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HON. GEN. SECRETARY'S REPORT

BIRTHS

MARRIAGES

Mr Richard Bowen and Miss Debbie Hurwitt on the 22nd April 2005. We congratulate them both and wish them a long and happy future together.

DEATHS

Mrs. Margaret Hinchliffe in late March 2005. Margaret served on the Executive Committee continually from the Associations inaugural meeting in September 1956 until she retired in 1992. She became the association's treasurer in 1982, an office that she held until 1992. Margaret was also made our Hon. President in 1975.

John Todd on 20th April 2005. One of our earlier life members, this at a time when the association was strapped for cash and the idea of life membership was formed to raise much needed funds.

Mark Rickuss on 16th August 2005 whose father John's death was reported in our 2004 Annual Report.

All will be missed by those who knew them. To their families and friends we offer our heartfelt sympathy at their loss.

ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCMENTS

1. Fred and Rene Oldman Trophy

2. Presidents Year of Office.

   Our President for 2006-2007 will be Dee Llewellyn. As always your President needs to know and plan their year as early as possible. If you wish Dee to attend a Championship or any other type of function in her official capacity please let her know at the earliest opportunity. In doing so you will help her to plan her diary for the season. She will of course be happy to act in any official capacity, "say a few words" assist in the presentation etc. Please ensure you do not ask her to referee in a championship she is swimming in as this may affect her judgement towards other competitors! Address: - Miss Dee Llewellyn, 8 Radfield Road, Odsal, Bradford, BD6 1BZ Tel: 01274 305503

3. Annual Awards.

   Any member may nominate any person for our annual awards, which will be presented at the 2005 Annual Dinner at the Drummond Hotel, Loch Earn on March 18th 2006.

   All nominations, together with any information you think may help the Trophy Committee in their deliberations, should be sent to: - Mrs M Pike, 28 Efford Road, Higher Compton, Plymouth. Devon. PL3 6NE, as soon as possible.

4. Officials and Committee.

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

5. Publicity.

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

   "Dee may also wish to publish more formal pictures on our web site so the persons permission should be sought before the photographs, for web site or newspapers, are sent to Dee. The permission of the parents, of persons under the age of eighteen, is even more important and should always be obtained, and submitted along with the picture. If more than one child is in the photograph then all their parents should be asked beforehand; if only one objects then the picture may not be used. This will ensure that we comply with the requirements of the 1989 Children's Act and Data Protection legislation "

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

Maurice F. 17th November 2005

HON. PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2005

What a marvellous year I have had. With bright sunshine all season, only the slightest hint of rain at the start of Torbay and whilst it poured down before Lynn Regis with a little light rain (ten minutes) during the swim.

I cannot hope to do justice to each swim I attended during the season; there would be no room for any other reports. Here is just a synopsis of the notes I made after each event.

Ivan Percival Swim Liverpool Albert Dock.

Arrived 0820 to find conditions very windy, water temperature a positively tropical 59F/15C and the weather fine. Despite the wind a pagoda was in the process of being erected on the pontoon, "in case it rains," said Jimmy T! This involved much muttering and all hands to the business of working out how to assemble the poles (worse than a MFI flat pack) whilst holding it in place as it was screwed down to the pontoon and back to the dock wall. Low and behold, immediately after the start, with swimmers only just getting going, it succumbed to the inevitable. Ripped canvas, broken poles and cut guy ropes, as the timekeepers and anyone else handy held onto what was left as it was taken down after being "blown" up! Shades of Carl's van two years ago!

Champion of Champions 12th June 2005

Stephen O'Brien is to be congratulated on his organisation of this his first championship. Weather hot and sunny.

Rivington 25th June 2005

Dee almost caught up to my record for the most swimmers taking part in championships in one day. Keep trying Dee. Another hot and sunny day.

Torbay 2nd July 2005

As we have come to expect from Barry Westaway another extremely well organized event. Unfortunately Barry has had to withdraw from running the event next year. Barry deserves all our thanks for all the hard work he has put into this swim over many years.
If there is anyone reading this who thinks they can help, by running our only sea swim, please get in touch. I am sure all from the Exmouth Swimming club will do their best to assist.

Bala 9th and 10th July 2005

Another hot two days. I entered the novices (?) event and shortly afterwards started to itch and develop lumps on my legs. Only two other competitors, Stuart Ainsworth and Dave Foster, both in the 3mile swim, had a similar problem, but all over their bodies, it must have been agony for them. I trust Andy will make sure everybody gets caught next year and not just the slower swimmers!

Coniston Senior 17th July 2005

A very welcome sight for all of us was to see Percy Bull at the swim. Percy was President of the Warwickshire Long Distance Swimming Association who inaugurated the Championships and ran it until 1993, after that the BLDSA took up the challenge. This was another very hot day, I was glad to get off the water due to the heat.

Llyn Padarn 23rd July 2005

This championship was significant in that it was the 25th Anniversary of these Championships. All those present, who had taken part in the first Championships, were given a framed commemorative certificate to celebrate the occasion, or in my case longevity! The weather was fine and dry with bright sun and a water temperature 64F/17.7C.

Derwentwater 30th July 2005

Weather was dry but dull with a cool wind blowing, which was how it remained throughout the championships. Safety cover excellent with either a canoe or boat with every swimmer in both 2 and 4 mile races. Swimsafe and a small launch providing rescue services. Water temperature 62F/16.6C.

Coniston Veterans 7th August 2005

A warm and sunny day with a slight head wind making it hard for the slower swimmers who had to put up with the conditions for longer. Margaret Smith chatted her way down the whole distance finishing in her favourite place. I know she just likes to swim no matter how long she is in the water. Good to see Percy Bull there again.

Two-Way Windermere 20th-21st August 2005

First swimmers away at 6.00pm on a fine and pleasant evening. Rest of the field following at 9.00pm. The weather was fine and warm with the water very warm. As the race progressed and night fell the lake was bathed in bright moonlight which continued through the night, if anything the water got smoother as time went on. I have never seen the deeps so flat since I first came to the lake.

Windermere 3rd September 2005

A wonderful day with some wonderful swimming, 4hrs 6mins for the winner of the gents championship and 4hrs 8mins for the ladies championship, these times should not be allowed when your Presidents best time was 7hrs 4mins!! As Graham Smith was unable to attend we should all thank John Bedford who, after "retiring" from the job last year, stepped in to look after us all over the two days,.

Coniston Juniors 4th September 2005

Another beautiful day but only four swimmers taking part, all girls. Water warm again with very light winds. One girl had to retire but at twelve years old and in her first big BLDSA junior event she acquitted herself well. Cara Lawson started moaning after about 2miles and was then talked, cajoled and finally bribed to continue. Immediately after her father had offered her £20 if she finished she said, "I fooled you" and then went on to finish third without another murmur. I'm not sure if she did get the £20.

Lynn Regis 10th September 2005

First swim this season where the weather let us down slightly. It rained up to the start of the race and then eased off for the race. Last championship of the season for me and with 380 miles from Friday lunch to Saturday night I was feeling a little wilted when I got home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those swim secretaries and there respective committee members for the welcome they have given me at every championship I have attended. I have had a fabulous season and enjoyed every minute of it. When can I do it again?

My only regret was having to miss the Wykeham Championships in order to travel to the Champion of Champions event both being on the same weekend.

Finally I owe a personal thank you to both Daniel and Matthew Thomas who have put up with me, in Swimsafe, throughout the season; a feat of endurance in itself! Their ability in the handling of the boat is second to none, a fact I can only put down to the way they were taught. On behalf of all the swimmers, I thank them for their dedication and commitment to every one who took part in any of the championships they have attended.

Maurice Ferguson

B.L.D.S.A. 49th WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005

I have pleasure in presenting this blue ribbon championship report in the B.L.D.S.A. calendar.

This year attracted quite a few first time swimmers again, nine men and three ladies. The swim was ten minutes late starting owing to swimmers getting greased up and getting their rowing boats away for the start of the swim.

After the ten minutes delay with Mr Maurice Ferguson the B.L.D.S.A. President blowing the whistle and councillor Michael Bentley waving the flag the swim got off to a good start.

This year we were blessed with the weather and not before time. The sun was shining and kept on shining through the whole day.

Then came the first lakes victim of retirements John Pickles retired with a bad attack of cramp, then came a young sixteen year old Michelle Sanders perhaps Michelle was finding the lake a little much for her but don't give in Michelle try again next year to conquer this lake.

To my surprise Mark Blewitt and Paul Tew, (Channel swimmers, Loch Lomond, and two way Windermere swimmers) just could not get into their usual stride on the day.

The mens championship was won by Adam Harvey from Scarborough, Adams first time at Windermere well done Adam. Two minutes later in came the ladies champion Rebecca Lewis still regaining her trophy.

In many of my reports on the Windermere championships I must apologize that I cannot give everyone a mention that took part on the day so if you are not mentioned please don't think that I have forgotten you.

I can not close this report on the swim without saying a big thank you to all boat crews for the good job you always do towards this association.

The presentation took place in the conservative club and the trophies and certificates were given out by councillor Janette Jenkinson and the British Long Distance Swimming Association President Mr Maurice Ferguson.

Over the last twelve years that I have been organizing the Windermere championships I have met a lot of good friends and a lot of good long distance swimmers over the years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting me through out the years.

I am now going to hand the reins over to Mr Graham Smith who I know will do a great job in organizing the Windermere swim.

So Graham I would like to wish you the very best for the years to come in running this blue ribbon swim of ours. But Graham do not forget to organize some sun shine on the day.

I would like to thank Mr Graham Smith's sub committee, Mr Graham Mcintyre, Mrs Gill Stables, Mrs Janet Wilson, and Mrs Margaret Smith,
The President of the B.L.D.S.A. Mr Maurice Ferguson.
Councillor Mr Michael Bentley of the South Lakeland District Council.
Mr S. Rothwell Northen Counties A.S.A.
Mrs E. Dugdale Ambleside Conservative Club.
Mr Paul Crossland St John Ambulance (Ambleside)
Mr Richard Myers Park Manager at Fellfoot Park.
Mr Dan Steel Camp Windermere.
Bowness Boating Company.
Lake District National Park.
Mr Daniel Thomas and Mr Mathew Thomas (B.L.D.S.A. Rescue Boat)
Mrs Terri Lambert, Mrs Pat Llewellyn, Mrs Hazel Simm Timekeepers.
Mr Graham Mcintyre, Mr Reg Simm, Judges.
Mrs Joan Metcalfe, Mrs Joyce Macintosh, Finishing Judges.
Mr Stephen Bedford Commentator.
Mrs Terri Lambert the Recorder.
David Parry and Jimmy Tindsley rescue boat.
Mr Reg Simm Pick up Launch.
Mrs Janette Jenkinson Chairman of the Council.

B.L.D.S.A. WINDERMERE RESULTS 2005

GENTS

Name	Time	
1. Adam Harvey	4-06-16	Best First Attempt
2. Lee Portingale	4-22-07	
3. Simon Lee	4-40-25	
4. Giles Mayer	4-53-21	
5. Tom Wilkinson	4-56-34	
6. Richard Davidson	5-08-10	
7. Andy Wright	5-29-29	
8. William Ferguson	5-33-29	
9. Dez Griffiths	5-36-03	
10. Robert Hodgson	6-15-05	
11. Peter Hawksworth	6-25-56	
12. Richard Bowen	6-30-52	
13. Chris Green	7-01-10	
14. John Barry	7-12-56	
15. Peter Larrard	7-22-48	
16. Adam Hipkin	7-29-34	
17. Joseoh Coy	7-34-16	
18. Leslie Du Cane	8-04-59	First Breaststroke

Retired John Pickles, Mark Blewitt, Paul Tew.

Non Starters Nick Robinson, Matthew Wiseman.

LADIES

Name	Time
1. Rebecca Lewis	4-08-06
2. Dee Llewellyn	4-28-10
3. Colleen Blair	5-43-55
4. Jane Blinkhorn	6-09-27
5. Sally Chapman	6-32-16
6. Victoria Thompson	7-14-43
7. Lesley Davies	7-15-30
8. Emily Morris	7-56-58
9. Gill Stables	7-57-42

Retired Michelle Sanders.

Non Starters Laura Colette, Helen Leigh.

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TWO-WAY WINDERMERE REPORT 2005

The Two-Way Windermere Championships took place overnight on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August 2005. Eight swimmers took part, five of whom were attempting this 21mile endurance event for the first time. The start for the event is staggered to ensure swimmers are within close proximity of each other to aid safety, and a close finish. Mark Blewitt (Warrington Dolphins) and Geoff Taylor (Bingley) started at 6.00 pm. Dee Llewellyn (Halifax), Rebecca Lewis (Barrow LDSC), Andrea Gellan (INCAS), Jane McCormick (Manchester Tri), Simon Lee (Solent SC) and William Ferguson (Glenalbyn Dublin) started at 9.00pm.

The water temperature was between 62 F and 68 F throughout the night but the air temperature dropped to 52 F. The evening mist started to form and by the time swimmers were reaching Fellfoot visibility was very poor, and crews were being guided around the turn by our canoeists. A nearly full moon, which helped navigation earlier reappeared, but visibility became very poor at Waterhead for the finish - the sort of mist that heralds a glorious day ahead!

The first swimmer to appear through the mist was Rebecca Lewis, at her first attempt at this distance, breaking the record, set by Dee Llewellyn in 1999, by 27 mins 55secs. Geoff, Jane and Andrea also entered the Championships for the first time.

RESULTS

MENS

1. SIMON LEE 10 hours 14 mins 33 secs
2. GEOFF TAYLOR 12 hours 47 mins 03 secs
3. MARK BLEWITT 14 hours 17 mins 34 secs

William Ferguson Retired

LADIES

1. REBECCA LEWIS 8 hours 47 mins 06 secs RECORD
2. JANE McCORMICK 12 hours 06 mins 11 secs
3. ANDREA GELLAN 12 hours 33 mins 34 secs

Dee Llewellyn Retired

Presentations were made on the Beach at Waterhead, immediately after the swim, by the BLDSA President Maurice Ferguson. Plaques will be presented at the Annual Dinner.

Thank you to all officials, timekeepers, helpers, boat crews and particularly our safety cover, Daniel and Matthew Thomas on the BLDSA boat and Jimmy Tindsley and David Parry on the City of Liverpool boat, and our canoeists at the turn - Alister Stocks and Pete Rigg. Thanks also to Maurice Ferguson, Carl Walker, Bev Thomas, David Foster, Chris Green, Norma, Peter, Conrad, Jane, John, Pat, Greta and the Lewis family for all their help during the swim and at Waterhead. Congratulations to all swimmers and boat crews who took part.

Loch Lomond in 2006 and the next Two-Way 28th July 2007 - See you there!

Gill Stables Two Way Windermere Secretary
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Champion of Champions Event Report 2005

A bright and sunny morning greeted the swimmers for the early start at the Cotswolds Water Park. As the swimmers and supporters arrived, most were unaware of the battle to inflate the buoys that had made the overnight dash from Wykeham. The main briefing over, the Swimmers began to enter the tropical 18°C water at 9:25, most still confused about the course, with a quick confirmation of the route the five-mile Race was started by Maurice Ferguson the BLDSA president at 9:30. More awkward minuets passed as the last buoy was inflated and positioned just before the leader Lee Portingale approached it.

Lee held this position throughout the race closely followed by Robert Cook who battled with the Ladies leader, Dee Llewellyn to finish in a thrilling dead heat. Danielle Usher taking second position, with Simon Lee and Jane McCormick taking third place.

Last, years Junior Ladies Champion Michelle Sanders again stormed home in first place. In the Junior Gents, only one result was possible, Gary Carpenter came home in first place but had an excellent race with the second Junior Ladies Lauren O'Neil, Susan Warden finishing in third place.

Two hours after Lee finished Leslie Du Cane was the last man home, a quick drink and bite to eat and Leslie was back in the water for the start of the second race.

The three-mile race started in a similar manner, but this time without the warm sun, after the three miles the positions were changed little from the five-mile final positions. Nevertheless, the shock of Michelle Sanders retiring, and Simon Lee exchanging places with Robert Cook, opened up the junior ladies and Men's Events respectively. Once again, Leslie was the last man in this time given company by the ASA Swimmers who completed their one-mile swim.

With tired arms, legs, and spots of rain the one mile race was started slightly later than planned. Lee Portingale was again first home; a procession of

swimmers followed given the timekeepers a nightmare.

When the last swimmer completed the race, the times were added up and after much checking using fingers and toes not trusting the laptop, the final positions were obtained.

The long day was finished with presentations and a raffle.

I would like to thank all people who made the day successful.

As this was the first event arranged by myself, some fundamental mistakes were made. Namely, the lack of assistance and officials on the day of the event. In addition, the initial incorrect pricing of the entry fee has also given concern, this mistake was compounded by the additional costs incurred for unpredicted services by Water Land.

Apologies to a nameless individual who constantly has pestered and reminded me to send his certificate which he should have by now.

I hope to see you all and new faces at next years Championship.

Stephen O'Brien

Derwentwater 30th July 2005

I don't know what it is with 'the Lakes' and me, but every time I go there it rains, fortunately it held off for the duration of the Derwentwater Triangle Championships we held on the 30th July. We had a total of 37 entries this year and as usual a few swimmers were unable to attend on the day, where were you it became a very interesting swim!

We gathered on the beach in Keswick for the briefing at 9am and were comforted to see the water so calm and inviting, this could be a day of new records just as well Hon. Recorder Gill Stables had brought me an up to date list.

We got the Five mile Triangle swim off only 10 minutes late due to a missing crew and a hastily-cobbled new one, courtesy of Halifax club members many thanks to the volunteers. With the great flurry of arms and legs they were off and as usual the less experienced crews were hovering around the start area, wondering how to reach their swimmers, but as always with escorted swims the pack eventually thinned out and crews were able to get in to do their job.

The two milers then set off to Kettlewell beach for the start of their event and were surprised by the conditions, at the other end of the lake the winds were freshening and the water quite choppy, Paula Keech started the race and hared back to join the other timekeepers at the finishing jetty.

The conditions prevented any new records being broken and crosswinds forced some swimmers and crew completely off course. Congratulations to all those who managed to stay on a reasonable line and those who achieved a PB on the day.

We had a series of close finishes and a memorable sprint between Richard Davidson and Tom Wilkinson for 2nd and third places in the Senior Men's 5-mile race, which was won comfortably by the 'hatless' Simon Lee.

My sincere thanks to those swimmers who came to support the events and the crews who generously gave up their Saturday to provide safety cover for the championships. To Carl Walker my race referee for the 5-mile swim and Daniel Thomas my Safety officer for the day and to our President Maurice Ferguson who refereed the 2-mile swim and presented the awards.

Finally a special vote of thanks to my swim committee Paula Keech, Ginny Wilkinson, Amanda Lee, Carrie Fenton and sponsors for helping to make the day run smoothly and my long-suffering husband for his patience.

I look forward to seeing you all again next year in Keswick.

Maureen Dickinson

Place	Hr	Min	Sec	Name	
				Junior Boys 2 mile	
1		50	36	David Richardson	
2	1	6	11	Marc Slack	
				Junior Girls 2 mile	
1	1	1	30	Joelle O'Neill	
2	1	7	1	Cara Lawson	
3	1	7	24	Alex Lee	
4	1	10	49	Hannah Keech	
				Senior Men's 2 mile	
1	1	5	51	Scott Webster	
2	1	7	11	David Cleghorn	
				Senior Ladies 2 mile	
1		54	59	Sarah Roberts	
2	1	20	38	Irene Meikle	Breaststroke
3	1	26	45	Joan Steel	
4	1	32	51	Pauline Kay	Breaststroke
5	1	34	4	Julie Dimaline	Breaststroke
6	1	38	46	Kathleen Walker	
				Junior Ladies 5 mile	
1	2	0	16	Julie Connor	
2	2	7	16	Michelle Saunders	
3	2	14	9	Lauren O'Neill	
4				Retired - Stephanie Clegg	
				Senior Ladies 5 mile	
1	1	55	34	Rebecca Lewis	
2	2	1	44	Dee Llewelyn	
3	2	39	9	Nicki Scott	
4	2	43	36	Michelle Arnold	
5	2	51	6	Jane Collyer	
6	3	12	11	Sally Chapman	
				Senior Men's 5 mile	
1	2	4	31	Simon Lee	
2	2	8	15	Richard Davidson	
3	2	8	21	Tom Wilkinson	
4	2	32	14	Derek Griffith	
5	3	10	14	Joseph Coy	
6	3	15	36	Paul Tew	
7	4	8	34	Alexander Anderson	
8	4	33	20	Les Robinson	
				Retired -David Foster	
				Retired - John Pickles	

Rivington Reservoir Championships

It was an overcast day and the water was quite cool on Saturday 25th June but at least we did not have to contend with strong winds which were a problem in 2004.

The morning started with the 2 mile races for juniors, seniors and veterans. In the Junior event Alice McCall of Wigan Best put in a strong swim to take the Junior Girls title in a time of 39mins 54secs closely followed by David Richardson who took the boys title in a time of 40mins 08secs. Next came Rebecca Lewis in 40mins 51secs to take the senior Ladies title. She was closely followed by Terry Cowburn of Winsford ASC in a time of 41mins 11secs. In the Veterans' event Kevin Sanders of Nottingham was the first home in a time of 49mins 08secs and he was followed by Andrea Gellan from Scotland who took the Veteran Ladies title in a time of 49mins 24secs. Margaret Smith from Caister won the Breaststroke trophy.

At lunch time the novices took to the water for the 1km event. Jennifer Jackson of Wigan Best was the winner in a time of 12mins 58secs. In the men's event Adam Jackson of Bolton Tri Club was first home in a time of 14mins 37secs. It was nice to see so many new faces in this event especially the local swimmers from Bolton Tri Club and Wigan Best. We hope to see you again next year and perhaps some of you will try the 2 mile event next time.

In the afternoon it was time for the 4 mile event. This was quite a race with Rebecca Lewis and Clare Kane battling it out for first place with Clare edging ahead in the later part of the race to take the trophy in a time of 1hr 28mins 11secs. In the men's event once again Simon Lee from Solent retained his title in a time of 1hr 35mins 39secs. Kevin Sanders from Nottingham was fourth in the men's event and took the trophy for the first veteran home, with Nick White of Blackpool taking the first Breaststroke swimmer trophy.

I would like to thank the B.L.D.S.A. President Mr Maurice Fergusson who was starter and finishing Judge. Chris Green and Carl Walker (the Referees), Mr Gwyn Llewellyn, Mr Graham Smith and Mrs Jill Massey (the timekeepers), Mr Chris Hickling (Safety Officer) for a lot of hard work in making sure the risk assessment complied with United Utilities' requirements, Mrs Pam Morgan for running the shop and also Abigail Morgan and Natalie Keech for programme and raffle ticket sales, the Catering Team of Pat Llewellyn, Helen O'Neill, Carol Clegg, Greta Gall, and the Halifax Swimmers for organising the buffet and St John Ambulance for the first aid cover. Also, many thanks to all the canoeists who did a wonderful job of looking after the swimmers - in particular Terri Davey, Adrian Attey, Wayne Renshaw, Brian Tyson and Chris Hickling who were on the water the entire day.

Special thanks to Ms Hazel Gannaway (Warden) and United Utilities for allowing us to use the reservoir, Ms Lynda Myles, Mr Colin Shuttleworth, Mr George Livesey and the staff of the Anderton Watersports Centre for their help in setting out the course and providing us with a safety boat and Crew and the Fire Service who provided us with a safety boat and crew.

We Hope to see you again next year on Saturday 24th June 2006

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

28/06/2005

Results

JUNIOR 2 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Alice	McCall	13	F/s	Wigan BEST	00:39:54	1st
Julie	Connor	15	F/s	Warriors of Warrington	00:41:48	2nd
Michelle	Sanders	15	F/s	Sherwood SC	00:43:52	3rd
Lauren	O'Neill	15	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:44:11	4th
Stephanie	Clegg	15	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:46:11	5th
Heidi	Kearsey	13	F/s	City of Sheffield	00:48:40	6th
Kara	Shuttleworth	15	F/s	Blackburn Centurions	00:49:21	7th
Alex	Lee	12	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:57:19	8th
Hannah	Keech	13	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:57:34	9th
Cara	Lawson	13	F/s	Sedgefield	01:03:30	10th
Abigail	Morgan	12	F/s	Bridlington	01:11:50	11th
MALE						
David	Richardson	15	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	00:40:08	1st
Lewis	Sharp	13	F/s	City of Bradford	Retired	
Jonathan	Bentley	12	F/s	Halifax SC	Retired	

SENIOR 2 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Rebecca	Lewis	21	F/s	Barrow L.D.S.C.	00:40:51	1st
Dee	Llewellyn	27	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:44:05	2nd
Laura	Bagley	17	F/s	Barrow LDSC	00:44:52	3rd
Liane	Llewellyn	23	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:49:28	4th
Sally	Chapman	44	F/s	Barrow LDSC	00:58:04	5th
Jana	Kuznic	27	F/s	Warrington	01:12:18	6th
Rebecca	Patrick	16	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:14:13	7th
Jane	McCormick	23	F/s	Manchester Tri Club	D.N.S	
MALE						
Terry	Cowburn	16	F/s	Winsford ASC	00:41:11	1st
Edward	Griffin	20	F/s	Kirkham ASC	00:43:53	2nd
Simon	Lee	40	F/s	Solent S.C.	00:44:04	3rd
Tom	Wilkinson	18	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:46:16	4th

Scott	Webster	16	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:57:23	5th
David	Cleghorn	44	F/s	Barrow LDSC	00:58:06	6th
Philip	Salts	33	F/s	BLDSA	01:00:52	7th
Barry	O'Doherty	34	F/s	BLDSA	01:01:41	8th
Peter	O'Malley	33	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:01:49	9th
Craig	Davies	43	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:05:55	10th
Mark	Blewitt	38	B/s	Warrington Dolphins	D.N.S.	
Kevin	Saunders	43	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	D.N.S	

VETERAN 2 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Andrea	Gellan	48	F/s	INCAS	00:49:24	1st
Jane	Blinkhorn	48	F/s	Skipton SC	01:00:59	2nd
Gill	Stables	51	F/s	Troutbeck Bridge	01:05:57	3rd
Amanda	Taylor	57	F/s	Leeds	01:13:56	4th
Greta	Gall	62	F/s	YeAABA	01:20:26	5th
Kathleen	Walker	59	F/s	Barrow LDSC	01:21:56	6th
Janet	Wilson	52	F/s	Otley	01:31:51	7th
Margaret	Smith	60	B/s	Grimsby Water Rats	01:47:26	8th (1st Bst)
Jean	Wilkin-Oxley	50	F/s	BLDSA	D.N.S	
Pauline	Kay	58	F/s	Barrow LDSC	D.N.S	
MALE						
Kevin	Sanders	45	F/s	BLDSA	00:49:08	1st
Andy	Wright	48	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:49:44	2nd
David	Reason	60	F/s	Howebridge Marlins	00:51:04	3rd
Henry	Lawther	46	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:59:19	4th
Joe	Cay	45	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:01:47	5th
Paul	Taylor	59	F/s	Leeds	01:06:59	6th
Alexander	Anderson	55	F/s	Barrow LDSC	01:10:38	7th
Stuart	Ainsworth	65	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:18:52	8th
David	Foster	61	F/s	Carnforth Otters	01:42:21	9th
James	Tinsley	53	F/s	City of Liverpol	D.N.S	

1000 METRES

NAME		STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE					
Jeniffer	Jackson	F/s	WiganBEST	00:12:58	1st
Laura	Bagley	F/s	Barrow LDSC	00:13:26	2nd
Eleanor	Jackson	F/s	Wigan BEST	00:13:46	3rd
Natalie	Jackson	F/s	Bolton Tri Club	00:14:10	4th
Natash	Sharma	F/s	Halifax SC	00:14:37	5th
Helen	Kuminski	F/s	Halifax SC	00:14:49	6th
Jill	Jackson	F/s		00:16:33	7th
Jane	Collyer	F/s	Skipton	00:17:15	8th
Helen	Leigh	F/s	Skipton	00:17:47	9th
Alex	Lee	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:17:48	10th
Liz	Hopley	F/s	Withnell & Brinscall	00:18:07	11th
Sarah	Wilkinson	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	00:18:44	12th
Helen	Unsworth	F/s	Atherton	00:18:52	13th
Debbie	Field	F/s	Howebridge Marlins	00:18:53	14th
Victoria	Heyes	F/s	Bolton Tri Club	00:20:44	15th
Abigail	Morgan	F/s	Bridlington	00:21:03	16th
Beverley	McNaughton	F/s	Hornsea	00:26:49	17th
Natalie	Keech	F/s	Scarborough	00:33:05	18th
Lauren	Ashton	F/s	Bridgefield	D.N.F	
Joan	Metcalfe	F/s	Aylesbury	D.N.S	
MALE					
Adam	Jackson	F/s	Bolton Tri Club	00:14:37	1st
Ian	Bury	F/s	Bolton Tri Club	00:15:42	2nd
David	Parry	F/s	Howebridge Marlins	00:16:27	3rd
Mark	Jackson	F/s	Bolton Tri Club	00:16:42	4th
Charles	Entwistle	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	00:16:53	5th
Pete	Johnson	F/s	Bolton Tri Club	00:16:58	6th
Steven	Jackson	F/s	Swinton	00:17:12	7th
Ian	Hodkinson	F/s	Bolton Tri Club	00:17:47	8th
Jonathan	Bentley	F/s	Halifax SC	00:19:09	9th
Mike	Scott	F/s	Esporta	00:19:57	10th
Mark	Stockley	F/s	Esporta	00:22:07	11th
Alex	Hodkinson	F/s	Bolton Tri Club	00:26:34	12th
Joe	Wilkin-Oxley	F/s	BLDSA	00:28:39	13th
Maurice	Ferguson	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:29:07	14th
Mike	Calaghan	F/s	Warrington	00:42:36	15th
Antonius	Van Der Linde	F/s	WASC	D.N.S	

SENIOR 4 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
				FEMALE		
Clare	Kane	16	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:28:11	1st
Rebecca	Lewis	21	F/s	Barrow L.D.S.C.	01:30:13	2nd
Jennifer	Clegg	17	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:32:31	3rd
Dee	Llewellyn	27	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:42:44	4th
Katie	Hyland	18	F/s	Everton	01:43:19	5th
Liane	Llewellyn	23	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:46:26	6th
Joanna	Weedon	25	F/s	Manchester Triathlon Club	01:49:01	7th
Charlotte	Henners	16	F/s	City of Liverpool	01:50:21	8th
Kate	Tyson	42	B/s	BLDSA	02:26:12	9th
Gill	Stables	51	F/s	Troutbeckbridge	02.32:10	10th
Andrea	Gellan	48	F/s	INCAS	D.N.S	-
Jane	McCormick	23	F/s	Manchester Tri Club	D.N.S	-
				MALE		
Simon	Lee	40	F/s	Solent S.C.	01:35:39	1st
Michael	Searle	19	F/s	Everton SC	01:42:16	2nd
Tom	Wilkinson	18	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:44:50	3rd
Kevin	Sanders	45	F/s	BLDSA	01:45:32	4th (1st Vet)
Nick	Robinson	27	F/s	City of Liverpool	01:46:59	5th
Andy	Wright	48	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:49:01	6th
Peter	Harper	49	F/s	City of Liverpool	01:51:50	7th
Ian	Corrin	51	F/s	City of Liverpool	01:52:50	8th
Brian	Henners	44	F/s	City of Liverpool	01:59:17	9th
Chris	Green	55	F/s	Barrow LDSC	02:07:40	10th
Peter	Hawksworth	48	Fs	Colwick Park LDSC	02:07:40	11th
Henry	Lowther	46	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:09:49	12th
Philip	Salts	33	F/s	BLDSA	02:11:45	13th
Nick	White	27	B/s	Blackpool	02:17:06	14th (1st Bst)
Alister	Stocks	42	F/s	Halifax SC	02:31:31	15th
Joe	Coy	45	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:40:29	16th
Mick	Gallagher	60	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	03:10:33	17th
Kevin	Sanders	45	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	D.N.S	
James	Tinsley	53	F/s	City of Liverpool	D.N.S	
Clive	Burbage	47		Devonport Royal	D.N.S	

This event was held at Lake Coniston on Sunday 7th August 2005.

Tthe weather was warm and sunny but the swimmers did have to contend with a head wind. The 22 veteran (Over 45 years of age) competitors took to the water at Oxen House Bay at 12:00 noon to swim the 3.25mile course which finishes at Ruskin Pier.

In the Ladies event Andrea Gellan (Incas) who was competing in this Championship for the third year running successfully defended her title in a time of 1hr 42mins 50 seconds. Gill Stables (Troutbeck Bridge) took 2nd place and Morag Hughes from Lochaber in Scotland took 3rd place. The oldest lady to complete the course was once again Greta Gall from (Ye A.A.B.A.) who put in a fine performance to finish 4th in the ladies race.

In the Gents race Andy Wright from (Warrington Dolphins) re claimed the trophy for 1st Gent from arch rival David Reason of (Howe Bridge Marlins) who came 2nd and 3rd place went to Des Griffiths (Barrow) who put in a good performance to record a time of 1hr 46mins 29 secs. The oldest male to complete the course was Terry Lyons (Richmond) who took 7th place in the mens event.

Well done everyone - you are an inspiration to all of us younger swimmers.

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
		MALE	
Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins	1.41.36	1st
Dave Reason	Howe Bridge Marlins	1.44.06	2nd
Des Griffiths	Barrow L.D.S.C.	1.46.29	3rd
Robert Hodgson	Troutbeck Bridge	1.57.20	4th
John Goodbody	Otter S.C.	2.09.59	5th
John Barry	Hitchin S.C.	2.15.44	6th
Terry Lyons	Richmond	2.19.43	7th(Oldest Man Trophy)
Tom Gunning	Clacton	2.21.55	8th
Paul Taylor	Leeds	2.25.10	9th
Jim Anderson	Barrow LDSC	2.36.38	10th
Brian Hey	Marlborough Penguins	2.45.24	11th
		FEMALE	
Andrea Gellan	INCAS	1.42.50	1st
Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge	2.23.48	2nd
Morag Hughes	Lochaber	2.33.00	3rd
Greta Gall	Ye AABA	2.46.34	4th(Oldest Lady Award)
Amanda Taylor	Leeds	2.53.11	5th
Beverley Thomas	Halifax S.C.	2.56.32	6th (Breaststroke)
Pauline Kay	Barrow LDSC	3.02.55	7th
Kath Walker	Barrow	3.08.14	8th
Jean Wilkin-Oxley	Barrow	3.12.22	9th
Janet Wilson	Ottley S.C.	3.35.47	10th
Margaret Smith	Grimsby	4.38.24	11th

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Coniston Senior Championship 2005
Secretary's Report.

Normally I am not superstitious; however, I was rapidly changing my mind when trying to bring everything together for this the 13th Coniston Senior Championship. But all that aside, I am glad to report, that, on the day after the usual trouble getting all the boats and people paired up and down to the start, all got away safely.

It was lovely to welcome Percy Bull back to the Championship this year. It was his Swimming club, Warwickshire LDSC, that organised and ran the event for many years prior to the BLDSA taking it over in 1993 The trophies we present, were donated by them too. Percy continued to attend the championship in the following years, taking on roles in the Mystic safety boats as Referee and Judge. His familiar and friendly face has been missed this last few years, owing to ill health preventing him driving. We wish you well Percy.

The Water was a veritable steam bath once again at 68 degrees. With many groans of it being too warm for some swimmers. You just can't please everyone can you. A gentle breeze nudged the swimmers from behind to their goal at the North end of the Lake. The sun blessed us with its presence once again, and so the scene was set. The swimmers made their way to the finish and all were accounted for as they arrived and a pleasure to report that no one retired.

First home was Rebecca Lewis to win the Percy Bull Trophy, followed by Simon Lee to win the Gents Freestyle Trophy. The first Ladies Breastroke over the line was Katie Tyson and the first Gent Breastroke was Leslie Du Caine, both of which received the trophies again from the previous year.

I would like to thank the BLDSA president Maurice Ferguson for his attendance and help and all my officials and Swim committee for their hard work.
Special thanks goes to Matthew, who sporting a broken nose from the night before, still attended the swim to help others. Matthew also gave up his birthday to help out. A lovely gesture. I hope you enjoyed the rest of your Birthday without any further injury to that sore nose. Thankyou

I look forward to seeing you all next year.
Jackalyn Classen.
Championship secretary.

Coniston Senior Championship 2005
Results

Men's Championship

1 Simon Lee	40	Solent SC	2:07:29
2 Tom Wilkinson	18	Scarborough Kingfishers	2:09:14
3 Tim Denyer	26	Seven Islands SC	2:22:54
4 Derek Griffiths	47	Furness Fins	2:24:15
5 Christian Wade	32	Warrington Dolphins	2:24:36
6 Chris Green	55	Barrow LDSC	2:44:15
7 Henry Lowther	46	Warrington Dolphins	2:44:40
8 Joseph Coy	45	Warrington Dolphins	2:47:53
9 Simon Slade	41	Monkseaton	2:48:29
10 Paul Tew	46	Cockermouth	3:11:24
11 Leslie Du Caine	51	Serpentine SC	3:38:41 1st B/S
12 Alexander Anderson	55	Barrow LDSC	3:49:29

Ladies Championship

1 Rebecca Lewis	21	Barrow LDSC	1:50:38
2 Jane Collyer	34	Skipton SC	2:37:49
3 Sally Chapman	43	Barrow LDSC	2:40:38
4 Margy Sullivan	48	South London SC	2:44:26
5 Jane Blinkhorn	48	Skipton SC	2:44:42
6 Helen Leigh	20	Skipton SC	2:46:15
7 Louise Stevens	41	Lancaster	2:50:24
8 Gill Stables	51	Troutbeck Bridge	3:04:07
9 Vicki Thompson	36	Barrow LDSC	3:08:04
10 Katie Tyson	42	BLDSA	3:08:59 1st B/S
11 Pauline Kay	58	Barrow LDSC	3:29:14

The Dolphin award for endeavour was presented this year to Alexander Anderson. Alex had missed a long spell of training due to an injured shoulder. He was devastated by this but, once recovered, trained hard to take part in this years swims. It was this true grit and determination to succeed in the sport he enjoys that won him this award. Well done Alex.

B.L.D.S.A. Wykeham Lakes swim 2005

This event was held at Wykeham Lakes in Scarborough on Saturday 11th June 2005.
It was unfortunately another overcast day although this didn't deter the 36 swimmers who took to the water. It was great to see a large number of new swimmers taking part this year with some taking the plunge for the first time in the 1km event. It was also great to see some of the younger swimmers progressing to the 2-mile distance for the first time and again being very successful.
The event began with the senior and junior 2-mile swim, consisting of three circuits of the lake in a new triangular course. In first place in the senior mens event was local swimmer Tom Wilkinson in a time of 50mins 41secs. In second place was Dave Reason from Howe Bridge Marlins in a time of 56 mins 34 secs (not bad for a veteran!) and third place was taken by Scott Webster from Scarborough Kingfishers. In the senior ladies event first place once again went to Jennifer Clegg from (Halifax S.C.) in a time of 46mins 33 secs she was closely followed by team mate Dee Llewellyn. In third place was Liane Llewellyn (Me) to make it a Halifax 1,2,3 finish. Nick White from Blackpool once again retained the Senior Breaststroke title in a time of 1 hour 7mins 49 secs. The senior team trophy was won by Halifax S.C. with the team of Jennifer Clegg, Dee Llewellyn and Liane Llewellyn.

In the junior girls event Michelle Sanders from Sherwood S.C. retained her title in a fantastic time of 47mins 18secs. In second place and just behind was Lauren O'Neill from Halifax followed by newcomer Heidi Kearsey who took third place in a time of 53mins 23 secs. In the junior boys event David Richardson (Howe Bridge Marlins.) took first place in super time of 45mins 19secs. Second place went to Marc Slack of (Scarborough S.C) who clocked 55mins 10secs. The junior team trophy was won by Scarborough Kingfishers team of. with the team of Cara Lawson, Hannah Keech and Alex Lee
Abigail Morgan from Bridlington S.C was awarded the Kendal Mellor trophy for the best first attempt having showed great determination in completing her first 2 mile competition. Abigail also showed great sportsmanship in taking to the water for a second time! to encourage her friend on the 1km event., well done Abi!. Cara Lawson put in a good swim to take the Junior breaststroke title in a time of 1hour 23mins 21 secs.

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 mens event was won by Mike Scott who put in a fine swim to take the title- well done.
The ladies section was won this year by Abigail Morgan who finished first over all.

I would like to express my thanks to Newitts Sport & Leisure for their kind sponsorship, Sue Stroud and Wykeham Watersports for the use of the lake and the British Red Cross for their first aid cover. I would also like to thank the Scarborough Kingfishers safety boat crew and all my officials Graham Smith (Referee), My dad, Jill Massey ,Joelle and Richard (timekeepers) for their invaluable support. Not forgetting The Clegg family, my mum and the O'Neill family for providing the hot dogs. David Foster for the use of his boat, Joe Wilkin Oxley (raffle sales) and all the canoeists for their valuable safety cover.
And anyone I've forgotten to mention!
All in all it was a great day and I hope to see you all again next year.

Reporter: Miss Liane Llewellyn (Swim Secretary).
DATE FOR NEXT YEAR = JUNE 2005

JUNIOR 2 MILES					
NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MALE					
David Richardson	15	F/S	Howe Bridge Marlins	45.19	1st
Marc Slack	13	F/S	Scarborough S.C.	55.10	2nd
Jonathan Bentley	12	F/S	Halifax S.C.	D.N.F	
Lewis Sharp	13	F/S	City of Bradford	D.N.F.	
FEMALE					
Michelle Sanders	15	F/S	Sherwood S.C.	47.18	1st
Lauren O'Neill	15	F/S	Halifax S.C.	49.05	2nd
Heidi Kearsey	13	F/S	City of Sheffield	53.23	3rd
Emma Couch	14	F/S	Scarborough SC	53.25	4th
Kara Shuttleworth	15	F/S	Blackburn Centurions.	55.25	5th
Alex Lee	12	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.04.12	6th
Hannah Keech	13	F/S	Scarborough Kingfisher	1.04.27	7th
Cara Lawson	13	B/st	Scarborough Kingfisher	1.23.21	8th (1st Breastroke)
Abigail Morgan	12	F/S	Bridlington S.C.	1.27.48	9th (Best 1st Attempt)

SENIOR 2 MILES					
NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MALE					
Tom Wilkinson	17	F/S	Scarborough kingfishers	50.41	1st
David Reason	60	F/S	Howe Bridge Marlins	56.34	2nd
Scott Webster	17	F/S	Scarborough kingfishers	1.02.27	3rd
Nick White	32	B/st	Blackpool	1.07.49	4th (1st Breaststroke)
Craig Davies	43	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.10.08	5th
Paul Taylor	59	F/S	Leeds	1.10.11	6th
Simon Lee	40	F/S	Solent S.C.	D.N.S.	
FEMALE					
Jennifer Clegg	17	F/S	Halifax S.C.	46.33	1st
Dee Llewellyn	27	F/S	Halifax S.C.	48.23	2nd
Liane Llewellyn	23	F/S	Halifax S.C.	56.02	3rd
Louise Hansard	36	F/S	Newark S.C.	1.02.27	4th
Gill Stables	51	F/S	Troutbeck Bridge	1.14.41	5th
Rebecca Patrick	16	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.14.55	6th
Beverley Thomas	48	B/st	Halifax S.C.	1.17.51	7th
Amanda Taylor	57	F/s	Leeds	1.18.47	8th
Julie Dimaline	42	B/st	Scarborough Kingfisher	1.19.34	9th
Jean Wilkin Oxley	49		BLDSA	1.36.05	10th
Margaret Smith	60	B/st	Grimsby Water Rats	2.07.30	11th

1000 METERS				
NAME	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE				
Abigail Morgan	F/S	Bridlington S.C.	23.00	1st
Jana Kuznik	F/S	Bury	23.10	2nd
Beverley McNaughton	F/S	Hornsea	33.14	3rd
Natalie Keech	F/S	Scarborough	36.52	4th
MALE				
Mike Scott	F/S	Esporta Tri Club	24.33	1st
David Foster	F/S	Camforth Otters	37.06	2nd

48th TORBAY CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM

It is the first Saturday in July, with long sunny days and blue skies ideal for swimming across Torbay and back. Unfortunately the weather is grey skies; light showers at times with temperatures lower than normal for this time of the year. Winds are southwesterly 3 to 5, possibly 6 through the afternoon, with sea conditions slight to moderate and at times becoming rough, the sea temperature is 54 to 58 degrees F. The southwesterly wind will whip the sea up on the Meadfoot side of the bay, but conditions nearer Brixham will favour the swimmers, with calmer sea conditions. These arduous conditions are no more than a challenge to the swimmers that enter the Torbay swim. Not always the fastest swimmers, but one of the few swims that attract the bravest of swimmers from around the country.

This year with a limited entry, and time limits imposed both ways, it has made the swim more popular than ever, with 11 first time entrants out of the field of swimmers, 11 are booked to attempt a solo English Channel in 2005.

Once again by 9.30am the Meadfoot cove is a hive of activity, with canoeists arriving on the shoreline, a very impressive site to have so many dedicated helpers. Some canoeists will be a very long time on the water. Also there already are a few of the 8 boats arriving off shore that will be part of this very safety conscious swim. With all swimmers checked in and arms numbered up, the briefing starts on time with the normal safety and swim details talked through with ease, swimmers are introduced to their allotted canoeist with 9 having the extra cover of 2 canoeists each.

With every thing going as planned it gave 45 minutes for all the swimmers to brief their canoeist on their personal ways, and feeding times etc, and also to relax before the start.

As always the Mayor of Torbay, and the President of the B.L.D.S.A. Mr Maurice Ferguson started the swim, with all swimmers in the water lined up, the 48th Torbay swim started on time at 11.00am.

The swimmers are quickly found by their allotted canoeist, who will be lead across the bay by the turn boat the Mary Guerin, and as the procession move out in to the bay the safety boats flank each side of the swim procession.

With conditions in the bay looking at times very grey and bleak, the forecasted showers crossed through the bay and visibility at times was limited from Meadfoot. After the first hour the first retirements started to be removed from the swim, and within minutes returned to Meadfoot to be checked, by the St John Ambulance staff. Seasickness and back problems seemed to be the trouble for the first few retirements, caused by rough sea conditions in the first part of the bay. With communications very good between race control, and all craft helping on the swim, it was reassuring to all at the start, that even on a day when sea conditions were poor, the swimmers and the canoeists were in very good hands. Regarding the safety of them all while on the water, and through the duration of the swim.

Conditions at the Brixham side of the bay were calm, with the first swimmers approaching the turn boat, first Lee Portingale from Bristol in a time of 1hour 31 minutes, shortly followed by local Torquay swimmer Jane Solomon in a time of 1hour 34 minutes. The youngest swimmer to enter Robert Cook reached the turn in 5th position in 1 hour 42 minutes, but took the advice given to retire in good shape, rather than proceed and get pulled out cold. With 6 retirements at or around the turn and 4 Veterans electing to complete the one way, 22 swimmers completed the swim. The first being Lee Portingale, followed by Jane Solomon, with times from 3 hours 9 minutes to 5 hours 30 minutes, again this was a very demanding and at times very testing swim for all who took part, with many enjoying the challenging conditions placed upon them.

I would like to give praise to the swim referee, and all who were involved on the water throughout the swim. With his control and the co-operation of all the safety cover, it made the Torbay swim a very prestigious swim to be part of.

A presentation took place that evening at the Oldway Mansion, with the presentation of trophies, plaques, medals and certificates to the successful finishers by the Mayor of Torbay and the B.L.D.S.A. President.

I would like to thank all who helped on the day, the canoeists, safety boat personnel, St John Ambulance, Torbay Council, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, R.N.L.I., B.L.D.S.A.crew on swim safe, the referee, time keepers, (Sue, Gemma and Margarite). And of course Sue and Pat in the refreshments department.

and President Maurice Furguson for attending the swim. 2006 Torbay swim will be on Saturday 1st July.

		48th Torbay Swim Results			
Overal Pos	Senior Male	Name	Senior F/S	Half Course	Full Course
1	1	Lee Portingale	Senior	1.31.49	3.09.58
3	2	Simon Lee	Senior	1.37.58	3.16.54
6	3	David Pantling	Senior	1.44.14	3.26.54
7	4	Andy Wright	Senior	1.45.22	3.33.01
9	5	Tim Denyer	Senior	1.50.53	3.57.30
10	6	Kevin Sanders	Senior	1.50.13	3.59.17
11	7	Victor Malwa	Senior	1.54.45	3.57.30
13	8	Peter Harper	Senior	2.03.23	4.03.11
14	9	Michael Read	Senior	2.03.17	4.03.51
15	10	Stephen Price	Senior	2.09.32	4.18.02
17	11	Nick Hunt	Senior	2.14.35	4.18.38
19	12	Peter Larrad	Senior	2.35.59	5.08.32
20	13	Frank Chalmers	Senior	2.36.07	5.11.34
22	14	Tom Gunning	Senior	2.45.35	5.30.00
	Senior Fmale	Name	Se Senior F/S	Half Course	Full Course
2	1	Jane Solomon	Senior	1.34.17	3.10.51
4	2	Dee Llewellyn	Senior	1.38.54	3.21.25
7	3	Liane Llewellyn	Senior	1.47.59	3.38.11
8	4	Sarah Hamer	Senior	1.55.25	3.50.54
12	5	Jane Mc Cormick	Senior	2.02.47	4.03.46
16	6	Andrea Gellan	Senior	1.56.51	4.18.19
18	7	Philippa Armstrong	Senior	2.24.59	5.06.27
21	8	Sally Goble	Senior	2.48.46	5.24.13
	Male Vet's	Name	Vet's	Half Course	
	1	Andy Wright	Vet	1.045.22	
	2	Kevin Sanders	Vet	1.50.53	
	3	Peter Harper	Vet	2.03.23	
	4	Michael Read	Vet	2.03.51	
	5	Nick Hunt	Vet	2.14.35	
	6	Alan Turk	Vet	2.15.01	
	7	Ian Corrin	Vet	2.19.59	
	8	Henry Lowther	Vet	2.22.04	
	9	Chris Green	Vet	2.32.06	
	10	Peter Larrad	Vet	2.35.59	
	11	Frank Chalmers	Vet	2.36.07	
	12	Tom Gunning	Vet	2.45.35	
	Female Vet	Name	Vet's	Half Course	
	1	Andrea Gellan	Vet	1.56.51	
Male	Breaststroke	Name	Senior	Half Course	Full Course
	1	Nick Hunt	Senior	2.14.35	4.18.38
		Retirements			
		Jackalyn Classen	John Barry		
		Gill Stables	Robert Cook		
		Joanna Weeden	KevinSaunders		

BLDSA Llyn Tegid Championships 2005

What fantastic weather? This coupled with warm water temperatures ensured that the three championships races and the short race had no retirements. Sunburn was for more likely than the 'shivers'. In addition to these factors was the water level, which was about a foot above last years level.

The entry was again up on the previous year with 80 swimmers entered for the 4 races. In addition the 1km race saw 11 entries on the day.

The day started with the 1km & 3km races, which need no canoe support saw an increased entry from last year. This is a great distance for transition from the 1km swims to the longer races.

Before reporting on the swim, I feel that all would like to thank the main helpers on the day whom without their help I would struggle to keep the event on track. They are Pat and Sandra. Thanks to both of you, I truly appreciated your help. Thanks also to Maurine, Beverley and Ginny. Mind you Beverley did manage to go to the shops and get the supplies of biscuits for Carl, which he forgot to pack.

Now to the racing, in the **3km Championship** the Senior Ladies race was won by ***Nicki Scott*** with ***Beverley Thomas*** finish as first breaststroker. The Junior Ladies stormed ahead of most of the seniors with ***Lauren O'Neill*** taking the title. For the second year on the run, the swim secretary waltzed into the lead and comfortably took minutes out of ***Nick Robinson*** who was unable to speak due to the pace!

The **1km race** was a splendid event with 16 swimmers completing. ***Claire Schofield*** comfortably won the race.

The premier senior **Two-way Championship** again saw some fine swimmers completing. First of the swimmers home was ***Rebecca Lewis*** in here first visit to the Llyn. She pulled a short distance out of that regular Bala competitor ***Darron Corden*** who finished as first Gent.

It was hard to believe it but the weather on the Sunday was even better than that of the previous day. The **One-way senior Championship** is proving to be very popular with an entry of 20 swimmers. From the start ***Rebecca Lewis*** took an early lead which she maintained to the finish taking the Senior Ladies Championship. But surprisingly she was caught in the closing stages of the race by ***David Richardson*** who won the Junior Gents Championship. Both Rebecca and David set new records in their respective championships. Rebecca braking the 2002 record with a time of 1:03:14 and David broke the 1989 record with a time of 1:02:40. ***David Foster*** also set a record at the end of the swim. ***Tom Wilkinson*** who produced a second excellent swim of the weekend won the Senior Gents Championship. ***Julie Connor*** who in the latter stages of the race

decided that the Bala Sailing Club was a good place to finish the race won the Junior Ladies race. However, with a minor diversion from the straight route she finished in a very fast time.

Finally, I would like to mention the following who enabled the event to take place. Thanks to **Mrs & Mr. Pugh** of Glanllyn Camping Site, the **Lake Warden, Carl Walker, Daniel Thomas & Joe Coy**. However, I must mention the Bala Council and particularly the Major of Bala **Mr. Eifion Roberts**. He came on several occasions to the lakeside to start and present on Saturday and on Sunday he patiently stood around for an hour waiting for the last competitor to finish prior to the presentation.

Next years Championships will be held on the 8th and 9th July 2006. Let's fill the lake next year, see you all there.

Andy Wright

Llyn Tegid, Bala 2005

Short Race 1km

#	Swimmer	Position	Time
N5	Claire Schofield	1	16:44
N1	Joelle O'Neill	2	17:18
N11	Richard Davies	3	17:20
N16	Scott Webster	4	17:34
N3	Emer McCarron	5	17:48
N14	Paul Ward	6	19:30
N9	Dennis Evans	7	20:29
N10	Mike Scott	8	20:37
N13	Emily Corden	9	24:22
N8	Philip Brocklebank	10	24:27
N12	Isobel Brocklebank	11	24:48
N6	Paul Manners	12	25:24
N7	Keran Carter	13	25:54
N2	Mark Maddox	14	26:04
N4	Joe Wilkin-Oxley	15	30:46
N15	Maurice Ferguson	16	31:18

3k Race

Junior Ladies

22 Lauren O'Neill	1	0:43:38	
24 Stephanie Clegg	2	0:44:41	
21 Casey-Lee Cornett	3	0:51:16	

Senior Ladies

23 Nicki Scott	4	0:56:37	
25 Beverley Thomas	5	1:11:18	1st Breaststroke
26 Julie Connor	DNS		
27 Jana Kuznik	DNS		

Senior Gents

34 Andrew Wright	1	0:47:45	
37 Nicholas Robinson	2	0:49:33	
35 Laurence Hulatt	3	0:51:06	
33 Frank Kilgannon	4	0:51:18	
39 Ian Conin	5	0:53:57	
38 Jonathan Bentley	6	1:06:19	
31 Terry Cowburn	DNS		
32 Lucien Hankart	DNS		
36 Christan Wade	DNS		

Bala 2 Way

Senior Gents

60 Darron Corden	1	2:30:07	
51 Simon Lee	2	2:35:32	
56 Tom Wilkinson	3	2:46:09	
55 Richard Davidson	4	2:47:09	
58 Michael Searle	5	3:08:58	
62 Peter Harper	6	3:25:19	
54 Joe Coy	7	3:54:18	
53 Paul Tew	8	4:23:26	
59 Les Robinson	9	5:58:45	
52 Kevin Sanders	DNS		
57 James Tinsley	DNS		
61 Scott Webster	DNS		

Senior Ladies

75 Rebecca Lewis	1	2:23:43	
76 Dee Llewellyn	2	2:35:51	
80 Danielle Usher	3	2:48:32	
74 Katie Hyland	4	2:51:03	
78 Sarah Hamer	5	2:56:33	
77 Liane Llewellyn	6	2:57:29	
73 Charlotte Henners	7	3:14:43	
79 Michelle Arnold	8	3:33:25	
71 Sally Goble	9	4:14:16	
72 Jackalyn Classen	DNS		

Bala 1 way

Senior Gents

4 Tom Wilkinson	1	1:16:33	
7 Roy Pitt	2	1:28:12	
6 Scott Webster	3	1:40:15	
2 Craig Davies	4	1:45:23	
8 Alex Anderson	5	1:54:30	
1 Stuart Ainsworth	6	2:11:28	
5 David Foster	7	3:07:04	
3 Joe Coy	DNS		

Senior Ladies

12 Rebecca Lewis	1	1:03:14	New Record
22 Claire Kane	2	1:07:22	
19 Laura Badley	3	1:08:18	
16 Jennifer Clegg	4	1:09:39	
13 Dee Llewellyn	5	1:13:47	
14 Liane Llewellyn	6	1:22:07	
15 Sally Chapman	7	1:29:58	
18 Rebecca Patrick	8	1:46:54	
17 Kathleen Walker B/S	9	2:17:01	1st Breaststroke
20 Jean Wilkin-Oxley	10	2:28:35	
11 Jackalyn Classen	DNS		
21 Vicki Thompson	DNS		

Junior Gents

25 David Richardson	1	1:02:40	New Record

Junior Ladies

35 Julie Connor	1	1:06:17	
36 Holly Williams	2	1:08:28	
31 Michelle Sanders	3	1:11:26	
32 Lauren O'Neill	4	1:15:01	
33 Cara Lawson	5	1:36:44	
34 Hannah Keech	6	1:40:16	

LYNN REGIS - 10TH SEPTEMBER 2005

RACE RESULTS

MALE RESULTS		TIME
1ST	Omar Hussain	1hr 07 mins 45 secs
2nd	Lee Portingale	1hr 09 mins 22 secs
3rd	Simon Lee	1hr 19 mins 43 secs
4th	Tom Wilkinson	1hr 22 mins 31 secs
5th	Norman Jones - 1st Vet	1hr 31 mins 39 secs
6th	John Barry	1hr 37 mins 41 secs
7th	Brian Alborough	1hr 38 mins 24 secs
8th	Terry Lyons - oldest to finish	1hr 42 mins 46secs
9th	Anton Carstens	1hr 44mins 59 secs
10th	Tom Gunning	1hr 50 mins 01 secs
11th	Scott Webster	1hr 50 mins 41 secs
12th	Richard Garnish	1hr 56 mins 47 secs
13th	Nick White - 1st breaststroke	2hr 01 mins 30 secs
14th	Leslie Du Cane - 2nd breast	2hr 04 mins 53 secs
15th	Les Robinson	2hr 19 mins 11 secs

LADIES		TIME
1ST	Jennifer Clegg	1hr 16 mins 59 secs
2nd	Dee Llewellyn	1hr 17 mins 09 secs
3rd	Michelle Sanders	1hr 17 mins 18 secs
4th	Christina Stapleton	1hr 18 mins 27 secs
5th	Liane Llewellyn	1hr 26 mins 10 secs
6th	Margaret Algar	1hr 44 mins 06 secs
7th	Sarah Taylor	1hr 55 mins 14secs
8th	Rebecca Patrick	1hr 57 mins 24 secs
9th	Beverley Thomas	2hr 07 mins 36 secs
	1st Lady breastroke and 1st lady veteran	
10th	Julie Dimaline	2hr 14 mins 37 secs
	2nd lady breastroke	

1500m JUNIOR RACE RESULTS

1ST	Stephanie Clegg	24 mins 17 secs
2nd	Lewis Sharp - Ist boy	24 mins 27 secs
3rd	Hiedi Kearsey	25 mins 17 secs
4th	Jamie Scott - 2nd boy	26 mins 38 secs
5th	Alex Lee	33 mins 01 secs
6th	Cara Lawson - 1st breast	36 mins 21 secs

NOVICES

1st	Iain Stapleton	12 mins 48 secs
2nd	Jonathan Bentley	16 mins 34 secs
3rd	Chris Rhodes	17 mins 38 secs
4th	Marcin Marczak	19 mins 57 secs

REPORT

Looked like it was going to be a very bad day but weather stayed dry for the most and not much wind. Much was anticipated, was anybody going to break the dominance of Omar and we were not disappointed. Lee Portingale, first full season for BLDSA went for the chase after Omar but to no avail. Omar kept the lead but to Lee's credit he never let the gap widen. The ever present Simon Lee gave chase with Dee. Dee pulled away even though her shoulder was not properly healed and was followed closely by Michelle Sanders and Christina Stapleton, who look very good

prospects. Liane Llewellyn after a long hard season had to settle for fifth place.

Norman Jones a veteran of 59 years old swam a brilliant time to record 5th man and received the new veteran trophy.

First lady, Jennifer Clegg, is showing real class now and I suspect she will start to dominate the ladies races.

JUNIOR RACE

Young Stephanie Clegg went straight out into a slim lead with Lewis Sharp, 1st boy, in close attendance but managed to hold off the challenge. Look forward to next year's race to see if Lewis can go one better. Heidi Kersey, a good time for her first Lynn Regis held off the second boy, Jamie Scott. Alex Lee, a new girl's face to me came in fifth with a good time. Cara Lawson, 1st breaststroke, great to see. Would like to see bigger junior field next year also more boys - come on where are you!

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Penny Bone
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My thanks to all the helpers on the day - See you next year 2006!

CONISTON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

4TH SEPTEMBER 205

1ST Place	Lauren O'Niell	2hrs 24minutes 15 secs
2nd Place	Julie Connor	2hrs 25minutes 23 secs
3rd Place	Cara Lawson	3hrs 22minutes 45 secs
DNF	Joelle O'Niell	1hrs 30minutes

Glorious sunshine for the race. Unfortunately only four girls started after one no show on the day and a withdrawal on the Thursday by the only boy. In saying that everybody was raring to go.

Maurice Ferguson started the race some 15 minutes late and Julie Connor went straight into an early lead but with over five miles to go it a long way. Lauren O'Niell started to catch up and the last mile Lauren started to pull away and make for an exciting finish and to Julie's credit she gave it a good go but five miles is a long race.

Lauren won again but I'm sure Julie will be back.

Cara Lawson gave a great performance but at a young age will be back. Her father gave great encouragement in the last mile to get Cara to the line. Well done Dad, well done Cara. Young Joelle O'Niell gave it a try but getting cold lasted 1hr 30 minutes.

Well done Joelle come back in 2006 please.

My thanks to:

Maurice Ferguson - President
Jean Wilkin Oxley
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Mr. Connor
Chris Hickling
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Special thanks to David Foster for First Aid Cover.

VIII[th] BLDSA GRAND PRIX, 2005
The original and best long distance race series

Simon Lee, Solent SC is once again the top Senior, but competition was a little tougher this year from Rebecca Lewis, Dee Llewellyn and 'Super' Tom Wilkinson. Andy Wright, Warrington Dolphins remains top Veteran, from Andrea Gellan and Kevin Sanders. Lauren O'Neill, Halifax SC topped the Juniors from last year's champion Michelle Sanders and Julie Connor.

This year the formula for scoring remains just as it was in the first Grand Prix in 1998 but has returned to simple Senior, Junior, Veteran format. Formerly if a Veteran or Junior event took place at the same time over the same course as the Senior event then veterans and juniors were included an overall table.

Errata
Apologies to the two juniors Michelle Sanders and Emily Wardman who last year competed in the junior Derwentwater 5 mile swim but whose results were omitted from last year's report. The amended result promoted Emily from 12[th] to fifth and put Michelle further ahead as top junior.

Interim Grand Prix results were made available to all swim secretaries that request them for use in their swim day programmes. For 2006 a Grand Prix website is planned to allow swimmers to check their standings after each event. Watch the main BLDSA site for the link.

Yours

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Juniors Grand Prix 2005
Final

		1. Champion of Champions		2. Rivington 2 miles		3. Wykeham		5. Lyn Tegid (Bala)		5.2 Bala 3k		7. Derwentwater		12. Coniston		13. Lyn Padarn			
		Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Mls	Total
1	Lauren O'Neill	9	8	2	6	2	8	3	6	2.1	10		5		8	5.25	10	28.4	84.4
2	Michelle Sanders	5		7	2	9		3	7				5	9				17	49
3	Julie Connor			8			3	9					2	10	5.25	9		12.3	48.3
4	David Richardson			9	2	10	3	10					2	10				9	48
5	Cara Lawson			2	1	3	5						2	7	5.25	8	0.7	15	41
6	Stephanie Clegg			5						2.1	9						0.7	4.8	26.6
7	Casey Lee Cornet	9	6							2.1	8							11.1	25.1
8	Alex Lee			2	2	3							2	6			0.7	6	23.7
9	Heidi Kearsey			4	2	7											0.7	8	23.7
10	Hannah Keech			1	2	2	3	4					2	5				4.7	21
11	Danielle Titheridge	9	10															9	19
12	Gary Carpenter	9	9															9	18
13	Marc Slack				2	5							2	8				4	17
14	Susan Warden	9	7															9	16
15	Megan Forbes	9	5															9	14
16	Alice McCall			2	10													2	12
17	Kara Shuttleworth			2	3	2	4											4	11
18	Holly Williams							9	8									3	11
19	Joelle O'Neill												2	9				2	11
20	Lewis Sharp																0.7	9	9.7
21	Jonathan Bentley									2.1	7							2.1	9.1
22	Emma Couch				2	6												2	8
23	Jamie Scott																0.7	7	7.7
24	Abigail Morgan			2	2													4	4

Masters Grand Prix 2005
Final

	Name	Club	1. Champion of Champions		2. Rivington 2 miles		2.1. Rivington 4 miles		3. Wykeham		4. Torbay		5. Lyn Tegid (Bala) 2 Way		5.1 Lyn Tegid (Bala) 1 Way		5.2 Lyn Tegid (Bala) 1k		6. Coniston		7. Derwentwater		10. Two-Way Windermere		11. Windermere		13. Lyn Rugh		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	Mls	Pts	
1	Simon Lee	Solent SC	9	7.5	2	7	4	7			6	8	6	8					5.25	9	5	8	21	9	10.5	6	3	4	73.75	147.25
2	Rebecca Lewis	Barrow LDSC			2	10	4	9				6	10						5.25	10	5	10	21	10	10.5	9			59.75	134.75
3	Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	9	7.5	2	6	4	5	2	9	8	7	6	7	3	6					5	9			10.5	7	3	7	52.5	128
4	Tom Wilkinson	Scarborough Kingfishers	9	5	2	4	4	3	2	8		5	6	3	5				5.25	8	5	8			10.5	4	3	3	49.75	101.75
5	Lee Pennycate	Bristol	9	10							8	10													10.5	8	3	9	39.5	67.5
6	Lianne Llewellyn	Halifax SC	9		2	3	4	1	2	7	8	4	6	1	3	4											3	2	37	59
7	Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins	9	1			4				6	5					2.1	10							10.5	2			33.6	51.6
8	Jane McCormick	Manchester Tri Club	9	2							8												21	8			3	8	36	48
9	Jennifer Clegg	Halifax SC					4	6	2	10				3	7														12	48
10	Richard Davidson											6	5								5	7			10.5	2			21.5	36.5
11	Joseph Coy	Warrington Dolphins	5				4					6							5.25		5				10.5				26.75	35.75
12	Andrea Gellan	Wicks									8												21	8					29	35
13	Tim Denyer	Seven Islands	9								8	3							5.25	7									22.25	31.25
14	Dez Griffiths	Furness Fins																	5.25	6	5	4			10.5				20.75	30.75
15	Geoff Taylor	Bingley																					21	7					21	28
16	Leslie De Cane	Serpentine SC	9																5.25						10.5		2		27.75	27.75
17	Kevin Sanders	BLDSA	9	3			4	2			8	1																	21	27
18	Dave Pentling	Nottingham	9	4							8	6																	17	27
19	Mark Blewitt	Warrington Dolphins																					21	9					21	38
20	Clare Kane	Warrington Dolphins					4	10						3	9														7	28
21	Peter Harper	City of Liverpool	9		2						8		6																25	25
22	Danielle Usher	Everton	9	8								6	4																15	25
23	Sally Chapman	Barrow LDSC			2	1								3	2						5				10.5				20.5	23.5
24	Sally Goble	Cally Masters	9								8		6																23	23
25	Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge					4		2										5.25						10.5				21.75	21.75
26	Chris Grinn	Barrow LDSC					4												5.25	2					10.5				19.75	21.75
27	Ian Corrin	City of Liverpool	9				4										2.1	6											13.1	21.1
28	Nick White	Warrington Dolphins	9				4		2	3																	3		18	21
29	Adam Harvey	Scarborough SC																											25	25
30	Nicholas Robinson	City of Liverpool	9										6	4											10.5	10			10.5	20.5
31	Tom Gunning	Clacton-on-Sea	9								8						2.1	9											11.1	20.1
32	Adam Hipkin	Portsmouth	9																								3		20	20
33	Scott Weddle	Scarborough Kingfishers			2	2			2	4.5				3	1						2				10.5				19.5	19.5
34	Sarah Hemer										8	3	6	7													3		12	19.5
35	Peter Larrad	Serpentine SC									8																		14	19
36	Henry Lowthor	Warrington Dolphins	9				4																		10.5				18.5	18.5
37	Robert Cook	Cheltenham DWPC	9	9															5.25										18.25	18.25
38	Laura Bagley	Barrow LDSC			2	5								3	8														9	18
39	Nick Hunt	Chelmsford	9								8																		5	18
	Frank Chalmers	YeAABA	9								8																		17	17
41	Katie Hyland	Everton					4	4				6	3																17	17
42	Jane Solomon										8	9																	17	17

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			Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	
43	Paul Tew	Cockermouth									6								5.25		5								16.25	16.25
44	Michael Seallis	Everton					4	6			6																		10	16
45	Vicki Thompson	Barrow LDSC																	5.25						10.5				15.75	15.75
	Jane Blinkhorn	Skipton SC							3	4.5									5.25						10.5				15.75	15.75
47	Louise Hansard	Newark	9																										11	15.5
48	Giles Mayer	Spencer Swim Team																							10.5	5			10.5	15.5
49	Jane Collyer	Skipton SC																	5.25	4	5	1							10.25	15.25
50	Nicki Scott	BLDSA															2.1	5			5	3							7.1	15.1
51	Darron Corden	Sandwell SC										6	9																6	15
52	Peter Hawksworth	Cotwick Park					4																		10.5				14.5	14.5
53	Les Robinson	BLDSA										6									5						3		14	14
54	John Barry	Hitchin SC																							10.5		3		13.5	13.5
55	Alex Anderson	Barrow LDSC												3					5.25		5								13.25	13.25
56	Michelle Arnold	Sandwell SC										6									5	2							11	13
57	Omer Hussain	City of Bradford																									3	10	3	13
58	William Fergusson	Glenalbyn, Dublin																							10.5	1			10.5	11.5
59	Beverley Thomas	Halifax SC															2.1	4									2		7.1	11.1
60	Terry Cowburn	Winsford ASC			2	9																							2	11
61	Colleen Blair	Aberfeldy Sharks																							10.5				10.5	10.5
	Richard Bowen	Berkhampstead																							10.5				10.5	10.5
	Emily Morris	Hampton																							10.5				10.5	10.5
	Lesley Davies	Otter SC																							10.5				10.5	10.5
	Robert Hodgson	Troutbeck Bridge																							10.5				10.5	10.5
66	Christien Wade	Warrington Dolphins																											5.25	10.25
67	Laurence Hullett	BLDSA															2.1	8											2.1	10.1
68	Charlotte Hennens	City of Liverpool					4					6																	10	10
	Rebecca Patrick	Scarborough Kingfishers			2				2					3													3		10	10
70	Amanda Cracknell	Scarborough Kingfishers																			5	5							5	10
71	Edward Griffin	Kirkham ASC			2	8																							2	10
72	Kate Tyson	BLDSA					4												5.25										9.25	9.25
73	Frank Kilgannon	BLDSA															2.1	7											9.1	9.1
74	Jacklyn Classen	Barrow LDSC	9																										9	9
	Alan Turk	Bromsgrove	9																										9	9
	David Scott	City of Liverpool	9																										9	9
	Chris Jarvis	Stroud Masters	9																										9	9
	Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins	9																										9	9
	Julia Aston	Weymouth Masters	9																										9	9
	Kate Mason	Weyport Masters	9																										9	9
81	Craig Davies	Scarborough Kingfishers			3				2	2				3															9	9
82	Michelle Sanders	Sherwood SC																											7	9
83	Michael Read	Brighton									8																3	6	3	9
	Philippa Armstrong	Bristol									8																		8	8
	Stephen Price	Clevdon									8																		8	8
	Victor Mateo										8																		8	8

			1. Champion of Champions		2. Rivington 2 miles		3=. Rivington 4 miles		3=. Wyedean		4. Torbay		5. Lyn Tegid (Bala) 2 Way		£1 Lyn Tegid (Bala) 1 Way		£2 Lyn Tegid (Bala) 3s		6. Coniston		7. Devonwalker		10. Two Way Windermere		11. Windermere		12. Lyn Rugby		
	Name	Club	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Total
87	Christina Stapleton	City of Bradford																									3	5	3	8
88	David Reason	Howe Bridge Martins						2	8																				2	8
89	Pauline Kay	Barrow LDSC																	5.25		2								7.25	7.25
90	Julie Dimaline	Hull Masters						2													2						3		7	7
91	Margy Sullivan	South London SC																	5.25	1									5.25	6.25
92	Philip Sallis	BLDSA			2		4																						6	6
	Dave Parry	City of Liverpool	6																										6	6
94	Roy Pitt														3	3													3	6
95	Louise Stevens	Lancaster																	5.25										5.25	5.25
	Simon Slade	Monkswalfort																	5.25										5.25	5.25
	Helen Leigh	Skipton SC																	5.25										5.25	5.25
98	Jean Wilkin Oxley	BLDSA						2							3														5	5
	Michael Prendiville	London	5																										5	5
	Kathleen Walker	Barrow LDSC													3						2								5	5
101	David Leighton	Barrow LDSC			2																2								4	4
	Brian Hennens	City of Liverpool					4																						4	4
	James Tinsley	City of Liverpool	4																										4	4
	Nick Robinson	City of Liverpool					4																						4	4
	Alister Stocks	Halifax SC					4																						4	4
	Joanna Weedon	Manchester Triathlon Club					4																						4	4
	Terry Lyons	Richmond SC	1																								3		4	4
	Mick Gallagher	Warrington Dolphins					4																						4	4
	Norman Jones	Serpentine SC																									3	1	3	4
110	Anton Carstens	BLDSA																									3		3	3
	Margaret Algar	BLDSA																									3		3	3
	Brian Aldborough	Brighton																									3		3	3
	Sarah Taylor	Downham																									3		3	3
	Richard Garnish	South London SC																									3		3	3
	David Foster	BLDSA													3														3	3
	Stuart Ainsworth														3														3	3
	Paul Taylor	Leeds						2	1																				2	3
118	Irene Meikle	Barrow LDSC																			2								2	2
	Joan Steele	Barrow LDSC																			2								2	2
	Barry O'Doherty	BLDSA			2																								2	2
	Margaret Smith	Grimsby Water Rats						2																					2	2
	Amanda Tayler	Leeds						2																					2	2
	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough ASC																			2								2	2
	Jana Kuzmic	Warrington			2																								2	2
	Peter O'Malley	Warrington Dolphins			2																								2	2
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Veterans Grand Prix 2005
Final

			2. Rivington 2 miles		4. Torbay		12. Coniston		
			Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Mls	Pts	Total
1	Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins	2	8	4	10	3.25	10	37.25
2	Andrea Gellan	INCAS	2	9	4	8	3.25	9	35.25
3	Kevin Sanders	BLDSA	2	10	4	9			25
4	Dave Reason	Howe Bridge Martins	2	7			3.25	8	20.25
5	Henry Lowther	Warrington Dolphins	2	6	4	2			14
6	Peter Harper				4	7			11
7	Dez Griffiths	Furness Fins					3.25	7	10.25
8	Michael Read	Brighton			4	6			10
9	Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge	2	3			3.25	1	9.25
	Robert Hodgson	Troutbeck Bridge					3.25	6	9.25
	Tom Gunning	Clacton			4		3.25	2	9.25
12	Nick Hunt	Chelmsford			4	5			9
13	John Goodbody	Otter S.C.					3.25	5	8.25
14	Alan Turk				4	4			8
15	John Barry	Hitchin S.C.					3.25	4	7.25
	Paul Taylor	Leeds	2	2			3.25		7.25
17	Ian Corrin	Liverpool			4	3			7
	Jane Blinkhorn	Skipton SC	2	5					7
19	Terry Lyons	Richmond					3.25	3	6.25
20	Joe Coy	Warrington olphins	2	4					6
21	Amanda Tayler	Leeds	2				3.25		5.25
	Greta Gall	YeAABA	2				3.25		5.25
	Janet Wilson	Otley	2				3.25		5.25
	Kathleen Walker	Barrow LDSC	2				3.25		5.25
	Margaret Smith	Grimsby Water Rats	2				3.25		5.25
26	Chris Green				4	1			5
27	Frank Chalmers				4				4
28	Peter Larrad	Serpentine			4				4
29	Beverley Thomas	Halifax S.C.					3.25		3.25
	Brian Hey	Marlborough Penguins					3.25		3.25
	Jim Anderson	Barrow LDSC					3.25		3.25
	Jean Wilkin-Oxley	Barrow					3.25		3.25
	Morag Hughes	Lochaber					3.25		3.25
	Pauline Kay	Barrow LDSC					3.25		3.25
35	Alexander Anderson	Barrow LDSC	2	1					3
36	David Foster	Carnforth Offets	2						2
	Stuart Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins	2						2

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PUBLICITY OFFICERS REPORT

This year we have seen an increase in the number of people using the website to download entry forms and membership forms but there appears to be problems in printing these with some printers. I endeavour to rectify this problem before the forms go online for the 2006 season but any suggestions are welcome at this point. The guestbook continues to provide a means of communication amongst past and present members but is not being used to the same extent as it was last year.

We have tried to keep members up-to-date through the news section on the website. As a result of outside organisations coming to us for expert advice in the field of Long Distance Swimming, one of our members, Mr David Feakes, found fame as a stunt double in the film "On a clear day" which has recently been released at cinemas to excellent reviews - congratulations Dave!

Photos were taken at events throughout the season and these have been featured in the ASA's Swimming Times as well as on our website. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed - it is good to have different perspectives.

Once again many reports and photos were sent to various press organisations and we received press coverage via the Swimming Times magazine, local papers and some national papers. Unfortunately we didn't have any television coverage of our events this year but this was not through lack of trying.

We are still receiving many emails from prospective open water swimmers asking for advice about training and competitions. I also receive some correspondence with regard to Channel swimming but the Channel swimmers chat site is now answering many of these questions.

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)

28/11/2005

B.L.D.S.A. TROPHY STEWARD'S REPORT 2005

I wish to thank all those swimmers who correctly completed the trophy receipt forms during the past season. It does help to know the whereabouts of our valuable awards.

A new trophy has been presented to the association by Mrs Margaret Smith. This cup replaced the Tom Butcher Junior Swimmer of the Year Trophy. This new award is also dedicated to the late Tom Butcher who was a sterling supporter of this Association, as well as being Margaret's father.

In addition a trophy has been purchased for the Lyme Regis Event. John Bedford has been making boxes for our solid silver trophies—AGAIN! Please remember these boxes must be returned when the trophies are returned to the Swim Secretaries.

The JOHN SLATER Memorial Appeal has reached £1700. Many members, including new members who did not know John have been extremely generous. I have contacted many past members who have also donated generously. I shall spending the winter writing to more. If anyone knows a past member who may not be aware of this appeal please contact me with that person's details. The Spanish Masters Magazine printed a two page tribute to John written by our own Monserrat Tresseras. This article contained many examples of John's personal kindness to B.L.D.S.A. members as well as details of past swims.

Among the suggestions put forward are to replace the existing Lakeland Trophy and to purchase a small craft which could be utilised to provide safety cover tht at the back end of a swim. If you have any futher suggestions please contact me.

The Annual Awards Selection Meeting will take place towards the latter end of February 2006. I would be pleased to receive nominations for these awards by mid February at the latest.

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CCPR REPORT 2004-2205

STEPHEN SMITH - CCPR REP

I attended four meetings plus the AGM at St. James' Palace.

At the May 2004 meeting we welcomed Outdoor Pursuits Members. The CCPR is keen to involve this division because of common interests of access to land and waters, only time will tell if this will work.

It was discussed that all National Governing Bodies involved in water recreation should all have a water safety test contained within their sport. Rosemary Knapp said a working group would be formed to discuss this issue. She also said that it would not be a compulsory standard and non swimmers would not be deterred from participating in water recreation activities as volunteers.

ROSPA WATER SAFETY FORUM

It was agreed that the Water Recreation Division organize a forum from information received from beach, sea, inland waters and swimming pools. All information will be available on CCPR website.

22ND SEPTEMBER 2004 - MEETING

KEY POINTS

INFLUENCES ON VOLUNTEERING

Members were concerned about insurance particularly relating to National Governing Bodies. The CCPR was working with the Home Office on the issue of insurance effecting those within the voluntary sector.

Michael Farrell of Get The Point Agency who I informed in the last report to Margaret Smith was working with the CCPR to focus on these issues. Once again information on CCPR website.

SOAPBOX

At this meeting Soapbox Forum was introduced for any individual member of have five minutes to express concerns on something that concerned his or her sport.

25TH JANUARY 2005

KEY POINTS

National Water Safety conference members noted it was too expensive to go to the meeting. So Paul Owen of British Canoe Union was unrepresentative and would report back at the next meeting.

TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2005

I attended the First Combined Water Recreation and Outdoor Pursuits Division Meeting.

Chairman - Rosemary Knapp - Amateur Rowing Association
The New Chief Executive of CCPR - Tim Lamb - Formerly of The English Cricket Board and Brian Lamb of Outdoor Pursuits.

The only relevant point to come out of this meeting is to check

First Aid qualifications of all sports i.e. to make sure that everybody involved in their respective sport had proper proof of validation by a current certificate. We shall wait and see what will come of this.

I will hold open judgment of these combined meetings and just wait to see if it will be a success.

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

CHILD PROTECTION REPORT

Our Child Protection Policy is nearly complete, after a marathon of efforts. Joe Coy has been a tower of strength, rescuing me from the nightmare of trying to finalise the Policy whilst working longer and longer hours due to long-term sickness at my office (and three out of six is quite a hit).

Joe and I hope to have the Policy in front of the BLDSA Executive at the January 2006 meeting and for it to be fully adopted and ratified.

This will affect us all, as we do work with young people under the age of 18 at many swims. Swimmers in that category will be subject to specific requirements and the BLDSA will not be able to find a crew for them in future. This is because we cannot vet all potential crews in advance of an event – it can take months to secure a Criminal Records Enhanced Disclosure (which replaced police Checks).

Joe, thank you very much for the help and support, it has been greatly appreciated.

Margaret J Smith
Child Protection Officer
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B.L.D.S.A. HON. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT 2004

My report this year, apart from membership numbers, 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 2006. 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 that 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: -	222	Down twenty-three
Juniors: -	31	Down two.
Life: -	97	Down two.
Aff. Clubs: -	15	Down three.
Total	365	Down thirty.

Please note, for those of you who may have lost their Membership/Renewal form, a 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 if required.

Maurice Ferguson
Hon Membership Secretary.

HON. RECORDER'S REPORT 2005

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

CONISTON WATER
Three-way
Derek Griffiths 10hrs 14mins 08secs RECORD

CONISTON WATER
Jane McCormick 2hrs 38mins 04secs
Kevin Saunders 2hrs 38mins 10secs
Jane McCormick 2hrs 58mins 04secs (reverse course)

WINDERMERE
Jane McCormick 5hrs 59mins 59secs

LOCH NESS
Three- way Relay
Madfish Relay 34hrs 36mins 23sec RECORD
and Two-way RECORD 23hrs 32mins 23secs
Julie Bradshaw Andrea Gellan Dee Llewellyn
Liane Llewellyn Lucy Roper Pip Spibey

I have also heard about other successful swims including Loch Tay, Walton-on-Naze and a Loch Ness Relay.
I look forward to receiving notification of any 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
Frank Chalmers, Tim Denyer, Liane Llewellyn, Jane McCormick,
Kevin Murphy, David Pantling, Stephen Smith, Olly White,
and The Everton Relay Team

INSIGNIA REPORT 2005

I am very sorry that owing to Trevor's illness I was not able to be at all the swims during the season.

The ones I did get to I did sell quite a lot of stock, and I still feel that our badge on the garments and bags etc. is promoting the Association all over the country.

I feel we give value for money and I am prepared to carry on selling the goods. Anyone who would like any item during the winter, just get in touch and I will post it to you.

I must thank Millie Ferguson for making the flags and Trevor for putting them on the poles.

Price List below, please add postage if sending for any item.

Polo Shirts	£13.50	Sweat Shirts	£19.00	Fleece Jackets	£22.00
Body Warmers	£18.50	Flag Alpha's	£5.50	Base Ball Caps	£8.00
Small Bags	£20.00	Large Bags	£25.00	Swim Caps	£1.00
Silicone Hats	£4.50	B.L.D.S.A. Embroidered Badge		£10.50.	

Hope to be at more swims during 2006.

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B.L.D.S.A. Boat Co-ordinators Report 2005

Another excellent season has passed successfully without any hick ups, with very few rescues having to be made.

As per the last season I have not attended at as many of the championships as I would have liked to, due to work commitments. I have attended as many swims that fell on my days off or that my boss would allow me to take holiday for. I still managed to attend at the major swims including Torbay, Windermere and Two-way Windermere.

Those that I was unable to attend, my right hand man and my not so little brother now, Matthew stepped into my shoes, not always by choice but I was able to rely on him to maintain the safety of the Championships. There were swims that we were both able to attend, on these occasions Matthew stayed the night at mine and Laura's house. This resulted in Matthew waking up with a hangover and feeling a little worse for wear.

The tip of the ice berg was at Llyn Padarn, we had had some family to stay and Matthew slept on the couch-I say slept, at 4.30 am they stopped talking/drinking and went to bed, I being sensible had retired some time earlier. 7 o'clock came round and it was time to get up, we picked my Grandad up and off we went. On arrival the boat was launched and the B.L.D.S.A. president and I set off up to the start, leaving Matthew and his hangover asleep in the car. At the break between the swims, I managed to get Matthew to take me in the boat to the other side of the lake so I could buy Laura a nice Slate Wine Rack and to get Matthew a much needed pick me up-a big bottle of Lucozade. That did wonders for him, leaving me to enjoy the afternoon on dry land.

I have waffled on in this report, that is for a good reason. This has been one of the most uneventful seasons for me in the last years as the rescue boat co-ordinator. I want to be doing my role and looking after people who need my assistance, by taking them in the boat to shore. However this has been an excellent year for the swimmers who took part in each of the Championships. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication that each and every swimmer has put in to their own very unique training schedule.

My sincere thanks go out to everyone who has made my role easier this season, be it by arranging for the boat to be launched, crewing on the boat or towing the boat (thanks grandad). Chris Green helped with the towing.....or not towing, by allowing us to leave the boat in the Lake District on his property, this has made the many journeys to the Lakes a easier task, this is very much appreciated by my Grandad and I.

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

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

INCIDENT CONTROL REPORT 2005

It is a pleasure to report that once again, there have been no major incidents and although some swimmers retired due to cold and not feeling up to the challenge of the day, and some of those involved at events suffered cuts & bruises, the overall picture is demonstrating a well run and efficient organisation.

That said we cannot afford to rest on our laurels, as we must maintain our rigorous Risk Assessments. A number of our venues require our Risk Assessments to be produced in advance of an agreement to allow the Association to run an event. This is likely to extend to additional venues both for BLDSA and Affiliated Club swims as the pressures of owners and responsible bodies for stretches of water, to protect themselves against possible claims.

Can I encourage those of you organising events, and who have regular training in, particularly, open waters, to carry out Risk Assessments and ensure that all your users are aware of the contents.

A sincere thank you goes to Championship Secretaries who have returned their reports without any prompting. Even though your event does not appear on the BLDSA's general calendar, it is important that if you are swimming within the BLDSA Insurance, that you return a completed Incident Report after each event – not at the end of the season. You will realise that if you do suffer any incident during an event that could lead to a claim under any part of our insurances you must ring me as soon as possible after the incident so that you can be supported and that adequate information is gleaned for our Insurers. This is in addition to completing the Incident Report Sheet.

I will be sending out copies of the collated returns to Clubs &/or Championship Organisers. You will recognise whether your report did not arrive! Please do return the Incident report form for next year, 2006, remembering that a Nil Return is required, so it is a 'MUST DO' task after your event is completed.

Once again, thank you for all your help and support during the year. All Championship and Club Organisers have met all sorts of new challenges over recent years – this has often been because the law, especially Health & Safety legislation, is placing more onerous responsibilities on all of us and the Association also has to meet its responsibilities to our members, swimmers, volunteers, Affiliated Clubs and those who provide us with facilities and support.

Special thanks to our Insurance Brokers, Perkins Slade who have secured better terms of insurance for the Association.

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

REPORT 2005

The 200 Club remains a very valuable part of the association fund raising and at only £6 per year, 50p per month is very reasonable.

I am sorry to say that during 2005 we lost 25 members which was quite a loss, we now have only 110 members.

Please try to support the 200 Club by joining at any time of the year, either by bankers order or cheque direct to:

Pam Morgan
38 Meadow Drive
East Ayton
Scarborough, YO13 9EZ.

You will find a renewal form with all your 2006 info. A complete list of winners is detailed below:-

Prizes of 2 X £10 each month
1 X £5 each month
Plus 2 X £20 at A. G. M.

JANUARY	No. 132	J. L. Barry	£10
	No. 72	K. Seymour	£10
	No. 110	S. Olliver	£ 5
FEBRUARY	No. 94	P. Taylor	£10
	No. 44	G. Stables	£10
	No. 46	R. Garnish	£ 5
MARCH	No. 129	J. Walbridge	£10
	No. 106	K. Saunders	£10
	No. 43	K. Jones	£ 5
MARCH A.G.M.	No. 120	S. Smith	£20
	No. 25	B. Hey	£20
APRIL	No. 72	K. Seymour	£10
	No. 96	P. Tew	£10
	No. 3	B. Metcalf	£ 5
MAY	No. 97	M. Pike	£10
	No. 2	D. R. Smith	£10
	No. 16	M. Smith	£ 5
JUNE	No. 118	P. Llewellyn	£10
	No. 39	M. Read	£10
	No. 4	T. Elliker	£ 5
JULY	No. 34	M. Pike	£10
	No. 117	P. Rushton	£10
	No. 14	M. Ferguson	£ 5

AUGUST	No. 1	E. Fenton	£10
	No. 57	D. Heenan	£10
	No. 28	G. Smith	£ 5
SEPTEMBER	No. 72	K. Seymour	£10
	No. 46	R. Garnish	£10
	No. 97	M. Pike	£ 5
OCTOBER	No. 10	C. McDonald	£10
	No. 1	E. Fenton	£10
	No. 16	M. Smith	£ 5
NOVEMBER	No. 48	J. Bedford	£10
	No. 38	A. Dormon	£10
	No. 127	B. Thomas	£ 5
DECEMBER	No. 60	E. Simmester	£10
	No. 45	G. Dormon	£10
	No. 94	P. Taylor	£ 5

Thanks to everyone who does support the 200 Club.

BLDSA Pilot Life Saver Scheme Annual Report 2005.

2005 proved to be another quiet year for the PLS scheme. Two kayakers completed the assessment at Loch Earn however no oarsmen or oarswomen put themselves forward for assessment. With crews for Windermere hard to come by for new and returning swimmers it is hoped that more candidates will come forward in 2006 so we can begin to build up the PLS register. Oars training and tests can be arranged to take place at the Derwentwater and Coniston championships and kayak training and tests at Bala and Loch Earn. The exam requirements will be published on the BLDSA website. If anyone is interested in becoming a Pilot Life Saver then please contact me well in advance so I can arrange for trainers/assessors to be present. During 2005 a Junior PLS scheme was formally approved by the Executive and will operate for those aged between 14 and 18.

Chris Hickling.

B.L.D.S.A. DINNER AND A. G. M.

2005

The dinner and A. G. M. was held at the DE VERE HOTEL, WARRINGTON, and in my opinion was again an excellent evening.

Although the numbers were much lower than in previous years, with fewer numbers from Warrington Dolphins supporting the evening.

The Hotel were very helpful which does make a difference to anyone organising the event. A big thank you must go to Nick White, who gave his services as D. J. for the Disco and really got everyone joining in.

I hope you will support the 2006 Dinner which is to be held at:

The Drummond Hotel
Loch Earn
Scotland

March 18th 2006

Thank you to Joe Wilkin Oxley, for the help he gave with the raffle and to all who gave prizes. I wish you well in Scotland and hope all goes well.

The A. G. M. was well attended on the Sunday following which was good to see, this is a chance for members to ask questions and any problems to be sorted out.

2005 was the last dinner that I will be organising, I have enjoyed all of them even though you can get problems.

2005 Hon. Secretary (Dinner)

Pam Morgan

The Exmouth Fairway Buoy Swim was held on Sunday 5th June 2005.
22 swimmers took part on what was a very wet day with difficult sea conditions. The wind was S SE with a 5ft-6ft swell pushing swimmers and boats towards the shore thus making it a difficult swim for swimmers ,canoeists and boat handlers.Sea temperature was 16deg. in the estuary dropping to 14deg.around the buoy with a wind chill making it very unpleasant.All swimmers can pride themselves in having swum one of the more difficult Fairway Buoy swims. Safety cover was as usual of a very high standard and only 3 swimmers having to be taken out.The worse conditions was experienced by the crew and recorders on the turn boat.
After the swim a reception was held at a new venue this year The Withycombe Rugby Football Club which proved very satisfactory.Trophies were presented by The Mayor of Exmouth Councillor Eileen Wragg.

Results: MEN
1st Simon Lee 1:38:46
2nd BenjaminPennington 1:40:42
3rd Olly White 1:40:48
4th David Pantling 1:42:44
5th Stephen Price 2:01:32
6th Mark Westaway 2:04:48
7th Michael Read 2:06:30
8th Nick White 2:16:23
9th Mark Blewitt 2:18:24
10th Robert Holman 2:18:49
11th Stephen O'Brien2:27:46
12th Kevin Wendt 2:39:01

WOMEN
Sarah Hamer 1:53:39
Kate Mason 1:58:49
Julia Aston 2:01:49
Anne Kupschus 2:03:24
Linda Ashmore 2:18:11
Tina Otten 2:24:52

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

This season's report hasn't got a lot of swimmers to write about. The club has seen a decline in numbers but we still had a successful year with the swimmers who competed.

The highlight of the year was the 25th anniversary of the Llyn Padarn Swimming championships. Ten swimmers who took part in the first ever swim, returned 25 years later for the anniversary, which says a lot for the longevity of outdoor swimmers. Three swimmers from Howe Bridge swam on the day, these being Peter Todd 1000metres, Bill Webster 2 mile, and Barbara Hassel 4 mile who was the organiser of the first ever event. It was organised this time by our new swim secretary Kath Hall, who did a superb job. It was a perfect day with the weather defying all the forecasts and being beautiful all day. The water temperature was 64 degrees and quite calm , perfect conditions for the swim. It was great to see names past and present swimming together. In the 2 mile 3 swimmers from Howe Bridge finished, the first being Jill Jackson in a time of 58.15 closely followed by Dave Parry in 1.00.11 with Bill Webster in 1. 27.09. There were 2 swimmers in the 4 mile, Barbara Hassel doing breaststroke and recording the fastest time and myself who was 7th (not bad for 2 oldies).

The rest of the season was mostly about one swimmer. David Richardson in his last season as a junior completed 8 events with first place at Rivington ,Wyckeham, Derwentwater, Cross Windermere and the Bala 3 miles where he set a new record. He completed 14.25 miles in competitions, exactly the same total as myself and I feel certain we will both be around a lot more next year. Other swimmers from the club tried open water swims at Rivington and Padarn over a 1000 meters and hopefully they will be back next year to do some longer distances, so Debbie Field, Charles Entwistle and Helen Unsworth lets start training.

Once again our thanks to all swimmers and assistants who have supported our club throughout the year.

Dave Reason Hon Sec.

Llyn Padarn 2005 - 4 mile Results

G	Str	Name	Club	Finish	Pos	Class
M	**Fs**	**Adam Harvey**	**Scarborough SC**	**1:25:55**	**1**	**1**
M	Fs	Darren Corden	Sandwell LDSC	1:30:14	2	2
F	**Fs**	**Rebecca Lewis**	**Barrow LDSC**	**1:31:03**	**3**	**1**
M	Fs	Richard Davidson	Sandwell LDSC	1:41:26	4	3
M	Fs	Tom Wilkinson	Scarborough Kingfishers	1:42:38	5	4
F	Fs	Danielle Usher	Everton SC	1:43:37	6	2
M	Fs	Enrique Flores		1:44:30	7	5
F	Fs	Liane Llewellyn	Halifax SC	1:45:39	8	3
M	Fs	Christian Wade	Warrington Dolphins	1:49:44	9	6
M	Fs	Dave Reason	Howe Bridge Marlins LDSC	1:53:33	10	7
F	Fs	Charlotte Henners	City of Liverpool	1:54:37	11	4
F	Fs	Jane McCormick	Manchester Tri Club	1:54:48	12	5
M	Fs	Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins	1:54:49	13	8
F	Fs	Nicki Scott	Sandwell LDSC	1:59:35	14	6
M	Fs	Ian Corrin	City of Liverpool	2:00:34	15	9
M	Fs	Brian Henners	City of Liverpool	2:01:25	16	10
F	Fs	Rachel Houston	Sandwell LDSC	2:02:58	17	7
M	Fs	Alan Turk		2:04:43	18	11
F	Fs	Sally Chapman	Barrow LDSC	2:05:11	19	8
M	Fs	Henry Lowther	Warrington Dolphins	2:06:29	20	12
M	Fs	Chris Green	Barrow LDSC	2:08:57	21	13
M	Fs	Peter Hawksworth	Colwick Park LDSC	2:08:58	22	14
M	Fs	David Scott		2:13:30	23	15
M	Fs	John Barry	Hitchin SC	2:13:45	24	16
M	Fs	Philip Salis		2:16:23	25	17
F	Fs	Jackalyn Classen	Barrow LDSC	2:16:43	26	9
M	Fs	Jospeh Coy	Warrington Dolphins	2:17:45	27	18
F	Fs	Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge ASC	2:22:14	28	10
M	Fs	Philip Milligan	City of Liverpool	2:24:39	29	19
F	Fs	Vicki Thompson	Barrow LDSC	2:25:08	30	11
M	Fs	Alexander Anderson	Barrow LDSC	2:28:54	31	20
M	Fs	Stephen Bullen	City of Liverpool	2:29:43	32	21
M	Fs	Paul Tew	Cockermouth	2:30:57	33	22
M	Fs	Alister Stocks	Halifax Swimming club	2:30:57	34	23
M	Fs	Clive Burbage	Devonport Royal	2:46:57	35	24
F	**Bs**	**Julie Dimaline**	**Scarborough Kingfishers**	**2:59:32**	**36**	**1**
F	Fs	Janet Wilson	Otley Swimming Club	3:14:15	37	12
F	Fs	Katie Hyland	Everton SC	DNF		
F	Fs	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough SC	DNS		
F	Fs	Clare Kane	Warrington Dolphins	DNS		
M	Fs	Lionel Spittle	Sandwell Long Distance	DNS		
M	Fs	Michae Searle	Everton SA	DNS		
M	Fs	Victor Malwa	Spencer London	DNS		

Steve Roberts, 19:33, 22/11/2005

Llyn Padarn 2005 - 2 mile Results

G	AGp	Str	Name	Club	Finish	Pos	Class
M	**S**	**Fs**	**Robert Gater**	**Alsager**	**0:42:12**	**1**	**1**
M	S	Fs	Omar Hussain	City of Bradford	0:42:40	2	2
M	S	Fs	Adam Harvey	Scarborough SC	0:43:17	3	3
F	**S**	**Fs**	**Rebecca Lewis**	**Barrow LDSC**	**0:44:17**	**4**	**1**
F	S	Fs	Claire Wilson	Wrexham	0:46:45	5	2
F	S	Fs	Laura Bagley	Barrow LDSC	0:48:38	6	3
F	S	Fs	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough SC	0:48:43	7	4
F	**J**	**Fs**	**Lauren O'Neill**	**Halifax S.C.**	**0:49:03**	**8**	**1**
F	S	Fs	Danielle Usher	Everton S.A.	0:50:20	9	5
M	S	Fs	Graham Padgett	Warrington Dolphins	0:50:21	10	4
M	S	Fs	Michae Searle	Everton S.A.	0:51:18	11	5
F	J	Fs	Emma Louise Couch	Scarborough SC	0:52:11	12	2
M	S	Fs	Tom Wilkinson	Scarborough Kingfishers	0:52:18	13	6
M	S	Fs	Richard Thraves	Scarborough SC	0:52:37	14	7
F	S	Fs	Katie Hyland	Everton S.A.	0:52:48	15	6
M	**J**	**Fs**	**Martin Bosson**	**Warrington Dolphins**	**0:53:16**	**16**	**1**
M	S	Fs	Keith Bosson	Warrington Dolphins	0:53:23	17	8
F	S	Fs	Stell Farrar	Arfon Masters	0:55:09	18	7
F	S	Fs	Charlotte Henners	City of Liverpool	0:55:34	19	8
M	S	Fs	Gary Ridgeway	Rotherham Metro	0:55:38	20	9
M	S	Fs	Frank Gilgannon	Halton SC	0:56:08	21	10
M	**S**	**Bs**	**Chris Byrne**	**Warrington Dolphins**	**0:56:12**	**22**	**1**
M	J	Fs	Marc Slack	Scarborough SC	0:56:15	23	2
F	J	Fs	Natasha Hunter	Scarborough SC	0:56:36	24	3
F	S	Fs	Michaela Richard	Warrington Dolphins	0:57:34	25	9
M	S	Fs	Laurence Hulatt	Gloucester Masters	0:57:47	26	11
F	J	Fs	Casey-Lee Cornett	Everton	0:57:51	27	4
F	S	Fs	Jill Jackson	Howe Bridge Marlins	0:58:15	28	10
F	J	Fs	Joelle O'Neill	Halifax S.C.	0:59:20	29	5
M	S	Fs	Liam Hanlon	Merseytri	0:59:39	30	12
M	S	Fs	Dave Parry	Howe Bridge Marlins	1:00:11	31	13
M	S	Fs	Keith Rothwell	Arfon Masters	1:00:55	32	14
M	S	Fs	Mike Pepper	Arfon Masters	1:01:16	33	15
M	S	Fs	John Barry	Hitchen SC	1:01:33	34	16
F	S	Fs	Frances Couch	Barrow LDSC	1:02:32	35	11
F	J	Fs	Hannah Keech	Scarborough Kingfishers	1:03:03	36	6
M	S	Fs	David Cleghorn	Barrow LDSC	1:03:18	37	17
M	S	Fs	Scott Webster	Scarborough Kingfishers	1:03:35	38	18
F	J	Fs	Kirsty Richardson	Bingley	1:04:02	39	7
M	S	Bs	Andy Byrne	Warrington Dolphins	1:04:18	40	2
F	**S**	**Bs**	**Christina Stapleton**	**City of Bradford**	**1:05:00**	**41**	**1**
F	J	Fs	Alex Lee	Scarborough Kingfishers	1:05:07	42	8
M	S	Fs	Indra Singam		1:08:05	43	19

Llyn Padarn 2005 - 2 mile Results

G	AGp	Str	Name	Club	Finish	Pos	Class
M	S	Fs	Eric Millican	Rotherham Metro	1:09:52	44	20
M	S	Fs	Andrew Watson		1:10:00	45	21
M	S	Fs	Alan Pomfret	Warrington Dolphins	1:10:27	46	22
M	S	Fs	Mike Smith	Solent LDSA	1:12:46	47	23
F	S	Bs	Irene Meikle	Barrow LDSC	1:14:47	48	2
M	S	Fs	Harry Smith	Barrow LDSC	1:14:48	49	24
M	S	Fs	Chris Fewtrell	Merseytri	1:15:08	50	25
F	S	Bs	Joan Steel	Barrow LDSC	1:16:18	51	3
M	S	Fs	Robert Beaver	Merseytri	1:17:05	52	26
F	S	Bs	Julie Dimaline	Scarborough Kingfishers	1:24:02	53	4
M	S	Fs	Dave Roberts	Merseytri	1:24:18	54	27
M	S	Fs	Paul Mavers	City of Liverpool	1:24:46	55	28
F	S	Bs	Kathleen Walker	Barrow LDSC	1:25:48	56	5
F	S	Fs	Helen Tristam	Warrington Dolphins	1:25:54	57	12
M	S	Fs	Dev Raj Gurung	Rotherham Metro	1:26:15	58	29
M	S	Fs	Bill Webster	Howe Bridge Marlins	1:27:09	59	30
M	S	Fs	Ian Simnor	Merseytri	1:28:06	60	31
M	S	Bs	Roy Millican	Rotherham Metro	1:29:07	61	3
M	S	Fs	Alan Kirkham	Merseytri	1:35:11	62	32
F	S	Fs	Keran Carter	City of Liverpool	1:36:27	63	13
F	S	Bs	Beverley McNaughton	Hon Howe Bridge	1:38:53	64	6
M	S	Fs	Robert Acton	Sandwell	1:39:16	65	33
M	S	Fs	David Foster	Carnforth Otters	1:50:46	66	34
F	S	Bs	Margaret Smith	Grimsby Water Rats	2:02:29	67	7
M	S	Fs	Harry Temby	Nottingham	DNF		
F	J	Fs	Julie Connor	Warriors of Warrington	DNS		
F	J	Fs	Stephanie Clegg	Halifax S.C.	DNS		
F	S	Fs	Sasha Andrews	Colwick LDSC	DNS		
M	S	Fs	Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins	DNS		
M	S	Fs	Ian Cowburn	Windsford ASC	DNS		
M	S	Fs	Bryan Cullen	Merseytri	DNS		
M	S	Fs	Bill Hanlon	Merseytri	DNS		

Isle of Wight Masters Swimming Club Report 2005

Cross Solent Swims:

IW Masters members Rosemary Johnson, Mike Hardy and Gordon Osborne all successfully completed the cross Solent swim from Ryde Sands to Southsea, a distance of 3 ¼ miles, this summer. They each took approximately 2 hrs to complete the swim

Sandown ~ Shanklin (Pier to Pier) Swim 2005

The Sandown – Shanklin Swim (Pier to Pier), the annual forerunner to the Shanklin Town Regatta took place Sunday on 7th August. Since the running of this prestigious event has been taken over by the Isle of Wight Masters Swimming Club it is rapidly becoming one of the largest open water swims in the country, this event attracts first rate swimmers from all over the UK. Despite a date clash with Eastbourne, and Brighton caused by a postponements due to bad weather, 75 swimmers took to the sea in idyllic calm, bright sun conditions at the start on Sandown beach.

The overall event winner was 28 year old Adam Acland from Twickenham, Middlesex. Adam stormed home in an outstanding time of 30 minutes 23 seconds. Nearly two and a half minutes ahead of his closest rival. Adam is a regular participant in the Pier to Pier swim and last won the event in 2002. The winner of the ladies category was 21 year old Katie Butcher from Worthing, West Sussex who finished in an outstanding time of 32 minutes 54 seconds. This was Katie's first attempt at the swim and finished as first lady to the delight of her Arundel Trinity Swimming Club team mates, who cheered her on.

Island honours and winners of the Mr & Mrs Cherriman trophies for First Island Lady and First Island Man went to recently married couple Leanne and Adam Brown from Sandcroft Avenue, Ryde. Leanne and Adam are seasoned veterans at this event and each won the same award at last year's swim. They were also members of the victorious 'Adios Amigos' team of 4 swimmers to claim the team trophy.

The winner of the Martin Lovett Breaststroke trophy was Alison Beardsall from Gumard, in a time of 44 minutes 26 seconds.

The winner of the Ieaun Williams Memorial Cup for Fastest man 40 – 49 years was Christopher Hunt from Havant, in a time of 32 minutes 56 seconds.

The winner of the Isle of Wight Masters Shield for Ladies 40 – 49 years was Michelle Chittenden from Arundel in a time of 34 minutes 25 seconds.

The winner of the South Wight Swimming Club shield for fastest lady under 21 years was Nora Vangerichten from Worthing in a time of 43 minutes 12 seconds.

The winner of the Garry Wood Trophy for Fastest man 50 – 64 years was Ian Gilmour from Horsham in a staggering time of 33 minutes.

The winner of the Shenton-Brooks shield for fastest lady 50 – 64 years was Pauline Butcher from Arundel in a time of 36 minutes.

The winner of the Terry Lyons trophy for fastest Super Vet man over 65 years was Mike Smith from Coventry in a time of 41 minutes 15 seconds.

The winner of the Terry Lyons trophy for fastest Super Vet lady over 65 years was Daphne Belt from Arundel in a time of 42 minutes 3 seconds.

The winner of the Tom Brown Memorial trophy for most senior finisher, for the 4th consecutive year was Charles Ambler (84 years old) from Ryde, in a time of 49 minutes 45 seconds.

The winners of The Heights team trophy for fastest team of 4 swimmers, were the 'Adios Amigos' consisting of Island swimmers Lawrence Edmonston, Hayley Davies, Adam Brown & Leanne Brown.

The winner of the Shanklin Regatta Millennium Trophy for Endeavour was David Mace from Sutton.

All swimmers were escorted safely through the course by a flotilla of canoes marshalled by Kevin Richardson from Newport and powered support vessels from Shanklin Deep Sea Fishing Club and Brading Haven Yacht Club. Overall safety was ably controlled by Sandown Inshore Rescue, supported by a lifeboat from Ryde Inshore Rescue.

The 2006 Sandown to Shanklin swim will take place on Sunday 13th August

Bob Davies
Organiser

Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club

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Annual Report 2005

This has been another successful year for the Dolphins. We have been delighted to welcome new members to the Club over the season and have had several members swimming in outdoor swims for the first time. Members competed all across England, Scotland and Wales and all BLDSA swims had at least one swimmer from the Dolphins completing. The Club has swum 419 miles outside this season and there has been a close battle between four Dolphins. Joe Coy with his completion of Windermere took the title of the Dolphins who swum the most in the season with 54 miles.

Before updating you on details of the season it is important to drawn attention to the continuation of the excellent Club spirit and willingness of its members to help out. On many occasions again this season members have supported other Dolphins enabling them to participate in swims which otherwise may not have been possible. Thanks for your help and time. Additionally, members, their partners, spouses and parents have supported and helped out at Club events. This has helped our members and the wider long distance community to participate in well organised events. Again thank you for your help.

Budworth Handicap: 28 swimmers entered the mere on a beautifully sunny day. However, the water temperature didn't quite match the air temperature, being 56°F. As usual the course was set off one of the jetties. The President, organising the event, was persuaded by others that 6 not 7 laps should be swum. Once again the handicap was short.

Budworth Championship: Another successfully Championships were organised for the first time by Joe Coy. The modernisation to the Budworth Mere Sailing Club house, particularly the changing rooms impressed all. Andrew Byrne claimed the 3mile breaststroke title, just ahead of Nick White with Mark Blewitt making it a clean sweep of medals. Clare Kane and Chris Byrne both finished 2nd in the senior freestyle championships. The Dolphins won the senior team trophy for the 7th year on the run.

Albert Dock Championships: Alan Pomfret organised his second excellent Championships. Julie Mainwaring, after asking Micheela Richard to look after on her first visit to the dock, promptly swam off to finish second ahead of Michaela in the 2mile event. Graham Padgett retained his veteran's title in the four mile event and Nick White won the 4 mile breaststroke race.

Bob Keating/Dick Dickinson Handicaps: These were exceptionally well attended with 3 swimmers in each lane. The winners were Caroline Lewis (Bob Keating) and Julia Lydon (Dick Dickinson). Andrew Byrne produced the most impressive performance by swimming 19 minutes inside his predicted time. The presentation was held across the road straight after the swim in the local pub.

Marbury Handicap: Yet again another success with 18 swimmers competing. This forced a third heat to be run. The rain falling during the race didn't prevent Julie Mainwaring from winning. John Glynn again organised the refreshments at the Cock O' Budworth where the presentation was held. Thanks John and Alan for running the event on the day.

Postal Swim: Dave Feakes maintained the same high standard as previous Dolphin members in running the postal swim on behalf of the BLDSA and Dolphins. He has agreed to run it for another year. Many members will not appreciate the continual effort that the Postal Swim Secretary donates freely to organise this event. Thanks Dave.

Masters: Judy Brown excelled at the ASA Short Course Championships claiming three 1st places, two 2nd places and one 3rd place. The highlight of her swims being the 200 IM where she broke the British record. Twelve Dolphins entered the Cheshire Masters and the Club was narrowly beaten into second place by Macclesfield. Graham Padgett, Keith Bosson, Christian Wade, Chris Byrne and Judy Brown all won individual Championships in their age group. Judy set four County records in all 4 events she entered.

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Juniors: Three of our junior ladies (Rachel Byrne, Charlotte Dickinson & Alison Lydon) swam in the L&D championships and all qualified for to swim for L&D in the Northern Counties inter association age groups. Well done ladies.

'On a Clear Day': The film in which Dave Feakes swam in stared in was released. Many members went to the 'Print Work Manchester' to watch it. What fame for Dave, Red Carpet Premiers, mentions on radio and TV. He's star. Will he swim with us again!!

Training: Attendance level have maintained during the season. Thanks to all who have taken sessions during the year. There have been many enjoyable (if not painfully hard) sessions.

BLDSA: The BLDSA annual dinner and AGM were held in Warrington to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Dolphins. The event was held at the Daresbury Park Hotel. Many Dolphins and their partners attended the event where their presence dominated the dinner. Your President was asked to make a speech, which was on 40 years of the Dolphins. At the AGM Maurice Ferguson was elected to President for the second time.

A Seasons Outdoor Swimming: Chris Byrne set a new record in the 4mile Breaststroke race at the 25th Llyn Padarn Championships. At the same event Martin Bosson in his first open water swim won the junior gents 2mile race.

Caroline Lewis returned to open water swimming completing a solo Coniston swim on her way to peak fitness.

Mark Blewitt finished third in the two way Windermere Championship swimming freestyle. This was his third double Windermere Championship in a run. He remains the only male to have swum a two way Windermere on both freestyle and breaststroke.

Joe Coy had a tremendous outdoor season taking approx 60minutes off 2 way Bala, 30minutes of Coniston and 90mins of Windermere.

Christian Wade completed his first Coniston with an impressive time. Next season watch out!

Five out of the six entries to the Gents Loch Earn race this season were Dolphins. That was a pretty impressive sight to see written in the programme.

Already looking forward to next season.

Budworth Championships 3rd June 2006
Albert Dock Championships 5th August 2006

Joe Coy & Andy Wright
Secretary & President

The Warrington Dolphins Budworth Mere Championships attracted 64 swimmers on a warm but overcast morning. The water temperature was a kind 60F (15C). As BLDSA President Maurice Ferguson started the race a heavy shower swept across the mere.

In the gents freestyle 3 mile race youngster **Terry Cowburn** of Winsford lead from start to finish recording a time of 56.49, followed by the evergreen **Chris Byrne** of the Dolphins in 58.38, and Scarborough Kingfisher's **Tom Wilkinson** in 1.02.12.

In the ladies 3 mile, **Rebecca Lewis** of Barrow showed that she is once again the girl to beat recording a time of 55.11 to take the overall winners podium. **Clare Kane** of the Dolphins was not far behind in a time of 59.57 hotly persued by **Sarah Roberts** of Scarborough ASC in a time of 1.00.13.

The breastroke trophy was won by Dolphin **Andrew Byrne** in 1.16.45, closely followed by team mates **Nick White** (1.17.01) and **Mark Blewitt** in 1.34.42.

The ladies breastroke was retained by the popular **Margaret Smith**, leaving all the competition out of sight.

In the junior 2 mile **James Sowersby** (Scarbrough ASC) recorded a time of 35.28 to take the trophy ahead of **David Richardson** of Howe Bridge and team mate **Marc Slack**. **Julie Connor** of Warriors of Warrington led the girls home in a time of 39.04 followed by **Michelle Sanders** and **Lauren O'Neill.**

In the 1mile event **Ian Cowburn** copied brother Terry to take first place in 19.35 followed by the ever improving youngster **Chris Carter. Jonathan Bentley** of Halifax showed he will be one to watch in the future coming home third.

Julie Mainwaring recorded a time of 21.27 to take the ladies title just a body length ahead of **Joelle O'Neill** with Australian **Jana Kuznik** in third.

The senior team trophy was retained by Warrington Dolphins, **Chris Byrne, Clare Kane** and **Graham Padgett** setting a time of 3.01.21.

The junior team trophy went across the Pennines to Scarborough ASC with an aggregate time of 2.13.51 from **James Sowersby, Emma Couch** and **Hannah Keech**

The club would like to thank all safety personnel for their time and Budworth Sailing Club for the use of the mere and excellent clubhouse facilities.

Full results available on www.warrington-dolphins.co.uk

Budworth Championship 2005

Gents 3 mile Freestyle

1	Terry Cowburn	Winsford	0:56:49	
2	Chris Byrne	Warrington Dolphins	0:58:38	3:00:10
3	Tom Wilkinson	Scarborough Kingfishers	1:02:12	
4	Graham Padgett	Warrington Dolphins	1:02:46	
5	Christian Wade	Warrington Dolphins	1:05:32	
6	Keith Bosson	Warrington Dolphins	1:05:37	
7	Michael Searle	Everton SA	1:05:52	
8	Nicholas Robinson	City of Liverpool	1:06:13	
9	Kevin Sanders	BLDSA	1:06:31	
10	Andrew Wright	Warrington Dolphins	1:06:54	
11	Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins	1:08:39	
12	David Reason	Howe Bridge Marlins	1:11:14	
13	Ian Corrin	City of Liverpool	1:14:48	
14	Brian Henners	City of Liverpool	1:17:30	
15	Scott Webster	Scarborough Kingfishers	1:19:15	
16	Henry Lowther	Warrington Dolphins	1:20:12	
17	Philip Salts	Manchester	1:22:30	
18	John Lydon	Warrington Dolphins	1:24:04	
19	Chris Green	Barrow LDSC	1:25:42	
20	Alan Pomfret	Warrington Dolphins	1:25:49	
21	Philip Mulligan	City of Liverpool	1:29:28	
22	Joe Coy	Warrington Dolphins	1:29:54	
23	Paul Taylor	Leeds	1:30:28	
24	Craig Davies	Scarborough Kingfishers	1:31:55	
25	Tom Towey	Warrington Dolphins	1:32:06	
26	Lionel Spittle	Sandwell	1:33:30	
27	Stephen Bullen	City of Liverpool	1:40:38	
28	Stuart Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins	1:51:05	
29	Les Robinson	BLDSA	1:53:52	
30	Mick Gallagher	Warrington Dolphins	2:07:54	
31	Sam Munro	Worcester	Ret	

Ladies 3 mile Freestyle

1	Rebecca Lewis	Barrow LDSC	0:55:11
2	Clare Kane	Warrington Dolphins	0:59:57
3	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough ASC	1:00:13
4	Dee Llewellyn	Halifax	1:01:05
5	Natalie Jones	Warrington Dolphins	1:01:35
6	Katie Hyland	Everton SA	1:05:45
7	Liane Llewellyn	Halifax	1:07:01
8	Charlotte Henners	Everton SA	1:10:16
9	Lee Casey Cornett	Everton SA	1:14:15
10	Caroline Lewis	Warrington Dolphins	1:27:30
11	Rebecca Patrick	Scarborough Kingfishers	1:31:55
12	Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge ASC	1:35:50
13	Ammada Taylor	Leeds	1:39:40
14	Helen Tristam	Warrington Dolphins	1:53:00
15	Janet Wilson	Otley	2:02:33

Gents 3 mile Breaststroke

1	Andrew Byrne	Warrington Dolphins	1:16:45
2	Nick Flash	Warrington Dolphins	1:17:01
3	Mark Blewitt	Warrington Dolphins	1:34:42

Ladies 3 mile Breaststroke

1	Margaret Smith	Grimsby Water Rats	2:35:49

Junior Gents 2 mile Freestyle

1	James Sowersby	Scarborough ASC	0:35:28
2	David Richardson	Howe Bridge Marlins	0:38:10
3	Marc Slack	Scarborough ASC	0:48:39

Junior Ladies 2 mile Freestyle

1	Julie Connor	Warriors of Warrington	0:39:04
2	Michelle Sanders	Sherwood	0:40:02
3	Lauren O'Neill	Halifax	0:40:05
4	Emma Couch	Scarborough ASC	0:45:41
5	Hannah Keach	Scarborough Kingfishers	0:53:00
6	Alex Lee	Scarborough Kingfishers	0:54:38

Short 1 mile

1	Ian Cowburn	Winsford	0:19:35
2	Julie Mainwaring	Warrington Dolphins	0:21:27
3	Joelle O'Neill	Halifax	0:22:29
4	Chris Carter	Warrington Dolphins	0:28:07
5	Jane Kuznik	Melbourne (Aus)	0:29:50
6	Jonathon Bentley	Halifax	0:29:52

Senior Team Trophy

1	Warrington Dolphins	Chris Bryne, Clare Kane & Natalie Jones
2	Everton SA	Katie Hyland, Charlotte Henners & Lee Casey Cornell
3	City of Liverpool	Nicholas Robinson, Ian Corrin & Brian Henners

Junior Team Trophy

1	Scarborough ASC	James Sowersby, Emma Couch & Marc Slack

Merit of the Mere

Stuart Ainsworth — Warrington Dolphins

Warrington Dolphins - Albert Dock Championships 2005

Junior Gents 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
1	13			Marc	Slack	Scarborough	52 mins 54 secs	1st	

Senior Ladies 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
2	17			Sarah	Roberts	Scarborough SC	45 mins 20 secs	1st	
4	42			Julie	Mainwaring	Warrington Dolphins	47 mins 29 secs	2nd	
3	38			Michaela	Richard	Warrington Dolphins	49 mins 57 secs	3rd	
6	34			Elaine	Dawson	Liverpool	50 mins 22 secs	4th	
5	41			Karen	Carter	Liverpool	1 hr 21 mins 18 secs	5th	

Senior Ladies 4 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
10	23			Liane	Llewellyn	Halifax SC	1 hr 38 mins 58 secs	1st	
8	23			Jane	McCormick	Manchester Tri Club	1 hr 48 mins 15 secs	2nd	
9	49	V		Morag	Hughes	Lochaber	2 hr 18 mins 59 secs	3rd	1st Veteran

Senior Gents 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
15	18			Tom	Wilkinson	Kingfishers Scarborough	46 mins 38 secs	1st	
19	39			Gary	Ridgeway	Rotherham Metro	50 mins 24 secs	2nd	
21	55			Phil	Taylor		53 mins 13 secs	3rd	
16	68	V		Eric	Millican	Rotherham Metro	58 mins 41 secs	4th	
14	34			Barry	O'Doherty	Carlisle	1 hr 2 mins 40 secs	5th	
18	30			Paul	Mavers	Liverpool	1 hr 12 mins 11 secs	6th	
20	43			Steve	Bulten	City of Liverpool	1 hr 12 mins 14 secs	7th	
17	37			Colin	McAuley	Wallasey	1 hr 15 mins 17 secs	8th	
13	32			Dev	Gurung	Rotherham Metro	1 hr 18 mins 10 secs	9th	
12	64	V	B	Roy	Millican	Rotherham Metro	1 hr 18 mins 37 secs	10th	1st Breaststroke
11	69	V	B	Gordon	Thompson	Rotherham Metro	1 hr 56 mins 57 secs	11th	2nd Breaststroke

Senior Gents 4 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
32	21			Adam	Harvey	Scarborough	1 hr 22 mins 39 secs	1st	
28	57	V		Graham	Padgett	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 37 mins 47 secs	2nd	
34	35			Enrique	Flores		1 hr 38 mins 15 secs	3rd	
35	43			Kevin	Saunders	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 48 mins 17 secs	4th	
33	51	V		Ian	Corrin	City of Liverpool	1 hr 55 mins 41 secs	5th	
26	48	V		Henry	Lowther	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 56 mins 44 secs	6th	
30	51	V		Pete	Goodman	Sutton Coldfield	2 hr 8 mins 11 secs	7th	
29	45	V		Joseph	Coy	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 8 mins 14 secs	8th	
24	54	V		Tom	Gunning	Clacton-on-Sea	2 hr 11 mins 38 secs	9th	
25	47	V		Clive	Burbage	Devonport Royal	2 hr 18 mins 34 secs	10th	
31	54	V		Tom	Towey	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 22 mins 09 secs	11th	
22	33			Nick	White	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 27 mins 39 secs	12th	1st Breaststroke
27	65	V		Stuart	Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 30 mins 49 secs	13th	

SANDWELL LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB
Year End Report, 2005.

March/April.

The early Spring sunshine prompted my phone to ring: **Sealskin; Martin Davies** and **Simon Kimberley** all called within hours of each other and asked me what the lake temperature was. What am I, I asked, the Met office? Despite this early enthusiasm it was a few weeks before Sealskin made it in first, sporting a Chubby Brown style flying helmet, and wearing more rubber than a Soho nightclub fetishist. Martin was two days behind and enjoyed several bouts of prolonged shivering bringing with him **Richard Miles**, another fireman and a keen triathlete. Richard later came 8th in the Fire Brigade cycling championships, and with Martin Davies took the bikes to France to follow the final stages of the Tour de France. When Martin returned, he donned his wetsuit to get the feel for his race and swam more than he had ever done before. I'm not sure where he found this enthusiasm, either it was in the Alps or inside his wetsuit. Wherever it was, it took him all the way to complete the Sherbourne Ironman Triathlon. Richard Miles went too, completing the difficult course in under twelve hours, a superb achievement. These two Fireman certainly keep themselves in good order. **Jamie Mackay** also paid a few visits in April too, getting himself ready for the coming season.

May/June

May 2nd, my seventh wedding anniversary was an occasion that had to be marked - **Mrs Earthquake** duly obliged by accompanying me on her first lap of the year. Was this what she had in mind all those years ago when I talked of a life of adventure? Ah, wedded bliss, you can't beat it. **Lionel Spittle** joined the celebrations, along with **Duncan Hough** who led the charge of the BRaTS in a well advertised debut that consisted of **Paul Barker, Anne Marie Bamforth, Ade Carter, John Dyer, Sally Edwards** and **Zoe Hauson.** www.tritalk.co.uk is the place where the boasts, hopes and announcements are made. No one is safe, least of all **Sealskin**, whose early symptoms of pneumonia were comforted with "Get back in the lake, you fairy." I wonder who said that?

Michelle Arnold, Richard Davidson, and **Darron Corden** returned soon after to begin the serious business of hard laps - all of them making the trip to Bala 2 way - Darron winning again, Richard 4th and Michelle easily completing her first attempt in a good time. **Nicky Scott** made a tentative return following a damaged shoulder, but had no real trouble in winning the Bala 3k. The Corden legacy to the sport of long distance swimming has been in the making for over 25 years, and May 30th saw the latest contribution - Darron's daughter, **Emily**, aged eleven, swam a lap with me and expressed her intention to join the club and swim the Ashford Mile. Sixteen days later, Emily swam her first mile. Three further practice miles, and one sesssion of a mile and a half later, and the Ashford mile was upon us. The conditions were good, and despite having problems with her goggles steaming up and the sometimes uncomfortable closeness of other competitors, Emily beat her existing best mile time by about two minutes on the day, a superb achievement. Emily's effort gained her the under 16 trophy, and she competed in a few

BLDSA novice races too.

July

The Ashford Mile also provided the setting for some titanic battles - **Stuart MacKay** moved from the under 16 category to contest the big prize. There was only one problem - Darron, and he wasn't about to give in to youth, no matter what ambition it harboured. In the event it was only three seconds that separated Stuart from the winner's trophy, but surely that near taste of victory will spur him on in the future. Last years **SLDSC Swimmer of the Year Nicky Scott** recovered from injury to just edge in front of Michelle Arnold whilst elsewhere two giants of the club were also engaged in fierce competition - Three times Midlands ASA mile champion **Jim MacKay** managed to prevail against Director of the Channel Swimming Association **Clive Burbage**. I don't think that anyone would want to get between those two, but somehow **Mrs Earthquake** managed to find a way round them both to record her fastest ever mile time - four minutes faster than 2003's 34 minutes. I managed to provide some entertainment on the quayside, though it was unscheduled. I had thought my days as a showman were behind me, but Frank Sinatra said that too, as I recall. **Rob Acton** and **Graham Diggett** also enjoyed the race, with a rare sighting of **Neil Goodman** also observed by many.

August

Terrible news reached us. **Mark Rickhuss** died. Mark and his Dad John were 2 of the original 7 that launched the club. Losing them both so unexpectedly can only be described as devastating. Mark suffered a heart attack whilst accompanying his friend in the last mile of a Channel Swim. All of us who knew Mark were impressed by his ability and moreover his attitude. He had the confidence of a man happy with himself, knowing that he was capable of great things without any pretensions or arrogance. I'll miss him, and I know that I'll not be alone in that.

Michelle was very active over the summer, competing in Surf livesaving championships, Long distance swims, both in this country and abroad. We had some hard training battles too - I haven't had to swim so hard since battling **Manjit Rai** when we were training for Windermere in 2002.

Richard Davidson achieved runner up at Derwentwater, his season best performance. Excellent swimming Richard.

The European Sprint Triathlon had three SLDSC members competing - Ade Carter, Duncan Hough and Zoe Hanson. Ade would only comment that he enjoyed the experience, and that the 21 mile cycle course contained 18 miles of uphill. Duncan Hough in the Masters came 22nd; Zoe Hanson was 6th, both invited to Honolulu for the World Championships.
The consensus after cycling on the continent was summed up by Richard Miles: "There aren't any hills in Britain," he said simply.

We also welcomed new members **Rachel Houston, Dave Rose** and **Catherine Hingley** to our number, hoping that their ambitions will be a little easier to achieve if they enjoy training with us. **Dr Pete Davies** also found his way to us en route to a triathlon in Austria. **Joy Cullen's** annual visit from Eire was non swimming this year due to injury, though the beaches and swimming pools of Ireland were aware of her prescence.

There can be no better reference than the honest appraisal of a long standing friend. **Nick "Too Late" Goodall's** talents were extolled by **Graham Goodall** (no relation) who stated "That _____'ll get a _____ knighthood. He will. He's the sort." Nick was determined to leave us last year, turning away from the delights of open water swimming in favour of a season of expeditions on foot and by canoe for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. I'm hoping that he'll return soon.

Simon Kimberley made a slow recovery from his year of decorating and DIY, brought about by promises made in 2003 whilst spending all his spare time training for the World Ironman Triathlon Championships in Florida. Elephants and wives who are promised work around the house never forget...Escaping for a weekend away, Simon qualified to go to America for the Alcatraz Triathlon. They drop you off a boat into the shark infested water, and assuming you make it to shore, you get to carry on cycling and running. Simon also raced the train and occasionally ran with that superman of Ultra distance Running **Glyn Marsden**. If we could only entice Glyn to swim I'm sure that he would find new routes we never thought possible - Great Yarmouth to Brugges perhaps, or St Davids to Rosslare? Glyn can run 150 miles in one session. How far could he swim if he trained in the same manner?

Clive Burbage swam another nine hours in the Channel, bringing his total mileage up to 62. It was surely all the more difficult without the support of John and Mark who had been his rescue team in the past. I was pleased to hear reports of the BBC coverage of Clive's attempt, but most of all to hear his voice the day after, home safe and sound, if a little disappointed. I don't think there's any failure to be talked of. To attempt to swim across the busiest shipping lane in the world, sometimes with 300ft of water beneath is a colossal achievement. He's determined to make it, and has already booked a return trip. We all wish him the best of luck.

Weymouth saw the Mackays out in force for a sea mile. Jamie won, closely followed by Stuart. Jim was third in his age group. What a family! Jim sent me a text message on 29th August that read: "Stuart & I had an adventure today. We swam from Lalonde to Bregancon 5 k . Strong headwind all the Way. rough sea rounding last headland into estagnal bay. Tough swim for me. 2 hours. Stu stung by jelly fish under his arm v bad after 3 k. For Sldsc & in memory of john & mark r. Also our friend tony. Jim." I smiled when I read this message, and am smiling now as I write - it's part of the spirit of the club which is undefinable but very real. I have to wonder how the Jellyfish managed to miss Jim and sting Stuart, perhaps a mystery that will never come to light. Jamie also came 5th in the Grand Prix final of the ASA 5k championships, a splendid achievement.

September

Richard Davidson represented us at Windermere with a valiant effort gaining him 6th place. He told me that he was disappointed, but was already keen to better it next year. Meanwhile, **Ian Prosser**, a former Captain of the Birmingham Lifeguard Group joined us with an ambition for some winter swimming, a man after my own heart. Ian also introduced
another lifeguard/fireman to the club - **Richard Davies**. This could make things a little confusing, being as we now have 3 firemen, 3 Richards, and 3 men with the surname Davies.

Before I could even take an extra breath the conventional swimming season was drawing to an end. Our annual swimmer of the year trophy in memory of **John Rickhuss** was presented to Emily Corden, who gained votes of encouragement from the club. Well done Emily.

We finished the season with our first club championships. Darron Corden's fortieth birthday celebration was to be first home in the mile sprint. John Dyer and **Matt Wardle** from Warwick Water Polo club battled it out for the under 40s title. "Chuck a ball in front of Darron," said a member on quayside, "and they might have a go at catching him." Lionel Spittle easily took the over 50s medal. With Clive Burbage easing back into the lake following his Channel adventure, and Rob Acton zig zaging his way around the lake, all finished with smiles, the water a pleasant 60oF, great for the time of year. Catherine Hingley and Richard Davies pursued their own challenges in the choice time trial, whilst the Triathlon's three categories of women's event, over 40 mens and under 40 mens were won by **Club Captain Hannah Lietzau**, Simon Kimberley and Dan Earthquake, whoever he is. Before anyone asks why there isn't an over 40s womens race - well Joy Cullen would be the only contender, and she couldn't make it. Simon also won the **Bob Cooper** Memorial medal for his outstanding cycle ride in the club triathlon. Bob was a cycling enthusiast, sadly lost on the roads twenty Septembers ago whilst engaged in his favourite activity. I'm sure that he would have admired Simon's achievements. Our thanks go to the **Birmingham Lifeguards** who kept us safe; the council for the use of the facility, and our sponsors - four local businessmen who contributed trophies, medals and assistance to our club championships- **David Flaherty** of **www.2ndInsight.co.uk** provides Alternative treatments from his shop in Halesowen. He's helped me overcome a long standing injury and kept me off the dreaded painkillers. **Uton Lear** of **Lear Stationers** provides a comprehensive printing service. Without Uton and his son **Marvin**, my literary ambitions would still be hopeful, rather than than actual - copies of which are in the British Library. **Kelvin Harris** repairs and upgrades computers whilst providing expert tuition to those who need assistance. Without Kelvin, we wouldn't have the SLDSC page on www.danearthquake.com. Finally, thanks to **Graham Goodall** who runs a scrap yard in Monmore Green, Wolverhampton. I'm a regular visitor, he's kitted out my workshop and lent me an anvil to lift, amongst other things. Graham also provides honest references, as our friend Nick has discovered.

Our **President Brian Head** presented the medals and a trophy or two. His advice and assistance over the course of his year has been invaluable - from day to day concerns to specific training and race knowledge, the club would be in much worse shape without his contribution. I would be in much worse shape without his contribution, so thanks Brian. Brian hands over office to Jim MacKay for the 2006 season.

October

And so the summer is gone, officially anyway, but despite the darker evenings and the clocks going back the temperatures have not really dropped: Rob Acton, Ian Prosser, Martin Davies, Simon Kimberley, and Richard Davies are still battling it out to be last in this year. New member **Pete Mathews** may have something to say about that, joining us on October 1st with a background of winter dips. We'll see who's still in on December 31st for **Old King Cold** - last years record of 40 minutes immersion which included a mile at 40o Fahrenheit is one I intend to better this year. Why not join us? No wetsuits/grease. For more information on the club, and event details, click onto **www.danearthquake.com/sldsc.html.**

For me the year has been productive, with a few adventures and more planned. An unexpected call four days ago from Sealskin has led to the pair of us preparing to swim across the River Severn on November 9th. "It's only that wide," said **Matt Darby**, holding his arms outstretched - but we not crossing at the source - we're going where the big bridges are between Bristol and Chepstow - with the kind assistance of the **Severn Area Rescue Association.** By the time you read this, we'll have succeeded or failed. Find out which it was, and see what else the rubber man is up to on **www.sealskin.net.**

Dan Earthquake, Secretary.

Kingfishers S.C. Scarborough

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KINGFISHERS ASC, Scarborough - Long Distance Report for 2005

The good weather early season held and encouraged some new faces to join us outdoors at Wykeham Lake on Tuesday nights. We gained six new recruits Sarah Miles, Becky Lawty, Sam Sedman, Justin Hartley and Philip Dorman, Patrick the triathlete also came out to join us. Beth Lawty tried to come to terms with the murky water but decided it wasn't for her.

Our loyal band of canoeists continued to support us and provided safety cover to the squad, no mean feat for two of them who have no children of their own involved in the water, and our grateful thanks go to leach and every one of them.

We have attended most swims on the circuit again this year and were pleased to welcome Cara Lawson to the Club; she with Alex Lee and Hannah Keech provided us a creditable junior girl's team. Tom Wilkinson, Rebecca Patrick, Scott Webster, Craig Davis and Julie Dimaline made up our senior team.

The Challenge swim in August at Wykeham brought us all together for our own handicapped race and was an outstanding success for the novices. Sarah Miles put in a superb performance to win the novice event with Sam Sedman close on her heels and Becky Lawty chasing. Alex and Hannah finished in very close order and the seniors took up the challenge Tom raced home in front of Scott and Craig whilst Rebecca gave Julie (who swam breaststroke) a run for her money.

We are fortunate to have developed strong support from our swimmers families and share summers of 'extended' family holidays travelling and camping all over the country from swim to swim. We even have our own groupies from the indoor section who come along to join us!

Kingfishers a family Club with almost four hundred swimming members and this year we have made great inroads into training and development of poolside staff, helpers, management teams and Continuing Professional Development, we go from strength to strength and long may this successful philosophy continue.

Over the summer months our swimmers clocked up countless hours training between them at Wykeham and seven of them completed a total of 149.5 miles in open water competition culminating in Windermere in September with Tom's excellent swim. I know only too well the effort each swimmer puts into their events and very proud of their individual achievements and consider myself a very luck old lady to be given such trust and loyalty from these young people.

Tom Wilkinson	63.25 miles
Julie Dimaline	18.5 miles
Scott Webster	16.5 miles
Cara Lawson	15.5 miles
Hannah Keech	13 miles
Alex Lee	11.5 miles
Rebecca Patrick	10 miles

Congratulations to you all and well done for another successful year on the BLDSA circuit.

Maureen Dickinson
Long Distance Coach.

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JLDSC ANNUAL REPORT 2005

JANUARY: Just for the sake of change this year's New Years Day Swim was held on January 1st.
I mention this for no other reason than as I wasn't there I have little to say about it, except that 50 swimmers braved extreme temperatures, however all survived to quaff cakes and soup and tell each other how nice it was for the time of year. Your President, I can report with some authority was recovering well after welcoming the New Year in with fellow club members Charlie, 'Little Lee' and husband Chris where we had landed after partying, sorry swim training, with American club supporters Dennis Dressel, Dave Parcells and 'coach Pat' in Florida. News reaches me that Madam President will be ***in attendance*** *(porsibly!!)* on the first day of 2006 – but not necessarily swimming!!

FEBRUARY: The BLDSA one hour Postal swim was completed in fine style producing class/age group winners from the club in the form of:- Martine Le Guilcher 1st Girls 14-15 / 4650m, Sarah-Jane Stirling 2nd Ladies 25-29 4790m; Anthony Smith 1st Gents 35-39 4800m, Chris Baglin 2nd Gents 35-39 3790m (With a certain Mr Keith Richards in at 2050m! Well that's all right then Mick!) Your scribe having completed local evening school on navigation with ex RNLI coxswain Mike Berry, where at least the room stayed relatively still chose to venture out on a 'RYA Day Skipper - ICC course' run by Mike Oram and his son Lance of Channel Pilot fame, where I survived along with Alison Streeter, some dreadful weather rising to Force 8 off Ramsgate, the Goodwin Sands and Dover during the night phase. That's the second time I've wanted 'My Mum' off the Goodwin's, last time I was swimming in F6!

A few new swimmers had now joined us; we always welcome 'new and young blood'! Rubina (Ruby) Brown, Sophie & Joseph Jenkins; Ella Dias, Jessica Lora and Emma Pannenborg were regularly swimming with us in the pool – along with all the 'usual suspects' and budding Channel swimmers too.

MARCH: The cold winds bring with them the annual Swimarathon, held at Les Quennevais Pool for the second year. All 8 lanes were filled to capacity with young and oldish club members, however this year saw no Ali Streeter (Australia), Little Lee (with child) from the mainland, or Charlie (Cardio system shutting down for a rest.) A monster nosh up for 54 hungry swimmers and supporters was a great end to the day at Chicago Rock.
March is a highly social month before the nitty gritty of swimming kicks in. Black Tie do's in abundance! I'm sure you appreciate that your club representatives at these

soirees gallantly do so at their own personal risk, despite the warnings, plus the amount of showering and scrubbing –up involved they'll soon be claiming soap on club expenses! At the Channel Swimming & Piloting Federation (CS&PF) dinner and awards in the splendour of 'Ye Olde Towne Halle' in Dover, our own Dr Mandy de Feu was awarded the prestigious 'Peter Adams Award' for the mixture of both success and extreme endurance for her 19hr 37min Channel swim. Fellow medic and all round Florence Nightingale look alike Pippa Harrold was installed as CS&PF doctor following her move to the mainland, we'll be keeping a close eye on the medicinal spirits account in future financial reports! Meanwhile at the Jersey Sports Council dinner 'Certificates of Merit' were awarded to Richard Flambard for his superb 24 mile Tampa Bay epic; Mandy du Feu for her Channel crossing and Martine Le Guilcher for her Round Island swim. Mandy was also amongst the last three worthy nominations for Sports Personality of the Year for her Channel Swim and the Channel relay team of Dario Parmesan, Martine, Katharine Clark, Lucy Biard, Ali Wood and Sally reached the last three for nomination for team of the year. It was a superb effort for our club to have so many members recognised for outstanding achievements, if not the final winners.
The month was also busy with Sally working to obtain the very necessary new sponsorship deal with Jersey Telecom, without their much appreciated financial backing our support of swimmers off to distant shores and the 'Junior Series' would be in jeopardy. The month is also busy with the compiling and formatting of the Round Island and domestic swim calendar.
The end of term for pool swimmers was celebrated with a nosh-up for 47 at Pizza Hut, further bonding for our younger element with their peers, making for a good atmosphere within the club.
More practical exercise was the reward for Mick Le Guilcher and Charlie who spent a full day scrubbing 'Sea Swimmers' bottom and applying a fresh coat of anti-foul, contracts are being taken for small brothers and sisters to have their barnacles removed. Next year we'll try it with the tide out!
Ilse Eiselen decided to take to the refreshing waters of St Catherine's Bay in 6.7°C Ilse was preparing for a busy year ahead with both a Round Jersey and Channel attempt planned for later in the year and was keen to kick off the bonds of pool sessions and take to the open sea. On Sunday 28th March, at our first 'proper' club swim (on a very early Easter Monday!), we saw 15 swimmers, comprising 3 adults and 12 juniors, there were many new faces including Ruby, Sophie, Joseph and Emma., but out of the 15 only one male – young Joseph! Shame on you macho men! (I'm excused, my macho is wilting!)

APRIL: Sunday morning swims continued with a good regular turn out in low water temperatures. This year's crop of Channel swimmers were rounded up by Sally and took to the unkind waters with enthusiasm and some trepidation. The forthcoming season looked like it might be a busy one so Charlie engaged a little help from the General Hospital and had a pace maker fitted to keep up with demand.

MAY: Pete Blandin Snr fitted a new helmsman's seat to 'Sea Swimmer' which called for a road test so Mick and Charlie set off in pursuit of HMS Albion a commando/helicopter carrier as she moved off station south of the Demi. The ship had been on a visit to support HM Queen Elizabeth's visit for the Islands Liberation Day celebrations. Needless to say our top speed was a little lower than their full astern with the anchors down! Later in the month the first of the JT Junior series swims at Havre des Pas began with a spirited 200m race for the smaller and younger club members.

JUNE: Six 'prospective' Channel and Round Island swimmers take to the waters for

a four hour swim to St Catherine's from Havre des Pas. A long day out in 'blustery conditions' but all swimmers had a taste of things to come and were very upbeat and positive about the future. Now that 'Sea Swimmer' has an official emergency Maritime Distress code allocated after a cobbling together of our GPS and Marine radio systems Charlie has extended his radio licence to cover all eventualities so that the club has adequate cover and the final piece of jigsaw to allow us to start Jersey to France swims falls into place. First time out on escort duty for the six adventurers we get a 'Pan-Pan' call on the DSC, too far away to become involved, but nice to know the system works! In a fit of mid-summer madness Mick le Masurier and Martin Powell emerged as the club representatives from an initial 'bunch' of walkers and bravely attempted to walk around the 48 miles of Jersey on the 'Itex Walk' and in so doing passed many pubs, very un-Mick! Unfortunately due to the extreme heat Mick needed to stop at Corbiere – but well done to Martin who completed it in 18hrs 3 mins. Well done to you both.

At the end of the month a real swim, at last. South African Dr Ilse Eiselen-Botes, to give her her full title, accompanied by her giant of a husband Jan perched precariously on his wave board, set off from Elizabeth castle breakwater. A decent flat sea but still a degree or two lower than ideal. Still it's all good preparation for her forthcoming Channel swim and she bravely battles on despite some major irritation of shoulder muscles and a good dose of trepidation. Ilse completed the earliest recorded Round Jersey swim in 11 hours 7 minutes and by so doing became the first swimmer from the African continent to grace our local waters.

Throughout June and early July, for the 2nd year, we held our Jersey Telecom Junior Open Water Series at Havre des Pas Pool on Saturday afternoons. This took place over 4 weeks and attracted most of our new juniors and convinced them and some who had never done so before – Luke and Thomas Nerac, to venture into the sea – even though it wasn't warm enough for our President yet!!. Events were over 200m, 400m, 800m and 1000m on consecutive weeks and the winners were: ***9yrs & Under, Girls*** – Ella Dias; ***10-11yrs Girls*** – Tasmin Powell; ***10-11yrs Boys*** –James Rondel; ***12-13yrs Girls*** – Bianca Kempster; ***12-13yrs Boys*** – James McKenna; ***14-15yrs Girls*** – Alice Harvey; ***14-15yrs Boys*** – Peter Blandin. Well done to all who took part. To compete for the trophy it is necessary to complete all four events. We had a few more than last year so come on kids – let's see you all in next year! These little swims prepare you all for bigger swims during the season.

JULY: La Belle France welcomed our Tour du Roc squad and as usual we gave good account of ourselves. It coincided with Madame le President's birthday – so it was necessary to also 'take wine' with the occasional glass or three – after the swim of course! Our girls all coped magnificently with conditions which were a very warm, jelly-fish infested ocean, with a changed course for the third successive year! Sarah-Jane was terrified of all the jellyfish, but coped very well as did Sal – both girls fit and in full training for 'La Manche'. Kelly le Bailly and Debbie Kempster both recorded PB's and Helen Barker just enjoyed a very pleasant day out, which is what it's all about. Both Dee and Sal came home with "1st" trophies in their respective age groups - and goodie bags of course. The Club's escort boat with Pat Roberts, Mick and myself aboard played its part in supporting our swimmers throughout the event. Her return to base is a tale of shipwreck, disaster and acrobatic somersaulting engines, which the 'Ancient Mariner' himself would have trouble topping!

Due to the tides being as they are – there are inevitably 'clashes of events' – and this year the JSC's Castle to Harbour took place on the same day as le Tour du Roc – so whereas the staunch French supporters went over – there was still a very large JLDSC representation in the Castle swim. Well done to all those who took part and swam well…the list is very long! But a special mention to Ian Taylor and "his girls" Gill Bravery with granddaughter Alice and Rosemary Robertson. They had all been

training regularly and specifically for the Castle swim.

We decided to swim the Ann Flambard swim during the de Caux swim in St Brelade's Bay – well done to Ruby Brown who won the Ann Flambard Trophy and Peter Blandin and Sara Kelly who were the respective winners of the De Caux youngest boy & girl trophies.

New swimmers were appearing throughout the season – Simone Roper, Dr Ray Kennedy, Bill Aston, Steve Pallett and Scott Le Cornu. This was great to see as newcomers are always welcome.

As soon as school is out three little maids from educational establishments form into the 'Ab-Fab' relay and full of enthusiasm take to the waters off the castle. Sophia Roberts, Hannah Quenault and Lauren Taylor have put in a long winter of training and despite not feeling 'brilliant' at times they smile and chatter their way round in a very creditable time of 10 hours 33. Some very good swimming from the three girls which was recognised by the sight of a small fin closely following Sophia around Grosnez, a small dolphin or a smaller still killer shark? We shall never know. Their thanks I'm sure to Gary Edwards for his canoe escorting duties. Also some very proud parents who even with the ultimate faith must have been pleased to welcome them home in such style. The Club prides itself in not only being 'the Best Little Club in the World' but also the most family orientated and sociable – so in order not to disappoint, the Powell family very kindly opened their home for the Club BBQ before everyone went on holiday or in different directions….a great time was had by all again – so many thanks to Korina, Martin, Tasmin and Alana – same time next year?

Within days our swim circus upped pegs and set off for Dover, with six local swimmers to 'feed' into the system a lot of pressure was on each and every one of them. They moulded well into the family which is Channel swimming in Dover. A unique blend of nationality, ages and varying approach; each swimmer with their own thoughts, but all with a common aim, yet not wishing to show any chinks in their preparation and nervous armour. Sally had prepared them well with an excellent grounding of land and pool training during the winter combined with a relatively unpressurised series of sea swims. It was now up to them as individuals to prove themselves in possibly the most challenging environment they were ever likely to experience.

From Dublin our former club secretary and good friend Lisa Howley had appeared to swell the Jersey connection, she was supported by her sister Elaine and Jenny FitzGerald, a Channel veteran and our present club secretary. As is the norm, friends and supporters gathered in the eeriness of Dover harbour to see her off, stomachs leaping in overdrive as Mike Oram's escort boat pulls away from the mooring and disappears into the loneliness which only that moment before a swim can conjure up, despite being surrounded by support crew and the best pilots in the business, very shortly you're going to be on your own for a heck of a time. After 13 hours 22 min of swimming she returned to Dover triumphant and again she was surrounded by an excited group thirsting for details. Early the next morning the process is repeated, Ilse is booked to go with her pilot Mike Oram and Sally with Eddie Spelling. As dawn breaks we motor round to Shakespeare Beach, passing the point on the end of the Admiralty Pier from which Capt Matthew Webb set off one hundred and thirty years ago. His legacy continues, misunderstood by millions, but a necessary drug for a few who can't really explain why! Sally is first away from the beach as the ships siren marks the time and her support crew of Dee Richards, Eric Blakeley, Cliff Golding and I settle down to watch over her and carry out tasks which we hope will maintain her energy and spirits. Ten minutes later we see Ilse leaving the beach, following in our wake.

All our clubs swims have been well documented recently, each swim different in its execution, yet similar in the physical exertion and mental approach. Sally suffered stomach problems during most of the swim - and spent the last four hours without a feed in order to maximise

her closing in on the French shore. Ilse was also 'sick-to-the-stomach' and had a repetition of her shoulder problems. Both girls could have pulled out, but with guts 'in spades' they swam on and both made land-fall in Wissant Bay, Ilse to the east of Wissant village in 12:57 and Sally below Cap Blanc in 13:31 her fourth Channel crossing in as many decades and to date the only female to have accomplished the feat.

AUGUST: A short break to allow the sun and moon to reposition the tides welcomes our next batch of Sarah-Jane Stirling and her partner Ian Jones to Dover. Sal returns with them to give support and encouragement. Again the process of assembly and casting off into the unknown is repeated. First up is Sarah-Jane who has a magnificent crossing in 11:24; a text book swim in text book conditions, so far all our swims have been fortunate enough to have the swim from start to finish in daylight, a big psychological plus and the basis for building a successful day out. Confirmation of the ideal conditions on the day is reflected in Christof Wandratsch from Germany setting a new benchmark in Channel swimming with a new world record of 7 hours and 3 extraordinary minutes! Gosh! A day later Ian takes to the brine and again another superb swim sees him wade ashore in 11:49. He's disappointed at his inability to beat Sarah-Jane's time, yet no two swims are ever the same and there's swimmers who have spent far longer in the water ending in disappointment which is almost unbearable. So far four out of four, the pressure is mounting!
And so for the duration of the spring tide the focus returns to local waters and a very special visitor to the Island. Rick Selway hails from Adelaide, South Australia, in itself a long way to travel for a swim. Rick is also the fiancé of Alison Streeter a very extraordinary woman with 43 Channel crossings. But Rick also has a small problem in so far as he doesn't see too well. He'd be the last person to put up his incapacity as an excuse for his swimming background, but Rick has bust a gut to cross the Channel without success on two occasions, the first, a 17 hour attempt and the second, twenty hours! He was therefore invited to Jersey where we hoped a successful circumnavigation would load up his confidence and throw him back into the Channel. He tried, we tried, he gave his all and the tide conspired to spoil his day. Around Grosnez the sea was 'very disturbed' as the real sailors call it, however Rick was magnificent as he worked his way across several hundred yards of an uncomfortable tide, which would have been a challenge to any swimmer. With only a couple of miles left we were faced with a possible serious situation and had to pull the swim as the natural light dropped, the tide had turned and we were faced with a dangerous crossing of the outer roads into St Helier Harbour on our way to Green Island. In the falling light the entrance to the harbour was full of ferries and pleasure craft leaving and entering across our intended course. It was far too dangerous to chance, if we'd have lost control of his directional stability in the dark and confusion there's no way we could have guaranteed avoiding a serious incident which would have jeopardised any future swims. And so after 13 hours and 45 minutes we lifted a very, very brave man from the water. There was no recrimination or complaint from him, just a few jokes and looking on the bright side he reckoned he'd had a good long training swim! We desperately want him return to the Island, he's spending 'our' winter in Adelaide honing his skills and looking forward to Ali joining him shortly. What a bloke; I stand in awe of his courage! Chris Lake from the JEP Sports desk witnessed the swim aboard 'Sea Swimmer' and was suitably 'gob smacked' writing a whole page article about the days events.

Jersey to France is a swim which has lain dormant for twenty six years, now with a decent boat and a few qualifications to please our French marine authority friends we felt there was nothing to hold us back from trying. Cliff Golding needs no introduction to club members, those who haven't had the pleasure; consider it a bonus! Perhaps our most active - for his age, supporter from the mainland, he keeps

company with a fine young lady from Madrid; Senorita Laura Lopez-Bonilla; the first Spaniard to swim around Jersey and only the second Spanish lady to cross the Channel deserves better, but it's her unfathomable choice. Together they formed the Anglo-Spanglo relay team, perhaps better suited to a Eurovision appearance, but by putting untold pressure on me they found themselves early one morning at Fliquet heading out to sea and with relatively unchartered waters ahead put their faith in Mick and I. We'd seen France from St Catherine's but weren't really sure whether there was sea all the way across or if monsters lurked beneath the waves.

Swimming in two hour sessions they cautiously made their way across, landing slightly up the coast from our initial aim point. Quite lumpy and unpleasant for the last three and a half hours they came ashore in 9hrs 23. We were all elated and vowed to do it again. In all seriousness from my perspective we needed to prove the course and this was an ideal way. We'd been extremely unfortunate with a brave Katharine Clark some twelve months previous and having had that experience we fine tuned the course – and bingo! They go into the record books as the first successful relay and into my unwritten book as a great pair who have opened up the route for the future. The excitement of it all was too much for the tin can implanted in my heaving chest and so I went for a lie down and awaited a passing surgeon to check it out and replace it – this time with one which was wired up! Whilst taking time off, Maurice Lakeman, an itinerant Arsenal supporter, took another relay team across to France comprising of Polish lifeguards. Richard Flambard swam beside the relay team and recorded the first solo for twenty six years, but unfortunately outside the rules of open water swimming for it to be recognised; a great shame as he deserves better for his efforts.

And so we return to the Channel, that's Dover as opposed to 'La Manche – Two' - where we find two more aspirants from our fair isle waiting on the right conditions to bid farewell to Shaky Beach. Anthony Smith fired up like few others has trained like a gladiator for his day and hopes for a good time. His impetuous character fires him off like a bullet from a gun and he's away. Within six hours he sees the error of his way and changes down a gear or two to conserve energy and just enjoy his day out. This he does in 14:08 still a very commendable return and still one to aim at for many others in the future. In so doing he's raised a considerable sum for the RNLI. In fact all our swimmers are raising valuable funds for various charities, highly commendable and a further pointer as to swimmers attitudes.

So five out of five with one to go, what are the odds? I along with many others certainly would have felt the pressure, but this is no ordinary swimmer; waiting to go on the following day is the diminutive 20 year old Lucy Biard. I'm wider than she is tall! Five months earlier she'd been hospitalised with pneumonia and pleurisy, she'd had the added pressure of university life and exams to deal with besides preparing herself for the Channel. Again, Sally is in close attendance to support and advise along with Anthony who had only swum the day before!. Also the previous four successes are waiting on the call to travel back to Dover to reform along with Bill Aston as a relay team and it all depends on Lucy. Now tell me she's under no pressure! But others have 100% confidence in her ability. As Lucy sets out for Cap Gris Nez, so does Katherine Clark and Dad John - they're motoring from Jersey via St Malo and racing to get to the Cap to secretively meet and greet her great mate. Not to be outdone here in Jersey we're also planning an attack on the French shoreline. Chris Baglin is taking to the salty water, again at Fliquet and aiming for the Normandy coast.

So we now have a three pronged attack descending on France, no wonder they riot about foreigners coming to their patch. Neil Streeter – Lucy's (and Anthony's pilot) along with Cliff as Observer, are guiding Lucy to a landfall below the lighthouse of Cap Gris Nez in a time of 11:38, a superb time for such a tiny little person. 'Clarky' descends from on high, throwing herself off the rocks to get into the

water and gets to give a congratulatory hug to her mate, after she'd touched home I must add, Lucy is completely taken by surprise and it ends a wonderful swim for her on a perfect note. The message goes out – "Let the legion reassemble" Meanwhile in a far more orderly and sober manner Mick and I along with Ian Jones and Martine are fast approaching the French coast, spot on cue and right on the button. Chris sets a new record time for the swim in 8:25 – yet another perfect end to *another* perfect day for the JLDSC.

The Annual Masters and Fun swims also took place over the Bank Holiday weekend; we welcomed newcomers, the youngest Minty's into the Fun swim, and Dad Dave who also swam and then joined his children George and Emma to swim from 'Archie' to "Mike's Slip. Well done to Master Trophy winners Drs. Ilse Eiselen & Ray Kennedy

SEPTEMBER: And so we're into another month, 'Six Jersey Beans and a Hint of Ginger' a rabble by any other name assembles to take on The Straits one more time. 'Ginger' being Bill Aston, left without a team due to unforeseen circumstances, he joins the six soloists who as one glide across to enter the 'special relay category' being seven in number as opposed to the regulation six swimmers, but who's counting? One minute over eleven hours is inconsequential to the exercise; it's acted as a fitting finale to a superb Channel season for the club. For Sally especially who has worked so hard on her own dreams and succeeded; to the other five who similarly deserve their moments of glory; but are we finished? No siree!

From Tooting in south London emerge for a second time in successive years the wonderfully titled 'St Georges Hospital Medical School – Open Water Swim Team' to make it worth the print used in the name they throw eight swimmers at a Round Jersey relay swim. There were to be two separate squads, however the weather conspired to wreck their plans and so they combined as one and thoroughly enjoyed their day out. Coming very close to the relay record time of 9:43 set by The Royal Air Force, although again numerically outnumbered in the legality stakes they consider their time of 9:49 a base to attack the record next year. So brace yourselves Jersey .....

The Annual Club and Open Championships were held in St Catherine's Bay on Sat 10th September. The 'usual suspects' and more – totalling 19 swam over different distances depending on their age and respective category. Richard Flambard's swim was quite exceptional as he romped home 1st in an astounding 1hr 32mins creating a ***new club record***; Ian Jones 2nd, Anthony Smith 3rd and Scott le Cornu 4th. Sarah-Jane Stirling was 1st lady home, Martine le Guilcher 2nd and Kelly le Bailly – another PB – 3rd.Debbie Kempster came in 4th and 1st Master in her category and Dee Richards 5th and 1st Veteran in her category. Peter Blandin, a force to be reckoned with in the future, came in 1st junior man, 2nd was Luke Nerac and who accompanied 3rd boy, younger brother Thomas – both in their first real long swim. 1st junior lady was Alice Harvey, 2nd Tasmin Powell and 3rd Chantelle le Guilcher. Both 11 year olds had never swum the 2 miles to 'Archie' and back before. The Junior-Junior girls event was swum as always unaccompanied – to a buoy and back – 1st was Ella Dias, 2nd Jessica Lora, 3rd Lauren Delahunty – and 4th 6 year old Alana Powell. Well done you little people, it's great to see you out there trying. Thanks & well done to all boat and canoe escorts and crews on the day.

One last swim was yet to come; Sarah-Jane had chipped away at various dates in order to complete her year with a Round Island swim. We were unlucky with weather for several days but when it came again she had the perfect conditions in time, tide and weather. OK the crew were worn out, as was the engine which had to be coaxed along as never before and it was explained in no uncertain terms that 'You're staying in until the end OK?' Two old beer crates were let out as sea anchors to control the boat as we found it difficult to operate at low revs, it did the trick and we

hobbled back into Fisherman's Slip for the last hurrah of the season. 9:57 set a new local ladies record for S-J; I'm sure she was as relieved as we were and never has a Guinness tasted so good!

NOVEMBER: A certain President feels that your scribe can no longer keep a secret than carry a tune in a bucket, so just to prove her wrong, here's a little secret I've been keeping shtoom about since August until last nights dinner! - Just to prove hard work brings its own reward two members of the JLDSC have been nominated for the ultimate recognition by the 'International Marathon Swimmers Hall of Fame' (IMSHoF) and the 'International Swimming Hall of Fame' (ISHoF) respectively: Both these world recognised institutions are based in Fort Lauderdale Florida. Your Club President Sally Minty-Gravett has been nominated for induction to the IMSHoF which recognises the world's top marathon swimmers and administrators. She still has to be actually selected as an Honouree from a list of five nominations which will be sometime in the New Year. However just to be considered worthy of inclusion is a great honour and it does great credit to both Sally and our Club. Meanwhile Alison Streeter MBE a life member of the JLDSC has been 'upgraded' from the IMSHoF to full Honouree status within the ISHoF. Alison's letter of recognition was signed by no less than Mark Spitz of the USA who in 1974 won seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics (Six solo events and one relay – plus breaking seven world records in the process!) Only the worlds finest are selected for these positions and we send our warmest congratulations to both ladies and I am immensely proud of both Sal and my great mate Ali.

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May we now mention the charities which our swimmers have supported this season:

– The club donated to the local RNLI following a visit to the lifeboat and 'Ops Room'

1 Ilse collected £1,500 for the South African village school;
2 Sally raised £1,300:00 for ABC – the local support group for families living with Breast cancer
2 Sarah-Jane £1,182 for Jersey Hospice;
3 Ian £2,800:00 for Leukaemia Research;
4 Anthony £8,600:00 for the RNLI;
5 Lucy, just under £2,000 for Jersey Hospice;
6 Chris Baglin £1,222 for Jersey Hospice and a similar £1,222:00 for the Jersey Animal Shelter.

This is a magnificent total of £19,826 (so far) for the less fortunate. Quite brilliant!

It is worthy to note that five of our club members braved the very cold and jelly-fish swamped North Channel (between Ireland and Scotland) as part of the Polar Bears Relay team in August. Unfortunately they did not complete it due to horrendous seas and sea-sickness, but they did raise £1,440.00 for the Jersey Sports for the Disabled . Well done to you all.

It is important to remember that the Club is here for ALL our members; the wealth of experience and advice which can be given is immense; if you have a personal goal, no matter how small or big, ***we can help you; you only have to ask!*** Even if it's only to give you the contact details.....but I'm sure it will more than that.

We are now well into our 'new look' winter pool training sessions' at the Aqua Splash; from the very young to the more 'mature and sedate' swimmers (we have a very special lane for them!) and Sundays will now be spent either at St Catherine's at 11 with Dario & Elysia's BBQ afterwards for sustenance (and warmth!) or ashore if it's wet; this will be while the sea has its 'winter clean' and until the new season. Mick 'The Miler' Le Masurier is in charge of Sunday walks which will keep us together over the winter and keep us fit and active through the winter.

And here is to 2006! At this moment in time we know we have ***at least 3more*** Channel swims booked, a couple of local and several visitors swimming around Jersey, a possible 'fun race' around Jersey and a few Jersey to France swims as well.....and maybe a few different swims.....***so, watch this space!!!!!!***

As this report is issued the morning of the Club's Annual General meeting and following our Club Dinner last night I trust, we're all suitably glowing; either with pride or just a silly smile! So, have an exceptionally good festive season and we'll all meet again soon - up to our necks in it!

"Charlie" & Sally on behalf of your Committee

JLDSC ANNUAL AWARDS FOR 2005

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR GIRLS:- Ella Dias
BOYS:- Peter Blandin — *GIRLS:- Alice Harvey*
MENS:- Richard Flambard — *LADIES:- Sarah-Jane Stirling*
MASTERS:- Dee Richards & Debbie Kempster

ENCOURAGEMENT TROPHIES
JUNIOR:- Thomas Nerac — *SENIOR:- Kelly Le Bailly*
ENDEAVOUR TROPHIES
MENS:- Rick Selway — *LADIES:- Kelly Le Bailly*
BOYS:- Luke Nerac — *GIRLS:- Chantelle Le Guilcher*
ATTENDANCE AWARDS
BOYS:- Peter Blandin — *GIRLS:- Chantelle Le Guilcher & Alice Harvey*
WALLA BROOKS TROPHY FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
OUTSIDE JERSEY *Sally Minty-Gravett*
LESLIE MINTY TROPHY *Sally Minty-Gravett & Charlie Gravett*
PRESIDENTS TROPHY *Cliff Golding & Jan Botes*
THE VIBERT FAMILY YOUNG PERSON SHIELD *Sophia Roberts, Hannah Quenault & Lauren Taylor*
THE JLDSC JUNIOR SWIMMER OF THE YEAR *Tasmin Powell*
donated by Cliff Golding
THE JLDSC PEARL ANNIVERSARY TROPHY *Thomas Nerac*
For the most outstanding novice swimmer donated by Marion Harvey
DENIZE LE PENNEC AWARD FOR THE MERITORIOUS SWIM OF THE YEAR
Lucy Biard
JERSEY TELECOM CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR *Mick Le Guilcher*
LLOYDS TSB PRIVATE BANKING AWARDS *Sarah-Jane Stirling*
For the fastest local male and female round island swimmer.
JLDSC COMMITTEE AWARDS
For a solo Jersey to France swim *Chris Baglin*
For a solo English Channel swim *Sally Minty-Gravett*
Presented by Lloyds TSB Private Banking .
TOUR DU ROC SUPPORTERS TROPHY
Pat Roberts & Mick Le Guilcher
CHANNEL SWIMMERS AWARDS
In recognition of your achievement in swimming the English Channel from the JLDSC.
Ilse Eiselen-Botes — *Sarah-Jane Stirling*
Lucy Biard — *Sally Minty-Gravett*
Ian Jones — *Anthony Smith*
JLDSC THANK YOUS
Peter Blandin Snr, Mick Le Guilcher & Charlie Gravett

Ye AABA Report 2005

Our New Year's Day got off to a cracking start with 192 Dookers taking part our best ever attendance. This appeared to be a good omen for the season as most of our championships entries went to double figures.

Balmerino and the Tayport Cup were keenly contested with Dee Llewellyn taking the honours at Balmerino once again. I think most people who were present at the Double Tay will forgive me if YAABA pay homage to our seventy-two year star from Germany Lotti Muller. What a fantastic performance from this gutsy lady, she romped home on her Double Tay in 1hr and eight minutes. We look forward to her return in 2006 when she hopes to swim Woodhaven.

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank Dee and Pat Llewllyn for there continued support of our open weekends and the swimmers they encouraged this year to come north of the border to test our chilly waters.

The veteran's swim lacked female participants with this being an all male affair nevertheless there were very credible times recorded.

All of our swims this year were swum in reasonably good weather. Unfortunately no records were broken but there's always another year ....

Our thanks go to all south of the border for coming to our shores once again and we hope you enjoyed our Scottish hospitality and we look forward to seeing you all at the BLDSA Dinner at Loch Earn in 2006.

Joyce McIntosh

Club President

Ye ABBA 2005 Swim Results

Club Events

Club Single Championship – Saturday 4th June 2005

Men			
1	R Mitchell	YeABBA	35m 20s
2	J Owens	YeABBA	47m 25s
Ladies			
1	M Murdoch	YeABBA	27m 32s
2	K Melville	YeABBA	31m 40s
3	C Moodie	YeABBA	32m 17s
4	L Anderson	YeABBA	38m 46s

Balmerino – 18th June 2005

Men			
1	K Sanders	BLDSA	1hr 50m
2	N Hunt	Chelmsford	1hr 50m 35s
3	C Holmes	Glasgow	2hrs 4m 44s
4	J Owens	YeABBA	2hrs 27m 43s
Ladies			
1	D Llewellyn	Halifax	1hr 45m 44s
2	L Llewellyn	Halifax	1hr 48m 29s
3	C Blair	Aberfeldy Sharks	1hr 56m 41s
4	A Gellan	Dunfermline	1hr 59m 11s
5	J McCormick	BLDSA	2hrs 2m 11s
6	J Wilson	Otley	2hrs 52m 33s

Tayport Cup – 19th June 2005

Men			
1	Stephen Massey	Arnhall	19m 56s
2	Sean Massey	C o D	21m 24s
3	N Whitty	Glasgow	24m 32s
4	N White	Blackpool	24m 46s
5	N Hunt	Chelmsford	26m 29s
6	R Mitchell	YeABBA	27m 37s
Ladies			
1	S Kiddie	Arnhall	18m 25s
2	L Llewellyn	Halifax	22m 00s
3	C Blair	Aberfeldy Sharks	23m 44s
4	K Melville	YeABBA	25m 22s
5	C Moodie	YeABBA	25m 57s
6	L Anderson	YeABBA	29m 43s

Vetrans Single Tay – 25th June 2005

Men

1	R Wells	Inverness	31m 38s
2	M Harris	Cork	34m 57s
3	D Burnett	Arnhall	35m 33s
4	J Owens	YeABBA	49m 45s

Double Tay Championship – Saturday 16th July 2005

Men

1	N Bowers	Lancaster	39m 07s
2	Stephen Massey	Arnhall	42m 23s
3	J McIlquham	Lancaster	43m 25s
4	Sean Massey	Unattached	45m 58s
5	M Cashley	YeABBA	59m 38s
6	R Mitchell	YeABBA	1hr 6m 37s

Ladies

1	J McGarvey	Glasgow	39m 29s
2	Catriona Quirlie	Thurso	41m 09s
3	S Kiddie	Arnhall	41m 27s
4	D Llewellyn	Halifax	42m 22s
5	Lauren O'Neil	Halifax	45m 49s
6	L Llewellyn	Halifax	47m 23s
7	C Moodie	YeABBA	1 hr 3m 44s
8	L Muller	Hamburg	1 hr 8m 5s

Woodhaven Championship – 17th July 2005

Men

1	Stephen Massey	Arnhall	1hr 27m 10s
2	J Owens	YeABBA	2hrs 43m 19s

Ladies

D Llewellyn	Halifax	1hr 19m 34s
J Clegg	Halifax	1hr 21m 24s
S Kiddie	Arnhall	1hr 22m 16s
H Williams	Halifax	1hr 23m 06s
S Clegg	Halifax	1hr 36m 02s
L Llewellyn	Halifax	1hr 37m 48s
K Melville	YeABBA	2hrs 16m 39s
S Finnegan	YeABBA	2hrs 35m 26s
J Wilson	Otley	3hrs 21m 24s
L Anderson	YeABBA	Retired
L O'Neill	Halifax	Retired

Monifieth – 20th August 2005

Men

1	R Mitchell	YeABBA	1hr 01m

Ladies

1	S Kiddie	Arnhall	45m 39s (NR)
2	K Melville	YeABBA	59m 00s (NCR)
3	C Moodie	YeABBA	59m 46s
4	R Bailey		1hr 12m 20s

Triathlon – 28th August 2005

Men

1	Tom Owen Hughes	1hr 19m 46s

Ladies

1	Mary-Rose Cross	1hr 23m 59s
2	Barbara Brown	2hrs 2m 59s

Teams

1	Libby Findlay	1hr 20m 33s
2	Lindsay Brown	1hr 42m 40s

LOCH EARN 2005

Crannog Isle - 17th September

Following last years request from the Lochearnhead Watersports Centre for an "event" at Lochearnhead, a trial swim of a one mile self- navigated triangle was held; open to ALL swimmers 12 years and over, regardless of registration status.

Organisation on the day went delightfully smoothly, largely due to the expertise of the **Llewellyn** clan & **Chris Hickling.**

Safety and marshalling during the swim was well covered with 5 speedboats from the W.S.C, plus my own dinghy and **Chris, Liane** and **Joe W-O** in canoes. Joe W-O managed canoeing in addition to being my programme distributor.
Despite a low water temp of 54F, blustery conditions and a dismal day, 22 started, 20 finished, no problems encountered and no one complaining (at least to me at any rate !!!!) of the water temp.

The overall winner was local **Jason Smith** from **Aberfeldy,** in a category, which I had – mistakenly !!! – labelled as Novice and he turned out to be a triathlon competitor of some quality.
Entries from juniors & seniors were well represented.

High spirits, tea & "toasties" were the order of the day during the presentation of certificates, medals & whisky minatures (juniors got Lucazade) by Neil Gregory W.S.C. owner, who was over the moon with his bronze medal novice placing.

The event was enjoyed all round & several complimentary "thank-you's" were received.

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Loch Earn 6.5 Mile full length – 18th September.

The entries dropped to 15 this year, possibly due to reverting to a Sunday, which is less popular with our friends from down south. In the event it proved extremely difficult to find crews and we were onto emergency stand-ins at the start of the briefing due to crew call-offs and only a last minute swimmer cancellation smoothed things over, with the swim starting on time, which was about the only bright note in the day.

A complaint was lodged with me prior to the start that one swimmer was intending to hear music played thru an ipod (earplugs), this giving an advantage. Pat Llewellyn for BLDSA & Doug Milne SASA confirmed this (using an ipod) was within the current rules. The complaint was dismissed.

Janet Wilson & Mick Gallacher were given an early 9.15am start, but Mick surprisingly succumbed to the 54F water relatively early in the swim. We had high hopes of a junior finisher this year – but it wasn't to be.
From there on it seemed like a repeat of last year – dismal day & strong tail wind, but at least we didn't get any hailstones this year ! – nor did we have the storm debris of tree limbs to avoid. The slightly lengthened course, all the way to the Drummond Hotel jetty, didn't present any problems, and although a couple of boatmen took their swimmer on the old "tourist" route it didn't affect the overall results which saw last years winners retain their trophies and establish new course records:-

Dee Llewellyn, Senior Lady – **Andy Wright**, Veteran Male – **Andrea Gellan**, Veteran Lady

Most of the swimmers did seem to feel the cold this year, except **Morag Hughes** and **Janet Wilson**, Morag in particular seemed reluctant to leave the water ! and I wondered if she was contemplating a 2-way!!

On completion of the swim and the return of the boatmen the presentation of Trophies, Certificates & Whisky miniatures were made in the Drummond Hotel by Mrs Don (Andreas's mum)

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Greta Gall
Loch Earn Swim Secretary

November 2005

LOCH EARN RESULTS 2005

SWIMMER	AGE	CAT	CLUB	OVERALL PLACE	TIME Hr. Min. Sec.	Category Placings
Dee Llewellyn	27	S	Halifax S.C. & Yaaba	1	2. 51. 29	1st Senior Lady
Liane Llewellyn	24	S	Halifax S.C.	2	2. 54 . 50	2nd Senior Lady
Andy Wright	48	V	Warrington Dolphins	3	3. 09. 09	1st Veteran Male
Colleen Blair	27	S	Aberfeldy Sharks	4	3. 19. 42	3rd Senior Lady
Kevin Saunders	43	V	Warrington Dolphins	5	3. 22. 28	2nd Veteran Male
Jane McCormack	23	S	Manchester Tri Club	6	3. 23. 08	4th Senior Lady
Andrea Gellan	48	V	INCAS Dunfermline	7	3. 28. 28	1st Veteran Lady
Morag Hughes	49	V	Lochaber, Fort William	8	3. 51, 32	2nd Veteran Lady
Janet Wilson	62	V	Otley S.C.	9	5. 07. 58	3rd Veteran Lady
Nick White	32	S	Warrington Dolphins	Retired		
Henry Lowther	46	V	Warrington Dolphins	Did Not Start		
Chris Green	55	V	Barrow L.D.S.C.	Did Not Start		
Mick Gallacher	60	V	Warrington Dolphins	Retired		
Shawn Kiddie	15	J	Arnhall, Dundee	Did Not Start		
Lauren O'Neill	15	J	Halifax S.C.	Retired		

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