clive	Burbage	45	F/s	Devonport Royal	02:09:03	12th
Peter	Hawksworth	47	F/s	Colwick Park L.D.S.C.	02:14:26	13th
Joseph	Coy	44	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:22:05	14th
Nick	Robinson	25	F/s	City of Liverpool	Retired	-
Ian	Corrin	50	F/s	City of Liverpool	Retired	-
Les	Robinson	67	F/s	BLDSA	Retired	-
Mick	Gallagher	59	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	Retired	-
David	Foster	60	F/s	Carnforth Otters	D.N.S	-
Alister	Stocks	40	F/s	Halifax S.C.	D.N.S	-

Lynn Regis, Kings Lynn Open Water Swim September 11th 2004
Race Report

The day of the swim presented an overcast and windy morning making the swim that little bit more difficult for the competitors. Unfortunately due to circumstances out of our hands there was no electricity in the clubhouse so a generator was set-up outside which worked as a good substitute. Also there were no showers but all cooking facilities were fine with hot food and drinks supplied by Penny Bone.

Moving onto the swim we had three safety boats this year, two from Ouse Sailing Club and our BLDSA boat piloted by Matt Thomas and of course Carl walker who was on hand to mind the radio on another boat. A special thanks should also go to Jean Wilkin Oxley, Mac Clegg and Chris Hickling for there canoe support.

The start was delayed till 1:50pm due to timings of the sluice gates but even with all the difficulties the swimmers were all still eager and first off were the seniors. As in other years Omar Hussein went into the lead from the start and never relinquished to take first place in the seniors. In the female seniors race Jennifer Clegg, as a first year senior, stormed to second overall and first in the ladies category and looks a good prospect for the future. Simon Lee and Dee Llewellyn had their normal scrap with Simon winning to take second male and third overall with Dee taking second female. Another great race involved Dee's sister, Lianne, and Tim Denyer, a new swimmer from London. Lianne's experience and overall fitness paid off on the final lap to take fourth lady home. Tim took third male home.

This year a new star has emerged, Christina Stapleton, who raced on her own for most of the race to split the Llewellyn sisters to take third in the ladies. So it looks like good competition now between Christina and Jennifer.

In the junior race Stephanie Clegg took first place and a pretty close second was Michelle Sanders followed by Kirsty Richardson. In the male juniors Lewis Sharpe in his 1st Lynn Regis swim performed well as did Cara Lawson to take Breastroke prize for the juniors. I was pleased to give her that trophy as it is the first time since I took over the swim that this has happened.

In the novice race Gina Borley, Richard Handall and Joe Wilkin Oxley all entered on the day. Also Heidi Kearsey, who entered on day as well, won the race. Hopefully we will see more novices next year. Many thanks once again to all the helpers and a special thanks to Pat and Gwin Llewellyn for being our timekeepers.

Stephen Smith
Race Organiser

Position	Name	Time	Category
1st	Omar Hussein	1:04:22	Male Seniors
2nd	Simon Lee	1:14:01	Male Seniors
3rd	Tim Denyer	1:25:33	Male Seniors
4th	Christopher Morris (1st Vet)	1:30:02	Male Seniors
5th	Nick Hunt (1st Breast)	1:34:48	Male Seniors
6th	Terry Lyons (Oldest Vet)	1:47:38	Male Seniors
7th	Eric Millican	1:47:51	Male Seniors
8th	Tom Gunning	1:52:58	Male Seniors
9th	Leslie Du Cane	1:58.11	Male Seniors
10th	Les Robinson	2:12:36	Male Seniors
	David Foster	DNS	
	Kevin Sanders	DNS	
Position	**Name**	**Time**	**Category**
1st	Jennifer Clegg	1:11:48	Ladies Seniors
2nd	Dee Llewellyn	1:14:02	Ladies Seniors
3rd	Christina Stapleton	1:17:07	Ladies Seniors
4th	Liane Llewellyn	1:24:32	Ladies Seniors
5th	Sarah Taylor	1:53:46	Ladies Seniors
6th	Julie Dimaline (1st Breast)	2:07:13	Ladies Seniors
7th	Janet Wilson (1st Vet)	2:34:59	Ladies Seniors
Position	**Name**	**Time**	**Category**
1st	Stephanie Clegg	22:25	Junior
2nd	Michelle Sanders	23:35	Junior
3rd	Kirsty Richardson	26:51	Junior
4th	Lewis Sharpe (1st Male)	28:01	Junior
5th	Cara Lawson (1st Breast)	36:13	Junior

THE 2004 TORBAY CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM REPORT

With the 3rd of July approaching fast, I made the final ring around to kayaks groups and, individuals who had pledged to assist swimmers on the Torbay swim. With most people keeping to their word; I just hoped that they all arrive on the day of the swim. Next to finalise the safety boats, most confirmed in writing, but some have to hold me out to the last minute which is frustrating, because they play a significant safety role on this swim.

With most boats confirmed all though at a price, it is all I can do until the day, and hope they all arrive just off the shoreline at 10.30am on Saturday the 3rd July.

The weather the week before the swim date had been totally unseasonable with very low pressure and strong winds whipping up the sea to storm force, on many occasions to force 6 to 7 gale force. Friday before swim is again stormy with grey skies and unseasonable cold temperatures. The weather forecast from the local Met office, was high winds, gale force 6 to 7 decreasing to 5 to 6 by Saturday with moderate to rough seas along the south coast.

At the safety briefing held at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, on the Friday night before swim it is soon established that the cross bay swim will not be taking place with the possibility of no swim because of the adverse sea conditions on Saturday.

The decision to plan a circuit swim within Meadfoot cove is made and a course is agreed and will be set up the next morning, by positioning a buoy marker at one end of Meadfoot Cove and a large boat moored about half a mile away at the other end. The course is in deeper water a few hundred metres off shore, to hopefully keep the swim course a fraction calmer.

This year had a total entry of 41 swimmers, the maximum for the swim, with over 50 swimmers wanting to enter into the championship swim, with 29 men and 12 ladies in the programme, 11 are new to the Torbay swim, attempting it for the first time.

This swim has over the last few years had a lot of media interest and on route to the swim from Exeter, early on Saturday morning, the local BBC radio presented a 15 minute interview recorded the afternoon before. Also a production team making a television programme called Danger on the beach, covered the whole event through the day, this is a documentary on the local coastguards at Brixham.

The weather on the swim day started with grey skies and a slight breeze, with the Sea State in Meadfoot cove slight to moderate, but just off shore from the cove the white horses were already rolling across the bay in a southwesterly direction. As the sun broke through the clouds, and some kayaks arrived on top of cars the area started to come alive. By 8.30 there are many people already registering in at the swim table. The steady flow of entrants registering in and getting their arms numbered has helped a much-controlled part of the event. With all swimmers ready the briefings start on time, (I thank all the swimmers for co-operating with the registration)

The swimmers are briefed on the new course of circuits rather than across the bay and the reasons why the change of route. With a few alterations to swimmers to kayaks as safety cover the swim was ready for the start at 11.00am, with all boats and kayaks on the water swimmers line up for the start, by the Mayor of Torbay. There is a mad dash to the turn buoy for the start of ether 4 laps for the vets or 8 for the senior events. The conditions at the start are sunny with an outward spring tide of 4.8 metres, conditions on the swim course are a

moderate choppy sea state. But the conditions changed quickly with winds picking up and a few heavy showers. At this point the air temperature dropped, and the swim nearly got called off because the sea conditions were getting rougher. But due to the high standard of safety cover the event carried on. The swimmers were finding the circuits a challenge because of the changing Sea State and the changing swim direction around the course.

The first to finish was veteran swimmer Andy Wright, followed by ladies veteran, Andrea Gellan, and followed close behind by Peter Harper.These swimmers stopped because the water and conditions were cold for this swim, just completing the vets class only.

The first senior swimmer to finish was Simon Lee; close behind was a local lady swimmer Jane Solomon, then Lee Portingale from Bristol. Most swimmers finishing the swim commented on a testing and cold challenging swim

Therefore this years circuit event with all swimmers getting a swim, and being very well looked after when they came to the finish, by the St John Ambulance personnel, passed off with out any incidents, and proved a success under the circumstances.

A special thanks to the refreshments, which are a part of the Torbay swim day now.

A Civic reception was given by Torbay Council, at the Oldway Mansion in the evening, in the presence of the Mayor of Torbay Mrs Jenny Falkner, followed by a presentation of Trophies Plaques and Certificates.

This was again a splendid way to finish this prestigious event within the British Long Distance Swimming Association calendar, and I hope every person enjoyed the event from start to finish.

I would like to thank all my support staff who helped run the event and make it a success.

The Swim referee Mr Alan Franks
The turn boat judge & time keeper
Time keepers & registration table
And Susan who made the refreshments
Also the following receive my thanks
Torbay Council
Torquay St John Ambulance Staff
The Coastguard Personnel
The Torbay Harbour Agency
Royal Torbay Yacht Club
The R.N.L.I.
Exmouth Beach Rescue
Daniel & Chris B.L.D.S.A. R.I.B.
Andy Squirel R.I.B.
All the kayakers who supported the swimmers on the water
And not to forget Adam, the beach supervisor whose equipment we use free of charge

Report by swim secretary Barry K Westaway 5th July 2004

	TORBAY SWIM	SENIORS	RESULTS
	MEN		
1	SIMON	LEE	2:09.23
2	LEE	PORTINGALE	2:12.30
3	OLLY	WHITE	2:24.32
4	ALLAN	VANDYKE	2:25.46
5	STEPHEN	O'BRIEN	2:31.55
6	DAVID	PARRY	2:40.40
7	MICHAEL	READ	2:42.25
8	RIHARD	GILLMAN	2:45.25
9	STEPHEN	PRICE	2:58.44
10	PETER	LLOYD	3:06.23
11	NICK	HUNT	3:08.26
12	KEVIN	WENDT	3;18.00
13	MARK	BLEWITT	3:23.56
14	PAUL	NAISBITT	3:26.13
15	PETER	LARRARD	3:30.52
16	BRIAN	FINLAY	3:32.31
17	TOM	GUNNING	4:14.49
	MENS	VETERANS	
1	ANDY	WRIGHT	1:13.08
2	PETER	HARPER	1:26.19
3	IAN	CORRIN	1:31.20
4	NICK	HUNT	1:31.52
5	CHRIS	GREEN	1:32.01
6	KEVIN	SAUNDERS	1:32.03
7	BRIAN	WILSON	1:34.58
8	PETER	LARRAD	1:40.05
9	HENRY	LOWTHER	1:45.04
10	BRIAN	FINLAY	1:45.13
11	TOM	GUNNING	1:45..28
12	IBRAHAM	KHALIL	1:47.00
13	IVAN	NAISBITT	1:54.22
14	ROY	NAISITT	2:14.10

	2004	4&8 CIRCUITS	SENIORS	COURSE
		LADIES		
1		JANE	SOLOMON	2:12.17
2		DEE	LLEWELLYN	2:13.53
3		LIANE	LLEWELLYN	2:29.25
4		EMMA	SPINKS	2:29.25
5		JACY	WOOD	2:31.14
6		JOANNA	WEEDEN	2:33.56
7		PHILIPPA	ARMSTRONG	3:03.58
8		ANNE	KUPSCHUS	3:20.41
		LADIES	VETERANS	
1		ANDREA	GELLAN	1:25.01
2		JACKALYN	CLASSEN	1:47.01
		MENS	BREASTSTROKE	
1		NICK	HUNT	3:08.26
2		BRIAN	FINLAY	3:32.31

B.L.D.S.A. JUNIOR CONISTON CHAMPIONSHIP

The 18th Junior Coniston Championship took place on 5th September 2004 in superb conditions. We had fewer swimmers than 2003 with 5 junior girls and only 2 junior boys.

During the season we have seen more girls entering swims but again the boys is looking poor. Congratulations to the 6 swimmers who completed the course and all in good times.

Many thanks to our President Gill Stables who started the swim and congratulated the swimmers at the finish.

To all officials, boat crews, helpers and my sub-committee, Joan Metcalfe and Beverley Thomas a very big thank you. 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 (Ambleside)
Daniel and Matthew Thomas
Blue Bird Café

The raffle raised £55.50.

I am sorry to say that this was my last year as Junior Coniston Secretary, owing to family health reasons I have decided to step down. At the time of writing this report I think that Steve Smith will be taking over as Secretary and I wish him all the best. I have been at every Junior Coniston Swim over the last 18 years and was one of the committee members who really pushed to get the swim going nearly 20 years ago.

We must continue to encourage juniors into our sport as they will be the B.L.D.S.A. of the future. Good luck to all.

2004 Results were:

Girls:	1st	Lauren O'Neill	2hrs	24mins	45secs
	2nd	Holly Williams	2hrs	26mins	35secs
	3rd	Michelle Sanders	2hrs	31mins	38secs
	4th	Stephanie Clegg	2hrs	33mins	58secs
	5th	Emily Wardman	3hrs	17mins	51secs
Boys:	1st	Scott Wardman	3hrs	16mins	56secs

Retired: David Richardson

Date of 2005 swim 4th September.

Pam Morgan
Swim Secretary

BLDSA Llyn Tegid Championships 2004

After two years of most pleasant weather and calm warm water, Bala sprung back with vengeance like the eruption of a volcano to demonstrate that it is one of the toughness swim in the calendar and test the resolve of swims to the limit in some cases. This year we saw Bala with wind, rain and cold water measured at 58°F but probably colder in many places particularly at the turning buoy in the river estuary.

The day started early with the 1km and 3km circuit races. The 3km race proved to be fairly popular for this the first time it has been run. The swim was introduced to allow members who have difficultly in finding canoe support to swim.

From the start Natalie Jones stormed off leaving the field behind her to finish as first lady. Second lady home was Michelle Arnold and third was Nicola Wright. In the gents race the swim secretary entered so that Simon Lee wouldn't accuse him of 'wimping out'. He found himself winning followed up by Brian Henners and Alan Pomfret in his first BLDSA Championship. Charles Forsberg finished comfortably as first breaststroke swimmer. In the junior ladies race Julie Connor finished first in her first season in open water Charlotte Henners and Deborah Preston took second and third places. The winners of the 1km race were Oliver Booth and Stephanie Thomas.

The lunchtime briefing saw 24 swimmers register for the two-way 6mile swim. With 3 ribs and a tender providing safety cover the race started. As swimmers approached the physiological barrier of the turning buoy, swimmers started to retire. The make-shift recovery ambulance, my Volvo had heater and heated seats on full as it sat in the cark park with its engine running for a couple of hours so that the slight blueness of the swimmers inflicted by the beast 'Bala' could be removed. All recovered for the presentation thanks to the splendid care given by Pat and Sandra.

The first swimmer home was Darron Corden to retain his title and unbelievably reduce his time from last year. Next to finish were Simon Lee and Dee Llewellyn who finished a second apart and claimed they had just completed a 2.5mile sprint. The second lady home was Liane Llewellyn. In third places were Richard Davison and Niki Scott. The ladies breaststroke trophy was won by a deserving swimmer who had waited over twenty years to collect a trophy. Beverley Thomas's finished strongly but her success was probably down to her canoeist Daniel, who informed me he wanted to do more!! There were six retirements.

On the Sunday the weather appeared to be friendlier for the swimmers. The race started a couple of minutes late from the Glanllyn Camp site. The weather did have a surprise for the officials as the heaven opened inconveniently just as swimmers were finishing. First across the line was Natalie Jones claiming the

senior ladies trophy and taking her second win of the weekend with Dee Llewellyn and Liane Llewellyn following behind. In the senior gents race Simon Lee finished first followed by Roy Pitt and Craig Davies. The junior gents championship was retained by Troy Renshaw with Scott Webster producing a fine performance. In the junior ladies Michelle Sanders won from Lauren O'Neill and Stephanie Clegg. Emily Wardman won the junior ladies breaststroke. There was only one retirement.

A total of 64 swimmers took part in the Bala Championships this year. I would like to think that next year there will be twice as many entries for the 3km race. I close the report by thanking the swim committee, our President and Vice President for refereeing, the Park Warden, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Bala. Additionally, thanks must be extended to the Safety team of the BLDSA boat crew and their support, Andy Walter's ARC, Bob Acton and Dave Parry in the City of Liverpool boat. But the biggest thanks must be extended to the three who really ran the race on the day. They acted as timekeepers, recorders, raffle ticket sellers, took enters for the 1km race and most importantly acted as the First Aid Team looking after cold swimmers and making many drinks. I'm sure all who were there would like to thank Nicola, Pat and Sandra. See you all next year 9th and 10th July 2005.

Andy Wright

Llyn Tegid, Bala 2004

Novice Race

#	Swimmer		Time	Position	
N8	Oliver Booth	Runcorn Reps	00:18:29	1	1st Male
N10	Derek Booth	Runcorn Reps	00:18:40	2	
N3	Stephanie Thomas	Amman Valley Sc	00:19:20	3	1st Female
N1	Ashley Bowen	-	00:19:21	4	
N7	Thomas Carter	Runcorn Reps	00:19:23	5	
N9	Paul Ward	-	00:22:31	6	
N5	Jonathan Hughes	-	00:22:46	7	
N4	Karen Jones	Darwin Masters	00:28:11	8	
N6	Helen Wilkinson	-	00:33:46	9	
N2	Gemma Bowen	-	Retired	10	

3k Race

#	Swimmer			
Senior Ladies				
22	Natalie Jones	Warrington Dolphins	00:44:43	1
25	Michelle Arnold	Stourbridge	00:59:54	4
21	Nicola Wright	Warrington Dolphins	01:03:56	5
Junior Ladies				
23	Julie Connor	Warrior of Warrington SC	00:49:35	1
26	Charlotte Henners	Everton SC	00:53:56	2
24	Deborah Preston	Blacburn Centurions	00:57:20	3

Senior Gents			
31 Andrew Wright	Warrington Dolphins	00:52:09	1
34 Brian Henners	City of Liverpool	01:03:21	2
35 Alan Pomfret	Warrington Dolphins	01:06:11	3
33 Charles Forsberg	Lancaster	01:18:48	4
32 Ruppert Follett	Wiltshire	DNS	

Bala 2 Way

# Swimmer		Time	Position
Senior Gents			
61 Darron Corden	Sandwell LDSC	02:21:17	1
52 Simon Lee	Solent SC	02:23:06	2
56 Richard Davidson	Sandwell LDSC	02:44:06	3
62 Kevin Sanders	Ruknetd SPSC	02:51:07	4
63 Stephen O'Brien	Wigan Wasps	02:55:26	5
60 Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins	03:03:12	6
66 Mik Hennessy	Sandwell LDSC	03:15:13	7
51 Kevin McCalden	Essex	03:20:28	8
59 David Taylor	Derby	03:51:13	9
54 Joe Coy	Warrington Dolphins	04:54:06	10
55 Philip Salts	BLDSA	Retired	
57 Les Robinson	BLDSA	Retired	
58 David Foster	Carnforth Otters	Retired	
64 Nicholas Robinson	City of Liverpool	Retired	
65 Ian Corrin	City of Liverpool	Retired	
67 John Coote	Redditch Tri Club	Retired	
53 Mark Blewitt	Pioneer 79	DNS	
Senior Ladies			
76 Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	02:23:07	1
77 Liane Llewellyn	Halifax SC	02:47:20	2
72 Nicki Scott	Sandwell LDSC	03:06:38	3
78 Sally Goble	Cally Masters	03:40:53	4
74 Annette Stewart	Chatham	03:51:12	5
73 Sarah Taylor	Downham & District	04:17:28	6
75 Berenley Thomas	Halifax SC	04:27:43	7
71 Jean Wilkin-Oxley	BLDSA	04:55:23	8

Bala 1 way

# Swimmer		Time	Position
Senior Gents			
1 Simon Lee	Solent SC	01:13:18	1
3 Roy Pitt	Bristol Master	01:29:42	2
2 Craig Davies	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:49:32	3
5 Keith Burrell	City of Liverpool	01:52:52	4
4 Liam O'Neill	Halifax SC	DNS	
Senior Ladies			
13 Natalie Jones	Warrington Dolphins	01:07:30	1
16 Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	01:09:03	2
17 Liane Llewellyn	Halifax SC	01:22:26	3
12 Gill Stables	Trout-Beck Bridge	01:46:54	4
15 Gill Broadley	Scarborough Kingfishers	02:13:30	5
14 Janet Wilson	Otley SC	02:23:13	6
11 Anna Barker	Warrington Dolphins	DNS	
Junior Gents			
23 Troy Renshaw	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:27:50	1
22 Scott Webster	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:40:23	2

21 David Richardson	Howe Bridge	Retired		
Junior Ladies				
36 Michelle Sanders	Sherwood CSC	01:09:22	1	
37 Lauren O'Neill	Halifax SC	01:19:25	2	
33 Stephanie Clegg	Halifax SC	01:21:15	3	
31 Kara Shuttleworth	Blackburn Centurions	01:25:13	4	
35 Cara Lawson	Sedgefield 75	01:41:28	5	
34 Emily Wardman	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:45:59	6	1st Breaststroke
32 Rebecca Patrick	Scarborough Kingfishers	02:01:08	7	

LOCH LOMOND

31st July - 1st August 2004

MENS

1st SIMON LEE	Solent SC	10hrs 38mins 00secs	Freestyle
2nd MARK BLEWITT	Haslingden	17hrs 50mins 24secs	1st Breastroke

LADIES

1st DEE LLEWELLYN	Halifax SC	10hrs 00mins 02secs	Freestyle Record
2nd LAURA COLETTE	California USA	11hrs 26mins 48secs	Freestyle
3rd MORAG HUGHES	Lochaber	15hrs 54mins 42secs	Freestyle

2005 - Two-way Windermere

2006 - Loch Lomond

B.L.D.S.A. Wykeham Lakes swim 2004

Reporter: Miss Liane Llewellyn (Swim Secretary).

This event was held at Wykeham Lakes in Scarborough on Saturday 12th June 2004.

It was a warm but overcast day although the sun did shine a couple of times and the water was quite warm. It was great to see a number of 12-year-old swimmers taking the step up from the 1km event to the 2-mile event and being very successful. Eleven swimmers took to the water in the 1km event many of them for their first ever open water swim we hope they will continue to enjoy the open water events.

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 Omar Hussain from (City of Bradford S.C.) retaining his title in an excellent time of 38mins 49secs. There was a close race for second place with Simon Lee of (Solent S.C.) just managing to beat Liam O'Neill from (Halifax S.C.) in a time of 42mins 23 secs Liam clocking 43mins. In the senior ladies event first place went to Jennifer Clegg from (Halifax S.C.) in a time of 40mins 22 secs she was closely followed by Natalie Jones from (Warrington Dolphins) who took second place in a time of 40mins 34 secs and taking third place was Christina Stapleton from (City of Bradford S.C.) in a time of 45mins 23 secs. Nick White from Blackpool won the Senior Breaststroke title in a time of 58mins 50secs.

In the junior girls event Michelle Sanders from Sherwood S.C. who is in her first season of Open Water swimming came first in a fantastic time of 43mins 11secs. In second place and just 31 secs behind was Lauren O'Neill from Halifax closely followed by team mate Stephanie Clegg who took third place in a time of 45mins 6 secs. In the junior boys event James Sowersby (Scarborough S.C.) took first place in a time of 38mins 52secs to retain his title. Second place went to Troy Renshaw of (Scarborough Kingfishers) who clocked 52mins 08 secs and in third place was another young man who at only 12 years of age is in his first season in the open water Marc Slack from (Scarborough S.C.) who clocked 57 mins 19 secs. Cara Lawson from Sedgefield was awarded the Kendal Mellor trophy for the best first attempt this was Cara's first Open Water Swim and she is only just 12 years of age, well done Cara. Sarah Roberts (Scarborough S.C.) defended her Junior Breaststroke title in a time of 51mins 56 secs setting herself yet another new record in this event.

The second event of the day was the 1000 metre swim, consisting of one lap of the lake. Eleven 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 taking part. The ladies section was one by Emma Couch of (Scarborough S.C). Closely followed by teammate Gemma Hunter, third place went to Sarah Robert also (Scarborough S.C.) who swam this event freestyle instead of her usual breaststroke. In the Mens section first place went to Lewis Sharp from (City of Bradford S.C.) this was his first open water swim well done Lewis, second place went to Matthew Curtis and third place went to Paul Walker.

This year we introduced team trophies for the fastest junior and senior teams. The junior team trophy was won by Scarborough S.C. with the team of James Sowersby, Sarah Roberts, Kirsty Richardson and Marc Slack, apologies to Kirsty for missing her off when I read out the team at the presentation. The senior team trophy was won by Halifax S.C. with the team of Jennifer Clegg, Liam O'Neill and Liane Llewellyn.

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 B.L.D.S.A. safety boat crews of Matthew Thomas and Chris Hickling and my officials Carl Walker (Referee), the Llewellyn's, and Pam Morgan (timekeepers) for their invaluable support. Not forgetting The Clegg family and the O'Neill family for providing the barbecue. Scarborough Kingfishers for the use of their safety boat, David Foster for the use of his boat, Joe Wilkin Oxley (raffle sales) and all the canoeists for their valuable safety cover.

All in all it was a great day and I hope to see you all again next year.

DATE FOR NEXT YEAR = SATURDAY 11 th JUNE 2005

JUNIOR 2 MILES					
NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MALE					
James Sowersby	14	F/S	Scarborough S.C.	38.52	1st
Troy Renshaw	15	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	52.08	2nd
Marc Slack	12	F/S	Scarborough S.C.	57.19	3rd
Scott Webster	15	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	58.15	4th
FEMALE					
Michelle Sanders	14	F/S	Sherwood S.C.	43.11	1st
Lauren O'Neill	14	F/S	Halifax S.C.	43.42	2nd
Stephanie Clegg	14	F/S	Halifax S.C.	45.06	3rd
Sarah Roberts	15	B/st	Scarborough S.C.	51.56	4th (1st Breastroke)
Kirsty Richardson	14	F/S	Scarborough S.C.	52.27	5th
Cara Lawson	12	F/S	Sedgefield S.C.	58.42	6th (Best 1st Attempt)
Emily Wardman	12	B/st	Scarborough Kingfisher	1.03.42	7th
Rebecca Patrick	15	F/S	Scarborough Kingfisher	1.08.02	8th
Hannah Keech	12	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.08.19	9th

Clare Kane	15	F/S	Warrington Dolphins	D.N.S.	

SENIOR 2 MILES					
NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MALE					
Omar Hussain	18	F/S	City of Bradford	38.49	1st
Simon Lee	39	F/S	Solent S.C.	42.23	2nd
Liam O'Neill	17	F/S	Halifax S.C.	43.00	3rd
Tom Wilkinson	16	F/S	Scarborough kingfishers	45.17	4th
Stephen O'Brien	36	F/S	Howe Bridge Marlins	45.22	5th
Kevin Sanders	44	F/S	Rykneld S P S C	48.11	6th
Kevin Saunders	42	F/S	Warrington Dolphins	51.19	7th
Ian Corrin	50	F/S	Liverpool S.C.	54.40	8th
Nick White	31	B/st	Blackpool	58.50	9th (1st Breaststroke)
Henry Lowther	45	F/S	Warrington Dolphins S.C.	58.50	9th
Craig Davies	42	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.03.08	11th
Paul Taylor	58	F/S	Leeds	1.06.42	12th
Nicholas Robinson	27	B/st	City of Liverpool	1.07.48	13th
Gary Jordan	41	F/S	Stockton on Tees	1.29.25	14th
David Foster	60	F/S	Carnforth Otters	1.33.13	15th
Philip Salts	32	F/S	BLDSA	D.N.S.	
FEMALE					
Jennifer Clegg	16	F/S	Halifax S.C.	40.22	1st

Natalie Jones	16	F/S	Warrington Dolphins	40.34	2nd
Christina Stapleton	16	F/S	City of Bradford	45.23	3rd
Liane Llewellyn	23	F/S	Halifax S.C.	48.32	4th
Jo-Anne Bennett	16	F/S	Bury and Elton	51.42	5th
Louise Hansard	35	F/S	Newark S.C.	55.28	6th
Gill Stables	50	F/S	Troutbeck Bridge	1.06.16	7th
Beverley Thomas	47	B/st	Halifax S.C.	1.09.23	8th
Julie Dimaline	41	F/s	Hull	1.10.25	9th
Amanda Taylor	57	F/s	Leeds	1.11.25	10th
Gill Broadley	40	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.12.40	11th
Jean Wilkin Oxley	49	F/s	BLDSA	1.16.56	12th
Amanda Cracknell	16	F/s	Scarborough Kingfisher	D.N.S	

1000 METERS				
NAME	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE				
Emma Couch	F/S	Scarborough	15.28	1st
Gemma Hunter	F/S	Scarborough S.C	15.41	2nd
Sarah Roberts	F/S	Scarborough S.C	15.42	3rd
Alexandra Lee	F/S		19.23	4th
Anke Otto	F/S	Leeds	19.45	5th
Gemma Mawman	F/S		22.56	6th
Abigail Morgan	F/S	Scarborough	29.33	7th

MALE				
Lewis Sharp	F/S	City of Bradford S.C.	16.57	1st
Matthew Curtis	F/S		20.01	2nd
Paul Walker	F/S		30.35	3rd
Joe Wilkin Oxley	F/S		36.35	4th

BLDSA GRAND PRIX 2004

The toughest open water swim race series in the World

Simon Lee, Solent SC retains the senior title completing and competing in all races, an amazing achievement. Andy Wright, Warrington Dolphins retains his veteran title by winning all the veteran races. Michelle Sanders, Sherwood SC is the new junior champion after competing in all but one of the junior races in being placed in all but one of those races.

Overall distances and entries are down year on year, most likely due to conditions not being as good as the balmy 2003 season. This makes individual results all the better especially the few swimmers who raised their performance and increased their distance year on year.

The format of the Grand Prix is the same as in previous years. The difference for 2004 was the official shortening of the 4 mile Rivington event due to poor conditions on the day. Breaststroke swims have only been highlighted with an underline where they took place in a championship with a breaststroke category.

After the AGM last year I was urged to publish results throughout the year. This was achieved with the help of swim secretaries who published the interim results in the race day swim programmes. I was flattered that the voluntary work that I do for the BLDSA in compiling the Grand Prix results was commented on at the AGM and my role formally given Swim Secretary Status. It looks like it's a permanent fixture.

Yours

Mark Blewitt
BLDSA Grand Prix Swim Secretary
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Position	Name	Club	3 Wykeham Lake			1 Champion of Champions			2 Rivington			2a. Rivington*			4 Torbay**			5 Llyn Tegid / Bala 2 Way			5a Llyn Tegid / Bala			6 Coniston			9 Loch Lomond			7 Derwent			11 Windermere			13 Lyn Regis			Total
			Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts		Mls	Pts	
1	Simon Lee	Solent S.C.	2	6	8.75	6	2	8	3	8	8	10	6	9	3	7	5.25	7	21.6	9	5	5	10.5	8	3	8	169.1
2	Dee Llewellyn	Halifax S.C.			8.75	8	2	6	3	7	8	7	8	6	8	3	9	5.25	8	21.6	10	5	6	10.5	7	3	7	159.1
3	Rebecca Lewis	Barrow					2	10	3	10								5.25	10			5	9	10.5	10			74.75
4	Darron Corden	Sandwell			8.75	10								6	10			5.25	9					10.5	9			68.5
5	Liane Llewellyn	Halifax S.C.	2		8.75		2		3	2	8	4	6	6	3	4	5.25	5								3	5	67
6	Jennifer Clegg	Halifax S.C.	2	8					3	9												5	8	10.5	6	3	9	63.5
7	Tom Wilkinson	Scarborough Kingfishers	2	1	8.75	2	2	1	3	6							5.25	4				5	3	10.5	5			58.5
8	Stephen O'Brien	Wigan Wasps	2		8.75				3	5	8	1	6	4			5.25	3						10.5				56.5
9	Natalie Jones	Warrington Dolphins	2	7	8.75	9	2	9							3	10												50.75
10	Richard Davidson	Sandwell			8.75									6	7			5.25	6					10.5	4			47.5
11	Laura Colette	South End, SF																		21.6	8			10.5	3			43.1
12	Mark Blewitt	Pioneer 79					2													21.6	6							37.6
13	Morag Huges	Lochaber			8.75						8									21.6	7							37.35
14	Tom Gunning	Clacton-on-Sea			8.75									6	2			5.25						10.5	3			35.5
15	Nicki Scott	Sandwell			8.75													5.25						10.5				32.5
16	Kevin Wendt	Exmouth			8.75						8																	32.25
17	Philipa Armstrong	Bristol Henleaze			8.75		2		3		8							5.25										32
18	Michelle Sanders	Sherwood S.C.	2	4			2	2							3	8						5	4					30
19	Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins			8.75	1	2		3	3														10.5	1			29.25
	Beverley Thomas	Halifax S.C.	2											6				5.25						10.5				28.75
21	Omar Hussain	City of Bradford	2	10																		2				3	10	27
22	Kevin Sanders	Rykneld S P S C	2		8.75		2		3					6	5													26.75
	Olly White	Exmouth			8.75	4					8	6																26.75
24	Emma Spinks	Falmouth			8.75	3					8	3																22.75
	Mik Hennessy	Sandwell												6	1			5.25						10.5				22.75
26	Nick Hunt	Chelmsford			8.75						8															3	2	21.75
27	Sally Goble	Anaconda												6										10.5				21.5
28	Clare Kane	Warrington Dolphins					2	7														5	7					21
29	Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins	2		8.75									6	3									10.5				19.75
30	David Taylor	Derby							3					6														19.5
31	Joseph Coy	Warrington Dolphins							3					6				5.25				5						19.25
32	Chris Green	Barrow							3									5.25										18.75
33	Peter Larrad	Serpentine									8													10.5				18.5
34	Julie Dimaline	Hull Masters	2		8.75		2															2				3		17.75
	Scott Webster	Scarborough Kingfishers	2		8.75		2															2						17.75
36	Jane Soloman	Totnes													3													17
37	Richard Gillman	Otter			8.75											9												16.75
38	Kevin McCalden	Essex									8													10.5				16.5
39	Lee Portingale	Bristol Henleaze												6														16
40	Henry Lowther	Warrington Dolphins	2		8.75		2		3																			15.75

Position	Name	Club	3 Wykeham Lake		1 Champion of Champions		2 Rivington		2a. Rivington*		4. Torbay**		5 Llyn Tegid / Bala 2 Way		5a Llynn Tegid / Bala		6 Coniston		9 Loch Lomond		7 Derwent		11 Windermere		13 Lyn Regis		Total
			Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	
	Robbie Cook				8.75	7																					15.75
	Geoff Taylor	Bingley A.S.C.															5.25						10.5				15.75
	Paul Tew	Cockermouth															5.25						10.5				15.75
	Susan Aitken	Troutbeck Bridge															5.25						10.5				15.75
45	Adam Harvey	Scarborough A.S.C.																			5	10					15
	Troy Renshaw	Scarborough Kingfishers	2				2								3	2					5	1					15
	Joanne Weedon	Manchester Tri							3	4	8																15
48	Andrea Gellan	Carnegie					2																10.5	2			14.5
49	Craig Davies	Scarborough Kingfishers	2				2								3		5.25				2						14.25
	David Foster	Carnforth Otters	2		5		2										5.25										14.25
51	Mark Westaway	Exmouth S&L.S.S.			8.75												5.25										14
	Lauren O'Neill	Halifax S.C.	2	3											3	6											14
	Stephanie Clegg	Halifax S.C.	2	2											3	5					2						14
54	Michelle Sanders	Sherwood S.C.			8.75	5																					13.75
55	Anne Kupschus	Exmouth									8						5.25										13.25
56	Christina Stapleton	City of Bradford	2																		2				3	6	13
	Allan Vandyke	Oddicombe									8	5															13
58	David Parry	City of Liverpool							3	1	8																12
59	James Sowersby	Scarborough S.C.	2	9																							11
	Jean Wilkin Oxley	BLDSA	2						3				6														11
61	Jo-Anne Bennett	Bury and Elton	2		8.75		x																				10.75
62	Patrick Turner	Hampton S.C.																					10.5				10.5
	David Feakes	Warrington Dolphins																					10.5				10.5
	Frank Chalmers	YeAABA (Dundee)																					10.5				10.5
	Hannah Lietzau	Sandwell LDSC																					10.5				10.5
	John Iliffe	Otter SC																					10.5				10.5
	Peter Harper	City of Liverpool																					10.5				10.5
	Vicotor Malwa	Battersea JACS																					10.5				10.5
69	Katy Tyson	BLDSA															5.25				5						10.25
70	Emily Wardman	Scarborough Kingfishers	2												3						5						10
	Jacy Wood	Bath									8	2															10
72	Rebecca Patrick	Scarborough Kingfishers	2				2								3						2						9
	Sarah Taylor	Downham											6												3		9
74	Michelle Arnold	Sandwell SC			3.75																5						8.75
	Chris Jarvis				8.75																						8.75
	Gemma Hitchlock	Bury and Elton			8.75																						8.75
	Julia Aston				8.75																						8.75
	Kate Mason	Weyport Masters			8.75																						8.75
79	Lesley Du Cane	Serpantine S.C.															5.25								3		8.25

Position	Name	Club	3 Wykeham Lake		1 Champion of Champions		2 Rivington		2a. Rivington*		4. Torbay**		5 Llyn Tegid / Bala 2 Way		5a Llynn Tegid / Bala		6 Coniston		9 Loch Lomond		7 Derwent		11 Windermere		13 Lyn Regis		Total
			Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	
	Vicky Thompson	Barrow							3								5.25										8.25
81	Brian Finlay	London Silver Dolphins									8																8
	Kara Shuttleworth	Blackburn Centurions					2								3	3											8
	Michael Read	Brighton									8																8
	Peter Lloyd	Hull									8																8
	Stephen Price	Clevdon									8																8
86	Adam Hipkin				7.5																						7.5
87	Gemma Franks	Exmouth S&L.S.S.															5.25	2									7.25
	Helen Westaway	Exmouth S&LSS															5.25				2						7.25
89	Amanda Cracknell	Scarborough Kingfishers																			5	2					7
	Sally Chapman	Barrow					2														5						7
	Cara Lawson	Sedgefield S.C.	2												3						2						7
	David Richardson	Howe Bridge Marlins					2	3													2						7
	Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge	2				2								3												7
	Julie Connor	Warriors of Warrington					2	5																			7
	Liam O'Neill	Halifax S.C.	2	5																							7
	Tim Denyer	Surrey Quays																							3	4	7
97	Derek Griffiths	Barrow L.D.S.C.															5.25	1									6.25
98	Annette Stewart	Chatam											6														6
	Christopher Morris	Unnattached																							3	3	6
	Holly Williams	Halifax S.C.					2	4																			6
	Janet Wilson	Otley S.C.													3										3		6
102	Cath Samways	BLDSA															5.25										5.25
	Peter Goodman	Sutton Coldfield															5.25										5.25
	Peter Rigg	Troutbeck Bridge															5.25										5.25
	Robert Hodgson	Troutbeck																			5.25						5.25
	Sharon Harris	BLDSA																			5.25						5.25
	Sue Edgar	Troutbeck Bridge															5.25										5.25
108	Andrew Reynolds	Exeter																			5						5
	Gill Broadley	Scarborough Kingfishers	2												3												5
	John Coote				5																						5
	Nick White	Blackpool	2						3																		5
112	Amanda Taylor	Leeds	2				2																				4
	Deborah Preston	Blackburn Centurions					2														2						4
	Hannah Keech	Scarborough Kingfishers	2																		2						4
	Kirsty Richardson	Scarborough S.C.	2																		2						4
	Paul Taylor	Leeds	2				2																				4
	Roy Pitt	Bristol Masters													3	1											4

Position	Name	Club	3 Wykeham Lake Mls	Pts	1 Champion of Champions Mls	Pts	2 Rivington Mls	Pts	2a. Rivington* Mls	Pts	4. Torbay** Mls	Pts	5 Llyn Tegid / Bala 2 Way Mls	Pts	5a Llynn Tegid / Bala Mls	Pts	6 Coniston Mls	Pts	9 Loch Lomond Mls	Pts	7 Derwent Mls	Pts	11 Windermere Mls	Pts	13 Lyn Regis Mls	Pts	Total
	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough S.C.	2																		2						4
	Terry Lyons	Richmond S.C.																							3	1	4
	Jonathan Tilt	Dewsbury					2														2						4
121	Clive Burbage	Devonport							3																		3
	Eric Millican	Rotherham S.C.																							3		3
	Keith Burrell	City of Liverpool													3												3
	Les Robinson	Darlaston																							3		3
	Sarah Taylor	Downham																							3		3
126	Brian Hey	Marlborough Penguins					2																				2
	Charles Forsberg	Lancaster					2																				2
	Gary Jordan	Stockton on Tees	2																								2
	Greta Gall	YAABA					2																				2
	Ian Corrin	Liverpool S.C.	2																								2
	Irene Meikle	Barow LDSC																			2						2
	Joan Steel																				2						2
	Kara Shuttleworth	Blackburn Centurions																			2						2
	Louise Hansard	Newark S.C.	2																								2
	Marc Slack	Scarborough S.C.	2																								2
	Michaela Richard	Warrington Dolphins					2																				2
	Nicholas Robinson	City of Liverpool	2																								2

* Rivington - 4 mile race officially reduced to 3 miles
** Torbay - Alternative couse no official distance given
Results include Juniors and Veterans where Junior or Veteran races where held at the same time as a Senior event

2004 Total Miles 1660.00
2003 Total Miles 2139.25

BLDSA GRAND PRIX JUNIORS 2004

	Name	Club	1 Champion of Champions Mls	Pts	2 Rivington Mls	Pts	3 Wykeham Mls	Pts	5 Llyn Tegid / Bala Mls	Pts	7 Derwent Mls	Pts	12 Junior Coniston Mls	Pts	13 Lynn Regis Mls	Pts	Total
1	Michelle Sanders	Sherwood S.C.	8.75	9	2	6	2	9	3	10			5.25	8	1	9	73
2	Stephanie Clegg	Halifax S.C.					2	7	3	8	2	9	5.25	7	1	10	54.25
3	Scott Webster	Scarborough Kingfishers	8.75	8	2	2	2	2	3	5	2	5	5.25	6			51
4	Lauren O'Neill	Halifax S.C.					2	8	3	9			5.25	10			37.25
5	Kara Shuttleworth	Blackburn Centurions			2	4			3	7	2	7					25
6	Holly Williams	Halifax S.C.			2	8							5.25	9			24.25
7	Cara Lawson	Sedgefield S.C.					2	1	3	4	2	4			1	6	23
	Kirsty Richardson	Scarborough S.C.					2	4			2	6			1	8	23
9	David Richardson	Howe Bridge Marlins			2	7					2	10					21
	Troy Renshaw	Scarborough Kingfishers			2	3	2	5	3	6							21
11	Robbie Cook		8.75	10													18.75
12	Emily Wardman	Scarborough Kingfisher					2		3	3			5.25	5			18.25
13	Deborah Preston	Blackburn Centurions			2	5					2	8					17
14	Rebecca Patrick	Scarborough Kingfisher			2	1	2		3	2	2	2					14
15	Clare Kane	Warrington Dolphins			2	10											12
	James Sowersby	Scarborough S.C.					2	10									12
17	Julie Connor	Warriors of Warrington			2	9											11
18	Lewis Sharp	City of Bradford													1	7	8
	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough S.C.					2	6									8
20	Hannah Keech	Scarborough Kingfishers					2				2	3					7
21	Marc Slack	Scarborough S.C.					2	3									5

BLDSA GRAND PRIX VEREANS 2004

	Name		2 Rivington		4 Torbay		8 Coniston		Total
			Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	
1	Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins	2	10	4	10	3.25	10	39.25
2	Andrea Gellan	Carnegie S.C.	2	9	4	9	3.25	8	35.25
3	Henry Lowther	Warrington Dolphins	2	8	4	2			16
4	Paul Taylor	Leeds	2	7			3.25	3	15.25
5	Dave Reason	Howe Bridge Marlins					3.25	9	12.25
	Jackie Classen	Barrow			4	1	3.25	4	12.25
7	Peter Harper	City of Liverpool			4	8			12
8	Charles Forsberg	Lancaster	2	6			3.25		11.25
	Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge	2	5			3.25	1	11.25
10	Ian Corrin	City of Liverpool			4	7			11
11	Des Griffiths	Barrow L.D.S.C.					3.25	7	10.25
12	Nick Hunt	Chelmsford			4	6			10
13	Terry Lyons	Richmond					3.25	6	9.25
14	Chris Green	Barrow			4	5			9
15	Amanda Taylor	Leeds	2	3			3.25		8.25
	Anne Barker	Warrington Dolphins					3.25	5	8.25
17	Brian Willson	Kelly College			4	4			8
18	Greta Gall	Y.A.A.B.A.	2	2			3.25		7.25
19	Peter Larrad	Serpentine			4	3			7
20	David Foster	Carnforth Otters	2	1			3.25		6.25
21	Brian Hey	Marlborough Penguins	2	4					6
22	Paul Tew	Cockermouth					3.25	2	5.25
23	Brian Finlay	Ontario			4				4
	Ibaraham Khalid	Cairo Sporting Club			4				4
	Ivan Nasbitt	Finchley			4				4
	Roy Nasibitt	Enfield WPC			4				4
	Tom Gunning	Clacton-on-Sea			4				4
28	Gill Whalley	Bingley					3.25		3.25
	Joan Steel	Barrow					3.25		3.25
	John Ellison	Gateshead					3.25		3.25
	Kath Walker	Barrow					3.25		3.25
	Les Robinson	BLDSA					3.25		3.25
	Margaret Smith	Grimsby					3.25		3.25
	Pauline Kay	Barrow					3.25		3.25
	Peter Rigg	Troutbeck Bridge					3.25		3.25

B.L.D.S.A. FUND RAISING
Insignia Report

Owing to family health reasons I was unable to attend every swim. At the swims I did manage to get to I sold quite a few B.L.D.S.A. items of clothing and flag alpha's, in fact we have now sold out of flags and will be looking for more for 2005.

We had a few new items added for 2004, Baseball Caps, Smaller Bags and Fleece Jackets. Dave Foster bought and wore a number of items during the season and was delighted with them.

During the year over £1,000 of items were sold. I always try to keep stocks so if anyone wants any please get in touch.

Polo Shirts	**£13.50**
Sweat Shirts	**£19.00**
Bags	**£20.00 - £25.00**
Body Warmers	**£18.50**
Baseball Caps	**£8.00**
Swim Hats	**£1.00**
Silicone Hats	**£4.50**
Windermere Badges	**£10.50**
B.L.D.S.A. Pins	**£4.50**

Please add extra for Post/Packing if ordering.

I would like to say thank you to Joe Wilkin-Oxley for his help at swims where he did raffles, his help was appreciated. Thanks also to Gill, our President for taking my bag around to swims whilst Trevor was ill.

Prizes for Raffles are always needed – any unwanted presents, please donate them.

I look forward to seeing you in 2005.

Pam Morgan
Insignia Secretary

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PUBLICITY OFFICERS REPORT

This year we have seen an increase in the number of people using the website. The guestbook is proving popular and we now have 266 messages on this. It was nice to find out that many of our former and life members, as well as people from overseas, are finding the site useful, and it involves them in events and lets them follow personalities.

Throughout the 2004 season we have managed to get most results uploaded on to the website within a few days of the event. Many thanks to those swim secretaries who got results and reports to me quickly.

We have also managed to get photos which were taken at events up on to the website quickly. These pictures, I know, are being downloaded by our members but their quality is not as good as that of the originals which I keep on CD due to the space and download time constraints. If anybody wishes to buy copies of the photo CD's for the 2004 season they should contact me so that demand can be established and hence cost.

At this point I must thank Mrs Pat Llewellyn who took charge of uploading swim photo's to the website. Had it not been for her efforts this years photo's would probably still be sitting on my digital camera!

Once again, I have sent hundreds of reports and photos to various press organisations and we have received press coverage via the "Swimmer" magazine, local papers and some national papers. It was also nice to see the television crews both at Torbay and Windermere.

I continue to receive many emails from prospective open water swimmers asking for advice about training and competitions. I also receive a lot of correspondence from people aspiring to swim the Channel. I try to keep up to date with these but due to my other commitments (like work!!) this sometimes proves difficult so please be patient.

It was nice to see both Mustaffa Kalil from Egypt and Laura Colette from the USA returning once again to swim in our competitions. I hope in 2005 we will see some more swimmers from overseas entering our events.

We obviously have some keen swimmers out there as I was asked for next years calendar a few weeks after the end of the swimming season. This is particularly important for overseas swimmers as they have to plan well in advance.

To enable me to publicise your achievements please fill in your email address and 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 which will help us improve the publicity of our organisation and sport I would be delighted to hear from you.

My contact details are:

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Miss Dee Llewellyn (Publicity Officer)

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

INCIDENT CONTROL REPORT 2004

Thank you everyone who has returned their Incident Control Form, especially those of you who did so promptly and without a reminder!

It remains vitally important that such forms are completed and returned, to maintain our records in an up to date and clear manner.

Fortunately we have not had any major incidents. A number of swimmers retired due to cold, there were a few cuts and bruises and one incident at Windermere, which did not result in any injuries but resulted in a report being passed to the Lake Warden for any action considered appropriate.

I will be mailing a copy of the chart to all Championship Secretaries for their information. You will be able to identify if you did not send in your report form by the annotation on the table. Can I encourage you to remember to do it next time round?

Just to remind everyone, this annual exercise is related to our insurances. In order to maintain our insurances in the most effective way, it is essential that the BLDSA has records to show what actions we take to assess the risks (Risk Assessment) and how we deal with any actual incidents resulting in injury on the day or any incidents which could have caused injury, but thankfully, did not.

We should be proud of our safety record, and that is down to our hard working Championship Secretaries their Sub-committees and their helpers on the day. Without their hard work, we swimmers could not compete, so thank you all.

Have a successful and safe season in 2005.

Margaret J Smith (Incident Control)
Windermere, 9, Cromwell View, Caistor, Lincs, LN7 6UH
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CCPR Report 2004

I attended three meetings this year. However through not being informed of a photo and with security passes not being forwarded I could did not make the AGM at St. James' Palace this year. They also had my e-mail address wrong to add to list of problems.

Once again I will note the items that have close ties to our sport to keep things brief:

- Lake Windermere speed limit is still on the agenda and Barry Odell(British Water ski Federation) is head of focus group to carry forward proposals for access to all.
- Norfolk Broads has now approved a full management scheme for this area, which will allow more recreational users which is good news for water recreation division of CCPR.
- Members received a swimming charter.
- CCPR members are looking for a water recreation swimming and safety test for all national governing bodies.
- There is to be a swimming focus group to discuss how we can work together for each other.
- Mini bus and trailers- it was expressed at meeting for members who wished to pull a trailer that restrictions are on www.dvla.gov.uk
- At the may meeting we were joined by outdoor pursuits reps ie. Long distance walkers and ramblers. Idea was to get together because we have similar interest of access and it will be an ongoing situation . It is called the Best Of Both Worlds Initiative.
- Guest Speaker was Ian Rotherham from Sheffield University.
- Project is Economic Value of Countryside Sport and Recreation, details on www.ccpr.org.uk
- CCPR informed the division that National Water Safety Committee is being restructured. It will have six advisory group- Beach, sea, inland, swimming pools, watersports information. More info on www.ccpr.org.uk.
- Insurance- On 27th October there will be a meeting with a consultancy company called 'get the point'. It has been a concern with all national governing bodies that insurance premiums are excessive. This company will hold a phone conversation meeting with NGBS, so it will be beneficial for us to be involved in meeting.

B.L.D.S.A. HON. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT 2004

My report this year, apart from membership numbers and a comment on them, repeats the same plea it has done for the last few years: -

Despite the paragraphs below we still have people leaving their membership applications until the last minute and then complaining when they are refused entry to a swim they have had six months or more to prepare for.

I occasionally have a holiday, which at the moment is not yet planned for 2005. Please ensure your applications are sent to me well in advance of the closing date for any championship you may wish to enter. If you have not received your membership card within three weeks (my normal turn round time is two days) then please ring 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 prior to sending off your entry form. If **both** of these are not in place **before** a championship 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 have complied with the rules had been wasting their time. We do not make the rules; we only apply them.

Our current membership numbers are: -

Seniors: -	245	Up thirteen.
Juniors: -	33	Down five.
Life: -	99	Down one.
Aff. Clubs: -	18	Up three.
Total	395	Up ten.

The blip upwards in our membership this year was due to one group of 12 swimmers, not normally members, wishing to do a relay swim and have it recognised by our Association.

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. Due to the amount of spam I am now getting I have asked Dee to take my email address of the web site. If you do wish me to send you a form by email then please ring me to arrange it.

Maurice Ferguson
Hon Membership Secretary.

Hon. Rescue Boat Co-coordinators report 2005

Again I start by saying how well the season ran. With no major incidents and very few minor rescues to report.
As with previous years I have thoroughly enjoyed the swims I have managed to attend and I know that Matthew has given positive feedback for those I have regrettably had to miss.
Keeping to our word, members who have passed their Power boat Level 2 qualification have been given the opportunity to accompany us on several swims throughout the season. The further experience they will have gained from coming on board and having to use the boat around moving obstacles, obstacles that if you hit them bits tend to fall off!!!!! (swimmers), will have only assisted them into coming more competent boat handlers. This will ease the pressure on Matthew when I find myself unable to attend to run the boat.
The swims themselves would not run as smoothly if it was not for all the planning and preparation that goes into each and everyone. I would personally like to thank the secretaries and their helpers for making all the arrangements to make sure the boat is in place for each swim.
Thankfully this year the boat didn't want to have a splash around and paddle in Albert Dock with the car. The van has got a new lease of life and will soon be NOT appearing as a tourist attraction at the Motor Show, if only Dick VanDyke would have worked his magic on it, then a big inflatable cushion would have supported it and we could have flown to the swims. I need to thank my Grandad, Carl who has again clocked up the miles, up and down the country. When you see him ask him where he stayed for Loch Lomand!
All the crew members who have `jumped` in and assisted me at short notice, my `better` half (yes my nose has just grown) Laura, who took no persuading to take on the big one with me. When I said we would have a romantic evening on Loch Lomand, under the stars and moonlight. Yes my creativeness did go over board a little, the reality was 16 hours through the COLD night on a open and exposed 4.7 metre long boat. I know what your thinking but, yes we are still together and she crewed on the boat again!
My thanks always go out to the external agencies who have their own role to play in ensuring the swims go ahead.

Daniel Thomas
Hon Rescue boat Coordinator.

Pilot Life Saver scheme.

2004 proved to be a quiet season for the Pilot Life Saver scheme. At the time of writing there are 12 qualified oarsmen and oarswomen a reduction of 5 on the previous year. There are 5 adult Pilot Life Saver Kayak holders and 4 under 18s. For 2005 under 18s will be encouraged to become Pilot Life savers with the introduction of a junior scheme. This stems from a successful trial with junior kayakers and will now be extended to cover rowing as well. During 2005 there will be more opportunities to undertake Pilot Life saver training and assessment in both rowing and kayaking. The association needs as many trained crews as possible so please get rowing, get paddling and get assessed as a BLDSA Pilot Life Saver.

Chris Hickling.
Hon Sec. Pilot Life saver Scheme.

TROPHY STEWARD'S REPORT 2004

This has been a quiet year on the Trophy front. Apart from the association purchasing team awards for the Wykeham Lake Swim, no new trophies were supplied. Swim secretaries are requested to inspect their trophies upon return prior to the event. Should repairs be required, I would be grateful if I could be contacted immediately.

I am grateful to Stephen Price for repairing a trophy which sustained accidental damage on the occasion of the Annual Dinner.

In addition, may I thank the members who signed the get-well card, which I received following the Windermere Championship. Thanks also to Joe Wilkin Oxley for working so hard and obtaining the signatures. I have come to the conclusion, that following three health scares in consecutive years, perhaps I should be locked up each August!!! Hopefully my luck will change next year.

Marguerite M. Pike,
28 Efford Road, Higher Compton,
Plymouth,Devon. PL3 6NE.

200 CLUB REPORT 2004

The 200 Club is vital fundraising for the Association. At a cost of only £6 per year, you can win £10 or £5 each month and £20 at the A.G.M.

We managed to gain more members in 2004 but we also lost some which I was sorry about.

Total members 117. Lets increase it again in 2005.

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

Winners for 2004 were:

January	Simon Olliver	£10	July	J. Walbridge	£10
	Graham Smith	£10		Gill Stables	£10
	Carl Walker	£5		John Barry	£5
February	Brian Metcalf	£10	August	D. Garnish	£10
	Jean Wilkin-Oxley	£10		Tamra Blanchard	£10
	Beverly Thomas	£5		B. Hopkinson	£5
March	David Foster	£10	September	John Rushton	£10
	R. Hill	£10		Greta Gall	£10
	Simon Olliver	£5		Paul Tew	£5
A.G.M.	Audrey Smith	£20	October	Graham Smith	£10
	Henry Lowther	£20		Chris Hickling	£10
				Paul Taylor	£5
April	Paul Taylor	£10			
	Clive Burbage	£10	November	M. Pike	£10
	Carol McDonald	£5		Margaret Smith	£10
				Beverley Thomas	£5
May	John Dedman	£10			
	Simon Olliver	£10	December	Margaret Smith	£10
	Beverly Thomas	£5		R.J. Eastman	£10
				Richard Garnish	£5
June	Kevin Saunders	£10			
	George Owen	£10			
	Brian Hey	£5			

Further details from 200 Club Secretary:

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DINNER AND DANCE 2004

The Annual Dinner and Dance was held at The Lisdoonie Hotel, Barrow-In-Furness and I was very pleased with the evening.

I must admit I was very apprehensive about it being held at Barrow but it turned out to be a huge success.

The meal was excellent with many of us having seconds and with 141people the service was again good. Many thanks to all at the Lisdoonie Hotel and to Margaret Smith and her guests for their support. Barrow Swimming Club supported the function in good numbers as they were the local Long Distance Club, so **Warrington Dolphins** in their 40th year will be expected to support the **2005 Dinner** at:

De Vere Hotel, Daresbury Park, Warrington
Saturday March 12th Dinner/ Sunday March 13th A.G.M.

The guests at the dinner were Councillor Janette Jenkinson, Deputy Chairperson, South Lakeland District Council and Mr David Coxon, Head Boatman, Coniston Water who are always helpful when we have swims at Coniston.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Disco and it's always nice to see the members and friends joining in.

We had the usual raffle with many prizes being brought by members and friends. We raised £251. Thank you to Joe Wilkin-Oxley for his help in selling the tickets.

I must thank Joan Metcalf, Beverly Thomas, Trevor Morgan, Kate and Brian Tyson and everyone who came along on the Saturday afternoon to set the tables out, (menu's, place names etc.) this job takes time.

Please try to book early for the 2005 Dinner, this helps with the table plan. The B.L.D.S.A. needs your support, so come along to the Dinner and A.G.M. and enjoy a good night with your friends.

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HON. RECORDER'S REPORT 2004

Congratulations to all members of the BLDSA who have completed swims in the British Isles and abroad

BASSENTHWAITE LAKE
Two-way 6.5 miles
Kate Tyson 4hrs 21mins 57secs Breastroke

ULLSWATER
Kate Tyson 4hrs 49mins 51secs Breastroke
Beverley Thomas 4hrs 53mins 00secs Breastroke
Richard Davidson 2hrs 58mins 43secs Freestyle
Nicki Scott 3hrs 25mins 37secs Freestyle
Dan Earthquake 4hrs 50mins 33secs Freestyle
Hannah Lietzau 4hrs 21mins 32secs Freestyle
Mik Hennessy 3hrs 39mins 14secs Freestyle
Darron Corden 2hrs 43mins 49 secs Freestyle Record

CONISTON WATER
Two-way
Mark Westaway 6hrs 04mins 00secs Freestyle

WINDERMERE
Two-way
Susan Edgar 19hrs 53mins 00secs Breastroke

LOCH NESS
Liane Llewellyn 9hrs 49mins 24secs Freestyle
Relay
The Nessies 9hrs 21mins 28secs Freestyle Relay Record
Alexis Militis Alison Horsfall Natasha Abels
Ian Jones Steve Toubic Simon Dowling

LOCH LOCHY 5.5 Miles
Morag Hughes 3hrs 58mins 12secs Inaugural Freestyle Record

LOCH SHIEL 17.5 Miles
Morag Hughes 11hrs 50mins 16secs Inaugural Freestyle Record

EXMOUTH to BRIXHAM 17 Miles
Jane Solomon 6hrs 19mins 21secs Inaugural Freestyle Record

I look forward to receiving notification of future individual and relay swims, and completed application forms for Swim recognition, so they may be included in the Annual Report.

Gill Stables Hon. Recorder
gillstables@nascr.net

Congratulations to BLDSA members who successfully swam the English Channel
Jacy Wood, Emma Spinks, Phillipa Armstrong, Laura Colette,
Warrington Dolphins Relay Team and Madfish Three-Way Relay Team

Warrington Dolphins
Long Distance Swimming Club

Annual Report 2004

What a lot has happened in this our 40th year. The beginning of year started somewhat difficultly trying to come to terms with the passing away of John Heapy just before New Year. A couple of days before at the Boxing Day dip, John was in typical form running the event dressed as a Viking. Who would have guessed what the next days would hold for John. At John's funeral it was very clear to see by the numbers present that he was very well respected. Those present were or are still associated with swimming. He has been missed.

We held our AGM at Sankey Pool. At the AGM Wendy closed off a chapter in her life after servicing on the committee for many years. She retired as Treasurer, the office she held for 15 years, but before that she held the position of Secretary. I'm sure that all Dolphins past and present appreciate her effort over the years. Our new Treasurer is John Watkin who re-joined the committee after a number of years break. We wish John great success and thank him for filling the position.

At the BLDSA Annual dinner at Barrow in March, several Dolphins received awards, for the previous season. They included Nicola Wright who received the Elise Brook Trophy, for several successful swims as a junior, Andy Wright for winning the veteran grand prix event, Maurice Ferguson the Harry Moffat Memorial Trophy, for his services as a pilot life saver and Lesley Feakes for her 2 way Windermere breaststroke swim. The Dolphins also presented Lesley with an engraved Crystal Bowl to mark this record-braking swim.

Talking about recognition Maurice received the most prestigious acknowledgement of all his service to long distance swimming by being elected to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Frame in Fort Lauderdale. He travelled to America to personally receive his award. Well done Maurice.

We finished our winter training with our annual Bob Keating & Dick Dickenson Handicaps. The Bob Keating handicap was shortened to 100 lengths as we were unable to get Sankey pool for more than an hour. The winners were Jim Nurse for the Bob Keating Trophy and Sam Reynolds for the Dick Dickenson Trophy. Following the race swimmers repeated the previous years post swim breakfast at the 'Lets Eat Café'.

The outdoor season started with the Budworth Handicap where we had an excellent turn out on a fine day. The good thing about this handicap is that it is difficult to cheat since there are two variables. The first is the time it will take you and more importantly the unknown length of the swim. This year the nominal distance of 1mile turned out to be nearer 1.5miles, which threw a 'curved ball' at many of the swimmers guesses. The winner was Anna Barker who additionally complicated the race by swimming without the navigation aid of looking where she was going because she swam backstroke.

At the start of the season once again we held our Budworth Championships. Again Lesley organised a tremendous event even if she didn't swim due to her new head cut. We again had a good turn out of Dolphins. The evening of the Championships saw our first celebration

of our 40th year with a Buffet, which was held at Budworth Sailing Club. It was a great success. It was pleasing to see some old faces and Steven Dockery was nearly tempted back into swimming and to join the Channel Relay team. A point of discussion was the photos on show and the swim data that had been collated together for the event. Everyone who attended was given a commemorative mug and a booklet detailing the history of the Club. Thanks should be extended to those who helped make the event a success.

Dave Feakes had decided to have a quite season, but he was unable to resist a filming opportunity, where he would stand in for Peter Mullan in 'A Clear Day'. His quite season turned out to be spent (2.5 weeks) in the Irish Sea of the Isle of Man and a morning at Dover. However, it was the fringe benefits that he enjoyed the most, like the rub down by 3 beauties. We won't say too much about them having to shaving off his hair and beard for the filming.

The other major 40th celebration was a Channel Relay attempt. The 6 swimmers of Joe Coy, Phil Taylor, Nicola Wright, Alan Pomfret, Claire Dickinson and Andy Wright successful completed the crossing. They were professionally managed by Chris Carter would really wanted to swim but a 'bureaucrat' at the CSA wouldn't let him. The crossing took place on 20th July, stating at 9:30am and took 14hours exactly. The conditions were excellent.

In August we held our Albert Dock Championships. What a great success they were thanks to Alan Pomfret who did an outstanding job. Alan stood in as Secretary early in the year, but you would have thought that this was his 20th Championships not his 1st. Thanks should also go to the many others who helped Alan. It was very nice to see Tony Johnson watching on the quayside once again.

Members have been swimming all around the country again this year. We have had some pleasing results with Natalie Jones winning a few events in her first season as a senior lady. Graham Padgett added another victory to his tally by winning the 1st Cheshire Championship. Christian Wade and Andrew Byrne both competed in their first open water swims this season. However, once again the mileage chart encouraged our swimmers. I won't believe anyone who tells me that no body takes any notice of it. Most swimmers are very quick to point out when I haven't added one of their swims to the chart. At the end of the season 4 swimmers were all within 8 miles of each other, with Henry Lowther taking the title with 57 miles.

This year the Club launched a new Web-site (www.warrington-dolphins.co.uk) and thanks must be extended to John Lydon who has done an excellent job in putting together the web-site, which hopefully contains all you need to know, including the famous mileage chart.

At training members of the Club have shared the coaching on Sunday's, with a number of juniors also taking sessions. There have been an excellent variety of sessions. Attendance at the sessions has held up, with numbers generally constant at Sunday sessions even in the summer. We have at long last negotiated a 2 hour training session. From Sunday 24th October 2004, Sunday training switched to Fordton Leisure Centre from 6pm to 8pm. We believe that Fordton will be available for the winter months to April. The one-hour training will continue after that throughout the summer, venue could possibly be back at Sankey.

The Marbury Handicap this year was the same format as it has been for the last two years. Thanks must go to Claire Dickinson for organising the swimming side and John Glynn for organising the buffet at the Cock o' Budworth afterwards. The Lydon sisters dominated the winning rostrum by coming first and second. A good turn out made the event successful.

Chris Byrne has now finished his 5 year 'sentence' in single handed running the postal swim. Next year Dave Feakes will run the event on behalf of the Club. He's looking for volunteers to help out at key stages.

It is with great sadness that Lesley has decided to resign as Club Secretary. Lesley has done an absolutely excellent job over the last 6years. Not only as Club Secretary but also running the Budworth Handicap and Championships. We wish her well in her new ventures (which could include marathon running). Joe Coy has volunteered to become our new Club Secretary as well as the organisation of the Budworth Championship. Many thanks to Joe. We wish him every success.

Andy Wright
Warrington Dolphins LDSC
Publicity Officer

Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.

Championship Report
10th Annual Budworth Mere Championships.
Saturday 5th June 2004.

The sky was grey, the air temperature was around 62°F and the water temperature an acceptable 60 °F, with 1 or 2 cooler spots! What a contrast from the previous year, but the weather did not appear to dampen competitors' spirits!

Proceedings began with the briefing including reference to Mr John Heapy who had been a great help at previous championships in his role as safety officer. It is hoped that swimmers remembered him as they swam the course. The course was as usual a 1, 2 or 3 circuit clockwise route around the lake. Once again Andy Wright had kindly lent his assistance and ensured that a circuit of the lake was an accurate mile via his GPS!

55 swimmers entered the water at approximately 9.50am and, following the signal from the starter, Mr Jim Nurse, Club President, they headed for the first buoy. Budworth Mere Sailing Club kindly provided a course boat to ensure that the swim leaders did not go off course. Novice swimmers began 5 minutes early to avoid the rush!

Excellent safety cover was available which included 3 boats provided by Budworth Mere Sailing Club, canoeists from Warrington and Macclesfield Canoe Clubs and friends of the Dolphins and participating swimmers. Mr Peter Dickinson once again coordinated the safety cover. This year walkie-talkies were used enabling 2 way contact between key personnel. This proved to be very useful and ensured even greater safety for the swimmers.

Julie Connor, Warrington Warriors, was first home in the novice 1 mile setting a new course record of 21 minutes, 40 seconds. Clare Kane, Warrington Dolphins, was first junior female. Terence Cowburn, Winsford ASC, set a new record of 40 minutes, 22 seconds in the junior gents section. Rebecca Lewis also set a new record in the senior ladies championship with a time of 58 minutes and 57 seconds. Graham Padgett won the senior gents, he also claimed 1st Dolphin and 1st veteran.
In the breaststroke championship Margaret Smith successfully completed the course and was awarded the Merit of the Mere. Chris Byrne completed the breaststroke course for a change and set a new record of 1 hour, 19 minutes and 6 seconds.

Team trophies went to the Warrington Dolphins and Halifax Swimming Club.
Gill Stables, once again, collected the first female veteran trophy in a personal best time of 1 hr 34 mins 22secs. Gill, in her role of BLDSA president, also presented the trophies alongside the Dolphins' president.

Finally, I must express my sincere thanks to all at Budworth Mere Sailing Club for all their help and support in organising this event, to all canoeists, to the time keepers Lynne Lowther, Jim Nurse and Pat Llewellyn, who had some difficulty identifying swimmers but managed to record accurate times for everybody, I think, (Any appeals please speak to them personally!) finishing judge Kevin Ferguson and Peter Dickinson for coordinating the safety cover.

Another successful Championship was completed. This was followed in the evening by a celebration to mark the 40th Anniversary of the club. (We still have several (over 100) commemorative mugs available, please contact Jim Nurse if interested!)

Lesley Feakes.

Honorary Club Secretary.

Budworth Championship 2004

Novice Race 1 Mile

1	1	Julie Connor	00:21:40	Warriors of Warrington
2	5	Laura Page	00:23:06	Warriors of Warrington
3	2	Christian Wade	00:24:21	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
	4	Helen Tristam	00:37:10	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
	3	Graham Bayliss	00:40:06	

Junior Ladies 2 Mile Freestyle

1	10	Clare Kane	00:42:11	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
2	12	Lauren O'Neill	00:43:29	Halifax SC
3	7	Holly Williams	00:44:03	Halifax SC
4	13	Stephanie Clegg	00:46:47	Halifax SC
5	9	Deborah Preston	00:49:27	Blackburn Centurions
6	11	Rebecca Patrick	01:06:36	Scarborough Kingfishers
7	8	Nicola Wright	Retired	Warrington Dolphins LDSC

Junior Gents 2 Mile Freestyle

1	16	Terence Cowburn	00:40:22	Winsford ASC
2	15	David Richardson	00:42:09	Howe Bridge Marlins
3	14	Scott Webster	00:58:57	Scarborough Kingfishers

Ladies 3 Mile Freestyle

1	30	Rebecca Lewis	00:58:57	Barrow LDSC	
2	26	Natalie Jones	01:01:29	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	1st Dolphin Home
3	27	Jennifer Clegg	01:04:07	Halifax SC	
4	22	Dee Llewellyn	01:06:47	Halifax SC	
5	20	Katie Hyland	01:09:14	Everton SC	
6	23	Liane Llewellyn	01:12:15	Halifax SC	
7	19	Michaela Richard	01:13:49	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	
8	28	Jo-Anne Bennett	01:15:09	Bury & Elton	
9	25	Gemma Hitchlock	01:18:03	Bury & Elton	
10	29	Claire Dickinson	01:28:33	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	
11	24	Gill Stables	01:34:22	Troutbeck Bridge ASC	1st Vet
12	31a	Helen Millington	01:37:06		
13	18	Vicki Thompson	01:37:15	Barrow LDSC	
14	17	Morag Hughes	01:37:21	Lochaber	
15	31	Amanda Taylor	01:51:53	Leeds	
16	21	Jean Wilkin-Oxley	01:53:02	BLDSA	

Ladies 3 Mile Breaststroke

1	40	Margaret Smith	02:25:39	Grimsby & Cleethorpes

Gents 3 Mile Freestyle

1	42	Graham Padgett	01:07:35	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	1st Vet & 1st Dolphin H
2	39	Tom Wilkinson	01:10:16	Scarborough Kingfishers	
3	34	Keith Bosson	01:10:31	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	
4	54	Andrew Wright	01:10:52	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	
5	49	Stephen O'Brien	01:11:32	Howe Bridge Marlins	
6	51	Nick Robinson	01:12:59	City of Liverpool	
7	60	Dave Feakes	01:14:14	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	
8	50	Kevin Saunders	01:18:42	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	
9	58	Chris Green	01:20:11	Barrow LDSC	

10	35	Billy Dutton	01:20:28	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
11	33	Ian Corrin	01:20:42	City of Liverpool
12	44	Jeremy Leech	01:20:54	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
13	43	Philip Salts	01:28:27	BLDSA
14	55	Henry Lowther	01:28:31	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
15	48	Peter Hawksworth	01:34:19	Colwick Park LDSC
16	45	John Glynn	01:34:58	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
17	36	Alan Pomfret	01:35:53	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
18	41	Craig Davies	01:37:21	Scarborough Kingfishers
19	59	Paul Taylor	01:39:37	Leeds
20	47	Joe Coy	01:44:08	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
21	61	Dave Scott	01:44:56	City of Liverpool
22	38	Stephen Bullen	01:45:43	City of Liverpool
23	37	Tom Towey	01:47:34	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
24	52	Stuart Ainsworth	01:52:22	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
25	56	Les Robinson	02:01:04	BLDSA
26	40	Mick Gallagher	02:17:50	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
27	57	David Foster	02:23:01	Carnforth Otters
28	53	Liam O'Neill	Retired	Halifax SC

Gents 3 Mile Breaststroke

1	46	Chris Byrne	01:19:06	Warrington Dolphins LDSC

Senior Team

1	03:19:35	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
2	03:56:23	Barrow LDSC
3	04:18:37	City of Liverpool

Junior Team

1	02:14:19	Halifax SC

Merit of the Mere

1	Margaret Smith

Junior Ladies 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
2	15			Danielle	Usher	Everton SC	45 mins 10 secs	1st	
3	14			Michelle	Sanders	Sherwood CSC	46 mins 09 secs	2nd	
5	15			Charlotte	Henners	Everton SC	47 mins 45 secs	3rd	
1	15			Deborah	Preston	Blackburn Centurions	47 mins 54 secs	4th	
4	13			Casey-Lee	Cornett	Everton SC	50 mins 53 secs	5th	

Junior Gents 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
6	14			James	Sowersby	Scarborough SC	40 mins 18 secs	1st	

Senior Ladies 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
7	18		B	Sarah	Roberts	Scarborough SC	54 mins 55 secs	1st	1st Breaststroke
8	42			Helen	Tristam	Warrington Dolphins	1 hour 12 mins 32 secs	2nd	
9	21			Claire	Wilson	Wrexham ASC	Did Not Swim	DNS	
10	45	V		Karen	Jones	Darwen Masters	Did Not Swim	DNS	

Senior Ladies 4 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
12	20			Rebecca	Lewis	Barrow LDSC	1 hour 26 mins 30 secs	1st
11	22			Liane	Llewellyn	Halifax SC	1 hour 43 mins 49 secs	2nd
13	39			Helen	Wilkinson	Unattached	3 hour 15mins 52 secs	3rd
14	37			Helen	Millington	Warrington Dolphins	Did Not Swim	DNS

Senior Gents 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
17	18			Micheal	Searle	Everton SC	40 mins 22 secs	1st	
24	17			Tom	Wilkinson	Kingfishers Scarborough	47 mins 34 secs	2nd	
25	43			Brian	Henners	City of Liverpool	56 mins 46 secs	3rd	
22	67	V		Eric	Millican	Rotherham	57 mins 15 secs	4th	
21	41			Simon	Robinson	Stockport SC	1 hour 01 mins 22 secs	5th	
19	47	V		Dave	Scott	City of Liverpool	1 hour 01 mins 23 secs	6th	
16	54	V	B	Phil	Taylor	Warrington Dolphins	1 hour 03 mins 44 secs	7th	1st Breaststroke
23	42			Stephen	Bullen	City of Liverpool	1 hour 10 mins 28 secs	8th	
15	61	V	B	Jeremy	Hunter Coddington	Serpentine SC	1 hour 14 mins 10 secs	9th	2nd Breaststroke
18	47	V		Dave	Sandman	City of Liverpool	Did Not Swim	DNS	
20	45	V		John	Glynn	Warrington Dolphins	Did Not Swim	DNS	

Senior Gents 4 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
31	20			Adam	Harvey	Scarborough SC	1 hour 22 mins 38 secs	1st	
28	56	V		Graham	Padgett	Warrington Dolphins	1 hour 36 mins 46 secs	2nd	1st Veteran
33	25			Tim	Denyer	Surrey Quays	1 hour 46 mins 30 secs	3rd	
30	44			Kevin	Sanders	Ryknold SPSC	1 hour 47 mins 44 secs	4th	
26	50	V		Ian	Corrin	City of Liverpool	1 hour 52 mins 16 secs	5th	
32	37			Jeremy	Leech	Warrington Dolphins	1 hour 57 mins 16 secs	6th	
29	44			Joseph	Coy	Warrington Dolphins	2 hour 22 mins 13 secs	7th	
27	64	V		Stuart	Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins	2 hour 23 mins 44 secs	8th	
34	54	V		Tom	Towey	Warrington Dolphins	2 hour 33 mins 10 secs	9th	

EXMOUTH SWIMMING & LIFE SAVING SOCIETY
(Founded 1893: Affiliated to the DCASA, WCASA, BLDSA & RLSS)

President: R W A E Snowshall

41st EXMOUTH FAIRWAY BUOY SWIM SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 2004

28 Swimmers started out of 31 entries 26 finished 2 retired.
It was a sunny warm day but a large bank of sea mist covering the estuary early morning meant the swim might be cancelled owing to poor visibility in the main channel. At approximately 11am the mist rolled away and the Swim started at 2-45 pm by The Mayor of Exmouth Trevor Cope and The President of Western Counties A.S.A. Gordon Smart from the Clock Tower. With a strong easterly wind blowing against the tide it made the sea rather choppy causing difficulties swimming with tide against wind. More difficult conditions were experienced near buoy no.8 as the tide flow through a new channel forming out to sea across the sand bar which took swimmers and canoeists toward the sand bank making times for the swim a little longer than normal. Altogether a difficult swim.
Final positions
The first male swimmer received The Exmouth Journal cup was
Simon Lee in 1hr 42mins 45secs
The first female swimmer to receive The Carla Garratt trophy was
Jacy Wood in 1hr 45mins 28secs
The first ES&LSS male swimmer received The Ralph Jordan Perpetual Trophy was
Olly White in 1hr 44mins 20secs
The first ES&LSS female swimmer received The South West Water cup was
Gemma Franks in 1hr 48mins 59secs
There were no Breaststroke Swimmers this year.
The last canoeist to finish received The Patience Plate was Barry Charnock.
Presentations of Trophies and Certificates followed by a Buffet were held at The Exmouth Rugby Club.

Ye. Amphibious Ancient Bathing Association

Swim Secretary's Report 04

Good start to January 1 with 140 dookers taking part in wet and windy conditions.
The club single on D Day 6 th June was tinged with sadness, but knowing our scribe the way I do, he would have been irritated to say the least had we cancelled.
Eight club swimmers recorded admirable times in fairly windy conditions. I thank Greta and my life president for presenting our new medals designed by Ian, to the winners on my behalf.
Next came Balmerino and the Tayport Cup with a total of 22 swimmers over the weekend. Dee's reign came to an end in the Tayport Cup with young Shaun Kiddie pipping her to the post.
Eleven swimmers took to the water at a misty Monifieth slip-way. A great tussle ensued between Morag Hughes and Kirsty Melville with just a fraction separating them for first place, in which Kirsty took the honours. For the boys Jamie Logan was superb romping home a clear four minutes in front of Stephen Massey.
The veterans over forty event what can one say about the times recorded just magnificent!. Andrea Gellan and Rick Wells were our winners with times of 26 and 29 minutes respectively. We welcomed back after 30 years Mike Harris from Ireland aged 58 who recorded a time of 32 minutes. Well done Mike.

The Double Tay had an entry of twelve swimmers. This must be the year of the vets as welcomed to our shores for the first time Joseph Phillips aged 70 who recorded a time of 1hr 06mins for his first ever Double Tay. Is there some magic potion I wonder?.
Unfortunately Woodhaven had to be cancelled twice due to weather conditions.

I take this opportunity to thank Greta, Pat and all the crews and lifesavers who have assisted the club in which has been a sad and difficult season.
I am sure that Ian and Ron would have be very proud of our efforts in seeing through the swimming season. We will miss them both very much

Joyce McIntosh
Club President

YE A.A.B.A. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - 6 JUNE 2004

SWIMMER	AGE	CLUB	OVERALL PLACE	TIME	CATEGORY PLACING
Mhairi Murdoch	17	YE A.A.B.A	1	30 mins, 44 sec	1st Senior Lady
Kirsty Melville	13	YE A.A.B.A	2	34 mins, 18 sec	2nd Lady (1st Junior)
Claire Moodie	13	YE A.A.B.A	3	34 mins, 39 sec	3rd Lady (2nd Junior)
Frank Chalmers	49	YE A.A.B.A	4	35 mins, 22 sec	1st Male
Lesley Anderson	13	YE A.A.B.A	5	39 mins, 15 sec	4th Lady (3rd Junior)
Joe Owens	40	YE A.A.B.A	6	39 mins, 22 sec	2nd Male
Ian Hunter	46	YE A.A.B.A	7	41 mins, 10 sec	3rd Male
Sarah Finnegan	13	YE A.A.B.A		Did Not Start	

YE A.A.B.A. BALMERINO TO BROUGHTY FERRY - 12 JUNE 2004

SWIMMER	AGE	CLUB	OVERALL PLACE	TIME	CATEGORY PLACING
Stephen Massey	17	Dundee Arnhall	1	1 hr, 38mins, 27 sec	1st Male
Dee Llewellyn	26	Halifax S.C.	2	1 hr, 40 mins, 31 sec	1st Lady
Billy Smith	48	City of Dundee	3	1 hr, 47 mins, 52 sec	2nd Male
Chris Green	54	Barrow L.D.S.C.	4	1 hr, 52 mins, 18 sec	3rd Male
Laura Collette	35	[illegible]	5	1 hr, 52 mins, 37 sec	2nd Lady
Jackie Classen	47	Barrow L.D.S.C.	6	2 hrs, 02 mins, 22 sec	3rd Lady
Frank Chalmers	49	YE A.A.B.A	7	2 hrs, 11 mins, 52 sec	4th Male
Sarah Finnegan	13	YE A.A.B.A	8	2 hrs, 16 mins, 46 sec	4th Lady (1st Junior)
Joe Owens	40	YE A.A.B.A	9	2 hrs, 17 mins, 57 sec	5th Male
Alex Bern	64	YE A.A.B.A	10	2 hrs, 20 mins, 40 sec	6th Male

YE A.A.B.A. TAYPORT CUP - 13 JUNE 2004

SWIMMER	AGE	CLUB	OVERALL PLACE	TIME	CATEGORY PLACING
Stephen Massey	17	Dundee Arnhall	1	18 mins, 00 sec	1st Male
Shawn Kiddie	14	Dundee Arnhall	2	19 mins, 10 sec	1st Lady
Dee Llewellyn	26	Halifax S.C.	3	19 mins, 20 sec	2nd Lady
Sean Massey	13	Dundee Arnhall	4	20 mins, 10 sec	2nd Male
Laura Collette	40	[illegible]	5	28 mins, 08 sec	3rd Lady
N White	31	[illegible]	6	30 mins, 42sec	3rd Male
M Cashley	42	[illegible]	7	32 mins, 35 sec	4th Male
Claire Moodie	13	YE A.A.B.A	8	36 mins, 03 sec	4th Lady
Kirsty Melville	13	YE A.A.B.A	9	36 mins, 23 sec	5th Lady
Frank Chalmers	49	YE A.A.B.A	10	37 mins 17 sec	5th Male
Sarah Finnegan	13	YE A.A.B.A	11	43 mins, 48 sec	6th Lady
Joe Owens	40	YE A.A.B.A	12	46 mins, 17 sec	6th Male

YEAABA RESULTS

Monifieth 7-8-04

Swimmer	Club	Age	Time	Position
S Massey	Arnhall	17	53m 00s	2nd Male
J Owens	Yeaaba	40	1hr 20m	4th Male
J Logan	Ren 96	15	50m 58s	1st Junior
L Hankart	The Frogs	67	1hr 40m	
A Preiss	Perth Masters	31	1hr 54s	3rd Male
Swimmer	Club	Age	Time	Position
S Finnigan	Yeaaba	13	1hr 17 m	2nd Junior
J Wilson	Otely	51	1 hr 25 m	4th Lady
L Anderson	Yeaaba	13	1hr 19m	3rd Junior
C Moodie	Yeaaba	13	RETIRED	*******
K Melville	Yeaaba	13	1hr 13m	1st Junior
M Hughes	Lochaber	48	1hr 12m	2nd Lady

Veterans 14-08-04

Swimmer	Club	Age	Time	Position
Mike Harris	Carte Masters	58	32m55s	2nd Male
I Hunter	Yeaaba	45	44m 01s	4th Male
J Owens	Yeaaba	40	42m 06s	3rd Male
RWells	Inverness	42	29m45s	1st Male
Swimmer				
R Bayley	Yeaaba	49	43m58s	2nd Lady
A Gellan	Dunfermilne	41	26m 40s	1st Lady
JWilson	Otley	51	46m50s	3Rd Lady

Double Tay 28-08-04

Swimmer	Club	Age	Time	Position
J Phillips	Inverclyde	70	1hr 06m	3rd Male
St Massey	Arnhall	17	39m24s	1st Male
S Massey	Arnhall	13	44m 06s	1st Junior/2m
B Smith	C.o.D.	48	47m 36s	2nd Male
K Saunders	Warrington	*****	*****	Did not swim
Swimmer	Club	Age	Time	Position
S Finnigan	Yeaaba	13	1hr 09m	Beached
S Kiddie	Arnhall	14	40m 41s	1st Junior/L
D Llwellyn	Halifax SC	26	41m56s	2nd Lady
K Melville	Yeaaba	13	1hr 01m	5th Lady/2J
C Moodie	Yeaaba	13	1hr 05m	Beached
M Murdoch	Yeaaba	17	54m04s	3rd Lady
L Wilkie	Heart /Mid	18	55m 41s	4th Lady

Woodhaven Cancelled

Loch Earn 2004

Breaking with "Phibbies" tradition the Loch Earn swim has moved to operating under its own management team of Greta Gall (Secretary) & Pat Llewellyn (Race Referee).

This year's entry level well exceeded available boat hire and unfortunately several swimmers had to be turned away. The provision of extra boats and crews for next year is being addressed.

On the day the failure of two of our club boat crew to turn up was disappointing and gave Pat considerable last minute work reorganizing crews.
My grateful thanks to those who rallied round as stand-in crew, with the swim finally getting underway some 30 to 40 mins late.

Loch Earn in late autumn is always likely to be a challenge, and so it proved.
A record field of 18 entered the water; with the water temp a very poor 54F, coupled with a squally force 5 tail wind, punctuated by heavy showers, it made it a rough & tough swim.
Stephen Massey (Dundee Arnhall) led from start to finish, Dee Llewellyn putting in a strong challenge, but this year unable to catch Stephen.
Andy Wright and Andrea Gellan took the honours for the veterans with excellent times; unfortunately there were no contenders for the Junior Boy & Girl trophies.

The cold did take a toll, with 4 retirals, but the 14 finishers all emerged in good condition despite the added hazard of having to swim around the finishing jetty which was invisible under a foot of water due to excessive rainfall, although Chris Green did try a short cut – straight through! – It didn't work!!
Janet Wilson's swim proved to be the highlight – having given me dire predictions of requiring 6 hours, Janet was set off an hour early and then surprised everyone – including herself!! – by romping home in 4 hrs 38 mins.

Having just about recovered from the rigors of acting as a boat handler the BLDSA president Gill Stables did us the honour of presiding at the presentation to the Seniors, assisted by Mrs Don (Andrea Gellan's mum) for the Veterans.

The day was rounded off by a very convivial dinner in the Drummond Hotel attended by around 30 swim personnel.

My thanks to Lochearnhead Water Sports Centre, Drummond Boat Hire, Drummond Hotel, Loch Earn Sailing Club and all the Boat-crews, not forgetting Joe W-O for handling the programmes. Without their support and co-operation the event could not take place.

Pat & I have duly taken "onboard" a few lessons to improve next years event.

Greta Gall – Loch Earn Swim Secretary

LOCH EARN RESULTS 2004

ENTRY	SWIMMER	AGE	CAT	CLUB	OVERALL PLACE	TIME	Category Placings
10	Stephen Massey	17	S	Dundee Arnhall	1	2 hrs, 28 mins, 22 sec	**1st Senior Male**
15	Dee Llewellyn	26	S	Halifax S.C.	2	2 hrs, 34 mins, 06 sec	**1st Senior Lady**
16	Liane Llewellyn	23	S	Halifax S.C.	3	2 hrs, 47 mins, 20 sec	2nd Senior Lady
4	Andy Wright	47	V	Warrington Dolphins	4	3 hrs, 02 mins, 09 sec	**1st Veteran Male**
2	Kevin Saunders	42	V	Warrington Dolphins	5	3 hrs, 05 mins, 48 sec	2nd Veteran Male
17	Andrea Gellan	47	V	Incas - Inverkeithing	6	3 hrs, 10 mins, 23 sec	**1st Veteran Lady**
20	Colleen Blair	26	S	Aberfeldy Sharks	7	3 hrs, 11 mins, 54 sec	3rd Senior Lady
8	Pete Harper	48	V	City of Liverpool	8	3 hrs, 17 mins, 59 sec	3rd Veteran Male
1	Chris Green	54	V	Barrow LDSC	9	3 hrs, 26 mins, 35 sec	4th Veteran Male
3	Henry Lowther	45	V	Warrington Dolphins	10	3 hrs, 39 mins, 39 sec	5th Veteran Male
19	Morag Hughes	48	V	Lochaber - Fort William	11	3 hrs, 52 mins, 51 sec	2nd Veteran Lady
18	Vicki Thompson	36	S	Barrow LDSC	12	4 hrs, 04 mins, 32 sec	4th Senior Lady
9	Kevin Wendt	40	V	Wellington, Somerset	13	4 hrs, 07 mins, 35 sec	6th Veteran Male
14	Janet Wilson	51	V	Otley SC	14	4 hrs, 38 mins, 18 sec	3rd Veteran Lady
5	Joe Owens	40	V	YAABA		Retired	
6	Scott Webster	15	J	Scarborough Kingfishers		Did Not Start	
7	Ian Corrin	50	V	City of Liverpool		Did Not Start	
11	David Scott	47	V	City of Liverpool		Retired	
12	Alastair Preiss	31	S	Perth Masters		Retired	
13	Jackie Classen	47	V	Barrow LDSC		Retired	

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SOLENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

Report by Peter Collett

As a beach lifeguard I do not mind carrying out rescues but I rebel when it is over and then have to sit down and write an essay about it and fill in forms. I am afraid it is the same after organising the Solent Championships each year.

This year was again held under good weather albeit a little choppy with a strong ebb tide.

With over 100 swimmers, apart from an unfortunate dispute over the winner of the mens 5K, everything worked like clockwork. This was due to our very organised team of officials, helpers and lifeguards from Stanswood Rescue. Thanks must also go to Brian Rann, ("King of the Solent"), who has swam the Solent well over thirty times who kindly presented this years prizes and certificates.

Unfortunately, due to family commitments, the 2005 event is in serious doubt of being held.

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SOLENT SWIMMING CLUB RESULTS 2004

MENS FREESTYLE 5K

Record David Fytche 59.35

1	Benjamin Pennington		1.17.16
2	Ryan Blake		1.18.44
3	Philip Bale		1.19.21
4	Philip Martyn		1.23.51
5	Christopher Hunt	1st Hants	1.23.56
6	Ian Banks		1.24.46
7	Peter Jolly	1st Vet	1.27.17
8	David Curant		1.32.37
9	Peter Snashall		1.35.59
10	Matthew Eckford		1.36.19
11	Rodney Miller		1.42.39
12	Roy Pitt		1.43.18
13	Terry Lyons		1.44.47
14	Russell Crew		1.46.25
15	Alfonso Garcia		1.46.44
16	John Cunningham		1.48.47
17	Andrew MCGregor		1.50.28
18	Patrick Turner		1.57.49
19	Sam Jenkins		2.05.41
20	Neil Price		2.09.15
21	George DuToit		2.10.15
21	Marczak Marcin		2.10.15
22	Brian Wilson		2.21.02
23	Clive Burbage		2.21.56
24	Duncan Heenan		2.30.14

LADIES FREESTYLE 5K

Record Lisa Grindrod 1.09.24 1999

1	Abigail Wroe			1.30.49
2	Sakura Hingley			1.40.50
3	Lynda Massey	1st Hants	1st Vet	1.48.49
4	Wendy Morgan			1.49.19
5	Shelley Richards			1.50.36
6	Xanic Jones			2.00.48
7	Rebecca Baker-Petley			2.04.42
8	Jennifer Lenton			2.09.03
9	Claire Mason			2.25.09

MENS BREASTSTROKE 5K

Record Nick Hunt 1.24.17 2002

1	Nick Hunt	1.42.39

LADIES BREASTSTROKE 5K

Record Linda Webber 1.52.41 2003

1	Linda Webber	1.55.30

MENS BREASTSTROKE 2.5K

Record David Whitlock 43.02 2002

1	Dave Whitlock	56.46
2	Leslie Du Cane	1.05.00
3	Jeremy Hunter Coddington	1.07.21
4	Gordon Du Cane	1.18.30

LADIES BREASTSTROKE 2.5K

Record Ingrid Hunter-Coddington 56.01 2002

1	Ingrid Hunter Coddington	1.12.15
2	Caroline Blunt	1.18.35
3	Vanessa Hitchcock	1.39.46

MENS FREESTYLE 2.5K

Record Joe Tellett 31.50 2001

1	Matt Cockill		36.02
2	Adam Acland		40.53
3	Scott Holland		40.54
4	Michael Alchin		47.14
5	Christopher Morris	1st Vet	50.16
6	Neil Carpenter		50.25
7	Christopher Brotherton		51.43
8	Ben Copley		53.30
9	Darryl Marcus-Hanks		56.14
10	Steve Holland		1.02.35
11	Leonard Hurley		1.08.25
12	Tony Moorey		1.13.24
13	Philip Kenton		2.01.13
	Mike Smith		

LADIES FREESTYLE 2.5K

Record Rebecca Herbert 32.07 2002

1	Jeanette Taylor		43.57
2	Sarah Martin		46.03
3	Mary Olliver		47.10
4	Lindsey Shenton	1st Vet	47.30
5	Patricia Talbot		54.12
6	Jennifer Kerr		55.18
7	Deanne McMullen		55.32
8	Nicola Joyce		56.06
9	Jennifer Ellis		1.02.13
10	Patsy Wootton		1.03.38
11	Rowena Butler		1.04.58
12	Camilla Myers		1.05.10
13	Ann Spelman		1.07.30
14	Laura Barrowman		1.07.55
15	Rosemary Johnson		1.08.03
16	Jane Dodd		1.08.11
17	Jenny Ball		1.08.14
18	Karen Little		1.08.30

JUNIOR MENS FREESTYLE 2.5K

Record Jason Otton 31.50 2001

1	Sam Malony-Cox	36.42
2	Christopher Grabham	40.02
3	Jamie Cole	43.14
4	Gary Carpenter	44.45

JUNIOR LADIES FREESTYLE 2.5K

Record Rachel Hessom 33.05 1999

1	Natasha Day	43.16

NOVICE MENS FREESTYLE 1K

Record Jamie Cole 17.55 2002

1	Robert Yardley	18.47
2	Oliver Wood	18.52
3	Matt Dandy	19.09
4	Shane Scullion	20.49
5	William Pearce	21.12
6	Anthony Mann	21.29
7	Kevin Yardley	24.02
8	Ben Moore	25.27
9	Omar Kadour	26.30
10	Kristian Hamilton	35.00
11	Dean Eatwell	36.00
12	Edward Shaw	38.36
13	Andrew Swanson	51.15

NOVICE LADIES FREESTYLE 1K

Record Nerys Williams 17.54 2002

1	Nicola Sexton	22.02
2	Kate Sanders	22.04
3	Linda Connor	23.31
4	Alice Pearce	24.02
4	Emily Sanderson	24.02
4	Rebecca Blake	24.02
7	Jana Kuznik	26.26
8	Elizabeth Olliver	28.44
9	Emma Moschakis	35.00
10	Barbara Webber	55.00

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Hon Secretary	Chief Coach	Long Dist. Coach
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In time honoured fashion we took to the water again at the end of April to prepare for Albert Dock, Colwick Park and Budworth. The pre-season mild weather lulled us into a false sense of security, allowing us believe another glorious summer lay ahead of us. We will be cautious about making the same assumption again next year.

The inclement conditions affected many swims this year and put off several of our young novices who have delayed their open water debut until next year in the hope that the sun will once again shine on our sport.

Four swimmers took to the water at Budworth in June two of our hardier juniors Rebecca Patrick and Scott Webster and two seniors Tom Wilkinson and Craig Davies. They put in a creditable performance swimming well against strong competition, Scott Webster and Tom Wilkinson both finishing in third place in their respective events.

A week later at Wykeham a home swim for us we fielded twelve swimmers. Troy Renshaw and three new juniors competing in their first junior two-mile race Hannah Keech, Emily Wardman and Deborah Adcock, joined Rebecca and Scott. Four seniors also took part Tom Wilkinson, Craig Davies, Julie Dimaline and Gill Broadley, with two novice swimmers Alex Lee and Gemma Mawman dipping their toes for the first time in the 1000mt event.

Heading South this time to Champion of Champions were Julie Dimaline and Scott Webster who accompanied Tom Wilkinson in his forth-consecutive swim all three successfully completed this gruelling endurance experience in less than ideal weather conditions.

Back across the M62 a week later to Rivington and the typical British summer continued its onslaught. The event distances were reduced and swimmers battled against strong wind and waves to complete their circuits, those who completed the course came of age that day. In the junior race Troy Renshaw swam home in 2nd place with an exhilarated Scott Webster in 3rd he enjoyed the rough ride, as did Rebecca Patrick who also showed courage in extreme conditions. They were marginally better off than the poor canoeists trying to escort them, Fern Davis has canoed for us over the past two years and we were shocked to witness her exhaustion and distress when she wept with relief at the end of the senior race.

We constantly worry about our swimmers out there in the water but Rivington tested our safety cover to its limits this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our canoeists, too many to name individually, but they know who they are, for their continued support and commitment.

The conditions were kinder at Bala but the water temperature was below 60 deg. Troy Renshaw finished 1st in the Junior Boys race retaining his title from last year and 12 year old Emily Wardman was first breaststroke swimmer home in the junior Girls race and Rebecca Patrick kept us a steady pace to finish in 6th position. Gill Broadley and Craig Davis who finished in third place in the senior men's race represented the seniors.

Yes it's across the M62 again to Llyn Padarn with 9 swimmers taking the plunge but in much better conditions. The only scare we had this time was three of our canoeists getting lost and arriving at midnight, pitching tents in the dark is not an easy or enviable task but thanks to those few stalwarts who stayed up to help them. By 8am the tents

were down again and packed into the cars ready for the drive to the lake for the 2-mile race what a rare breed these chaps are!

As always we were treated to some exciting finishes, being able to watch the swimmers battle for home so close to shore for the last ¾ mile is exiting and heart wrenching. One of these was produced by Emily Wardman (just twelve years old) who showed great strength of character, finishing 2nd in the junior breaststroke race against swimmers much older than herself.

Across the country again to Keswick and the Derwentwater Triangle, this was my first year as swim secretary and I fully expected to have to cancel the event due to bad weather but fortune smiled on us and we had a glorious day. Amongst the 44 entries we had 8 swimmers taking part Young Emily Wardman stepped up her distance to 5 mile while Scott, Hannah and Rebecca produced excellent swims in the 2-mile junior race. Troy Renshaw in his first senior swim successfully completed the triangle with teammate Tom Wilkinson who finished superbly in third place. Julie Dimaline and Craig Davis represented the seniors in the 2-mile race.

After the events were finished one of our novice juniors who cannot wait to be able to take part in competition took to the water 11 year old Alex Lee swam the 2-mile course in an excellent time.

The long distance section stayed up in Keswick for a holiday that turned into something of a nightmare, because of continuous heavy rain the campsite was on a flood warning and in the early hours of Friday morning they were evacuated. The river Greta had risen and overflowed onto the site, with a torrent of water above knee height flowing through, they were directed off the site by a policeman anchored against the rush of water tied to a gate.

The Season drew to a close with the premier events of Windermere and Junior Coniston swims, Tom Wilkinson produced an outstanding swim at Windermere from being 7th just before the Ferry he swam superbly to finish in 3rd place in a new personal best time. The following day Scott and Emily swam the 5½-mile length of Coniston, last year Scott had to retire with a shoulder injury, however this year he was rewarded with the Junior Boys trophy for 1st place. Shadowing him down the lake Emily swam with great determination and courage far in excess of her years to finish in 5th place.

Our Squad this year swam a combined total of 194 miles in competition, the equivalent of over 9 English Channel swims!! Well done and thank you Tom for compiling the chart.

Tom Wilkinson	51¼ miles
Scott Webster	28¼ miles
Julie Dimaline	24¼ miles
Uncle Craig Davis	20½ miles
Emily Wardman	18¾ miles
Troy Renshaw	14¼ miles
Amanda Cracknell	9½ miles
Rebecca Patrick	9 miles
Hannah Keech	7 miles
Gill Broadley	7 miles
Debra Adcock	2 miles
Alex Lee	2 miles

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JLDSC ANNUAL REPORT 2004

I've hardly had time to put the cabin boy down (a painless injection!) before it's time to change my natty nautical headwear for a scribes moistened quill. As our glorious 30th year in operation shivers to a halt under a warming shower, it's time to take a retrospective view of the bygone season.

Once again - and this always surprises me - New Years day comes round just as they finish off the turkey giblet and brussel sprout sandwiches, replacing them with one of Marion Harvey's delicious cakes. Fortunately the NYD swim happens before the cake takes full effect – only jesting Marion! Apparently a grand total of thirty-nine swimmers applied for asylum! Well done to all who participated. You'll notice that the term 'Barking mad' is used frequently throughout this report, with good reason I assure you! Quite sane dogs and pushchairs played a major part in the early months of the year as we met on Sunday mornings to wend our merry way via highways and byways of the Island, also along many a mile of deserted beach; Dilys was intent on following the Itex walk trail in bits before the midsummer madness became a reality. Best bit of walking? Sitting down in Big Vern's with a big mug of 'rosy' washing down the full train smash with mixed gorilla - unbeatable! The Swimarathon moved up to Quennevais in March with the plug having well and truly been pulled at The Fort, we filled the chlorinated waters with a multitude of swimmers encompassing all shapes and sizes, again well done to all who participated. 'Special thanks to Little Lee, Ali Streeter and nephew Toby for taking the time and trouble to come over from the mainland for the swim, their visit is becoming a regular feature of our annual involvement. It's a big undertaking which is very much appreciated and I know both the younger club swimmers enjoy rubbing shoulders with two very special club members and a few big ones are impressed too, especially when the social side of the visit kicks in!

A very special thanks to our new 'partners' at Jersey Telecom. It's a huge task finding a backer, which Sal worked very hard at, for a sport which in all honesty is not one which draws crowds of supporters and fans who would immediately rush out and buy products to 'return the favour' Through Rosemary Parker and her team at JT we have found an ideal sponsor. We certainly appreciate their input to the club, it provides a great base from which we can deal with day to day running costs which we rely upon to basically exist, but also gives us a launch pad to extend our ambitions of putting club swimmer forward for more challenging undertakings. By wearing our JT fleeces and woolly hats after swims, a very sensible move against hypothermia and ice-cream headaches, besides promoting their company within our press releases, plus having the club boat 'Sea Swimmer' embossed with their logo – you'd be surprised how many boat owners ask me what the tie up between us is, to which I'm more than happy to extol Telecom's support – in these ways we can spread the word well and truly around the Island. In Dover a couple of weeks ago there were several ensembles being modelled by peripatetic club members. You can't beat having a sartorial twirl in the Cinq Ports! We look forward to a long and successful partnership with Jersey Telecom by assuring them of our dedicated attempt to promote both our sport and their generosity.

April saw the Maritime Museum add a book to its information service which through photos and a short text, together with a record of club member's achievements, is on display for visitors to peruse and gain an insight into our wacky way of life. Next time you're kicking your heels in the rain pop into the Museum and take a look. You'll be surprised who have become 'museum pieces'

Not for the first time the watery beginning to our season got underway on the other side of the world as shark, salt water crocodile and stingray infested Tampa Bay in Florida welcomed five JLDSC

competitors for the annual cross Bay 24 mile swim. Richard Flambard took on a very experienced field of 13 solo swimmers including the 'King of Tampa Bay' Dave Parcells from Connecticut, a valued and well respected life member of the JLDSC, winner of the last five Bay swims. Assisting Richard in flying the Jersey flag was a motley concoction of swimmers lurking behind the title of relay squad, led by Madame President Sally, along with the ever smiling Katharine Clark, Senor Dario Parmesan providing the hulk factor and 'Charlie' Gravett lowering the tone and raising the average age statistics!

Richard swam magnificently and led the field for a great percentage of the course. Only within the last couple of miles was he overhauled to finish in third place, he was however placed first in his age group. His time of 9hrs 32:39 was a mere twelve minutes adrift of the winner. A very gutsy swim as we have come to expect from the boy. Pat Frank the American swim coach from Atlanta, who ran a stroke technique session for us at the Aqua Splash pool earlier in the year, very bravely crewed for him. The thirteen relay teams had mixed fortunes with four not reaching the end, the organiser reported rough seas and 68°F - he's obviously never swum round the end of St Catherine's! Richard found the energy to canoe out to greet us as we meandered in after 12 hrs 26:07 to be placed second in our category. A fun day out seeing the sights from an unusual angle with a good boat pilot and crew in Travis and Heather Green. We should have had a stage coach rather than gin palace though as Travis is a Wells Fargo employee. Following the swim Katharine returned to camp in the wilds of Minnesota, Dario and Richard to Jersey whilst Sally and Charlie extended their stay courtesy of their travel heath insurance.

Back in home waters before the summers sun and fun packed days had been unpacked, a certified lunatic devised a cunning plan to encompass all aspects of a night, cold water, neap tide and early season swim rolled into one as Cliff Golding left La Rocque harbour at 0220 one May morning with Richard canoeing, and Sally, David Williams (Lee's Dad), Laura L-B and Charlie cosily squeezed onto Sea Swimmer with Little Lee providing transportation logistics ashore. Cliff had his sights on a North Channel, English Channel, Lake Zurich and Round Jersey set of swims for the year and felt a nocturnal outing fitted the bill for training! Stupid Boy! A brave attempt where we all learned a great deal saw us bring the swim to it's conclusion off Greve de Lecq after four and a half hours and fifteen miles into the expedition as the low temperature took it's toll on a very brave swimmers energy. Fortunately Little Lee was on hand and rescued Cliff as we passed St Catherine's slip and took him back to Wissant Towers to thaw out. David was so impressed with the boat journey back, head into F4 wind and tide round the back of Seymour Tower, he's signed up for full time crewman.

The Aqua Splash pool has proved its worth over the winter months under Sal's tutelage as it churned out a club of much fitter and better prepared swimmers for the outdoor season. We got under way at sea earlier than normal in March and our regular visits to St Catherine's slip bode well for an exciting domestic season ahead. This began as usual at St Catherine's and moved as the tides took us around various crooks and nannies of the Islands coastline. It was great for our clubs future to watch the emergence of so many of the younger club members with Sara Kelly, James Rondel, Tasmin Powell, Chantelle Le Guilcher, Alice Harvey, Phillipa Le Masurier, Pete Blandin and Lauren Delahunty to name but several, all making regular attendances. I bet I've left someone out! Many of our bigger boys and girls were also in evidence, but they haven't bribed me with cakes and sweets the way the juniors do!

The diddy people were rewarded for their enthusiasm and exuberance with their own competition, sponsored by Jersey Telecom who underwrote a series of swims for the junior club members which covered four ascending distances between 200m and 1000 meters. Competitors had to complete all four different swims on the way to the big one. Although the competition attracted loads of entrants our recorders were kept busy juggling who'd done what swim and who hadn't. The youngsters all gave of their utmost and it was great to see them all enjoying both competition and the open waters of Havre des Pas pool. As all the kids did so well it would be churlish (moi?) to leave any out. So let's acknowledge their efforts and mention all those who 'had a go' apart from the age group winners all the other names are in no specific order. Girls - Under 9 winner was Sarah Kelly; Girls 10/11 winner, Tasmin Powell; fellow groupies were, Elysia Parmesan; Chantelle le Guilcher; Georgina Phipps; Philippa le Masurier. Boys 10/11 no winner here as no one competed in all four distances, but the following lads all made at least one appearance. James McKenna; James Rondel; Freddie Phipps. Girls 12/13 winner Alice Harvey; along with Ellen Lusby; Alice Bravery; Lucy Frost; Elizabeth Johnson; Kristy Nicolle; Holly

Maynard. Boy's 12/13 winner Luke Trotter; with Peter Blandin. Girls-14/15 winner Martine le Guilcher; with Stacey Hansford. We were also delighted to have three mini juniors, who not to be outdone by the big kids had their own competition, 'Just for Fun' - Lauren Delahunty, Luke Hopkins and Adam Trotter. Our thanks to Rosemary Parker from Jersey Telecom for turning up to support several of the swims and to be there at the final event to present some superb trophies to the beaming recipients. Well done to ALL our future champions! Let's hope we shall see you ALL in the sea next year!!!

Chantelle was declared winner of the Anne Flambard swim at Havre des Pas in early June. We managed a fancy dress swim in July and to be honest I preferred them turned out that way! Well done kids for looking the part and shame on you Mums and Dads for letting them leave home looking like that – what will the neighbours think? Dario Parmesan tried to pass himself off as a Dad but the frock gave it away. Tasmin Powell was judged the 'best in show' for her impression of a 1930's bathing belle. And no I'm not going for the cheap joke here! The annual De Caux swim was well attended at some ungodly hour at Ouaisne with the girl's cup going to the youngest competitor Sara Kelly. 'Young' Richard Flambard came away with the 'youngest male' and the weekly phone card went to Martine – preparing for the longest swim of her life – only a week after her Channel relay, awaiting her Round Island outing.

Our annual pilgrimage to the healing waters of France once again fell short of Lourdes and pulled up short in Granville. To accommodate 'Le Coupe de France' the existing course was extended to 5km which caused some confusion. The jellies caused some consternation and the 'Bertram team of travelling groupies' caused my head to thump the following morning. But to matters aquatic; Sally won 2nd vet lady, with Jenny 3rd (or was it a tie with first child under one?) Richard was as always a mile in front and was 2nd Vet Gent. Kelly; Dee; Marion; Dilys; Judith; Pippa and Mandy also completed a long and winding course. Always good to see our naughty little French person in the shape of JP, whom due to the repositioning of several digits in a DIY massacre was incapacitated and couldn't swim. Not a single French phone card (or saucy post card!) in evidence!

The Jersey Swimming Club's annual Castle to Harbour, reminisant of Mao Tse-tung's crossing of the Yangtze River, was competed for by 50 ladies and a similar number of males in order to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The JLDSC were well represented and I'm pleased to report the French ferry failed to kill both Jean McLaughlin and myself, but in the ensuing unpleasantness I was unable to record any places of our swimmers. But you all did magnificently I'm told, by survivors. Can't wait for the full century celebrations!

The Round Jersey calendar kicked off with a large jovial Dubliner taking on the challenge as Eoin Gaffney bought some old blarney and his Irish charm to the event. Mick Le Guilcher and I enjoyed our day at sea with the gentle giant as he cruised around in just over the 11 hour mark. Another early start the next day saw an eight strong team of girls and boys from St Georges Hospital Medical School of Tooting London. Intent on having a good time whatever, the motto of the medical student profession, they made a fun day out using Mark Peters 'Surfrenzy' to its full advantage with canoeing, bouncing about in rubber rings towed by 'the Mother ship' and lounging about on deck with sunbathing interspaced with the occasional swim. Jonny Vibert and I soldiered on manfully in sight of the bikini clad girls, (oh! some lads as well, my apologies,) hitting the wall in 10.28. Another glass of embalming fluid please Doctor!

In October 2003 a radiant smile descended on a training session at the Aqua Splash and announced it was going to swim the Channel in 2004! Only slightly barking we thought but when the smile belonged to one Dr Mandy du Feu, then all things are possible. I have to admit we get our fair share of nutters in our chosen sport, no names of course but we've got a few associated with this club! Mandy apparently hadn't swum since the Red Sea closed to vehicular traffic and foot passengers but was determined to raise funds on behalf of friends who hadn't been so fortunate. With that in mind she embarked on a high pressure regime of training, some with hilarious results. Being involved in psychiatric care she returned to work after a lunch time of ninety minutes in the less than tepid sea to be greeted by a bloke who had intended to harm himself with a ten minute session in the harbour! As they say - they're not all locked up! Mandy worked on her technique and strength through the winter

months and emerged to 'organise' both her marriage to Peter and a Channel swim in the same month. Logistics; who worries about such trivialities? Previous to her attempt across the Straits, Sal thought a Round Island might put her off sufficiently, but undaunted and spurned on by liquid enthusiasm she swept a shoal of jellies before her as she crossed the Harbour entrance. We could have piloted her through the Battle of the Trafalgar; it would have made no difference as the smile progressed around the Island. A really tough swim for her was completed in 11.43 and she still had her sights on the French coast. Physician - heal thyself might have been very appropriate at the time!

Dover's Lee Wakeham had bad memories of his last visit to Jersey with a previous swim being curtailed by illness when his wife Tanya was admitted to hospital during the night before his swim. This time however with Dad Barry, a stalwart of the Dover Beach General's back room team on board as his 'Minder' we set off at some un-godly hour on a mission, after four hours he was past the point where we had to take him out previously and the way ahead was clear to get on with it and dispel any bad vibes from before. A good strong swimmer Lee cruised around in style and added Jersey to his swimming CV, finishing in 10.47.

Another barking person came to the Island in the form of 'Mad Uncle Bill' who was to provide endless laughs for the crew as niece Lucy Pittuck took on the Islands waters. Lucy had arrived from Billingshurst Sussex with a small army of family supporters who took the land route to follow her swim around, leaving Sally and I at the mercy of Bill and brother Martin who between them attempted to exhaust all mackerel stocks for the next decade. Lucy was keen to get the swim over and done with and get cosy with a fireman friend; she popped out of the water after some great swimming still smiling. Easy to be cheerful when you haven't been locked up with a lunatic for 11 hrs 01:42!

Over the previous winter months we had been regularly corresponding with Manly Vale in New South Wales, near Sydney Australia, from whence comes criminal lawyer Ian Byrne. Dotting the I's and crossing the T's is a very important part of his professional life which transfers to his preparation for swimming. In answering his myriad of questions I have to agree that I also found out all sorts of details which I hadn't thought about the swim. With wife Pat he arrived attired to take on the arctic. Australians ever fearful of an English summer come prepared for the worst and Ian was a true to form. Sally had to forcefully divest him of layers of outer garments in preparation for his swim; otherwise I'm sure he would have jumped in complete with fleece and woolly hat. However when the time came he soon settled into a powerful stroke and only paused (several times!) to feed the fish and rightfully claim the title 'The Chunder from Down-under' poor Stacey Hansford fled to the cabin in horror as 'technicolored yawn' followed 'five fingered spread' with the volume turned up full! Can I recommend that Goo is not the most easily devoured of feeds and is best pre mixed, preferably with Fosters! Once the 'projectile contamination' problem had been sorted out we enjoyed a reasonably uneventful cruise with Ian proudly becoming the first Australian to swim around Jersey in 10.37.58. Good on ya Bruce! As we came across St Aubin's Bay good old Steve Wright was playing The Stones and 'The Last Time' - Ian and I being Stones aficionados it was wound up to warp factor 10 - never has a piece of music so fitted a swimmers thoughts at that point of a swim!

My sojourn in St Josephs Infirmary Tampa put paid to plans to swim Jersey alone and unaided in order to raise funds for Papworth Hospital where their 'plumbing department' had so skilfully extended my worthless existence. And so with the aid of five young beauties I set out to prove there is still life after Tottenham. Sally, Dee Richards, Lucy Biard, Lee Sowter and Martine Le Guilcher conspired to keep me under control, which being heavily sedated by their collective nagging I was transformed into a bit player in the days events. I can't thank them or crew Mick Le Guilcher and Mark Peters aboard 'Surfrenzy' enough for their input. We raised £374 for Papworth which was the idea of the exercise and I thank all those who contributed. Plus we returned a creditable time of 10.22.24. Not bad for a dead man and his team of undertakers! Sorry - 'Charlie's Angels' - black humour is my favourite medicine.

Some awful weather put paid to both Carol Sing and Scott Lautman's attempts before they had even put a toe in the water. To travel all the way from San Diego California and Seattle in Washington State respectively and then face the disappointment of abandoned attempts is a dreadful way to spend a couple of weeks. Both journeyed on to Dover to be part of Channel relay and solo swim support teams which also fell to the vagaries of the British weather. Both are booked in for 2005 when we hope

conditions will greatly improve. Bad weather also initially put paid to the plans of Kate Mason and Laura Lopez-Bonilla. It was a bit of a chance to go but I'd guessed we would get the north coast part of the swim out the way before the weather turned for the worse. Needless to say after five and a half hours we received a radio call from Jersey Radio at the Harbour of imminent F6 westerly winds. We knew all about it as we were heading towards Grosnez from the middle of the north coast and it was decidedly lumpy. So once more we decided discretion was the better part of valour and took the lumpy route home. My apologies to the two girls but I can't get it right every time. Besides which Laura came out of the experience a different swimmer and far more able to cope with the 'rough stuff' on future swims.

Within a couple of days conditions had improved and we took Ian Jones out for a swim. Ian was known to be a useful pool swimmer but apart from his five hour qualifying swim little was known, He's also a dab hand with a shooting iron being a member of the Island shooting fraternity. Along with girl-friend Sarah-Jane and Cliff we nosed out to the start with a decidedly nervous swimmer. Once in the water though he flew around and for some time we thought a new record was in the offing. The usual encouragement from land based spotters with Sarah-Jane doing her bit onboard, plus Cliff working overtime as a tic-tac man hanging off the gunwales spurned him on over the last five miles. In the end he posted the years fastest time just a few minutes outside the record at 09.59.45. An exceptional swim for a novice; begging the question, is there more to come?

Martine Le Guilcher is a young lady, wise beyond her years and as bright as the proverbial. As a sea swimmer her main problem lies with seaweed and jellyfish, she is a seaweed magnet and jellyfish flock to be in her company. They see nothing wrong in freaking her out and drift around just waiting for a chance to latch on to her. It was therefore with much trepidation that a very nervous Martine was waved off by equally nervous family and friends from La Collette pontoon and in almost total silence (a first!) transported to the swim start point. Adversaries of the revolution in bygone French history and questionable musicals have ridden in similar tumbrels to their fate, few, unlike Martine, were expected to return. With a similar setting, but without old crones sat knitting, she greased up and prepared to meet her fate. Within seconds of her entering the water, they were there, beautiful creatures floating by, waving tentacles and blowing kisses in that rhythmic fashion jellies have. Oh dear I thought, I hoped she wouldn't antagonise them! But she was in their territory, this was their world and she had to mix it with the best of them. Fortunately she has an abundance of personality and guts, within minutes she had charmed her way through and was on her way, into the rising sun. From where I was, in the safety of the wheelhouse, some of the jellies were big bugga's - but she wasn't going to let them spoil her day. Out across Grouville Bay she encountered a mile wide phenomenon which the guys and gals from St Georges Hospital had aptly christened 'fish snot' a not very pleasant mix of seed from subterranean weed, foaming 'substances' and vegetarian flotsam and jetsam. Another test of character for one so young, yet passed with flying colours. She was actually beginning to enjoy it and a nice big smile was set in place for the rest of the day. With a tag of 'Monster-munch' we were towing a spare tender full of provisions for which Sal had a prepared menu and feeding timetable, yet apart from Maxim and various beneficial concoctions she ate nothing, her parents would have been horrified at the scenario. Martine going on 'empty' with no adverse reaction – unheard of! She swam on with canoeist Lucy Biard cruising beside her. Canoeing looked so easy, Cliff Golding, being an expert, I stupidly thought, gave Lucy a spell aboard 'Sea Swimmer'. Imagine our horror as the flaxen haired warrior performed an Eskimo roll which look about as elegant as a drunken polar bear surfboarding – and he wasn't even in the blooming canoe yet! We sent him on ahead to keep the Princess company as Lucy and I struggled to retrieve a waterlogged canoe back onboard. After much farting about we were on our way but Gelding was made to pay the price by leaving him in for a good hour without any sustenance when we fed our champion. With little else to spoil her day Martine posted the fastest ladies time for the year in 10.23.31. A superb day out for all concerned and a very happy family Le Guilcher, with one less task on the horizon Mick could get back to rebuilding Marilyn's kitchen!

With just three days rest from their aborted 5 ½ hour outing Kate and Laura once again set off from Elizabeth Castle. For Laura this was her third attempt, following a weathered off attempt not only the weekend before but also one the previous year which had also ended in similar fashion. This time both girls were fired up and with Sal, Mick and Julia Aston from Kate's home town of Weymouth

looking after her from 'Channel Girl' I chanced my luck with Cliff looking after the affairs of Senorita Laura from Madrid. This time no such problems and we kept a pretty similar course to each other with no more than 400 yds splitting the two swims until our approach to Corbiere. Here I thought I'd found a great run across St Ouen's, it was, however it also took us out to the west and we sat off the lighthouse by some distance whilst Kate's crew took her close in and caught the small run which travels and builds along the foot of the cliffs. Sorry Laura, but we had to work you hard to get back on track. Towards the end both girls were feeling the pain, both physical and mental from their previous week's exertions, Kate was carrying a shoulder injury which was nagging away and couldn't have been particularly pleasant for her. In the end just over seven minutes split their times as Laura touched to bring a very successful season to a close. Kate touched in 10.31 and Laura became the first Spaniard to complete the swim in 10.38.53. Laura has written a good piece which follows her observers report on the club website in it she describes her thoughts on the day. (www.jerseyseaswims.org)

The club wouldn't be successful without a great deal of hard work which goes into these adventures and I have to thank Sally, Mick Le Guilcher, Pete Blandin Snr, Lucy Biard, Jonny Vibert, Richard Flambard, Stacey Hansford, Barry Wakeham; Cliff Golding, Laura Lopez-Bonilla, David Williams, Lee Sowter, Julia Aston, Pat Byrne, Sarah-Jane Stirling, Uncle Bill and Martin for their waterborne assistance and all the great supporters who turn out to cheer swimmers on from various vantage points and welcome swimmers home to the harbour, especially the Vibert family who always turn up at the end weighed down by champagne and Guinness. My sincere thanks to you all, especially Mick and Pete who have unselfishly given many hours to the upkeep of the club boat.

The Son et Luminaries swim lit up the pool at Havre des Pas Pool for a third year as our club stock of light sticks took a hammering once more. About twenty sets of various permutations of colour moved around the pool as the 'light slick' drifted this way and that. Obviously some order came of it all as Katharine Clark was presented with a phone card. Just what did swimmers do before mobile phones? They must have won something.

The Masters swim seems to attract younger Masters each year, maybe a fault of growing older and there never being a policeman about when you want one? Any way Sarah-Jane Stirling won the ladies event and just to keep it all neat and tidy under the same roof, partner Ian Jones the chap's event. PS - Marion won a phone card! What else?

Jersey Telecom organised a fun family day, for their employees to chug around St Cath's with our lot. The weather obviously wasn't that exciting as we spotted only Kerry and Rosemary from JT. However it left more grub and pop for the JLDSC contingent, which is always well received. Next year we hope to get our act together earlier, as Channel swims and the like interrupted our planning this season. What ever next? By the way – the phone cards – presented to the juniors! (I was lucky to get four pence on a bit of string when I was a kid! And that had to last me till decimalisation came in - that way your money never ran out.)

Between Jersey and France lies a spread of water, some 14 miles wide, part of the English Channel in the Bay of St Malo. Its French landfall named the Cotentin Peninsular is a rocky and inhospitable area according to nautical charts. In the 60's and 70's we sent four successful raiding parties across with Denize Le Pennec, Sally and David Minty along with Debbie Banks making dry land on the other side. It's long been a thought to resurrect this swim and after much discussion with knowledgeable folk, as the original pilots are no longer available, we 'volunteered' Katharine Clark as test pilot for an initial attempt. With Sally, Lucy, Cliff and Laura with me on Sea Swimmer we set sail on a neap which had only just come off a spring tide, my first mistake. From the steps below Gorey Castle we aimed for Carteret across 'La Manche-Two' (The 'Rodney' is both unnecessary and silent as in Fools and Horses!) To say the poor girl had a tough swim is an understatement. After 10 hours we lifted her from the water, almost against her wishes, but I think she was rather pleased! We still had 3.6 nautical miles to go and there was no way with the tide which was running we would have landed within another six hours. In 2005 we shall take a slightly different route on a variation of the same neap tides which will allow us more licence with the route. Katharine will make it across, she deserves nothing less.

And so we arrive at, not the last swim of the year as that happens in about December sometime, but the JLDSC Champs. Once again I was at sea and missed it all but according to my list everyone got a prize for one or another category and it would seem that everyone plus the canoeist received a phone card. Well that's all right then! The prizes were as follows: Sara Kelly won the 'Junior-Junior Girls' section in 18min 02. Round of applause for Sara please. Philippa Le Masurier was placed third in the junior, with Tasmin Powell second and Chantelle Le Guilcher at the front of the queue. Well done ladies. At the next stage up, confused? Not yet – but you will be. Peter Blandin won his age group (Ah - that's how they do it!) Alice Harvey came second and Martine Le Guilcher was first Junior Girl in 56.13. I feel sorry for Alice up against a great brute like Martine, still she moves up next season from Junior to Senior ladies - so that should sort that problem out. Jonny Vibert flew the flag for the senior men and damn proud we were of him too. Racing home in 2 hrs 22.53 (I think I'm getting this now – the older you are the further you swim, right? If not some of those little un's are a bit swift) Now this last bit throws me; we've two elderly ladies with the same time, was one getting a lift or what? Anyway both Marion Harvey and Dee Richards swept home in 2hrs 54.21 and claimed the Senior Ladies Masters Club Championship Trophy. Did I mention the phone cards? I find I'm better off at sea, much less stressful than sorting that lot out! One last swim to mention was the Past and Present Members swim. If I tell you that an elderly chap by the name of Dave Blake was the only Past member to swim you'll now have some idea of the condition we retire our ex-senior swimmers in. When you're unable to swim anymore, just tread water! Well done Dave, my heart goes out to you! (The elderly Mr Blake is a fellow Zipper Club member) Apparently there were twenty current members in attendance, so Dave was probably pushed round the course in his bath chair and never got wet.

But we're not finished yet, besides our domestic 'Blue Ribbon' event of circumnavigation we mustn't forget 'La Manche' (that's the proper one, up Dover way!) here we entered two categories and came away conquerors. Dario Parmesan never one to miss out on a chance to show the girls how to do it took a team of fillies to Dover and under the watchful eye of Eddie Spelling and 'Dangerous Brian' onboard Eddie's 'gin-palace' 'Anastasia' They set out from Shakespeare Beach at dusk to swim through the night before landfall at Wissant 12hours and 39 minutes later. Dario's Fillies comprised Mr P himself, Sally Minty-Gravett, Martine Le Guilcher, (more jellies here for her to mix it with!) Lucy Biard, Katharine Clark and Alison Wood. Well done and congratulations to them all. It all happened in a mad dash so our next super-star would have been quite at home in their company. Remember the barking mad doctor? Well like all fairy tales she did get to go to the ball. Mandy du Feu pitted her grim determination and boundless courage against some not too pleasant conditions in the Channel and on a day when other brave swimmers weren't so fortunate she battled on and submitted a classic crossing to the record books taking a muscle tearing, mind blowing 19 hours and 37 minutes. I hope that when we receive the official CS&PF Observers reports we can add them to the club web site for a lengthier explanation of the two swims. As a footnote to the Channel, we extend our commiserations to Dave Parcells one of our Connecticut based members. In the summer he was booked, together with another fellow CT swimmer Marcy Macdonald, to attempt a mind boggling three-way in order to raise funds for an American cancer charity. Sal and I met up with him in Dover along with fellow American and JLDSC member Dennis Dressel who was crewing for Dave. Unfortunately the weather never allowed the swim to get under way and he returned to the States with plans to complete a replica triple attempt swim of Long Island Sound. Once again the weather controlled the outcome and after one lap, about 15 miles I believe, the swim was abandoned in pretty awful conditions. Our thoughts go out to Dave for his courage and fortitude. He still managed to raise a considerable amount which will provide aid to the less fortunate. Commiserations and better luck next time mate, we look forward to welcoming you to Jersey before too long. True sportsmen are always welcome here.

Parish notices; always an important part of the end of season confessional now follow: - As this diatribe hits the news-stands the morning after the Club's annual knees-up and clog wallop, which has been the best ever I'm sure, the following is very important.....Our superb, brilliant, talented, knowledgeable, proof reading, Channel conquering Hon Sec Jenny FitzGerald was questionably absent from last nights frivolities on the flimsiest of excuses. Hopefully she has by now been safely delivered of her third baby, due yesterday I'm informed. We send our collective love and congratulations to Jen.

Catch all the club news on our own website: www.jerseyseaswims.org

Ed and two of the funniest little chaps any baby could choose as brothers, Liam and John. Jenny we hope you had as much fun last night as we all did! On the subject of motherhood (of which I know zilch!) our great supporter from Crawley - 'Little Lee' Sowter and husband Chris, a fellow devote of the 'black stuff' are expecting an even smaller bathing person next April-ish. Congratulations to Lee and Chris and we hope all goes to plan. 'Action Girl' Lee tells me that her four Channel swims an assent on Everest and the Tour de France are still on for 2005! We look forward to seeing all these new little people at future swims and expect a bit of cake when they take their first open water swim across the font. Don't forget their Jersey Telecom fleeces and pom-pom hats after the swim, you know it makes sense!

And now as the club enters its 31st season we have much to look forward to. Shaking off the hangover from last nights 30th Anniversary party would be an excellent start! Hopefully we'll welcome more great swimmers from around the globe attempting our unique Island swim. Perhaps more of our local club members attempting the Channel and who knows what else? It's your club - get involved and enjoy!

Finally sincere thanks to Marilyn and Pat for all their hard work in putting the social event of the year together. Looking after a bunch of swimmers out of the water has never been a straight forward task and by now I'm sure you'll both agree - Fancy taking over the Round Island operation - please?
'Charlie'
Nov' 04

STOP PRESS – STOP PRESS:

Jenny had her 3rd son – Thomas Claude – on November 3rd.
Mum, dad Ed – and big brothers Liam and John, all very proud and all doing very well.
The Club extends their love and congratulations to the whole family and look forward to meeting the Thomas soon.

JLDSC ANNUAL AWARDS for 2004

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

BOYS: - *Peter Blandin*
MENS: - *Jonny Viberi (Turner Trophy)*
JUNIOR GIRLS: - *Sarah Kelly*
GIRLS: - *Martine Le Guilcher (SMG Rose Bowl)*
LADIES: - *Dee Richards & Marion Harvey*
MASTERS: - *Dee Richards & Marion Harvey*

ENCOURAGEMENT TROPHIES:

JUNIOR: - *Philippa Le Masurier*
SENIOR: - *Hannah Quenault & Lauren Taylor*

ENDEAVOUR TROPHIES:

MENS: - *Cliff Golding*
BOYS: - *Peter Blandin*
LADIES: - *Katharine Clark*
GIRLS:- *Tasmin Powell*

ATTENDANCE AWARDS:

BOYS: - *James Rondel*
GIRLS: - *Chantelle Le Guilcher*

WALLA BROOKS TROPHY - for Outstanding Achievement outside Jersey:

Richard Flambard for his Tampa Bay Swim

LESLIE MINTY TROPHY:

The Le Guilcher family

PRESIDENTS TROPHY:
Jenny FitzGerald

GLASS DOLPHIN PAPERWEIGHTS:
Pete Blandin Snr. Mick Le Guilcher, 'Charlie' Gravett

TOUR du ROC SUPPORTERS TROPHY:
TBA:

THE VIBERT FAMILY YOUNG PERSON AWARD:
Katharine Clark

THE JLDSC JUNIOR SWIMMER of the YEAR:
(Donated by Cliff Golding)
Martine Le Guilcher

THE JLDSC PEARL ANNIVERSARY TROPHY:
(For the most outstanding novice swimmer donated by Marion Harvey)
Sarah Kelly

DENIZE LE PENNEC AWARD FOR THE MERITORIOUS SWIM of the YEAR:
Mandy du Feu – for her 19 hour 37 minute Channel swim

JERSEY TELECOM CLUB MEMBER of the YEAR:
(Donated by Jersey Telecom)
Sally and Charlie

LLOYDS TSB PRIVATE BANKING – JERSEY POTTERY PLATES:
Awarded to the fastest local Round Jersey swimmers.
Male: - *Ian Jones* **Female:** - *Martine Le Guilcher*

ISLE OF WIGHT SWIMMING CLUB

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Isle of Wight Masters Swimming Club Report

Sandown – Shanklin swim: This swim, over a distance of 2miles, took place on 15 August. 87 swimmers started from the beach at Sandown, a department from previous years where the start was from the end of the pier. This is the first time the swim has been run by the IW Masters, under the guidance of Bob Davies the Chief Organiser. Benjamin Pennington of SLSC was first to finish in a time of 29 min 29 sec. He was followed by Adam Acland (29 min 59 sec) and Philip Disley (30 min 26 sec). The first lady to finish was Sarah Martin in 32 min 29sec. In all 85 swimmers managed to complete the course

The 2005 Sandown to Shanklin swim will take place on Sunday 7th August

Cross Solent Swims: IW Masters members Jenny Ball, Barney Millar, Mike Hardy and Jane Dodd all successfully completed the cross Solent swim from Ryde Sands to Southsea, a distance of 3 ¼ miles, this summer.

Howe Bridge Marlins L.D.S.C.
Annual Report 2004

2004 was a poor season for the number of competing swimmers we had but what we lacked in quantity we made up in the quality of our swims.A newcomer to long distance swimming was David Richardson, a junior in his first season,he finished in the first three in every swim he completed finishing first at Rivington and Derwentwater and second at Budworth.The rest of our swimmers did various short swims but the success of the season was our Llyn Padarn Swimming championships organised once again by Sharon Entwistle.This was the last one for Sharon as championship secetary and behalf of all the swimmers we offer our thanks.Next year is our 25th anniversary swim so we hope to organise something special with hopefully swimmers from the early days of the swim taking part .Please spread this information around to any old swimmers you may swim into.At the time of writing this we are busy organising our annual 1500 metres event inviting outdoor swimmers for a indoor get together.Sorry not much to write about this year but hopefully 2005 will be better.

Cheers Dave Reason
Hon Sec.

LYNN PADARN 2004

Unfortunately the weatherman's promise of a bright sunny day for this year's swim did not appear. It did however keep dry which was is the main thing. Although I do believe it was warmer in the water than on land, well it felt like it any way. The weather didn't seem to affect Rebecca Lewis of Barrow LDSC who broke the Ladies 2 mile record in a new time of 43.09. Adam Harvey won the 2 mile event in a time of 42.46. Results as follows:

Junior Girls Breaststroke

1. Emma Couch	Scarborough	1.07.24
2. Emily Wardman	Kingfishers	1.07 32

Junior Girls Freestyle

1. Julie Corner	Warrington	46.58
2. Stephanie Clegg	Halifax	49.08
3. Danielle Usher	Everton	50.34

Junior Boys Freestyle

1. Robert Gater	Alsager	42.58
2. James Sowersby	Scarborough	43.33
3. Terry Cowburn	Winsford	44.06

Ladies 2 Mile Breaststroke

1. Sarah Roberts	Scarborough	1.00.51
2. Christina Stapleton	Bradford	1.07.54
3. Irene Meikle	Barrow	1.14.58

Ladies 2 Mile Freestyle

1. Rebecca Lewis	Barrow	43.09 NR
2. Claire Wilson	Wrexham	45.52
3. Clare Kane	Warrington	47.32

Gents 2 Mile Breaststroke

1. Stephen Godber	Colwick Park	1.16.10
2. Charles Forsberg	H. Howe Br.	1.16.33
3. Lucien Hankart	BLDSA	1.47.53

Gents 2 Mile Freestyle

1. Adam Harvey	Scarborough	42.46
2. Omar Hussain	Bradford	43.09
3. Ian Cowburn	Winsford	47.03

The 1000 metre fun swim took place at lunch time with a good turn out. All finishers were presented with medals.

Onto the 4 mile event, nearly 50 swimmers took part in the swim which was won in a time of 1 hour 29 minutes 14 seconds by Darron Corden of Sandwell S.C. Rebecca Lewis did the double for Barrow LDCS in a time of 1 hour 31 minutes and 48 seconds. Results as follows:

Ladies 4 mile Breaststroke

1. Julie Dimaline	Kingfishers	2.53.57

Ladies 4 mile Freestyle

1. Rebecca Lewis	Barrow	1.31.48
2. Jennifer Clegg	Halifax	1.33.48
3. Clare Kane	Warrington	1.44.53

Gents 4 Mile Freestyle

1. Darron Corden	Sandwell	1.29.14
2. Adam Harvey	Scarborough	1.31.40
3. Wayne Stott	Colwick Park	1.34.50

Many thanks to the BLDSA President Gill Stables who did a brilliant job which included refereeing the 4 mile event (she did confirm that David Foster did not get a tow from the BLDSA boat). Also usual thanks to Howe Bridge Marlins Swim Committee, Daniel and Carl for the BLDSA safety boat, the Referees, Timekeepers, Canoeists, Robert Action and a big thanks to Steve Roberts of Scarborough Swimming Club (now officially our safety co-ordinator and results secretary, is there no end to this man's talents!).

It was on to the Presentation at the Dolbadarn Hotel where after the trophies and certificates were duly presented by Gill, liquid refreshments and dancing were the order of the day. Most surprisingly some Howe Bridge members had more to drink than I did (can't understand how that happened) but a good time was had by all.

Provisional date for next year is 23rd July 2005.

Sharon Entwistle
Swim Secretary