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HON. GEN. SECRETARY'S REPORT

BIRTHS

To David and Alexia Morgan a son Spike Russell born on 16th March 2007 weighing in at 9lb 1oz. Along with his sister Abigail and brother David Junior, Spike should make life interesting for David and Alexia.

To Daniel and Laura Thomas a daughter Lucy born on 20th August 2007 who weighed in at 7lbs 4.5ozs. Our congratulations and good wishes to all three of you.

MARRIAGES

Non-Reported.

DEATHS

Dr Leon Walden who served as one of our Hon. Medical Officers for many years being still on our Hon. Medical Panel at the time of his death.

Trevor Morgan on 3rd June 2007. Trevor served on our Executive Committee for nine years from 1984 to 1992. Both during and after that time he helped the association in any capacity he could, both on the water, as crew or rescue, and ashore as helpmate to Pam our Hon. Insignia Officer. During the last few years even when very ill he still helped us by allowing Pam to attend many of our events in her official capacity. He was made our first Hon Life Member in recognition of his work for the association over many years.

Brian Wilkin-Oxley, husband of Jean our Hon Treasurer, on 24th November 2007. We can only express our sympathy to Jean and Joe for their sad loss.

ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCMENTS

1. Presidents Year of Office.

Our President for 2008-2009 will be Janet Wilson. As always your President needs to know and plan their year as early as possible. If you wish Janet 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 in which she is swimming. Far be it for me to say this may affect her judgement towards other competitors!
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2. Annual Awards.

Any member may nominate any person for our annual awards, which will be presented at our Annual Dinner at the Quality Inn, Penkridge March 8th 2008.

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.

3. 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.

4. 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! Check page 3 in some of the tabloids!

"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 for 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 the permission of **all** their parents **must be obtained beforehand**; if only one parent 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 thanking all who have helped me in any way over the last twelve months. With particular thanks to my PA at 16 Elmwood Road, for all the cups of tea, telephone answering and memory jogging services.

Maurice F.
BLDSA Hon. Gen. Secretary.

President's Report 2007

For many years the Association has rightly focused on the safety of swimmers. This year we have benefited from the hard work our Health and Safety Committee did last year, putting in place policies which our insurers demanded. For most of the swims this year safety cover has been first class. Where there have been deviations there have been specific reasons and these have been addressed for next year. We have been blessed this season by the use of 'Geordie Dream', Jacky and Vince's rib, which has added to cover at some of our swims and at Bala we had the services of the ARC's rib. For our 2-way Windermere Championship we were delighted to see our new boat on the water in addition to our old workhorse 'Swimsafe'. Therefore for most of the swims this season we have had 2 fast safety boats on station, some have even seen four. Finally once again Chris Green has also provided cover at 2 swims with his boat.

Many of you will now have seen our new boat which we took delivery of just before the 2-way Windermere Championship. I would like to record here the Association's thanks to Dee Llewellyn for all her hard work in attempting to secure funding from 'Awards for All'. Additionally, Daniel Thomas spent many hours researching into what the best boat was at the right price, thanks Daniel.

This season we introduced a trial On-line entry system which originally included an option which allowed you to become a member on-line while entering a swim. We had 37 entries via the system which represent 7% of entries. I believe it was successful, a promising start which should increase next season. Naturally this doesn't replace the paper entry system, it just gives another more modern option to enter swims and re-joining the Association.

Our next task is to investigate a more modern timing system which can ease the administration and potential errors at swims like Rivington and Champion of Champions where the number of swimmers are making the timekeepers' and the recording task challenging.

Review

I was delighted to be able to attend all our Associations events and a number of our affiliated club's events. Even with the poor weather we experienced in June and July we had some great swimming and generally water temperatures were acceptably warm.

Considering all BLDSA events this season, despite the relatively poor weather, entries were up at a total of 554 which is the highest this century.

Budworth – First swim of the season an enjoyable day. Great swimming, the weather held and no retirements.

Wykeham – The first BLDSA Championship started with probably the best senior gent's swim of the season with an absolutely storming victory!!! Liane once again presided over a well organised and superb event. Those juniors just sprinted ahead of Liane and myself. Where's the respect for their elders!! This was a hint of things to come.

Champion of Champions – Steve O'Brien works wonders, he never ceases to surprise me, this year he negotiated P&O and Sea France tickets as prizes and the attendance at the swim was unbelievable. Despite the challenge of the logistics of organising an event 290miles away from home, he also coped well with a late unexpected challenge. Steve count on my help next year, I know you need lots of it, particularly after the event when the Britannia has Daniel and your attention.

Golden Jubilee Relay – By all the positive comments I've received it must have been a great success. Eleven teams including team managers, rowers and helpers, add to this those on the five safety boat and the ground staff, there were a lot of members and members of affiliated clubs involved. It was a fantastic swim with the juniors from Wigan Best producing an outstanding team performance. It proved to be a great social event; we marked the Golden Jubilee in style.

Llyn Tegid – It was July really. I can guarantee you that the weather next year will be great, honest!! No incidents, no retirements in the 1km, 3km and 1-way races. However the 2-way race against strong winds resulted in 9 retirements. If you tell me that Balas an easy swim then I'll conclude you don't know what you're talking about. Despite the conditions, we had some excellent swimming, even those who retired can be included into this category. Well done.

Llyn Padarn – The location and weather generally makes this one of the best swims in the calendar. However, it wasn't this year. Without Dave Reason's presence this year, the weather was dull and the water was cold. Despite this Adam Harvey, Julie Owen and Sarah Roberts decided to finish in this order in both the 2mile and 4mile races.

Coniston – Jean, I know you tried to get me to swim but I'm glad I didn't. I truly enjoyed being there just filling in where I was asked to go. You see so much more like that. It was probably my most enjoyable Coniston. What fantastic swimming, my biggest surprise was Mark Westaway, he's clearly changed something as he's now so fast. At the other end of the field Dave Bowker finish his first attempt and under 4hours, another swimmer whose speed has improved over that of last year.

Derwentwater – Despite a worryingly low initial entry eventually numbers picked up and with the weather being sunny, we had some fantastic swimming. Daniel Farrow produced an excellent swim in the 2mile race which included a lengthening trip around Lord's Island and just managed to hold onto the lead. At this point I must thank Maureen Dickinson, who ran a great event again this year. Maureen has decided to pass on the swim secretary's duties next year. On behalf of the Association I would like to thank her for all the hard work she has contributed over the years.

Albert Dock – Alan Pomfret had another record entry at 46 swimmers. The swim went well with Adam Harvey again leading from start to finish in the 4mile event. Dee Llewellyn I thought at one point had taken up Boxing as she insisted on punching all the yellow markers every time she passed them. The buffet after was excellent.

Coniston Veterans – Chris Green is definitely a swimmers' secretary. I believe every Veteran enjoys the day largely due to Chris and his team. You wouldn't believe what he does to make sure swimmers can take part. A word of warning to any member who will be a veteran next year or in Simon Lee's case in a couple of years, expect to take a fair amount of abuse and insults. It's the banter that makes the day so successful. By the way there was a great race in the gents between Des Griffith and Dave Reason.

Windermere 2way – Well Gill what a horribly wet night you presided over. As a result crews were cold, wet and tired. There were a number of retirements and several of these crews were given a ride back to Ambleside by Chris Green as they struggled to return. However, there was a truly unbelievable swim. David Cech produced a record braking swim, taking over an hour off the previous record, finishing in 8:44:01. And just to cap this excellent swim off, he walked out of the water as if he had just had a warm bath. Just before the start of the swim a group of BLDSA helpers gathered around our new boat and watched Carl Walker pour a bottle of 'fizz' over her bows to commemorate its first use. The swim was yet another great success well done Gill and Dave, I enjoyed the fish and chips.

Derwent Reservoir – I must congratulate Jacky and Vince on finding and organising such a fantastic swim. However, those of us who went there know the full story and Jacky I thank you for your unbelievable efforts to make sure the swim was held. It was a tough swim described to me by Simon Lee as the toughest circuit swim he had done in over 25 years of swimming.

Windermere – Graham how did you do it? What a day's swimming, with all but 2 swimmers finishing and the last home finished at the 8hour mark. What surprised me were the times out of the 36 starters 9 were under 5 hours. Exmouth Lifeguards dominated the event this year with all their swimmers. Just to cap the fine day's swimming the weather held up, a considerable improvement on the previous year and with four ribs on duty safe cover was first class.

Coniston Juniors – Steve Smith achieved two major things this year. The first was the 11 swimmers down to take part and the second was the weather. On the way down Daniel and I towed the rowing boats down behind our two rescue boats. The rain was torrential and the wind was up. On full power 'Swimsafe' was travelling at about 5mph. As we approached the start thing began to brighten up. The expectation was that the rescue boats would be busy. However, we were wrong as only 2 got out, one a little cold and the second with bad cramp. I'm sure both will be back next year. All the swimmers were excellent and I take my hat off to them, not one commented on the weather before the start

Loch Earn – Excellent swimming again particularly in the gents veteran class. Once again professionally run with the usual excellent safety. On the Sunday morning, 30 swimmers took part in this the 3rd year of the Crannog swim. It's becoming a major event. The highlight of the weekend was the demonstration of water skiing by John Wilson and your President!!

Lynn Regis – Steve Smith again at the helm. For my first visit to Kings Lynn the weather was good and the water temperature well over 60F, remarkable for the third week in September. Lee Portingale was clearly beaten in the Novice race. Thanks Lee, an excellent sporting gesture in escorting Alan Chivers around in his first swim. A bit of work on your Breaststroke leg kick is required in the winter!! The two Chris's that is Eynon and Suggit produced excellent swims. Simon out sprinted Dee and Leslie managed to breakaway from Julie. This was a day of racing.

Thanks

One of the tasks the President undertakes at each Championship is to add onto the Swim Secretaries thanks. The usual comment I make is to thank the swim secretary. They undertake the job as they enjoy organising and helping other swimmers to be able to swim. If you have never done the job you wouldn't believe what some swim secretaries do, some 'jump through hurdles' to help swimmers swim. I think on occasions swimmers expect too much from swim secretaries. Remember swimmers find out what you need to do in plenty of time and organise it, don't expect the swim secretary to do it for you, you might just find out that you can't swim. Don't ring them up in the week leading up to the swim expecting them to sort out something you should have done weeks before. On that note I once again thank those particularly hard working members who I believe carry the organisation, the swim secretaries.

There is a small band of helpers (the nomads) who travel around the country during the summer who help week in week out, offering their services. They carry no baggage or pre-conditions they just help and usually don't say a word. Sometimes they give up their swim to allow other to swim. Without their help this season some of the swims would have been significantly less successful. I therefore thank them for their contribution both time-wise and financially.

I would like to thank all those who have given their time to crew for fellow members. This is an aspect of the Association which makes it so great.

Swimmers generally you never get thanked but without your contribution and presence at swims we wouldn't have an Association. It's one of the most enjoyable aspects of being President seeing the delight on peoples' faces as they finish something they weren't sure at the outset they could achieve and the pleasure all swimmers get when receiving their certificate. That's made my season and I thank you.

Finally, I'd like to thank our immediate past President Dee Llewellyn who has continued her hard work this season after contributing so much the previous year.

Future

Looking to the future, attendance at swims has held up for the last few years. Some swims have grown again this year which we can attribute to the hard work of swim secretaries. We have a good active and helpful group of swimmers running the swims. We introduced a new swim at Derwent Reservoir this year and next year Torbay will be held again. We had the extremely successful Golden Jubilee Relay which I believe promoted the Association in the best possible light and was a true reflection of the interest we currently have.

Next Year

Our President elect is Janet Wilson who has a wealth of experience in swimming. She also has a fantastic knowledge on Safety Issues; I wish her a successful and enjoyable year.

Andy Wright
President, BLDSA
December 2007

WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007.

Saturday September 1st 2007 saw the 51st Windermere Championships get under way. Thankfully, the forecast seemed to be set fair and the start of the swim went off smoothly, at just turned 9.00a.m. at Fell Foot Park. It was ably carried out, by our President, Andrew Wright and Councillor Ian Stewart, Chairman of South Lakeland District Council.

Steady progress was made up the lake, with Chris Eynon, who at 17 years old was our youngest gents entrant, taking the lead initially. Experienced contenders, in the form of Rebecca Lewis and Simon Lee, were not far behind and soon a real battle of tactics began to take shape.

As time passed, we suffered a couple of retirements in the form of Chris Morris from Reading and Mark Blewitt of Redditch. Chris was our oldest gents competitor on the day and Mark was the only Breaststroke entrant of the day. Neither of whom, I'm pleased to say, suffered any ill effects and we all hope that they will feel inclined to return and compete another day.

After some 4hours and 14 minutes, last year's Ladies Champion – Rebecca Lewis from Barrow in Furness, came storming in to the finish in superb form. This was a truly magnificent effort, since only a few days beforehand, Rebecca had managed to conquer the English Channel in a very creditable time of about nine and a half hours. So, congratulations and well done Rebecca.

About ten minutes later, Chris Eynon came speeding in, taking 4 hrs and 23 minutes to win the Gents Championship, at his first attempt. Again, congratulations and well done to Chris. There then followed a steady stream of finishers, with Caroline Ball, a plucky 18 year old from the West Country taking second place in the Ladies followed by Simon Lee and Dee Llewellyn. It was great to see our youngest Lady competitor of the day, 17 year old Shawn Kiddie from Dundee, finish in just under five hours on her first attempt. We all hope that the prowess she has shown, will bring her back, to contend for the winner's place in the future.

All in all we had 34 finishers out of 36 starters and to everyone, who took part, not just the successful ones, we say congratulations and well done. It is often said, that our chosen sport of Long Distance Swimming is a minority sport and therefore, not that many people know about it. Well, it has endured in it's present form for at least 50 years and in the past, we have enjoyed many thrills and spills on mighty Windermere, especially when we used to run International events and indeed, hosted the very first FINA World Cup. The year 2012 sees the Olympic Games coming to Britain and where are they talking of staging the Long Distance Swimming event? The Serpentine! Would you Adam and Eve it!

May I say to everyone and anyone, who helped in any way whatsoever, to make the day a success, a big heartfelt THANKYOU. Without your support, it would not happen. See you all again, on Saturday September 6th 2008.

WINDERMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007.

GENTS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

FREESTYLE.

POSITION	NAME	TIME
1.	Chris Eynon	4 : 23 : 08
2.	Simon Lee	4 : 31 : 16
3.	Matt Wardle	4 : 41 : 20
4.	Lee Portingale	4 : 57 : 59
5.	Peter May	5 : 03 : 32
6.	Richard Davidson	5 : 15 : 25
7.	Mark Westaway	5 : 15 : 52
8.	Adam Tapp	5 : 17 : 07
9.	Eugene du Toit	5 : 42 : 43
10.	Gareth Wilson	5 : 45 : 47
11.	Matthew Hunt	5 : 46 : 49
12.	Ed Jeffries	6 : 01 : 09
13.	Robert Hodgson	6 : 09 : 51
14.	Christian Wade	6 : 29 : 46
15.	Adrian Harris	6 : 35 : 02
16.	Mark Sawyer	6 : 45 : 59
17.	Peter Midwood	7 : 01 : 06
18.	Matthew Jones	7 : 09 : 34
19.	Paul Tew	7 : 21 : 19
20.	Andrew Robins	7 : 25 : 34
21.	Danny Fairhead	7 : 28 : 46
22.	Peter Larrad	7 : 53 : 19
23.	Mark Mortimer	8 : 09 : 09

RETIREMENTS.

Chris Morris
Mark Blewitt

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

FREESTYLE.

POSITION	NAME	TIME
1.	Rebecca Lewis	4 : 14 : 23
2.	Caroline Ball	4 : 27 : 43
3.	Dee Llewellyn	4 : 40 : 19
4.	Jane McCormick	4 : 45 : 50
5.	Shawn Kiddie	4 : 50 : 18
6.	Tara Dudley	5 : 03 : 17
7.	Julia Meazzo	5 : 15 : 11
8.	Gemma Franks	5 : 23 : 03
9.	Catharine Slevin	6 : 09 : 07
10.	Sharon Harris	6 : 19 : 15
11.	Helen Sneddon	6 : 28 : 24

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Coniston Veterans

This event was held at Lake Coniston on Sunday 5th August 2007

Tthe weather was overcastat the start but after the start the sun came out and we had a lovely warm sunny day with a tail wind. The 19 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 Sally Chapman Barrow a newcomer to the veterans category put in a fine performance to take the ladies title in 1hr 41mins 29 secs. Rose Dudley from Haywards Heath was the 2nd lady home in 1hr 57mins 21 secs andCatherine Sharp Kirklees swimming on freestyle this year took 3rd place in 1hr 58mins 45secs. 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 6th in the ladies race.

In the Gents race Des Griffiths from Furness Fins claimed the trophy for 1st Gent in a time of 1hr 33mins 37secs withDave Reason from Howe Bridge Marlins 2nd in a time of 1hr 35mins 39 secs and Andy Wright Warington Dolphins taking 3rd place in a time of 1hr 38mins 50 secs.

Results

VETERAN'S 3.25 MILE

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
	MALE		
Des Griffiths	Furnes Fins	1.33.37	1st
Dave Reason	Howe Bridge Marlins	1.35.39	2nd
Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins	1.38.50	3rd
Dave Cleghorn	Barrow LDSC	1.54.25	4th
Peter Midwood	Troutbeck Bridge	2.00.38	5th
Colin Benn	Peterborough	2.10.26	6th
Paul Taylor	Harrogate	2.19.50	7th
Alex Anderson	Barrow LDSC	2.26.00	8th
Steve Barrett	South London SC	Retired	
Terry Lyons	Richmond SC	Retired	
	FEMALE		
Sally Capman	Barrow LDSC	1.41.29	1st
Rose Dudeney	Haywards Heath	1.57.21	2nd
Catherine Sharp	Kirklees	1.58.45	3rd
Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge	2.19.39	4th
Amanda Taylor	Harrogate	2.27.16	5th
Greta Gall	Ye AABA	2.31.19.	6th (Oldest Lady Award)
Kath Walker	Barrow LDSC	2.50.12	7th (Bst)
Janet Wilson	Otley S.C.	2.53.21	8th
Margaret Smith	Grimsby	3.43.32	9th

Derwentwater

BLDSA Derwentwater Triangle Championships

Saturday 28th July 2007

After so many weeks it finally stopped raining on the day of the Derwentwater Championships and heralded in the long awaited start of the 'summer holidays'.

We had a depleted entry list this year for the Championships only twenty four swimmers but what a selection, the quality of the swims was outstanding and the strong cross-winds made the course quite a challenge again this year.

The five mile event is timed so that swimmers reach Kettlewell beach to coincide with the start of the 2¼ mile race. However, because of the conditions on the first two legs of their triangular course they were still approximately a quarter of a mile short when the second swim was started.

Unfortunately we had two retirements Cara Lawson and Jonathan Bentley in the Junior 5 mile races, a sad but wise decision on a cold and blustery day, Derwentwater will still be there next year waiting for them. Sadly no records were broken this year due partly to the very blustery conditions, it was very difficult at times for crews to keep out of the bays.

My thanks to all those who helped make these Championships so special firstly the swimmers and crews, the BLDSA Officials, Daniel and Matthew in the Safety boat, my colleagues from Scarborough Kingfishers and most importantly The Keswick Motor Launch Company for their invaluable support in hosting this event.

Maureen Dickinson

Results

JUNIOR 2 MILES

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
	MALE		
Daniel Farrow	Wigan Best	51.23	1st
Chris Suggitt	Wigan Best	51.35	2nd
Ian Stapleton	City of Bradford	55.34	3rd
	FEMALE		
Eleanor Jackson	Wigan Best	54.39	1st
Alex Lee	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.04.06	2nd
Becky Lawty	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.04.45	3rd

SENIOR 2 MILES

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
	MALE		
Alex Elliott	Lancaster	1.17.41	1st
Scott Webster	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.19.06	2nd
Trevor Knowles	TBASC	1.43.19	3rd
	FEMALE		
Laura Bagley	Barrow LDSC	55.24	1st
Irene Miekle	Barrow LDSC	1.21.26	2nd (Bst)
Joan Steele	Barrow LDSC	1.35.50	3rd (Bst)

JUNIOR 5.25 MILES

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
	MALE		
Jonathan Bentley	Halifax	Retired	
	FEMALE		
Cara Lawson	Sedgefield 75	Retired	

SENIOR 5.25 MILES

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
	MALE		
Simon Lee	Solent SC	1.59.47	1st
Peter May	Leyland	2.06.22	2nd
Matthew Hunt	Sandwell LDSC	2.26.48	3rd
Matthew Ryall	Halifax SC	2.32.18	4th
David Gleghorn	Barrow LDSC	2.47.28	5th
	FEMALE		
Sarah Roberts	Scarborough SC	2.01.10	1st
Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	2.04.58	2nd
Sally Chapman	Barrow LDSC	2.42.58	3rd
Vicki Thompson	Barrow LDSC	3.11.37	4th

Derwent Reservoir

What started out as a new swim for the BLDSA to celebrate the Golden Jubilee rapidly declined to be a one off event. Unfortunately 2 days before the championship it came to light that Northumbria Water do not allow swimming in the reservoir and the championship was under threat of cancellation. This was happily rectified by the kindness of Northumbrian Water who allowed the one swim to take place this year as long as we changed to a circuit swim out of sight of public eyes.

This aside my partner and my rock in organising the event, that evening was rushed into hospital and again it looked dubious as to whether the swim would take place as my concerns were for him. But those of you who know Vince will appreciate his love for the sport, despite only being linked to it for a couple of years. He told me under no uncertain terms must I cancel the championship. So with all the will I could muster and with help and well wishes from friends and family I pulled everything together and so the Championship was held.

On the Friday afternoon a small group of hardened campers set up their tents and enjoyed a pleasant social event. With the kind help of Richard Startup from the sailing Club, the new circuit course was set and Buoys in place as agreed with Northumbrian Water.

Saturday morning the weather was overcast and the wind was coming in from the South East, a very rare occurrence, making the water somewhat choppy. Swimmers helpers and officials slowly gathered and were checked in and the usual chatter and banter ensued. Two swimmers were reported as not attending and so with all present the President gave a welcoming speech. Thanks were given to those who made the Championship possible and instructions for the swim were given. What would we do without our helpers on these occasions? Thanks to Sandra Wright and to Joe Wilkin- Oxley who sold the programmes and raffle tickets with a bit of arm-twisting and persuasion.

Everyone made their way to the start and the Championship got off to a good start as the whistle blew and the flag lowered. My thanks to Andy BLDSA President and his good wife Sandra for taking over at this point, their kindness and support were a big help.

There were 9 swimmers attempting the full distance of 5.25 miles (5 circuits) and one swimmer undertaking the shorter course for veterans of 3.15 miles (3 circuits). Slowly the swimmers spread out and an early lead of Simon Lee, Dee Llewellyn and Cara Lawson was set. Alexander Anderson was plagued by an old shoulder injury that prevented him from continuing and Adam Harvey and Beverly Thomas also retired as the condition deteriorated. Well done to them all for having the sense to say enough is enough it is a tough but wise decision to make.

The swimmers continued to battle the elements and one by one they finished. First home was Simon Lee, Gents senior freestyle in 2-20-39 followed closely by Dee Llewellyn Ladies senior freestyle in 2-21-17, Cara Lawson Junior Ladies freestyle followed in 2-31-05 and next was Abigail Morgan to take 2nd Junior ladies freestyle. First veteran Gent home was Paul Tew in 3-48-22. Well done to them all for completing the swim in very difficult conditions. When Dee gets out and says it was

a hard swim it says it all. Margaret Smith had asked if we could run a shorter Veteran course early on in the arrangement for the championship. We were unsure how this would work so we held it just for her to trial for us for future years. It went very well and she completed it in 3-31-42. Well-done Margaret.

It was voiced by most attending the Championship that it would have been a lovely venue for an annual event. Unfortunately this is not to be as explained above.

The sailing Club were very welcoming and supportive of the event and were amazed at the guts and determination of those who took part. They had never witnessed an event like it and were astounded that people would voluntarily swim in such conditions donned in just a swimsuit hat and goggles. Richard Startup said, " most of us in the sailing club can only cope with falling in for a short period and we are fully clothed mainly in dry suits." Our thanks to them for allowing the event to take place.

My special thanks go to all the officials and supporters of the Championship. They endured the elements from the shore with occasional visits to the Galley to thaw out and enjoy a warm drink. You all helped in your own special ways and I thank you in what was a difficult time for me. I cannot show my gratitude enough.

All that is left to say is " Watch this space." Vince and I are looking into a sea swim off the east coast between Sunderland and Seaham Harbour. Hopefully we will have more luck this time.

Jacky Classen

Swim Secretary

Results

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
SENIOR MALE 5 MILES			
Simon Lee	Solent S.C.	2.20.39	1st
Garry Vilmans	City of Bradford	4.07.42	2nd
Adam Harvey	Scarborough S.C.	Retired	
SENIOR FEMALE 5 MILES			
Dee Llewellyn	Halifax S.C.	2.21.17	1st
Sarah Roberts	Scarborough S.C.	DNS	

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
JUNIOR GENTS 5 MILES			

Marc Slack	Scarborough S.C.	DNS	

JUNIOR GIRLS 5 MILES

Cara Lawson	Sedgefield 75	2.31.05	1st
Abigail Morgan	BLDSA	3.34.21	2nd

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE

VETERAN MALE 5 MILES

Paul Tew	Cockermouth	3.48.22	1st
Alex Anderson	Barrow	Retired	

VETERAN FEMALE 5 MILES

Beverley Thomas	Halifax SC	Retired	

SHORT COURSE VETERAN FEMALE 3MILES

Margaret Smith	Grimsby Water Rats	3.31.42

Junior Coniston

This event took place on Sunday 2nd September 2007.

On Saturday night it poured with rain all night and on Sunday morning it looked grim. As the morning went on the rain started to clear. Eleven swimmers applied this year my biggest entry since taking over from Pam Morgan.

It was nice to see swimmers from Jersey attending and some new faces in the field. Preparation went well this year with a new boat, rowing boats were towed up to te start.

10 swimmers were to start as one swimmers did not show. The swim started some ten minutes late but the water was still and the rain had stopped. Andy Wright the BLDSA President started the ace and Chris Suggitt went out into the lead chased by Eve Fellows and to her credit she never let up. Cara Lawson settled into 3rd place and Jonathan Bentley and Alex Lee were never far apart in fact 4th, 5th and 6th and 7th swimmers were only split by fifteen minutes. Chantelle from Jersey was five minutes down at the end and Abigail Morgan with very little training came home in 8th place. Well done to all swimmers. We had two retire and I am sure they will be back.

My thanks go to:- John and Janet ilson for the Fist Aid cover, Pat Llewellyn and Pam Morgan for the timekeeping, The Coniston Boating Centre, Lakeland District Council, Daniel Thomas and the BLDSA boa, The Blue Bird Cafe and all other volunteers.

Special thanks to Jean Wilkin Oxley and Gill Stables who all came in at the last moment to crew for me.

Steve Smith (Junior Coniston Swim Secretary)

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MALE			
Chris Suggitt	Wigan Best	2.10.14	1st
Jonathan Bentley	Halifax S.C.	2.47.28	2nd
Thomas Nerac	Jersey LDSC	Retired	
Mark Slack	Scarborough	DNS	
FEMALE			
Eve Fellows	Wigan Best	2.15.50	1st
Cara Lawson	Sedgefield	2.28.34	2nd
Alex Lee	Scarborough Kingfishers	2.44.13	3rd
Tasmin Powell	Jersey LDSC	2.55.26	4th
Chantelle Le Guilcer	Jersey LDSC	3.00.55	5th
Abigail Morgan	BLDSA	3.16.14	6th
Eleanor Jackson	Wigan Best	Retired	

BLDSA 48th Llyn Tegid – 14th & 15th July 2007

After my major plugging at the Annual dinner entries were up to a record 100 entries!

Once again the Llyn Tegid Championships started on the Friday evening. This year was somewhat different with Daniel & Matthew Thomas's rescue ability being called upon. The request was from the swim secretary to get a residents car at his accommodation out of a ditch. Following this unfortunate delay to the evening's pre-swim meeting, in the White Lion, it commenced a little late, but still developed nicely into the usual pre-swim gathering. However, Simon Lee is going to have to start attending, to pickup tips on how to swim as a Veteran, since he will be one in 2 years time. Mind you the later portion of the report will justify his decision not to attend.

Anyway onto the Saturday, on arrival in the morning at the lake the water level was high up to the top of the jetty (not a record). Well all that rain over the last month had to go somewhere! I was informed by the Park Warden two days before that it was 15.7°C. However, after measurement it was found to be 14.6°C. And just to make sure Llyn Tegid's reputation as a difficult swim was maintained, the wind was present.

So after we set up and took entries for the 1km race, we held the briefing and the first race started, heading off into the brisk wind for the first turning buoy. What a great start to the day, no retirement from the 1km race, which is very encouraging considering the number of swimmers in their first open water swim. Even more impressive were the first two swimmers to finished were within a second of each other. Eve Fellows (Wigan Best) was first in a remarkable time of 13:37. In the 3km race Alice McCall (Wigan Best) finished as first senior lady in 38:13 with fellow team mate Eleanor Jackson first in the junior ladies in 47:08. Heading the gent's races, Chris Suggitt (Wigan Best) won the junior race in 40:14 with Stuart Taylor (Atherton SC) won the senior in 50:04.

In the two-way race 17 gents and 6 ladies started. At this point I would like to thank Steve O'Brien who stepped down from swimming to provide extra canoe support. This turned out to be an excellent decision as the first person to retire was a canoeist. And away the race started virtually on time. As the swimmers moved away from the jetty, officials and spectators discussed the conditions facing the swimmers. The wind was quite strong whipping up 'white horses' on the water and they considered that there would be a few retirements. However, more important considerations were required as the Gazebo blow away! It was retrieved and one of the guy ropes was fastened to the swim secretary's tow bar. Pam Morgan held the other side (see insert). She's so multi-talented is our Pam. But the swim secretary's wife quickly reprimanded him as he appeared to be leaving her to hold it for the rest of the day. The guy rope was then fastened to the front wheel of his car.

As the race developed a procession of swimmers retired. Some of the more experienced retirees who were down to swim the following day, took the view that if they were in a complete mess at the finish they wouldn't be fit to swim the following day. A total of nine swimmers retired (nearly 40%). As the race concluded there were some excellent swims bearing in mind the very poor conditions.

Two experienced swimmers returned to win the gents and ladies races. In excellent times, considering the conditions. They were Simon Lee (Solent SC) and Dee Llewellyn (Halifax SC) in 2:42:32 and 2:48:12 respectively. The only down side to the day was poor Gareth Evans who finished his swim but was extremely cold and tired. After some time and a large group of helpers monitoring him he recovered, to the relief of the concerned helpers patiently waiting.

The Sunday one-way 3mile Championships started from the new venue of Llangower. Most people concluded it was a good location to start the race. Those who camped at Penybont Touring & Camping Park were able to walk to the start, which was only a short distance from Llangower. The conditions were much better on the Sunday with the wind far reduced. Also over night the lake had dropped a foot in height meaning that both the start and finish jetties could be seen.

The swim was a great success with no retirements despite 8 juniors starting. The swimmers swam across the lake and down to the Bala Town end of the lake to finish. First to finish was Simon Lee (Solent SC) in 1:18:02, followed shortly by the first lady, Dee Llewellyn (Halifax SC) in 1:19:04. In the junior race Cara Lawson (Sedgefield 75) won the junior ladies race in 1:25:43, with Jonathon Bentley (Halifax SC) winning the junior gents in 1:25:03. Jack Pearson (Llandovery Drovers) in his first BLDSA Championship won the junior gents breaststroke title in 2:08:22

Once again I must thank Elaine Ludgate (Cheshire President) who came to present to the certificates to Cheshire Swimmers and stayed on all Saturday helping time keeping and looking after retired swimmers. Also, my thanks go to Pat Llewellyn and Sandra for running the swims on Saturday and Sunday. To Carl Walker, who manned the radio and Pam Morgan who entertained us all. I must mention another member of the team, Robert Acton, who is so dependable. He just quietly goes down to the bottom end of the lake and act as turning judge this time on his own in very difficult conditions. Next year I'll plan a surprise for him. Finally I'd like to thank Andy Waters and his Aquatic Rescue Team. They were invaluable this year as they came with a rib which meant that the safety cover was superb.

Now follows a funny story of the Championships, Joe Wilkin-Oxley very wisely informed the swim officials that his swimmers who was on the final approach to the finish was filling a little sick, but was ok to continue. Jon Wilson acting as First Aider asked for the swimmers name. The response confused the official as they had no Eric swimming. With a little thought and scratching of their heads they realised that the swimmer was actually Derek!

Andy Wright
Llyn Tegid Swim Secretary
July 2007

BLDSA Llyn Tegid Championship 2007

1km Novice Race

Place	Swimmers Name	Club	Stroke	Time
1	Eve Fellows	Wigan Best	F/S	13:37
2	Samantha Farrow	Wigan Best	F/S	13:38
3	Ben Cassidy	Everton SA	F/S	15:32
4	Siobahen Murphy	Everton SA	F/S	15:58
5	Jonathon Bentley	Halifax SC	F/S	16:29
6	Charlotte Cain	Wigan Best	F/S	18:01
7	Ciran Bowyer	Harlech & Eryri	F/S	18:09
8	Sam Sedman	Kingfishers	F/S	18:43
9	Derek Booth	Halton SC	F/S	19:23
10	Richard Davies	Mold Masters	F/S	19:43
11	Scott Webster	Kingfishers	F/S	19:57
12	Paul Ward	Craig Fawr Tri	F/S	21:31
13	Jack Pearson	Llandovery Drovers	F/S	21:46
14	John Hughes	Craig Fawr Tri	F/S	21:55
15	Gareth Bowyer	Harlech & Eryri	F/S	22:16
16	Jasmine Bowyer	Harlech & Eryri	F/S	22:17
17	Ian McCall	Wigan Best	F/S	22:41
18	Katie Lennyk	Llandovery Drovers	F/S	23:21
19	Megan Arthur	Llandovery Drovers	F/S	23:52
20	Elizabeth Cope	London	F/S	26:05
21	Mick Cotton	Madeley	F/S	26:57
22	Christian Farrow	Wigan Best	F/S	30:49
23	David Molyneux	Crewe Flyers	F/S	30:52
24	Joshine Holt	Wolverhampton	F/S	34:26
25	Mark Maddox	Yard Dogs	F/S	DNS
26	Charlotte Cassidy	Everton SA	F/S	DNS

BLDSA 3km Race

Place	Swimmers Name	Club	Stroke	Time
Junior Gents				
1	Chris Suggitt	Halifax SC	F/S	40:14
2	Daniel Farrow	Wigan Best	F/S	44:15
3	Marc Slack	Scarborough	F/S	56:14
Senior Gents				
1	Stuart Taylor	Atherton SC	F/S	50:04
2	Dave Reasons	Howe Bridge Marlins	F/S	50:44
3	Andrew Wright	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F/S	51:18
4	Jonathon Pursey	Blackwood	F/S	51:35
5	Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F/S	58:16
6	Mike Jackson	Wigan Best	F/S	62:13
7	Garry Vilmans	City of Bradford	F/S	74:19
8	Ian Davies	Emlyn Flyers	F/S	76:43
9	Nick Robinson	City of Liverpool	F/S	DNS
Junior Ladies				
1	Eleanor Jackson	Wigan Best	F/S	47:08
2	Alex Lee	Kingfishers	F/S	58:05
3	Abigail Morgan	BLDSA	F/S	66:59
4	Nicola Fraser	Stockbridge Pentaqua	F/S	DNS
Senior Ladies				
1	Alice McCall	Wigan Best	F/S	38:13
2	Jennifer Jackson	Wigan Best	F/S	38:23
3	Michaela Richard	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F/S	48:44
4	Nikki Dand	Halton SC	F/S	62:34
5	Sue Marsh	Halton	F/S	62:48
6	Linda Bruce	Gloucester	F/S	70:07
7	Beverley Thomas	Halifax SC	B/S	79:41
8	Margaret Smith	Grimsby Water Rats	B/S	112:14

2 Way (6mile) Race

No	Swimmers Name	Position	Stroke	Time
Senior Gents				
1	Simon Lee	Solent SC	F/S	02:42:37
2	Peter May	Leyland	F/S	02:54:13
3	Christian Wade	Warrington Dolphins	F/S	03:05:07
4	Richard Davidson	Sandwell LDSC	F/S	03:16:47
5	Matthew Hunt	Sandwell LDSC	F/S	03:23:39
6	Steve Brearey	Unattached	F/S	03:44:11
7	Mark Blewitt	South Manchester Surf Club	F/S	03:50:48
8	Peter Midwood	Troutbeck Bridge ASC	F/S	04:10:52
9	Leslie Du Cane	Serpentine SC	B/S	05:22:31
10	Gareth Evans	Bronwydd Dolphins	F/S	05:48:29
11	Kevin Welsh	South Manchester Surf Club	F/S	Retired
12	Joe Smith	Dover	F/S	Retired
13	Gavin Slater	Maidenhead	F/S	Retired
14	Christopher Morris	BLDSA	F/S	Retired
15	Stuart Palmer	South London SC	F/S	Retired
16	Chris Finerty	BLDSA	F/S	Retired
17	Joe Coy	Warrington Dolphins	F/S	Retired
18	Stephen O'Brien	BLDSA	F/S	DNS
Senior Ladies				
1	Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	F/S	02:48:12
2	Liane Llewellyn	Halifax SC	F/S	02:57:56
3	Margy Sullivan	South London SC	F/S	03:39:07
4	Jo Norton-Barker	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F/S	03:47:42
5	Claire Moodie	YEAABA	F/S	Retired
6	Olivia Brown	South London SC	F/S	Retired

1 Way (3mile) Race

No	Swimmers Name	Position	Stroke	Time
Senior Gents				
1	Simon Lee	Solent SC	F/S	1:18:02
2	Francis Kilgannon	Halton SC	F/S	1:29:08
3	Steve Brearey	Unattached	F/S	1:37:38
4	Matthew Jones	Independent	F/S	1:47:26
5	Scott Webster	Kingfishers	F/S	1:54:04
6	Joe Smith	Dover	F/S	1:55:11
7	Joe Coy	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F/S	2:00:23
8	Derek Booth	Halton SC	F/S	2:01:00
9	Dave Casson	Independent	F/S	2:05:24
10	Tom Towey	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	B/S	2:15:42
11	David Bowker	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F/S	2:21:35
12	Colin Baillie	Mersey Tri	F/S	2:34:44
13	Leslie Du Cane (B/S)	Serpentine SC	F/S	2:42:50
	Peter May	Leyland	F/S	DNS
Senior Ladies				
1	Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	F/S	1:19:04
2	Sally Chapman	Barrow LDSC	F/S	1:46:21
3	Jo Norton-Barker	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F/S	1:53:13
4	Vicky Thompson	Barrow LDSC	F/S	1:54:57
5	Janet Wilson	Ilkey SC	F/S	2:54:27
Junior Gents				
1	Jonathon Bentley	Halifax SC	F/S	1:25:03
2	Daniel Farrow	Wigan Best	F/S	1:31:09
3	Marc Slack	Scarborough SC	F/S	1:37:16
4	Sam Sedman	Kingfishers	F/S	1:47:07
5	Jack Pearson (B/S)	Llandovery Drovers	B/S	2:08:22
Junior Ladies				
1	Cara Lawson	Sedgefield 75	F/S	1:25:43
2	Alex Lee	Kingfishers	F/S	1:42:09
3	Abigail Morgan	Bridlington SC	F/S	2:02:33
4	Megan Arthur	Llandovery Drovers	F/S	DNS

2-way Windermere

11th – 12th AUGUST 2007

Following a boat crew and swimmers briefing the Championships 'staggered start' began at just after 4.15pm from Waterhead, with Vicki Thompson and Leslie Du Cane. After an earlier downpour the weather was fairly clear and dry. The Lake was calm with a little breeze. The water temperature was higher than it looked! The new BLDSA boat, on its maiden voyage, set off to escort the swimmers. A small crowd of onlookers had gathered. Several of the swimmers and crews for the later starts had also arrived. Swimsafe was also launched, and the Gazebo and banner erected on the lake shore.

The second of the staggered starts was just after 7.15pm, with Maureen McCoy, Alan Turk, Robert Hodgson and Derek (Dez) Griffiths. Swimsafe was in attendance with Viv a little wooden motor boat. The last start was just before 9.15pm with Dee Llewellyn, Liane Llewellyn, Nuala Muir-Cochrane, Andrew Allum and David Cech. They were escorted by Geordie Dream. Throughout the race Boomerang was also in attendance.

Having set all 11 swimmers off, the turn buoy needed to be set in place at Fellfoot. By this time darkness had fallen and it had started to rain heavily. Nevertheless visibility on the lake was good with lights and the turn judge canoeists were able to prepare themselves to wait for everyone to come round.

Boomerang, the 3 RIBs and Viv were patrolling the lake and the rain had turned to drizzle by midnight. The first two retirements were Dez and Andrew, who returned to Waterhead. The remaining swimmers all made it to Fellfoot. The rain continued to change between heavy showers and drizzle throughout the rest of the night but the lake was flat calm until sunrise. There was very little moon and the raincloud made it a particularly dark night. The air temperature dropped just after midnight but the water temperature was 16 degrees on average throughout the lake.

In the early hours we had three more retirements, Alan at the turn, and Vicki and Leslie adding a few more miles before deciding to leave it for another year. Maureen retired at the ferry. The wooden boat Viv went in search of the first swimmers before dawn, and appeared, in choppy water, leading David Cech (on his first attempt) to a Record Breaking Finish. David walked from the water unaided, with a broad smile. His time reduced the men's record by over an hour and was over 3 minutes faster than the ladies record. Just over an hour later the first lady came in sight and Dee Llewellyn finished, completing her 4th two way.

Less than an hour later Nuala and Liane were close to the finish Nuala came in 3rd (on her first attempt) through a squally choppy water and Liane finished close behind on this her 2nd two way.

Finally Robert appeared and swam steadily to the finish, completing his first attempt in a few seconds less than 15 hours.

Special mention to all the crews, who ended up as wet as the swimmers.

Presentation of certificates and trophies were made by BLDSA President Andrew Wright.

Thanks to Fellfoot National Trust, Windermere Lake Cruises, and Windermere Lake Wardens, and to everyone who helped with the championship including

Janet Wilson and Peter Midwood who acted as canoe guides and were turn judges at Fellfoot, and David Foster who, as boat steward, checked the rowing boats and crews.

Carl Walker who controlled the BLDSA safety boats, crewed by Matthew Thomas and Dan Thomas, Andrew Wright and Bev Thomas, and Sandra Wright and David Foster, who were also shore helpers at Waterhead.

Jacky Classen and Vince Woodhead who were aboard Geordie Dream, Chris and

Norma Green on Boomerang.

Dave Cleghorn and Andy Birkett who divided their time between crewing Viv, and the shore at Waterhead with Jim Anderson.

Next TwoWay Windermere 2009 (Loch Lomond 2008)

Gill Stables (Two Way Windermere Secretary)

Results

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
	MALE		
David Cech	Unbr/Brno	8.44.01	1st (New Record)
Robert Hodgson	Troutbeck Bridge	14.59.39	2nd
Derek Griffiths	Furness Fins	Retired	
Andrew Allum	Wycombe District SC	Retired	
Alan Turk	Bromsgrove	Retired	
Leslie Du Cane	Serpentine	Retired	
	FEMALE		
Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	09.59.07	1st
Nuala Muir Cochrane	London	10.38.09	2nd
Liane Llewellyn	Halifax SC	10.50.34	3rd
Maureen McCoy	Hillsborough Co Down	Retired	
Vicky Thompson	Barrow LDSC	Retired	

Wykeham Lake

This event was held at Wykeham Lakes in Scarborough on Sunday 10th June 2007.
It was a beautiful sunny day allowing a 100% completion rate and enticing many swimmers to take to the water for the 1km event in the afternoon.
The event began with the senior and junior 2-mile swim, consisting of three circuits of the lake in a triangular course.
In the junior boys event Daniel Farrow (Wigan Best) stormed home first in a time of 44mins 06secs. Jack Stevenson (Nova Centurion) took second place in 44mins 48secs and Ian Stapleton from City of Bradford finished third in a time of 46mins 40secs.
In the junior girls event Samantha Farrow (Daniel's younger sister) took the title in a fantastic time of 47mins 12secs. In second place was local swimmer Cara Lawson in a time of 50mins 12secs and in third place was another local swimmer Alex Lee from Scarborough Kingfishers club in 58mins 19secs. Hayley Ackroyd from Stocksbridge Pentaqua won the junior breastroke title and Sam Sedman from Scarborough Kingfishers was awarded the trophy for the best first attempt, well done Girls and Boys- great swimming!
In the senior competition the event was won by our very own BLDSA president Andy Wright in a time of 54mins 12secs who finished first in the mens competition and very narrowly beat the ladies winner. Second place in the mens event was taken by Kevin Saunders from Warrington Dolphins in 58 mins 05 secs and third place went to John Barry from Letchworth in a respectable time of 58 mins 39 secs. In the senior ladies event first place went to event organizer Liane Llewellyn in 54mins 31secs. Louise Hansard from Newark came second in 1hr 03mins 03secs and Vicky Thompson of Barrow came third in 1hr 13mins 45secs. Nick White from Blackpool once again retained the Senior Breaststroke title in a time of 1 hour 9mins 44 secs
The team trophies were this year awarded to the family team of Daniel and Samantha Farrow from Wigan Best in the junior section and the combined team of Andy Wright, Kevin Saunders and Joe Coy from Warrington Dolphins in the senior event.

The second event of the day was the 1000 metre swim, consisting of one lap of the lake. This year 24 swimmers took part in this event and all completed the event. The overall winners were Samantha and Daniel Farrow respectively in the female and male categories with their mother also enjoying the family fun and finishing a credible 14th place in the female section, well done Christine (I wonder what they eat in Wigan- can anyone find out their secret?)

I would like to express my thanks to:
Sue Stroud and Wykeham Watersports for the use of the lake
John Wilson for starting the race and providing first aid cover.
Daniel and Matthew Thomas for providing safety cover on the BLDSA boat
All my officials Matthew Thomas (Referee), My dad, Graham Smith and Chris Rhodes (My timekeepers who did a fantastic job- you are superstars!). My better half Chris Hickling for acting as safety officer and putting up with me. Not forgetting my mum for putting together the programme, taking entries on the day, providing the hot dogs and generally multi- tasking as only a lady can do! .
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)

Results

JUNIOR 2 MILES

NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MALE					
Daniel Farrow	15	F/S	Wigan Best	44.06	1st
Jack Stevenson	14	F/S	Nova Centurion	44.48	2nd
Ian Stapleton	14	F/S	City of Bradford	46.40	3rd
Jamie Scott	14	F/S	Nova Centurion	48.49	4th
Jonathan Bentley	14	F/S	Halifax S.C.	53.17	5th
Sam Sedman	13	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1. 01.10	6th (Best 1st Attempt)
Lewis Sharp	15	F/S	City of Bradford	DNF	
FEMALE					
Samantha Farrow	14	F/S	Wigan Best	47.12	1st
Cara Lawson	15	F/S	Sedgefield 75	50.12	2nd
Alex Lee	14	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	58.19	3rd
Hayley Ackroyd	14	Bst	Stocksbridge Pentaqua	1. 04.48	4th
Abigail Morgan	14	F/S	Bridlington S.C.	1.08.37.	5th

SENIOR 2 MILES

NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MALE					
Andy Wright	50	F/S	Warrington Dolphins	54.12	1st
Kevin Saunders	45	F/S	Warrington Dolphins	58.05	2nd
John Barry	68	F/S	Letchworth	58.39	3rd
Scott Webster	18	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1. 06.04	4th
Henry Lowther	48	F/S	BLDSA	1. 06.48	5th
Joe Coy	47	F/S	Warrington Dolphins	1.07.48	6th

Nick White	34	Bst	Blackpool	1.09.44	7th (1st Breaststroke)
Paul Taylor	61	F/S	Harrogate	1.12.37	8th
Gary Vilmans	27	Bst	City of Bradford	1.13.44	9th
Craig Davies	45	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.13.45	10th
Alex Anderson	57	F/S	Barrow LDSC	1.15.12	11th
Paul Tew	48	F/S	Cockermouth	1.15.44	12th
			FEMALE		
Liane Llewellyn	25	F/S	Halifax S.C.	54.31	1st
Louise Hansard	38	F/S	Newark	1.03.30	2nd
Vicky Thompson	38	F/S	Barrow LDSC	1.13.45	3rd
Amanda Taylor	60	F/S	Harrogate	1.18.32	4th
Beverley Thomas	50	Bst	Halifax S.C.	1.1.18.40	5th
Rebecca Patrick	18	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.20.06	6th
Julie Dimaline	44	Bst	Hull Masters	1.1.21.17	7th
Janet Wilson	54	F/S	Leeds Phoenix lifeguards	1.41.50	8th
Margaret Smith	62	F/S	Grimsby Water Rats	2.04.17	9th

1000 METERS

NAME	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
		FEMALE		
Samantha Farrow	F/S	Wigan Best	14.58	1st
Hayley Ackroyd	F/S	Stocksbridge Pentaqua	16.20	2nd
Laura Bagley	F/S	Barrow LDSC	16.37	3rd
Alex Lee	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	19.06	4th

Rebecca Lawty	F/S		19.09	5th
Abigail Morgan	F/S	Bridlington S.C.	22.32	6th
Sarah Miles	F/S		23.16	7th
Erin Thompson	F/S	Barrow	23.17	8th
Beverley Thomas	F/S	Halifax S.C.	24.08	9th
Vicky Thompson	F/S	Barrow LDSC	25.15	10th
Lexi Morgan	F/S	Bridlington	25.30	11th
Lucy Eade	F/S		25.41	12th
Jean Wilkin Oxley	F/S	BLDSA	30.15	13th
Christina Farrow	F/S		30.52	14th
Natalie Keech	F/S		38.16	15th
Kate Tyson	F/S		38.19	16th
		MALE		
Daniel Farrow	F/S	Wigan Best	13.44	1st
Jamie Scott	F/S	Nova Centurion	14.35	2nd
Nick White	F/S	Blackpool	18.58	3rd
Sam Sedman	F/S	Scarborough Kingfishers	19.27	4th
David Morgan	F/S		19.30	5th
Alex Anderson	F/S	Barrow LDSC	23.53	6th
Robert Oryll	F/S		24.10	7th
Paul Eade	F/S		25.42	8th

Golden Jubilee 2-way Windermere Relay – 7th July 2007

What a day! One may question what the objective of the relay was. Was it to take part in a swim up Windermere? Was it to spend a day moving up and down Windermere? Or was it to test yourself in problem solving?

For most people the day started early, very, very early around 4am, some of the gathered group looked somewhat shocked; others confused. The thoughts going through their heads were probably 'what on earth am I doing here', standing in front of a lake about to start on an adventure and probably unsure how it all was going to work out. Well, believe me, my thoughts were; 'I hope this all works out and goes ok' so I included in the briefing the comment that if I started shouting and swearing, I apologies in advance.

After the briefing at 5:30am we managed to get crews in boats, swimmers into the water and away went all 11 teams at 6:24am. Fabulous, the swim was away after weeks of planning, calculating, 100's of emails and calls; we were only 24 minutes late in starting.

By Brockhole it was clear that Barry Westaway's plans for an Exmouth 1st home were going to be tested as the Wigan youngsters came in 5 minutes ahead. However, the experienced older generation, i.e. the rest of the teams, knew that Windermere can and often does throw a 'little' surprise for you. So the oldies knew if the wind picks up, then that will stop these youngsters. Well, Windermere did deliver its usual surprise and the wind picked up and up (white horses were seen) and the rain came down and then the sun came out and then it rained again and some more wind, but those youngsters just kept on going and stretching there lead. This was a true remarkable swim, finishing in the unbelievable time of 8:39:09. Remember this course was as straight as a dog's leg with rickets being well over 11 miles long.

Now that we have recorded that world class performance, the real race (for the oldies) was clearly won by Exmouth Lifeguard's well planned class act, which finished an hour ahead of the next nearest team. Warrington Dolphins just couldn't match Exmouth's act so concentrated on racing each other. I heard a report of fowl play where the Gents took the lead after a leg pulling incident to aid the over taking move. I am an impartial gent's member of that club I couldn't be seen to interfere in this battle of the sexes, so ignored the Dolphins ladies comments.

Barrow also fielded two teams and although Barrow 1 clearly finished over 2 hours in front of Barrow 2 it must be recorded that it was Barrow 2 team that finished ahead. This was possible as Barrow 1 team had a swimmers retire on leg 4, so the relay continued on leg 5 for time only. The Barmy Breaststrokers were not the last team home despite everyone's initial predictions. They finished just prior to the presentation. Apparently the swim secretary hadn't taken account of the high water level and positioned the turning buoy in the fast flowing river. As a result they found it difficult to swim back into the lake.

Martin Cullen managed two teams from Ireland, one from Cork and the other from Dublin. Apparently it was quite a laugh it the two Irish boats, which had two excellent rowers in them. Peter May, in the Cork boat, told me that he was never shore who was going to swim next. He believed there was a strange sort of decision making process occurring just prior to every changeover, which he couldn't work out. Never the less the team swam very strongly to the end. I was a little confused at Brockhole on the return leg when the Dublin swimmers and boat passed by the buoy and didn't stop; apparently it was something to do with the North Channel.

The Yorkshire team was made up of a very experienced collection of swimmers. Paul and Amanda Taylor considered it important (bearing mind their considerable veteran experience) that they guide a couple of youngsters in their team and good advice was transferred. As a result I am pleased to report these youngsters made it to the finish and I believe Dee and Liane Llewellyn have benefited from their advice. On a much more serious point the team swam for Charity raising money for those suffering from the recent Yorkshire floods.

The local team of Troutbeck entered without two of their experienced swimmers who were helping organising. They proceeded steadily down Windermere but the conditions between the Ferry and Beech Hill, caused one of their swimmers to tire and shortly before Beech Hill was forced to get out. The rowers continued to Beech Hill where the next swimmer got in to allow the team to continue. Unfortunately at the turn the team retired.

Some funny incidents of note during the event, now follow. The race referee called that his boat had broken down. As he couldn't get any signal he called Sandra and she then started relaying messages between him and Shepard's (Boat repairs at Bowness) to come out and repair it. The question of was it an Emergency? What's the name of the boat? No not the name, the make of boat, were heard being discussed. A short time later the Warden sped past and towed Chris back to Bowness. However, the race referee wasn't gone for long within an hour he was back on station in a different boat. The detail behind this won't be discussed here!!!

Due to the transporting duties and movements of all the boats a considerable quantity of fuel was used. So the swim secretary had also to coordinate the purchase delivery and collection of fuel. Apparently the local petrol station owner was concerned by 3 ladies (Pat, Sandra and Becki) arriving several times at this station and buoying large quantities of fuel and all the petrol cans they had. So concerned was he that he considered reporting them as a potential bomb making group!!!

At Beech Hill on Wigan's return leg the boat crew inspired by the cheers continued rowing hard (didn't want to loose their pace). They pulled hard after a lighting change over and prompted rowed between a moored boat and the jetty, much to the laughter of the watching crowd.

I now go back to the initial question of what the purpose of the event was? Some say it was to celebrate the Associations Golden Jubilee other now question that. There are a few who believe that it was something to do with clothes. Apparently many swimmers that includes most of the Exmouth team were wearing everyone else clothes. Graham Padgett from Warrington Dolphins was even partially cross dressing. The problem appears to be that their clothes just couldn't keep pace with them. At one point late in the event the swim secretary was receiving swimmers transported by Chris Green from Base Rock who only had a borrow towel around them. The swim secretary was glad to help them but after helping Simon Lee and Dee Llewellyn he was worried that if any more arrived he wondered whether he would have any left on himself.

In concluding this report I must firstly thank all the swimmers, their boat crews and team managers for their co-operation and the way they just accepted that the organisation team would sort out any problems out that may happen. Secondly and most importantly I must thank all those helpers (all 23 of them) who agreed to help the association out, some at exceedingly short notice. Thanks also to the swim committee for their input into sorting out the basics which allowed the swim to develop.

So when we next celebrate a major milestone like 75 years or 100years, this record of the event will hopefully inspire members on, to plan something memorable. I thought the day went well no accident or incidents, maybe a few cold bodies, what a great success.

Andy Wright
Swim Secretary

BLDSA Golden Jubilee 2-Way Windermere Relay - 7th July 2007

No	Start time 6:24am Team	Changeover Times												Position
		1 Brochhole	2 Bass Rock	3 Ferry	4 Beech Hill	5 YMCA	6 Fell Foot	7 YMCA	8 Beech Hill	9 Ferry	10 Bass Rock	11 Brockhole	12 Ambleside	
5	Wigan Best	36:51	1:11:00	1:49:00	2:46:56	3:39:00	4:19:28	5:03:00	5:42:28	6:46:00	7:26:20		8:39:09	1
1	Exmouth Lifeguards	42:17	1:21:00	2:05:00	3:08:00	4:00:00	4:48:28	5:38:00	6:22:43	7:31:00	8:18:27		9:35:57	2
4	Warrington Dolphins Gents	43:53	1:32:00	2:13:00	3:23:12	4:32:00	5:21:28	6:16:00	7:11:42	8:21:00	9:13:45		10:44:19	3
3	Warrington Dolphins Ladies	51:48	1:30:00	2:19:00	3:29:27	4:36:00	5:39:28	6:41:00	7:25:25	8:48:00	9:41:30		11:29:41	4
8	Ireland - Dublin	55:27	1:34:15	2:35:00	3:47:05	4:51:00	5:52:28	6:51:00		8:41:00	9:41:30		11:51:10	5
9	Barrow 1	49:42	1:40:00	2:21:00	3:51:52	4:56:00	6:02:28	7:18:00	8:31:50	9:42:00	10:43:00		12:23:29	6
7	Ireland - Cork	58:10	1:34:00	2:44:00		5:26:00	6:39:28	7:44:00	8:45:00	9:52:00	10:46:18		12:45:27	7
6	Yorkshire Waders	58:37	2:00:00	2:46:00	3:55:47	5:14:00	6:34:28	7:51:00	8:00:15	10:16:00	11:06:10		13:19:16	8
2	Barmy Breaststrokers	1:07:17	1:54:20	3:01:00	3:47:05	5:42:00	6:47:28	8:18:00	9:11:30	10:49:00	11:53:50		13:49:56	9
10	Barrow 2	1:02:15	1:51:31	2:56:00	4:46:44	6:04:00	7:16:28	8:34:00	9:37:00	11:18:00	12:41:00		14:33:28	10
11	Troutbeck	1:01:01	1:59:00	2:51:00	4:39:36	6:09:00	7:24:28	Retired	Retired	Retired	Retired	Retired	Retired	Retired
12														
13														
14														

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Rivington Reservoir Championships

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

On Saturday the 23rd June the 8th Annual BLDSA Rivington Reservoir Championships took place. It was an overcast day but reasonably warm with little wind - ideal conditions for swimming. The Warrington Dolphins team was well represented at these championships as was the Wigan BEST team who took a clean sweep of the Junior titles and gainned victories in the Ladies 1km, Senior Ladies 2 mile and Senior Ladies 4 mile categories.

In the morning we held the 4 mile event which this year attracted 39 entries. In the ladies race Jennifer Jackson (Wigan Best), in her first senior year, put in a storming performance to lead the race from the start. Just 1 and a half minutes behind her came Adam Harvey (Scarborough) with Rebecca Lewis (Barrow) 2 and a half minutes behind him and Wayne Stott (Nottingham Leander) just 5 seconds behind Rebecca. Andy Wright (Warrington Dolphins) was the first veteran 4 mile swimmer to complete the course. Nick Hunt (Chelmsford) won the breaststroke award in 2hrs 17mins 24secs.

At lunch time the Novice event got underway with 54 entries many on the day and quite a few from the local area. Emma Godwin (Wigan Best) took 1st place in the ladies event in 13mins 42secs closely followed by team mate Eve Fellows in 13mins 50secs. Kerry Anne Gough (Prescot S.C.) was 3rd in a time of 14mins 51secs. Simon Williams (Warrington) won the men's event in a time of 14mins 53secs, just beating team mate Richard Walsh by 1 second, 3rd place went to Jonathan Bentley (Halifax) in a time of 15mins 20secs. It is always nice to see so many new swimmers completing their first open water swim in this event, I hope to see some of you progress to greater distances and taking part in other events throughout the season.

In the 2 mile event which followed in the afternoon it was nice to see some of last years novices taking part in their first 2 mile event. Once again Alice McCall (Wigan Best) was in fine form to take the Junior Ladies title and lead the field of Juniors, Seniors and Veterans home in a time of 42mins 57secs. Team mate Eleanor Jackson followed her home to take 2nd places in 48mins 06secs with Nicola Fraser (Stocksbridge Pentaqua) 3rd in 50mins 37secs. Chris Suggitt (Wigan Best) took the Junior Gents title in 43mins 43secs closely followed by team mate Daniel Farrow in 43mins 53secs and Ian Stapleton (City of Bradford) 3rd in 50mins 26secs. Hayley Ackroyd (Stocksbridge Pentaqua) won the Junior Breaststroke trophy in 1hr 10mins 34secs.

In the Senior Ladies category Rebecca Lewis (Barrow) took 1st place in a time of 47mins 03secs with team mate Laura Bagley 2nd in 53mins 24secs and Liane Llewellyn (Halifax) 3rd in a time of 59mins 19secs. In the senior gents category Simon Lee put in a good swim to take 1st place in 51mins 56secs with Stuart Taylor (Atherton) 2nd in 55mins 19secs and Christian Wade (Warrington Dolphins) 3rd in

1hr 07mins 08secs. Nick Hunt (Chelmsford) won the senior breaststroke award in 1hr 08mins 52secs.

In the Veterans category Sally Chapman (Barrow) took the ladies title in 1hr 01min 33secs with, backstroker, Anna Barker (Warrington Dolphins) coming 2nd in 1hr 09mins 33secs and Amanda Taylor (Harrogate) taking 3rd place in 1hr 26mins 57secs. It was nice to see newcomer Frank Kilgannon (Halton) taking the gents title in 59mins 02secs with, last years champion, Dave Reason (Howebridge Marlins) 2nd in 59mins 54secs and David Cleghorn (Barrow) 3rd in 1hr 05mins 23secs.

I would like to thank United Utilities for granting us permission to use the reservoir, the Anderton Cente for the use of their facilities and George and Keith with the Anderton Centre Rescue boat for their help on the day and in setting up the course. I would also like to thank Bolton Canoe Club, Terri Davey, Joe Wilkin-Oxley and BLDSA committee members who acted as canoeists; Daniel and Matthew Thomas with the BLDSA Safety Boat; Chris Hickling for acting as Championship Safety Officer and the St John Ambulance representatives. Without this safety cover we would not be able to run events.

Many thanks to the referees: Janet Wilson and Chris Green and the timekeepers: Gwyn Llewellyn, Jill Massey and Norma Green (finishing judge). I would also like to thank Pat Llewellyn for taking the 1km entries; Natalie Keech who sold the raffle tickets; Pam Morgan for selling BLDSA merchandise; Liane Llewellyn, Andy Wright, Jill Massey and Simon Lee for helping with the presentation and certificates. A big thank you also to the catering team of Pat Llewellyn, Norma Green, Jean Wilkin-Oxley and Natalie Keech for putting on the delicious buffet.

Reporter: Miss Dee Llewellyn (BLDSA Rivington Reservoir Swim Secretary

Results

SENIOR 4 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FEMALE						
Jennifer	Jackson	16	F/s	Wigan Best	01:28:47	1st
Rebecca	Lewis	23	F/s	Barrow LDSC	01:32:36	2nd
Dee	Llewellyn	29	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:49:28	3rd
Susan	Gill	30	F/s	Colwick LDSC	01:50:43	4th
Amy	Mellor	27	F/s	Corby	01:51:10	5th
Teresa	Page	28	F/s	Nottingham Leander	01:52:03	6th
Michaela	Richard	40	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:53:00	7th
Liane	Llewellyn	25	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:57:51	8th
Louise	Hansard	38	F/S	Newark S.C.	02:16:43	9th
Vicki	Thompson	38	F/s	Barrow LDSC	02.38:58	10th
Michelle	Sharples	39	F/s	Bolton	02:42:46	11th
Beverley	Thomas	50	Bst	Halifax S.C.	03:02:50	12th
Daphne	Ingham	54	F/s	BLDSA	03:43:03	13th
Sarah	Roberts	18	F/s	Scarborough S.C.	DNF	
Rebecca	Patrick	18	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	DNF	
MALE						
Adam	Harvey	23	F/s	Scarborough S.C.	01:30:13	1st
Wayne	Stott	36	F/s	Nottingham Leander	01:32:41	2nd
Simon	Lee	42	F/s	Solent S.C.	01:41:29	3rd
Enrique	Flores	44	F/s	Manchester Masters	01:41:39	4th
Christian	Wade	34	F/s	Warlmngton Dolphins	01:51:26	5th
Chris	Shepherd	38	F/s	Nottingham Leander	01:51:49	6th
Andy	Wright	50	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:03:17	7th(1st Veteran)
Matthew	Hunt	26	F/s	Sandwell S.C.	02:04:46	8th
Kevin	Saunders	45	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:12:35	9th
Chris	Green	57	F/s	Barrow LDSC	02:17:05	10th
Nick	Hunt	51	Bst	Chelmsford	02:17:24	11th
Mark	Blewitt	40	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:18:42	12th
Peter	Hawksworth	50	F/s	Clwick Parl LDSC	02:24:27	13th
Henry	Lowther	48	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:28:36	14th
Joe	Coy	47	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	02:31:54	15th
Start	Mills	36	F/s	Rowley Regis	02:43:53	16th
Gareth	Evans	53	F/s	Bronwyth Dolphins	02:44:21	17th
Nick	White	34	B/st	Blackpool	02:46:54	18th
Alexander	Anderson	57	F/s	Barrow LDSC	02:49:33	19th
Chris	Finnerty	44	F/S	BLDSA	02:50:14	20th
Leslie	Du Cane	53	Bst	Serpentine	02:56:20	21st
David	Bowker	50	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	03:10:04	22nd
Mick	Gallagher	62	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	03:53:51	23rd
Nick	Robinson	30	F/s	City of Liverpool	Withdrew	

1000 METRES

NAME		STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
			FEMALE		
Emma	Godwin	F/s	Wigan BEST	00:13:42	1st
Eve	Fellows	F/s	Wigan BEST	00:13:50	2nd
Kerry Anne	Gough	F/s	Prescot SC	00:14:51	3rd
Jessica	Bolton	F/s	Howe Bridge Aces	00:16:46	4th
Beth	Sloan	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	00:16:51	5th
Kate	Sanders	F/s	Prescot SC	00:16:52	6th
Jill	Jackson	F/s	Howe Bridge Marlins	00:17:00	7th
Sarah	Towey	F/s	ST Helens	00:19:17	8th
Jenifer	Carter	F/s	Warrington	00:19:29	9th
Kate	Parkinson	F/s	ST Helens	00:19:42	10th
Aimee	Hawkes	F/s	ST Helens	00:19:42	11th
Catherine	Jones	F/s	Bolton Metro Tri Club	00:19:51	12th
Erin	Thompson	F/s	Barrow	00:21:50	13th
Sheila	Carter	F/s	Bolton Tri	00:21:54	14th
Amy	Hopley	F/s	Withnell ASC	00:24:19	15th
Liz	Hopley	F/s	Withnell ASC	00:24:22	16th
Susan	Kilgannon	F/s	Halton SC	00:24:26	17th
Donna	Hunt	F/s	Halton SC	00:24:32	18th
Joanne	Carter	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:25:55	19th
Judith	Wheeler	F/s	Preston	00:25:59	20th
Ella	Carter	F/s	Bolton Tri	00:27:49	21st
Christina	Farrow	F/s	Wigan	00:28:25	22nd
Natalie	Keech	F/s	Scarborough	00:29:21	23rd
Eileen	Sharman	F/s	Bolton Tri	00:29:53	24th
Tracy	Colgan	F/s	Bolton	00:33:43	25th
Fiona	Jones	F/s	Bolton Tri	DNF	
Abigail	Morgan	F/s	Bridlington	DNS	
			MALE		
Simon	Williams	F/s	Warrington	00:14:53	1st
Richard	Walsh	F/s	Warrington	00:14:54	2nd

Jonathan	Bentley	F/s	Halifax SC	00:15:20	3rd
Christian	Wade	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:17:44	4th
Luke	Francis	F/s	Ossett	00:18:43	5th
Ian	Bury	F/S	Bolton Tri	00:18:44	6th
Tony	Shepherd	F/s	Wakefield Tri	00:19:23	7th
Peter	Midwood	F/s	Troutbeck Bridge	00:20:16	8th
Christopher	Gorse	F/s	Leeds	00:20:20	9th
Andrew	Carter	F/s	Warrington	00:20:25	10th
Chris	Carter	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:20:26	11th
Simon	Robinson	F/s	Stockport	00:20:55	12th
Ian	Hodkinson	F/s	Bolton Tri	00:21:07	13th
David	Huitson	F/s	Barrow	00:22:16	14th
Robert	Orgill	F/s	Newark	00:22:19	15th
Tom	Towey	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	00:22:39	16th
Ian	McCall	F/S	Wigan	00:22:47	17th
Neil	Sloan	F/S	Howe Bridge Marlins	00:23:04	18th
Stuart	Ainsworth	F/S	Warrington Dolphins	00:25:09	19th
Jonathan	Morley	F/S	Howebridge Marlins	00:25:52	20th
Brian	Higgins	F/S	Halton	00:27:22	21st
Stuart	Carter	F/S	Bolton Metro	00:27:51	22nd
Patrick	Robinson	F/S	Saracens	00:29:38	23rd
Michael	Wood	F/S	Wigan	00:32:30	24th
Stephen	Jones	F/S	Bolton Tri	00:34:09	25th
Neil	Wilson	F/s	Burnley	00:42:35	26th
Christophert	Jones	F/S	Prescott	Retired	
Liam	Thompson	F/S	Saltburn	Retired	
Michael	Callaghan	F/S	Warrington	DNS	

JUNIOR 2 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
				FEMALE		
Alice	McCall	14	F/s	Wigan BEST	00:42:57	1st
Eleanor	Jackson	14	F/s	Wigan BEST	00:48:06	2nd

Nicola	Fraser	14	F/s	Stocksbridge Pentaqua	00:50:37	3rd
Cara	Lawson	15	F/s	Sedgefield 75	00:53:13	4th
Siobhan	Murphy	15	F/s	Everton S.C.	00:58:51	5th
Hayley	Ackroyd	14	Bst	Stocksbridge Pentaqua	01:10:34	6th (1st Breaststroke)
Samantha	Farrow	14	F/s	Wigan Best	Retired	
Abigail	Morgan	14	F/s	Bridlington	D.N.S.	
				MALE		
Chris	Suggitt	13	F/s	Wigan Best	00:43:43	1st
Daniel	Farrow	15	F/s	Wigan Best	00:43:53	2nd
Ian	Stapleton	14	F/s	City of Bradford	00:50:26	3rd
Jamie	Scott	14	F/s	Newark	00:52:22	4th
Ben	Cassidy	14	F/s	Liverpool	00:53:29	5th
Jonathan	Bentley	14	F/s	Halifax S.C.	01:00:17	6th
Lewis	Sharp	15	F/s	City of Bradford	DNS	
Marc	Slack	15	F/s	Scarborough S.C.	DNS	

SENIOR 2 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
				FEMALE		
Rebecca	Lewis	23	F/s	Barrow L.D.S.C.	00:47:03	1st
Laura	Bagley	19	F/s	Barrow LDSC	00:53:24	2nd
Liane	Llewellyn	25	F/s	Halifax S.C.	00:59:19	3rd
Michaela	Richard	40	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:00:58	4th
Niki	Dand	37	F/s	Halton S.C.	01:04:43	5th
Louise	Hansard	38	F/s	Newark S.C.	01:13:44	6th
Irene	Meikle	44	Bst	Barrow LDSC	01:14:26	7th
Vicki	Thompson	38	F/s	Barrow LDSC	01:22.32	8th
				MALE		
Simon	Lee	42	F/s	Solent S.C.	00:51:56	1st
Stuart	Taylor	32	F/s	Atherton S.C.	00:55:19	2nd
Christian	Wade	34	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:07:08	3rd
Alex	Elliot	33	F/s	Lancaster	01:09:45	4th
Scott	Webster	18	F/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	01:10:26	5th
Mike	Jackson	44	F/s	Wigan Best	01:12:01	6th
Brendan	Warriner	35	F/s	Barrow LDSC	01:18:33	7th
Robert	Hindle	37	F/s	BLDSA	01:18:59	8th
Garry	Vilmans	27	F/s	City of Bradford	01:20:37	9th

Mark	Blewitt	40	Bst	Warrington Dolphins	01:23:01	10th
Nick	White	34	Bst	Blackpool	01:26:03	11th
Adam	Harvey	23	F/s	Scarborough	Withdrew	
Chris	Rhodes	22	Bst	Kirkham& Wesham	DNF	

VETERAN 2 MILES

NAME		AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
				FEMALE		
Sally	Chapman	45	F/s	Barrow LDSC	01:01:33	1st
Anna	Barker	51	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:09:33	2nd
Amanda	Taylor	60	F/s	Harrogate	01:26:57	3rd
Greta	Gall	64	F/s	YeAABA	01:29:30	4th
Janet	Wilson	54	F/s	Otley	01:46:43	5th
Margaret	Smith	62	Bst	Grimsby Water Rats	D.N.S	
				MALE		
Frank	Kilgannon	52	F/s	Halton	00:59:02	1st
David	Reason	62	F/s	Howebridge Marlins	00:59:54	2nd
David	Cleghorn	46	F/s	Barrow LDSC	01:05:23	3rd
Andy	Wright	50	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:05:36	4th
Derek	Booth	57	F/s	Halton S.C.	01:06:00	5th
Andrew	Sedgewick	46	F/s	Lancaster	01:08:23	6th
Nick	Hunt	51	Bst	Chelmsford	01:08:52	7th (1st Breaststroke)
Kevin	Saunders	45	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:11:04	8th
Colin	Benn	53	F/s	Peterborough	01:14:41	9th
Henry	Lowther	48	F/s	BLDSA	01:10:08	10th
Paul	Taylor	61	F/s	Harrogate	01:20:02	11th
Paul	Tew	48	F/s	Cockermouth	01:20:28	12th
Brian	Hey	68	F/s	Marlborough Penguins	01:27:40	13th
Joe	Coy	47	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	01:28:02	14th
Leslie	DuCane	53	Bst	Serpentine	01:33:12	15th
Stuart	Ainsworth	67	F/s	Warrington Dolphins	Withdrew	

Lynn Regis

This event was held on Saturday 22nd September 2007

It was a lovely sunny day with water temperature at 61 degrees. There was no Omar Hussain this year as he has now retired from the sport so there was to be a new name on the trophy this year.

The novices started the proceedings off with a 1km swim. Thanks to Lee Portingale for bringing young Alan Chivers down and introducing him to the cold water Well Done Lee. All six swimmers finished the course Well done!

The main race started some ten minutes later. This included a Junior 1.5km race. Chris Suggitt raced into the lead just as he did at Junior Coniston but this time hot on his heels was Jack Stevenson, breathing down his neck all the way so there was no let up. Jamie Scott came in a great 3rd place. The Junior Girls race was a close run thing with Nicola Fraser just out running Cara Lawson who gave it her all to take a great 2nd place with Rebecca Christian Drace placed a good 3rd. Hayley Ackroyd was 4th Junior female but with a very quick breaststroke time Well Done.

The Senior race saw some new faces this year as did the Juniors. Chris Eynon on the back of a good 1st place at Windermere went straight into the lead and never lost it, he finished with a time similar to Omars so that would have been a battle. Simon Lee showed what a gutsy swimmer he is by just out sprinting Dee the ladies winner. But the swim of the day in my eyes was John Barry at the age of sixty nine taking 3rd place and the oldest swimmer to finish trophies plus the 1st veteran award so a bag full John Well done.In the ladies race Amy Mellor 2nd and Katie Hope 3rd could start to challenge Dee at next years aces if they can improve a little Well done ladies.

A great fight in the breaststroke race developed between Leslie Du Cane and Julie Dimaline Leslie breaking 2 hours to win.

My apologies go to Julie for not awarding her First Female Vet, but Janet Wilson gave it up with grace knowing my mistake many thanks.

My thanks go to: Ouse Sailing Club and Penny Bone for the Catering, Wensum Osprey Canoe Club, St Johns Ambulance, Pat and Gwyn Llewellyn, Pam Morgan and Daniel and Matt Thomas with the BLDSA boat.

Steve Smith (Lynn Regis Swim Secretary)

Results

NOVICE EVENT					
GENTS					
NAME		STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
Stephen Young		f/s		22.08	1st
Grant Chivers		f/s		22.48	2nd
Richard Young		f/s		23.13	3rd
Rob Young		f/s		25.25	4th
Alan Chivers		f/s		35.34	5th
Lee Portingale		f/s		35.34	6th
LADIES					
		f/s			1st
		f/s			2nd

JUNIOR BOYS EVENT					
NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
Chris Suggitt	15	f/s	Wigan Best	19.42	1st
Jack Stevenson	14	f/s	Bingham	20.08	2nd
Jamie Scott	15	f/s	Newark	21.15	3rd
Lewis Sharp	15	f/s	City of Bradford	DNS	
Marc Slack	15	f/s	Scarborough SC	DNS	

JUNIOR GIRLS EVENT					
NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
Nicola Fraser	14	f/s	Stocksbridge Pentaqua	22.13	1st
Cara Lawson	15	f/s	Sedgefield 75	22.31	2nd
Rebecca Christian-Drage	13	f/s	West Dorset	25.41	3rd
Hayley Ackroyd	14	Bst	Stocksbridge Petaqua	28.19	4th (1st Breaststroke)

MENS EVENT					
NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
Chris Eynon	18	f/s	Sudbury	1.02.26	1st
Simon Lee	42	f/s	Solent S.C.	1.10.07	2nd
John Barry	69	f/s	BLDSA	1.31.31	3rd (1st Vet) (Oldest Competitor)
Peter Ingham	63	f/s	Rotherham	1.41.41	4th
Colin Benn	54	f/s	Peterborough	1.46.53	5th
Gareth Evans	53	f/s	Bronwyth Dolphins	1.46.53	6th
Gary Vilmans	27	f/s	City of Bradford	1.54.30	7th
Lesley Du Cane	53	bst	Serpentine	1.59.34	8th (1st Breaststroke)
Peter Hawksworth		f/s	Nottingham	DNS	
Terry Lyons		f/s	Richmond	DNS	
Wayne Stott		f/s	Nottingham	DNS	

LADIES EVENT					
NAME	AGE	STROKE	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
Dee Llewellyn	29	f/s	Halifax S.C.	1.10.10	1st
Amy Mellor	27	f/s	Colwick Park	1.13.24	2nd
Katie Hope	34	f/s	Otter SC	1.16.19	3rd
Susan Warden	17	f/s	West Dorset	1.17.43	4th
Linda Bruce	31	f/s	Gloucester	1.40.19	5th
Julie Dimaline	45	Bst	Hull Masters	2.02.08	6th (1st Breaststroke)
Sally Goble	41	f/s	Cally Masters	2.02.41	7th
Janet Wilson	54	f/s	Leeds	2.24.00	

Senior Coniston

Coniston Water Championships 22nd July 2007

We were so lucky! For decades before the race day (or so it seemed) the weather had been ghastly. When I visited the lake a couple of weeks prior to the swim there had been no beach at all, we would have had to tie the finishing buoys to the barbed wire fence over the road! However, despite chilly patches of water, the day remained fine and the sun even made an appearance.

Those swimmers who breathed to the left at the appropriate time or swam breaststroke may have also been impressed with the flypast by the Red Arrows – I wish I could lay claim to arranging that but greater forces were at work at the coinciding event of the Coniston country fair. As always the greater forces at work at our event were the people in the 'back stage' team and I am extremely grateful to them for their support. Officials, rescue boat crews, first aiders and 'odd jobbers' are not always at the front of our thoughts when we are swimming, but the time (and considerable financial outlay) that they are willing to give is vital to the whole thing going ahead, whether there are two or forty two swimmers having fun - oh, yes it is! - in the water.

We didn't quite match the record entry and 100% finish rate of last year but we had an excellent field and a good success rate. Of course, in my eyes those who retired were successful too. They considered their positions and made decisions based on sound judgement in hard conditions that avoided the possibility of serious problems. It can be tough to admit that it's not your day when you've trained for months and invested a fair amount of money on preparing for and attending this one race. I hope you will come back again next year.

Congratulations to all the finishers. The smiles on the faces of those who felt the ground under their fingers when reaching the end of the lake made all the nights dreaming of potential race disasters worthwhile! I always hesitate to mention individuals when each competitor deserves a paragraph in the report, but I must reccount two efforts. The ear-to-ear grin on Peter May's face, after he had pulled out all the stops trying to keep with Simon and Dee for over 5 miles was a picture and John Iliffe's swim earned him what, in my opinion, is one of the most beautiful trophies in the Association, the Arthur Ayres Dolphin for Endeavour, which was presented to him by Percy Bull. John may have been the most senior swimmer by a good few years (sorry, John!) but what a pace he set! The gauntlet has been thrown down!

I hope to see you all again next year on Sunday 20th July.

Jean Wilkin-Oxley

Results

SENIOR 5 .5 MILES

NAME	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
	MALE		
Simon Lee	Solent S.C.	2.01.31	1st
Peter May	BLDSA	2.02.53	2nd
Mark Westaway	Exmouth SC	2.16.18	3rd
Derek Griffiths	Furness Fins	2.16.28	4th
Richard Fahey	North Sea Vol Lifeguards	2.32.09	5th
Stuart Palmer	South London S.C.	2.32.32	6th
Gareth Wilson	Burnley	2.34.25	7th
Ian Atkinson	Troutbeck	2.36.02	8th (1st Bst)
Ed Jeffries	Bramcote	2.37.49	9th
Simon Slade	Whitley Bay	2.39.11	10th
David Cleghorn	Barow LDSC	2.40.24	11th
Matthew Jones	Wirral	2.46.01	12th
Stephen O'Brien	BLDSA	2.50.21	13th (Bst)
Robert Seton	Barrow LDSC	2.56.05	14th (Bst)
Ian Murphy	Barrow LDSC	2.58.22	15th(Bst)
Gary Duffield	Serpentine SC	3.02.14	16th
David Casson	Norgly	3.05.14	17th
Paul Tew	Cockermouth	3.08.45	18th
John Illife	Otter SC	3.19.45	19th(Arthur Ayres Award)
Leslie Du Cane	Serpentine	3.25.28	20th(Bst)
David Bowker	Warrington Dolphins	3.41.56	21th
Glyn Davies	Coniston	Retired	22nd
Alex Anderson	Barrow LDSC	Retired	
Jason Trueman	Barrow LDSC	Retired	
Mark Blewitt	Warrington Dolpholns	DNS	
David Robinson	Maidstone	DNS	
Chris Green	Barrow LDSC	DNS	
Andrew Sedgewick	Lancaster	DNS	
Kevin Welsh	South Manchester Surf Club	DNS	
Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins	DNS	
	FEMALE		
Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC	2.01.40	1st
Julia Meazzo	Chalfont St Peter	2.13.27	2nd
Michaela Richard	Warrington Dolphins	2.14.29	3rd
Liane Llewellyn	Halifax SC	2.15.55	4th
Carly Newman	Tooting	2.22.32	5th
Sally Chapman	Barrow LDSC	2.35.19	6th

Margy Sullivan	South London SC	2.40.11	7th
Helen Sneddon	Glasgow Nomads	2.44.28	8th
Vicky Thompson	Barrow LDSC	2.54.12	9th
Irene Meikle	Barrow LDSC	2.54.39	10th(1st Bst)
Daphne Ingham	Sheffield	4.10.01	11th
Catherine Johnson	Serpentine	Retired	
Laura Bagley	Barrow LDSC	Retired	
Joan Steele	Barrow LDSC	Retired	
Michelle Sanders	Sherwood Lifesaving Club	DNS	

Champion of Champions

It was a blustery day , a bit like last years championship , we were very relieved to have the shelter of the harbour walls for the 1 mile course that was set in Dover Harbour . Stephen O Brian and Mark Blewitt set up the course with this in mind , the last 250m or so being down the sheltered side of the Prince of Wales Pier . This meant the competitors had a 350m swim with the wind down to a turning bouy on a clockwise course , then only about 150m to the next bouy before a long , hard , tough drag right up to the seacat berth on the pier into the tide and wind . Freda Streeter started the race then went off to make sure her 40 odd swimmers did not get caught up in the main event , which thanks to the brilliant course set up was not much of an issue all day. The champion of champions event has always been challenging and this year was certainly no exception . It was an event that really sorted out the men from the boys , or in this case the men from the ladies ! 15 Ladies completed the full 5 , 3 and 1 mile events as well as one Junior Girl. There were no Junior Boys entered and 14 men finished the full event . there were 8 men retirees and 5 Ladies . 2 men completed individual events whilst 4 Ladies did the same . Many thanks to all who helped out making this event happen and those who travelled from so far away to provide safety cover . Without helpers , as always the event is not possible . Thanks to Dover Lifeguards for the use of their facilities all day . The mayor of Dover , cllr Bob Markham presented the awards , it is great to see local dignitaries showing such an interest in our sport. THANKS also to Stephen O Brian who had the headache of organising the event and Andy Wright for being there as BLDSA president .

Steve O'Brien

Swim Secretary

Results

NAME	CLUB / TOWN	5 Mile	3 Mile	1 Mile	Total Time	Place
		JUNIOR BOYS				
None						
		JUNIOR GIRLS				
Megan Forbes	Deal Tri	2.52.53	1.25.49	18.34	4.41.24	1st
		SENIOR MEN				
Matt Wardle	BLDSA	1.59.41	1.02.30	17.17	3.19.28	1st
Robert Cook	Cheltenham SWPC	2.05.13	1.05.10	18.04	3.28.27	2nd
Andrew Allum	BLDSA	2.05.40	1.08.23	18.09	3.32.12	3rd
Simon Lee	Solent S.C.	2.17.07	1.09.09	20.07	3.46.23	4th
Paul Hopfensperger	BLDSA	2.28.52	1.15.21	20.08	4.04.21	5th
Rob Deakin	BLDSA	2.30.05	1.16.14	20.20	4.06.39	6th
Peter Snashall	BLDSA	2.35.08	1.17.46	20.55	4.13.49	7th
Michael Helps	BLDSA	2.47.50	1.20.53	22.33	4.31.16	8th
Jim Boucher	BLDSA	2.51.03	1.29.49	23.09	4.44.01	9th
Michael Ventre	BLDSA	3.27.00	1.38.01	25.37	5.30.38	10th
Mark Blewitt	Warrington Dolphins	3.27.13	1.38.12	28.44	5.34.09	11th
Tom Gunning	Clacton	3.26.27	1.51.12	30.21	5.48.00	12th
Gavin Floyd	City of Liverpool	3.38.58	1.59.32	32.57	6.11.27	13th
Gary Carpenter	BLDSA	DNS	DNS	DNS		
Alister Petrie	BLDSA	DNS	DNS	DNS		
Kevin Murphy	Harrow	DNS	DNS	DNS		
Michael Read	BLDSA	Retired	01.35.16	DNS		
Arnold Wiegnand	BLDSA	Retired	DNS	DNS		
Damien Westray	BLDSA	Retired	DNS	DNS		
Mark Bayliss	BLDSA	02.27.53	DNS	DNS		
Gareth Evans	BLDSA	Retired	DNS	DNS		
Adam Hipkin	BLDSA	Retired	DNS	35.00		
Leslie Du Cane	Serpentine	05.09.56	DNS	36.07		
Mark Sawyer	BLDSA	Retired	01.35.02	DNS		
Trevor Colman	BLDSA	Retired	DNS	DNS		
Danny Fairhead	BLDSA	Retired	DNS	27.37		
Giles Meyer	BLDSA	No Time Recorded	01.12.09	23.33		
		SENIOR LADIES				
Sophie Mitchinson	BLDSA	2.05.47	1.05.32	18.34	3.29.53	1st
Rebecca Lewis	Barrow LDSC	2.10.16	1.05.52	18.40	3.34.48	2nd
Nuala Muir-Cochrane	BLDSA	2.15.52	1.06.06	18.45	3.40.43	3rd
Linda Ashmore	BLDSA	2.05.45	1.33.16	25.15	4.04.16	4th
Lexie Elliott	BLDSA	2.32.53	1.12.55	21.15	4.07.03	5th
Katherine Mearman	BLDSA	2.35.04	1.13.19	20.18	4.08.41	6th
Katie Hope	BLDSA	2.48.13	1.23.16	22.55	4.34.24	7th
Liane Llewellyn	Halifax S.C.	2.53.38	1.21.37	22.24	4.37.39	8th

Lucy Roper	BLDSA	2.54.39	1.23.05	23.07	4.40.51	9th
Andrea Gellan	Incas	2.55.45	1.23.01	22.48	4.41.34	10th
Jane Thomas	BLDSA	2.56.20	1.24.01	23.32	4.43.53	11th
Kate Mason	BLDSA	2.57.06	1.23.20	23.29	4.43.55	12th
Sandy Wilson	BLDSA	2.53.57	1.25.00	26.20	4.45.17	13th
Catherine Slevin	BLDSA	2.54.23	1.35.09	26.50	4.56.22	14th
Julia Aston	BLDSA	3.04.47	1.27.16	24.32	4.56.35	15th
Sally Goble	Cally Masters	Retired	DNS	DNS		
Susan Warden	BLDSA	02.54.14	DNS	DNS		
Lucy Petrie	BLDSA	TBA	Retired	DNS		
Nicola Millichip	BLDSA	Retired	01.34.50	26.33		
Chrissie Thirwell	BLDSA	Retired	01.36.16	DNS		
Margaret Sullivan	BLDSA	Retired	Retired	25.57		
Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge	DNS	DNS	DNS		
Olivia Brown	BLDSA	03.31.04	DNS	25.33		
Michelle Sanders	Sherwood SC	Retired	DNS	DNS		

INDIVIDUAL SWIMS

NAME	CLUB / TOWN	5 Mile	3 Mile	1 Mile
Julia Meazo		Retired	DNS	Retired
Robert Telford		Retired	DNS	Retired
Chris Smith		02.24.04	01.55.10	
Anthony Bailey		Retired	01.55.08	
Chris Sheppard			01.15.36	21.16
Robert Healey		02.49.15	1.28.04	
Deidre Ward			01.13.36	21.20
Maxine Robbins			01.28.41	21.27
Katie Redfern			01.16.01	22.05
Teresa Page				21.10
Deb Burford			DNS	DNS
David Rayment			DNS	DNS
Arthur Goldburg			01.20.28	

Gregory Edwards		01.20.28	23.14
David Foster		DNS	DNS
Margaret Smith		DNS	DNS
Sophie Wright			29.45
Kevin Ladly			26.40
Stephen Bathie			23.02
Liam Giles			21.34

Xth ANNUAL BLDSA GRAND PRIX
Ten year's and stronger than ever

Whilst the BLDSA enjoyed its Golden jubilee, the BLDSA Grand Prix enjoyed its 10th Anniversary. Once again the competition was dominated Simon Lee – Solent, Dee Llewelyn and Liane Llewelyn of Halifax SC. It was Simon who again topped the GP table in a year which saw him build on his impressive record of race wins.

In the Juniors it was a case of Wigan BEST with Chris Suggit and Daniel Farrow finishing 1st and 3rd with Cara Lawson Sedgefield 75 2nd. Once again Megan Forbes was the only junior in the Champion of Champions – she was quite at home in Dover Harbour after months of training for her Channel crossing later in the year.

Dave Reason – Howe Bridge Marlins was top Veteran with Sally Chapman of Barrow and Andy Wright of Warrington Dolphins and BLDSA President 3rd. It was good to see the Veteran event back up to three races. There were only two finishers in the third event at Derwent Reservoir which, just like the Champion of Champions, proved no cake walk for those taking part.

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GRAND PRIX 2007

			1 Champ of Champs		2 Rivington		2a Rivington		3 Wykeham		5 Lyn Tegid		5a Lyn Tegid		6 Coniston		7 Derwent		10 2 Way Windermere		11 Windermere		13 Lyn Regis		14 Derwent Res				
			M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	M	Pts	Miles	Pts	TOTAL
1	Simon Lee	Solent S.C.	9	4	4	6	2	9			6	10	3	10	5.5	10	5	10			10.5	7	3	9	5	10	53	85	138
2	Dee Llewellyn	Halifax S.C.			4	4					6	9	3	9	5.5	9	5	8	21	9	10.5	6	3	8	5	9	63	71	134
3	Liane Llewellyn	Halifax S.C	9		4		2	6	2	9	6	7			5.5	5			21	7							49.5	34	83.5
4	Rebecca Lewis	Barrow L.D.S.C.	9	6	4	8	2	10													10.5	10					25.5	34	59.5
5	Peter May	Leyland									6	8			5.5	8	5	7			10.5						27	23	50
6	Nuala Muir Cochrane	London	9	5															21	8							30	13	43
7	Robert Hodgson	Troutbeck Bridge																	21	6	10.5						31.5	6	37.5
8	Matthew Hunt	Sandwell LDSC			4						6	4					5	6			10.5						25.5	10	35.5
9	Matt Wardle	Warwick	9	10																	10.5	5					19.5	15	34.5
10	Christian Wade	Warr Dolph			4	1	2	3			6	6									10.5						22.5	10	32.5
11	Chris Eynon	Sudbury																			10.5	9	3	10			13.5	19	32.5
12	David Cech	Unbr/Brno																	21	10							21	10	31
13	Lesley Du Cane	Serpentine	6		4						6		3		5.5								3				27.5	0	27.5
14	Vicki Thompson	Barrow LDSC			4		2		2				3	1	5.5		5	2									21.5	3	24.5
15	Matthew Jones	Wirral											3	5	5.5						10.5						19	5	24
16	Sally Chapman	Barow LDSC											3	6	5.5		5	4									13.5	10	23.5
17	Julia Meazzo	Chalfont St Peter													5.5	7					10.5						18	7	23
18	Richard Davidson	Sandwell LDSC									6	5									10.5						16.5	5	21.5
19	Mark Blewitt	Warr Dolph	9		4		2				6																21	0	21
20	Mark Westaway	Exmouth													5.5	4					10.5						16	4	20
21	Garry Vilmans	City of Bradford					2		2														3		5	8	12	8	20
22	Catherine Slevin	Black Lion Masters	9																		10.5						19.5	0	19.5
23	Scott Webster	Kingfishers					2	1	2	6			3	3			2										9	10	19
	Steve Breary	BLDSA									6	3	3	7													9	10	19
25	Caroline Ball	Kelly College																			10.5	8					10.5	8	18.5
26	Paul Tew	Cockermouth							2						5.5						10.5						18	0	18
27	Katie Hope	Otter SC	9																				3	6			12	6	18
28	Robert Cook	Cheltenham SWPC	9	9																							9	9	18
	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough SC			4												5	9									9	9	18
30	Sophie Mitchinson	BLDSA	9	8																							9	8	17

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31	Helen Sneddon	Glasgow Nomads													6						10.5						16.5	0	16.5
	Peter Midwood	Troutbeck Bridge									6										10.5						16.5	0	16.5
33	Michaela Richard	Warr Dolph			4		2	5							5.5												11.5	5	16.5
34	Ed Jeffries	Bramcote													5.5						10.5						16	0	16
	Gareth Wilson	Manchester Tri Club													5.5						10.5						16	0	16
36	Andrew Allum	BLDSA	9	7																							16	0	16
37	Amy Mellor	Colwick Park			4	2																					9	7	16
38	Andy Wright	Warr Dolph			4				2	10													3	7			7	9	16
39	John Barry	Letchworth							2	7																	6	10	16
40	Margy Sullivan	South London SC	1								6	2			5.5								3	4			5	11	16
41	Jane McCormick	Manchester Mas.																									12.5	2	14.5
42	Jo Norton Barker	Warr Dolph									6	1	3	4							10.5	4					10.5	4	14.5
43	Kevin Saunders	Warr Dolph			4				2	8																	9	5	14
44	Jenifer Jackson	Wigan BEST			4	10																					6	8	14
45	Mark Sawyer	South London	3																								4	10	14
46	Shawn Kiddie	Aquatics																			10.5						13.5	0	13.5
47	Gareth Evans	Bronwydd Dolph			4						6										10.5	3					10.5	3	13.5
48	Susan Warden	West Dorset	5																				3				13	0	13
49	Adam Harvey	Scarborough S.C.			4	9																	3	5			8	5	13
50	David Bowker	Warr Dolph			4																						4	9	13
51	Lee Portingale	Hitchin											3		5.5												12.5	0	12.5
52	Joe Coy	Warr Dolph			4				2	3			3								10.5	2					10.5	2	12.5
	Linda Ashmore	BLDSA	9	3																							9	3	12
54	Louise Hansard	Newark			4		2		2	4																	9	3	12
55	Laura Bagley	Barrow LDSC					2	8									2										8	4	12
56	Danny Fairhead	Gillingham	1																								4	8	12
57	Tara Dudley	Exmouth																			10.5						11.5	0	11.5
58	Paul Hopfensperger	BLDSA	9	2																	10.5	1					10.5	1	11.5
59	Henry Lowther	Warr Dolph			4				2	5																	9	2	11
60	Wayne Stott	Nott. Leander			4	7																					6	5	11
61	Francis Kilgannon	Halton S.C.											3	8													4	7	11
62	Adam Tapp	Exmouth																									3	8	11
63	Adrian Harris	Edow S.C. Dorset																			10.5						10.5	0	10.5
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	Andrew Robins	BLDSA																	10.5							10.5	0	10.5
	Eugene du Toit	London																	10.5							10.5	0	10.5
	Gemma Franks	Exmouth																	10.5							10.5	0	10.5
	Mark Mortimer	BLDSA																	10.5							10.5	0	10.5
	Peter Larrad	BLDSA																	10.5							10.5	0	10.5
	Sharon Harris	Furness Fins																	10.5							10.5	0	10.5
70	Rob Deakin	BLDSA	9	1																						9	1	10
71	Nick White	Blackpool			4	2		2	2																	8	2	10
72	Matthew Ryall	Halifax SC															5	5								5	5	10
73	Irene Meikle	Barrow LDSC				2								5.5		2										9.5	0	9.5
74	Andrea Gellan	Incas	9																							9	0	9
	Gavin Floyd	City of Liverpool	9																							9	0	9
	Jane Thomas	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Jim Boucher	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Julia Aston	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Kate Mason	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Katherine Mearman	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Lexie Elliott	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Lucy Roper	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Michael Helps	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Michael Ventre	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Peter Snashall	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Sandy Wilson	BLDSA	9																							9	0	9
	Tom Gunning	Clacton	9																							9	0	9
88	Enrique Flores	Manchester Masters			4	5																				4	5	9
89	Stuart Taylor	Atherton S.C.					2	7																		2	7	9
90	Derek Griffiths	Furness Fins												5.5		3										5.5	3	8.5
91	Janet Wilson	Ilkley S.C.							2				3										3			8	0	8
92	David Gleghorn	Barrow LDSC															5	3								5	3	8
93	Carly Newman	Tooting												5.5		2										5.5	2	7.5
94	Susan Gill	Colwick LDSC			4	3																				4	3	7
95	Richard Fahey	Lifeguards												5.5		1										5.5	1	6.5
96	Beverley Thomas	Halifax S.C.			4				2																	6	0	6

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97	Olivia Brown	BLDSA	6																							6	0	6
98	Rebecca Patrick	Kingfishers			4				2																	6	0	6
99	Alex Elliot	Lancaster					2	2									2									4	2	6
100	Linda Bruce	Gloucester																					3	3		3	3	6
101	Niki Dand	Halton S.C.					2	4																		2	4	6
102	Daphne Ingham	Sheffield												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
	David Casson	Norgly												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
	David Cleghorn	Barow LDSC												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
	Gary Duffield	Serpentine SC												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
	Ian Atkinson	Troutbeck												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
	Ian Murphy	Barrow LDSC												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
	John Illife	Otter SC												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
	Robert Seton	Barrow LDSC												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
	Simon Slade	Whitley Bay												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
	Stephen O'Brien	BLDSA												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
	Stuart Palmer	South London S.C.												5.5												5.5	0	5.5
113	Julie Dimaline	Hull Masters							2														3			5	0	5
	Mark Bayliss	BLDSA	5																							5	0	5
115	Joe Smith	Dover											3	2												3	2	5
	Peter Ingham	Rotherham																					3	2		3	2	5
117	Alexander Anderson	Barrow LDSC			4																					4	0	4
	Chris Finnerty				4																					4	0	4
	Chris Green	Barrow LDSC			4																					4	0	4
	Chris Shepherd	Nottingham Leander			4																					4	0	4
	Daphne Ingham				4																					4	0	4
	Giles Meyer	BLDSA	4																							4	0	4
	Michelle Sharples				4																					4	0	4
	Mick Gallagher	Warr Dolph			4																					4	0	4
	Nick Hunt	Chelmsford			4																					4	0	4
	Nicola Millchip	BLDSA	4																							4	0	4
	Peter Hawksworth	Colwick LDSC			4																					4	0	4
	Stuart Mills				4																					4	0	4

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	Teresa Page	Nott. Leander			4																						4	0	4
130	Colin Benn	Peterborough																				3	1				3	1	4
131	Chrissie Thirwell	BLDSA	3																								3	0	3
	Colin Baillie	Mersey Tri										3															3	0	3
	Dave Casson	BLDSA										3															3	0	3
	Derek Booth	Halton S.C.										3															3	0	3
	Michael Read	BLDSA	3																								3	0	3
	Sally Goble	Cally Masters																									3	0	3
	Tom Towey	Warr Dolph										3															3	0	3
138	Paul Taylor	Harrogate						2	1																		2	1	3
139	Alex Anderson	Barrow LDSC						2																			2	0	2
	Amanda Taylor	Harrogate						2																			2	0	2
	Brendan Warriner	Barrow LDSC				2																					2	0	2
142	Craig Davies	Kingfishers						2																			2	0	2
	Joan Steele	Barrow LDSC															2										2	0	2
	Margaret Smith	Grimsby Water Rats						2																			2	0	2
	Mike Jackson	Wigan BEST				2																					2	0	2
	Robert Hindle	BLDSA				2																					2	0	2
	Trevor Knowles	TBASC															2										2	0	2
148	Adam Hipkin	BLDSA	1																								1	0	1
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Xth Annual Grand Prix - Juniors

			1 Champion of Champions		2 Rivington		3 Wykeham Lake		5 Llyn Tegid		5A Llyn Tegid 3k		7 Derwentwater		12 Junior Coniston		13 Lyn Regis		14 Derwent Res		TOTAL		GRAND
			M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	Miles	Points	TOTAL
1	Chris Suggitt	Wigan BEST			2	9					1.25	10	2	9	5.25	10	1	10			11.5	48	59.5
2	Cara Lawson	Sedgefield 75			2	3	2	5	3	8					5.25	8	1	6	5	10	18.25	40	58.25
3	Daniel Farrow	Wigan BEST			2	8	2	10	3	7	1.25	9	2	10							10.25	44	54.25
4	Alex Lee	Kingfishers					2	3	3	9	1.25	6	2	6	5.25	7					13.5	31	44.5
5	Abigail Morgan	Bridlington S.C.					2		3	10	1.25	5			5.25	3			5	9	16.5	27	43.5
6	Jonathan Bentley	Halifax S.C.			2		2	4	3	5					5.25	6					12.25	15	27.25
7	Ian Stapleton	City of Bradford			2	6	2	8					2	7							6	21	27
8	Jamie Scott	Newark			2	4	2	6									1	8			5	18	23
9	Jack Stevenson	Nova Centurion					2	9									1	9			3	18	21
10	Megan Forbes	Deal Tri	9	10																	9	10	19
11	Eleanor Jackson	Wigan BEST			2	7							2	8							4	15	19
12	Marc Slack	Scarborough							3	4	1.25	7									4.25	11	15.25
13	Nicola Fraser	Stocksbridge P			2	5											1	7			3	12	15
14	Eve Fellows	Wigan BEST													5.25	9					5.25	9	14.25
15	Alice McCall	Wigan BEST			2	10															2	10	12
16	Tasmin Powell	Jersey LDSC													5.25	5					5.25	5	10.25
17	Hayley Ackroyd	Stocksbridge P			2		2	1									1	4			5	5	10
	Sam Sedman	Kingfishers					2	2	3	3											5	5	10
19	Chantelle Le Guilcer	Jersey LDSC													5.25	4					5.25	4	9.25
20	Eleanor Jackson	Wigan BEST									1.25	8									1.25	8	9.25
21	Jack Pearson	Llandovery D							3	6											3	6	9
22	Samantha Farrow	Wigan BEST					2	7													2	7	9
23	Becky Lawty	Kingfishers											2	5							2	5	7
24	Ben Cassidy	Liverpool			2	2															2	2	4
25	Siobhan Murphy	Everton S.C.			2	1															2	1	3

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Xth Annual Grand Prix - Veterans

			2 Rivington Res		8 Coniston Vets		14 Derwent Res		Total		Grand
			Miles	Points	Miles	Points	Miles	Points	Miles	Points	Total
1	Dave Reason	Howe Bridge Marlins	2	9	3.25	9			5.25	18	23.25
2	Sally Capman	Barrow LDSC	2	8	3.25	7			5.25	15	20.25
3	Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins	2	6	3.25	8			5.25	14	19.25
4	David Gleghorn	Barrow LDSC	2	7	3.25	6			5.25	13	18.25
5	Paul Tew	Cockermouth	2				5	10		7	10	17
6	Margaret Smith	Grimsby			3.25		3	9	6.25	9	15.25
7	Dos Griffiths	Furnes Fins			3.25	10			3.25	10	13.25
8	Frank Kilgannon	Halton	2	10						2	10	12
9	Rose Dudeney	Haywards Heath			3.25	5				3.25	5	8.25
10	Catherine Sharp	Kirklees			3.25	4				3.25	4	7.25
	Colin Benn	Peterborough	2		3.25	2				5.25	2	7.25
12	Derek Booth	Halton S.C.	2	5						2	5	7
13	Peter Midwood	Troutbeck Bridge			3.25	3				3.25	3	6.25
14	Andrew Sedgewick	Lancaster	2	4						2	4	6
15	Amanda Taylor	Harrogate	2		3.25					5.25	0	5.25
	Greta Gall	Ye AABA	2		3.25					5.25	0	5.25
	Paul Taylor	Harrogate	2		3.25					5.25	0	5.25
18	Nick Hunt	Chelmsford	2	3						2	3	5
19	Gill Stables	Troutbeck Bridge			3.25	1				3.25	1	4.25
20	Anna Barker	Warrington Dolphins	2	2						2	2	4
21	Alex Anderson	Barrow LDSC			3.25					3.25	0	3.25
	Janet Wilson	Ottley S.C.			3.25					3.25	0	3.25
	Kath Walker	Barrow LDSC			3.25					3.25	0	3.25
24	Henry Lowther	BLDSA	2	1						2	1	3
25	Brian Hey	Marlborough Penguins	2							2	0	2
	Janet Wilson	Otley	2							2	0	2
	Joe Coy	Warrington Dolphins	2							2	0	2
	Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins	2							2	0	2
	Leslie DuCane	Serpentine	2							2	0	2

JUBILEE REPORT

Over the Jubilee year a new selection of merchandise was ordered, all of which displayed the special Jubilee Logo which we had designed. These have proved very popular, thanks to Pam and Abigail Morgan for selling these items and everyone else who helped to ferry them around to swims.

The book of the history of the BLDSA was published in time for our Jubilee dinner along with the 2008 calendar of BLDSA swim locations. Andy Wright deserves a special mention here as he was left to collate and in many cases write a brief history of the many events the BLDSA have organised over the past 50 years. I would also like to thank all others who contributed to this with various information, pictures and stories. If you have not bought a copy of the book it is a great read and can be obtained from Mrs Pam Morgan. The calendar has been created from many of the best photographs taken at our swim venues over recent years. There are still some calendars available at time of writing and again these can be purchased from Pam.

The Jubilee Dinner was held in March at the Holiday Inn, Brighouse. This was a sell out with people waiting for places, some until the very last minute. It was lovely to see so many people coming from various parts of the world and many of our founder members too. Thanks to the Dinner Committee for organising this event.

A slide show of photos taken over the BLDSA's 50 years was put together and shown throughout the Jubilee Dinner last March. This proved to be a good talking point between courses as people remembered various events and characters from the past. My thanks to everyone who supplied photographs.

In July we held a 21mile 2 way Windermere Jubilee Relay, which involved a number of teams of 6 people who had various starting and finishing points up and down the lake. The event started at 6am and I think it was around 9pm when the last team finished at Waterhead. It was nice to see two teams from Ireland taking part as well as many of our members who formed their own teams. It was a long but fun filled day. Thanks to Andy Wright and his team for organising this event.

We also produced new certificates for all the swims over the year, these had a background picture of the swim location. As they proved to be a success it has been decided to keep these and change the background pictures on a regular basis.

In August we had a new circuit swim at Derwent Reservoir. Unfortunately someone in Northumbrian Water had given permission for this event when swimming is not allowed in their reservoirs. They allowed it to run but just on a one off basis. Thanks to Jackie Classen and Vince Woodhead for researching and organising this event. They are now in the process of looking for another venue.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with all our Jubilee events and lets hope the next 50 years are as eventful and enjoyable.

Dee Llewellyn (Jubilee Co-ordinator)

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Our website continues to grow and encourage new people to our sport. Most people are now downloading swim entry forms and membership forms. This is now being enhanced by the use of entry centrals facilities to enter events on line and has proved very popular this year. This year we added the swim relay recognition forms, for teams to use to register individual relay swims with the BLDSA. We now have the guest book up and running again. However, please be patient if your message does not appear straight away. Due to the fact that some unsuitable messages can get sent to this site, I have altered it so that all messages have to come to me for approval first. This sometimes takes a few days or could be a week or two if I happen to be away on holiday.

The news section on the front page of the website is used to give any urgent information and/or news, e.g. births deaths marriages special birthdays etc. My thanks to those who have supplied me with information this year please keep on informing me of any events or news you wish me to share with our members. We are still receiving many e-mails from prospective open water swimmers asking for advice about training and competitions.

Photos at events are regularly being taken throughout the season and some of these have featured in the ASA's Swimming Times as well as on our website. Many thanks to all who have contributed.

Many reports and photos have been sent to various press organisations and we regularly receive press coverage via the Swimming Times magazine, local papers and some national papers. Would all BLDSA swim secretaries please send in their event report and results as soon as possible after their championship so that we can use these for the press. Newspapers like these to be reported within hours, after which it becomes old news and they are not interested.

It was nice to see two teams from Ireland at our Jubilee Relay event, we hope this is the start of many more joint ventures. Some Irish swims can be found on our calendar and there are links to the Irish swimming Organisations on the links pages. We have also had a team of Junior Swimmers from Jersey this year and I hope we will see more of them in the future and maybe some Senior swimmers next year. Anybody interested in swimming in Jersey should contact Sally and Charlie Minty Gravett at Jersey Swimming Association
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Hon. Rescue Boat Coordinators Report

Another successful swimming season has passed without any major incident. In fact, without incident at all-other than a few swimmers being given a free taxi back to shore! All joking aside, I have only ever done one, open water swim, the 1 km at Rivington and I hated it, NEVER AGAIN! I have nothing but respect for anyone who attempts any open water swim although I do think you're all mad!

I have been able to attend all but one swim this year, managing to juggle family and work commitments and take most of my yearly allowance of leave from work to enable me to attend. The only reason for me not attending the Jubilee Rely was due to some inconsiderate person having a birthday party on that day, I blame his mother (happens to be my mother too!!).

All those that I have attended have run smoothly without incident. There have been retirements but nothing out of the ordinary or unexpected. On that note I would like to thank all the Swim Secretaries who made all the organizations to make my life easier. By arranging for launching, crew and berths in Mariners if required.

I have even crewed this year, TWICE. At Bala, I had to transfer to a canoe whilst another canoeist was shipped out to join the swimmer. At Derwent Water I squeezed into a canoe that was a little too small for me within 400 yds from the start and crewed for a swimmer (you know who you are) who got out at the furthers point from the finish.

The safety cover that is provided from swim to swim was vastly improved in the later events of the season with the purchase of the new Rescue Boat. The purchase followed extensive internet use by me, researching suitable boats then, visiting various dealers to view them. The new boat that has been using the call sign of 'Swim Rescue' is far more suitable to the needs of the association and should be able to handle all incidents that could happen in the sport of Long Distance Swimming. In these later swims, Swimsafe was also utilized to provide more cover for the swimmers.

I would finally like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who has helped me in anyway, from my brother Matthew who has attended all the swims that he could to all other crew members who have assisted in anyway.

Daniel Thomas

B.L.D.S.A. INSIGNIA REPORT

2007 has proved to be a very successful year as far as Insignia is concerned. I was very apprehensive when we introduced our Golden Jubilee special items, but I am more than pleased with the results. Fleece Jackets, Polo Shirts, Jubilee White T-Shirts, Woolly Hats and Silicone Swim Caps all sold very well. We carried on with our usual stock of Polos, Bags, Baseball Caps, Hooded Tops and Latex Swim Caps which once again all sold well. Especially for the Jubilee we had Calendars 2008 and Books printed which have sold well.

I must not forget Flag Alphas which we just seem to sell more and more each year. I was getting phone calls from members only days before they needed a Flag for the swim they had entered but didn't have a Flag. Please read your info sheet prior to the swim. I must thank Millie Ferguson for again making the Flags and my daughter Tracey for finishing them - thank you.

Thanks must also go to Jean and Joe for transporting my large bag and board, also to Pat, Beverley and Margaret for carrying stock to swims. Lastly, but not least, to Abigail my Grandaughter for all her help at many swims and helping to sell over £2,000 during the year.

It was not an easy time for me after Trevor died in June, but with many friends in the B.L.D.S.A., you all know who you are. I did manage to go to most swims. THANK YOU. I hope to see you all during 2008.

In case anyone wants to purchase an item I am listing them below:

POLO SHIRTS	£13.50 & £14.00
FLEECE JACKETS	£22.50 & £25.00
HOODIE TOPS	£22.50
HOODIE TOPS WITH ZIPS	£23.50
BASEBALL CAPS	£8
WOOLLY HATS	£8
SILICONE SWIM HATS	£4.50
LATEX SWIM HATS	£1 each
B.L.D.S.A. PENS	£1
BOOKS & CALENDARS	£3 each
BAGS SMALL	£20
BAGS LARGE	£25

All items are plus postage. Anyone wanting to purchase please get in touch with Hon. Insignia Secretary,
Pam Morgan,
38, Meadow Drive,
East Ayton,
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Tel: (01723) 863430.

HON. RECORDER'S REPORT 2007

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

WINDERMERE
Ingrid Kidd 7hrs 15mins 08secs 4th June

ULLSWATER
Robert Hodgson 4hrs 14mins 10th June

BRISTOL CHANNEL Penarth to Clevedon 12miles
Gary Carpenter 5hrs 35mins 22secs RECORD 26th August

WINDERMERE 6 Way Relay
Julie Bradshaw Ladies Relay Team 32hrs 32mins 44secs RECORD 18th -19th August
Julie Bradshaw Pip Spibey Lucy Roper Lucy Petrie Eva Andreotti Susan Gill
Leg 1: 5hrs 22mins 19secs Leg 2: 4hrs 55mins 23secs Leg 3: 5hrs 09mins 49secs
Leg 4: 5hrs 21mins 54secs Leg 5: 5hrs 08mins 58secs Leg 6: 6hrs 34mins 21secs
2 Way Record Legs 2 & 3 10hrs 05mins 12secs
3 Way Record Legs 2, 3 & 4 15hrs 27mins 06secs
4 Way Record Legs 2, 3, 4 & 5 20hrs 36mins 54secs
5 way Record Legs 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 25hrs 58mins 23secs

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@tesco.net

Congratulations to BLDSA members who successfully swam the English Channel.
Solo Swims
Sandy Wilson, Lexie Elliot, Enrique Flores, Rob Deakin, Paul Hopsfiensperger, Robert Cook
Damian Westray, Rebecca Lewis, Linda Ashmore, Giles Meyer
Megan Forbes, Mark Bayliss, Chrissie Thirlwell
Relay Swims
One Way
Eltham Training and SC, Nottingham Leander Masters, Whitbybirds
Two Way
Warrington Dolphins

Hon Safety Officer Annual Report 2007.

Overview

There have been no major incidents or accidents reported during the season and relatively few other incidents. The new system of health and safety audits/incident reporting has generally worked well but with some exceptions. The majority of Championship Secretaries used the correct forms and paperwork and returned them in good time. At the time of writing several incident reports are outstanding. No affiliated clubs returned risk assessment documents for outside training venues.

The way forward.

The standard of risk assessment and safety cover on swims varied greatly over the season. To ensure that Championship Secretaries are fully aware of our current guidelines, a health and safety meeting will take place on the afternoon of the annual dinner at Penkridge. It will be a forum to share good practice as well as outlining the expectations for auditing health and safety issues at training and championship venues and implementing appropriate safety cover.

Pilot Life Saver Scheme.

John Wilson joins as a Kayaker.
Greta Gall qualifies as an oarswoman.
Chris Hickling, Liane Llewelllyn and Joe Wilkin Oxley remain on the register as Kayakers.
Despite discussion at Executive meetings and promotion through the annual dinner and AGM no further candidates came forward for assessment.

Joe Wilkin Oxley deserves special mention. He has made a superb effort this year attending and crewing at events across the country. Over the year he has attended and crewed at more BLDSA swims (and others) than any other PLS and worked very hard for the good of many swimmers and the Association.

Chris Hickling
October 8th 2007.

C.C.P.R.

The BLDSA is a member of The Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), which exists to preserve and maintain the physical and mental health of the community through physical recreation. The CCPR constitutes a forum where all national governing and representative bodies of sport and physical recreation may be represented, and it formulates and promotes measures to improve sport and physical recreation. CCPR is based in London, and its activities are described more fully on its website, www.ccpr.org.uk.

The BLDSA is represented at meetings of CCPR's Water Recreation Division, which has 22 members, including the Channel Swimming and Piloting Federation and the River and Lake Swimming Association. Among the key issues that the Water Recreation Division addresses are concerns over access to and funding of waterways, the quality and cleanliness of our coastal and inland waterways, and health and safety concerns associated with water recreation.

The Water Recreation Division met on three occasions during 2007. At these meetings members were given presentations on the following subjects:

- Natural England and its Recreational Strategy;
- The River Basin Management Plans of the Environment Agency;
- The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) and the National Water Safety Forum;
- The Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto (of the Department for Children, Schools and Families) - Among the manifesto's stated aims is a commitment to "keep safety management practical and proportionate, which includes keeping safety-related paperwork to the necessary minimum".

Among the matters discussed during 2007 by the Water Recreation Division were:

- United Utilities PLC's stewardship of its land and water assets, and the group's charging policy for public access and recreation. United Utilities, which owns Rivington Reservoir, has been reminded of its commitment to public access and recreation;
- The use of personal water craft at excessive speed. Where speed limits exist, they are rarely enforced at present. Authorities should impose current legislation, and, in addition, education is required to increase public awareness of the risks created by speeding water craft to the health and safety of swimmers and others. Members were encouraged to report incidents of water craft travelling at excessive speed to RoSPA, which tracks national water safety data;
- BingoLotto. Under this scheme, which is to be launched in 2008, funds raised from an interactive TV game show will benefit CCPR members involved in developing and supporting grassroots sport and recreation;
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, and its implications for the future vetting of volunteers and employees;
- The Charities Act 2006;
- CCPR's Access Policy;
- CCPR's Environmental Policy;
- The Insuresport Scheme;
- Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC).

Leslie Du Cane
CCPR Liaison Officer

B.L.D.S.A. HON. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT 2007

Lets start with some good news. Our membership this year is the highest since I took on the job in 2000. As the figures below show we now have a total of four hundred and fifty-five members!

Over the last seven years the membership figures have shown a fairly wide variation. Our lowest membership year was only two years ago in 2005 when we only had 365 members. This year has a difference of ninety members over that figure.

The rest of this report 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 2008. 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 membership numbers for 2007 are: -

Seniors: -	309	Up fifty-two.
Juniors: -	35	Up seven.
Life: -	92	Down three.
Aff. Clubs: -	19	No change.
Total	455	Up fifty-six.

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 by snail mail if required.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average
Seniors	229	227	233	232	245	222	257	309	235
Juniors	32	35	34	38	33	31	28	35	33
Life	100	99	99	99	99	97	95	92	98
Aff. Clubs	17	20	17	15	18	15	19	19	17
Total	378	381	383	386	395	365	399	455	393

Maurice Ferguson
Hon Membership Secretary.

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

I am sorry to say that the 200 Club during 2007 lost quite a few members. I wrote reminders to a number of people who had been part of the Club for many years but I did not hear back.

The 200 Club is a vital fund raiser for the Association and only costs £6 for the year. May I appeal for more to join and maybe those already part of the 200 Club to take another number. Payment can be made by Bankers Order or by sending yearly £6 to the 200 Club Secretary.

Please support the B.L.D.S.A. by joining - you may be lucky and win a tenner.

January	Karen Jones	No. 43	£10
	Henry Lowther	No. 128	£10
	Brian Metcalfe	No. 85	£5
February	Margaret Smith	No. 113	£10
	Ed Spooner	No. 125	£10
	Maureen Dickinson	No. 107	£5
March	Stephen Lawson	No. 89	£10
	Tyrone Eliker	No. 4	£10
	Eric Mountain	No. 12	£5
A.G. M	Keith Coleman	No.73	£20
	Brian Metcalfe	No.3	£20
April	Margaret Smith	No. 51	£10
	Richard Garnish	No. 36	£10
	Richard Garnish	No.46	£5
May	Dee Llewellyn	No.119	£10
	Carol Butler	No. 75	£10
	Bridget Hopkinson	No. 58	£5
June	Margaret Smith	No. 115	£10
	John Goodbody	No. 104	£10
	John Deadman	No.23	£5
July	Leslie Du Cane	No.101	£10
	Eric Mountain	No. 12	£10
	Clive Burbage	No.71	£5
August	Brian Metcalfe	No.3	£10
	Dee Llewellyn	No. 119	£10
	Keith Seymour	No. 124	£5

September	Andy Wright	No. 40	£10
	Patrick Smith	No. 27	£10
	Vince Woodhead	No.8	£5
October	Marguerite Pike	No. 97	£10
	George Owen	No.54	£10
	Paul Tew	No. 103	£5
November	Keith Seymour	No. 72	£10
	Marguerite Pike	No. 63	£10
	Stephen O'Brien	No. 91	£5
December	Mrs. S. Bones	No. 80	£10
	Jim Moffat	No. 49	£10
	Penny Rushton	No. 55	£5

200 Club Secretary, Pam Morgan, 38, Meadow Drive, East Ayton, Scarborough, N. Yorkshire, YO13 9EZ. Tel: (01723) 863430

TROPHY STEWARD'S REPORT 2007

The committee decided that the trophies originally donated to the currently defunct Southern Championships should be transferred to the new swim at Derwent Reservoir. This championship took place and is reported elsewhere.

Nick White offered to donate a team award trophy to the Association in memory of his father, this has been gratefully accepted by the committee. I would also remind members that persons wishing to donate awards to the B.L.D.S.A. must contact the executive and such offers should, preferably, be channelled via myself.

I shall be holding the Annual Awards selection meeting during the first week in February. The dinner information notice does contain the request that nominations are received by me by 31st January 2008.

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

Tel. 01752 768053

24th November 2007

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER REPORT

The Golden Jubilee Dinner was held at the Holiday Inn , Brighouse. This was a sell out with people waiting for tickets right up until the last minute. People came from Germany, Spain, USA and Ireland. It was lovely to see and talk to many of the people who had been involved with the BLDSA from the start.. There was Marion Slater, wife of the late John Slater (one of our founders) along with Barry Watson and Eileen Fenton who were all at the inaugural meeting. Marguerite Pike did some excellent detective work in tracing Pam Aldham who had been at the inaugural meeting with her late father and was originally from Rotherham. She was found to be living in Ireland from where she travelled to be with us. It was also nice to see Billy and Betty Wallace from our sister organisation in Ireland, the ILDSA, Billy has been involved with Long Distance Swimming for many years. Special thanks to Alison Streeter, for the lovely talk she gave on the BLDSA's 50 year history. Also thanks to Joe Coy for stepping in at the last moment to be our toastmaster and Brian Ferrand for saying Grace. Thanks also to Dee for putting the picture slide show of both old and new members together which we enjoyed throughout the meal. Not forgetting our DJ Nick White, who rounded off the evening for us with his disco many thanks Nick. I must also thank Graham Smith and Gwyn Llewellyn for putting out menu cards and gifts; Greta and Jim for blowing up the balloons for the tables (they did have a helium canister to help them!!) and Jean for taking care of the flower arrangements. Thanks also to Anne Smith for arranging all the printing and Maurice Ferguson for communicating with all the guests..

Our Dinner and AGM for 2008 will be held at the Quality Inn, Penkridge, Staffordshire on the 8th and 9th March.

The 2009 Dinner and AGM will be held on 14th and 15th March at The Holiday Inn, Doncaster (A1M jct 36)

Pat Llewellyn (Hon Dinner Secretary)

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Ye Amphibious Ancient Bathing Association
Annual Report 2007

As usual we had a great start to 2007 with the "Dook" which is now well established as the first event of the year in Dundee.
The weather this year has not been kind to us and we have had a much-reduced programme because of it. .
We began our open championships in June with Monifieth, which had to be cancelled due to wind and rough conditions at the start. The Veterans the next day were a different prospect with the weather kinder and everyone completing the crossing.
At the end of June we ran into poor weather conditions again and just managed to get the Double Tay underway, unfortunately Woodhaven the next day was cancelled due to poor visibility, which had engulfed both sides of the river by early afternoon.
It was great to see good conditions for Balmerino and a "Phibbie coming first for the ladies. The Tayport Cup the next day was well supported no records but very credible times and new faces
On behalf of the committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those BLDSA members who give their support to Greta for Loch Earn.

LOCH EARN 2007

Loch Earn – full length - 6.5 Miles - 8th September
Summer finally arrived in late August with a dry and warm spell of weather holding the water temperature at a swimable 55F /12.8 C.

The 17 entries whittled down with 5 missing the closing date and 2 withdrawals leaving a field of 5 gents & 5 ladies on the day.
Quiet but dull conditions for the start with a light tail wind filling in as we made our way down the loch.
Nick White, having been given an early start on breast-stroke, changed his mind and gave us a demonstration of his prowess on front-crawl, little wonder we couldn't catch up with him !! – Nick was only just piped for the Senior Gent trophy by newcomer **Nicholas Cooney** bldsa London.
A brief burst of sun on the back now-and-then made for a pleasant day and good times.
Andy Wright (claiming he hadn't been training due to presidential year !!) retained and clipped a couple of minutes off the Veteran Gents record.
Dee Llewellyn showed a return to form as overall winner with an amazing 11 minutes off last year's course record, which now stands at 2hrs 38 mins 32 sec.
Well done to newcomers **Katharine Scott**, bldsa London; and **David Eyre**, yaaba Glasgow; both had a successful swim at their first attempt at distance.

One retrial due to cramp; general comment on water temp was "a bit cool to start with but ok once you got going".
The out-doors presentation at the Lochearnhead Watersports Centre, of trophies, 7 "Loch" medals and certificates was made by BLDSA president Andy Wright.

My thanks to the Swimmers for participating, the Loch Lomond National Park Ranger Service for donating safety RIB & crew, Pat & Gwyn Llewellyn for time-keeping, Chris Hickling and John Wilson for acting as Safety Officer & First Aider respectfully, all the boat crews, and not least Alex at Drummond Boat Hire.

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Crannog Isle – 1 Mile – 9th September

The swims third year and growing in popularity. 30 Swimmers challenged for the 6 new annual trophies. Conditions quite good until the last few minutes when a very blustery head-on wind swept down the glen hitting the last 5 swimmers, but nevertheless all swimmers completed the course in good condition.

Jennifer Jackson, Wigan Best, defending Junior Girl, was overall winner with a new course record of 20 mins 41 sec. Not to be outdone, Junior Boy **Peter Stewart,** Dundee City Aquatics, set a new category record of 21 mins 11 sec.
Nick White, bldsa Blackpool, made sure of silverware from the weekend as first Senior Gent.
Beth McDonough, yaaba, brought silverware back to the home club as first Senior Lady.

Some very good local talent emerged in the Un-Affiliated section.
Charlotte Brzeski, 15, from Comrie and **Charles Robertson, 46**, from Crieff gave excellent performances to take the male and female "Lochearnhead Watersports" trophies.

The out-doors presentation at the Lochearnhead Watersports Centre, of trophies, 17 "Loch" medals and certificates, was made by local resident, and past years Crannog swimmer, Elisabeth Ransom.

My thanks to the Swimmers for participating, and all the BLDSA crew of Pat, Gwyn, Dee, Liane, Chris, Joe, John and Kevin for their help and experience on the day.
Many thanks to all from the Watersports Centre who give support and hospitality to this event.

Greta Gall
Loch Earn Secretary

October 2007

In June the club's new rescue boat was christened by the Rev Fraser Stewart and remains as the The John Barrowman. We are now making preparations for our 125th Birthday in 2009 and we will look forward to welcoming our BLDSA associates to our celebratory dinner in late 2009. Date to be decided

Joyce McIntosh
Club President

YEAABA RESULTS 2007

Club Single 10th June 2007 1 mile swim

Name	Age	Club	Time
Claire Moodie	16	YEAABA	0 31m 52sc
Kirsty Melville	16	YEAABA	0 33 m 43sc
Mary Rose Cross	47	YEAABA	0 30m 20sc
Maureen Miller	41	YEAABA	0 53 m 05sc
Beth McDonoghue	45	YEAABA	0 54 m 45sc
Jessie Kidd	47	YEAABA	0 59 m 42sc
Heather Miller	46	YEAABA	1h 05 55sc
Gent			
Robert Mitchell	42	YEAABA	0 31m 17sc

Veterans 17th June 2007 1 mile swim

Wendy Reid	47	YEAABA	0 28m 58sc
Morag Hughes	51	Lochaber	0 35m 02sc
Janet Wilson	52	Otley	0 48m 26sc

Double Tay 30th 2007June 2 mile swim

Dee Llewellyn	29	Halifax	0 49m 48
Lindsay Bovill	27	YEAABA	1 30m 50sc
Sophie Wright	27	Sthampton	1 32m 21sc
Morag Hughes	52	Lochaber	1 49m 02sc
Gent			
Noel Whitty	41	Glasgow	1 11m 05sc

Balmerino 11th August 2007 8 miles Tidally assisted

Lynsey Bovill	27	YEAABA	1 54m 03sc
Claire Ramsay	25	YEAABA	1 55m 12sc
Morag Hughes	51	Lochaber	1 59m 06sc
Gents			
Billy Smith	51	DCA	1 51m 53sc
Paul Tew	48	C/mouth	1 58m 58sc
Robert Mitchell	42	YEAABA	2 03m 12sc
David Eyres	35	YEAABA	2 11m 35sc

Tayport Cup 12th August 2007 1 mile

Shawn Kiddie	18	DCA	0 18m 48sc
Mary Rose Cross	47	YEAABA	0 24m 10sc
Morag Hughes	51	Lochaber	0 29m 45sc
Junior Girls			
Rachel Whiteside	15	M/White	0 24m 30sc
Claire Moodie	16	YEAABA	0 25m 53sc
Kirsty Melville	16	YEAABA	0 27m 19sc

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JuniorBoy			
Iain Darcy	14	DCA	0 19m 08sc
Gents			
Billy Smith	51	DCA	0 21m 36sc
Robert Mitchell	42	YEAABA	0 24m 07sc
Paul Tew	48	C/Mouth	0 27m 42sc
Graham Foley	47	YEAABA	40m 20sc B/S

Club senior Championship14th July 2007 4 miles Tidally assisted

Mary Rose Cross	47	YEAABA	1 07m 15sc
Robert Mitchell	42	YEAABA	1 05m 02sc
Graham Foley	47	YEAABA	1 15m 26sc

Loch Earn Results 2007 **Water Temp 55F 12.8 C** **8th Sept**

MALES	AGE	CLUB	PLACE	TIME	
Senior Gents				Hrs. Mins. Sec.	
Nicholas Cooney	38	BLDSA London	1	3 43 53	
Nick White	35	Warrington Dolphins	2	3 47 44	
David Eyre	35	Ye AABA	3	5 03 05	
Veteran Gents					
Andy Wright	50	Warrington Dolphins	1	3 07 20	NEW RECORD
Kevin Welsh	44	BLDSA	Retired		
Senior Ladies					
Dee Llewellyn	29	Halifax S/C	1	2 38 32	WINNER ~ New Record
Jane McCormick	26	Manchester Masters	2	2 53 08	
Liane Llewellyn	26	Halifax S/C	3	3 04 40	
Colleen Blair	29	Aberfeldy Sharks	4	3 26 27	
Katharine Scott	26	BLDSA London	5	3 51 06	

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Crannog Isle Results 9th Sept 2007 Water Temp 55F 12.8C

CLUB REGISTERED

MALES	AGE	CLUB / TOWN	PLACE	TIME Mins	Secs	
Junior Boys						
Peter Stewart	15	Dundee City Aquatics	1	21	11	NEW RECORD
Iain D'Arcy	14	Dundee City Aquatics	2	23	40	
Senior Gents						
Nick White	34	BLDSA - Blackpool	1	28	54	
Mike Jackson	44	Wigan Best	2	34	21	
Chris Rhodes	22	Kirkham & Wesham A.S.C.	3	35	45	
Joe Owens	43	Ye AABA - Dalgety Bay, Fife	4	42	25	
Graham Foley	48	Ye AABA - Dundee	5	47	21	
Robert McMillan	45	Ye AABA - Dundee	DNS			
FEMALES						
Junior Girls						
Jennifer Jackson	16	Wigan Best	1	20	41	NEW RECORD & WINNER
Eleanor Jackson	14	Wigan Best	2	22	51	
Elizabeth Carrie	13	Dundee City Aquatics	3	24	56	
Jenny August	15	Arbroath St.Thomas A.S.C.	4	28	57	
Mhairi Livie	14	Dundee City Aquatics	5	29	22	
Claire Moodie	16	Ye AABA - Dundee	6	31	54	
Kirsty Melville	16	Ye AABA - Dundee	7	33	00	
Senior Ladies						
Beth McDonough	45	Ye AABA - Dundee	1	43	30	
Jean Wilkin-Oxley	52	BLDSA: Warton, Carnforth	2	45	58	
Janet Wilson	54	Leeds Lifeguards	3	46	31	
Maureen Miller	41	Ye AABA - Dundee	4	47	28	
Sarah Bulloch	32	Ye AABA - Dundee	5	51	03	
Heather Miller	46	Ye AABA - Dundee	6	52	22	
Jessie Kidd	47	Ye AABA - Dundee	7	52	24	
Alice Baker	16	Melksham	DNS			

UN~AFFILIATED

MALES					
Charles Robertson	46	Crieff	1	27	56
Ross Galloway	19	Lochearnhead	2	43	55
Richard Caffrey snr	46	Dundee	3	44	26
Richard Caffrey jnr	14	Dundee	4	53	04
FEMALES					
Charlotte Brzeski	15	Comrie	1	35	26
Max Wyllie	29	Stirling	2	35	52
Jasmine Thomas	13	Comrie	3	36	37
Emma Galloway	16	Newington, Edinburgh	4	53	00
Vicki Ferguson	33	Stirling	5	53	14
Lottie Cameron	15	Lochearnhead	DNS		

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JLDSC ANNUAL AWARDS FOR 2007

ANN FLAMBARD TROPHY *Isobel Kelly*

DE CAUX TROPHY *William Allen-Le Bas & Alana Powell*

MASTERS TROPHY

MENS:- John Asplet *LADIES:- Dee Richards*

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR BOYS:- William Allen-Le Bas *JUNIOR GIRLS:- Alana Powell*

BOYS:- Tom Nerac *GIRLS:- Chantelle Le Guilcher*

MENS:- Ian Jones *LADIES:- Sarah-Jane Jones*

MASTERS:- Dee Richards & Marion Harvey

ENCOURAGEMENT TROPHIES

JUNIOR:- Bianca Kempster *SENIOR:- Marc Nicol*

ENDEAVOUR TROPHIES

MENS:- Ken Huish *LADIES:- Sylvia Trehiou*

BOYS:- William Allen-Le Bas *GIRLS:- Alana Powell*

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

BOYS:- William Allen-Le Bas *GIRLS:- Chantelle Le Guilcher & Tasmin Powell*

GRAVETT TROPHY FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OUTSIDE JERSEY

Thomas Nerac ,Chantelle Le Guilcher & Tasmin Powell

LESLIE MINTY TROPHY *Sally Minty-Gravett & Charlie Gravett*

PRESIDENTS TROPHY *Cliff Golding*

THE VIBERT FAMILY YOUNG PERSON SHIELD *Tom Nerac*

THE JLDSC JUNIOR SWIMMER OF THE YEAR *Tom Nerac*

donated by Cliff Golding

THE JLDSC PEARL ANNIVERSARY TROPHY *Marc Nicol*

For the most outstanding novice swimmer donated by Marion Harvey

DENIZE LE PENNEC AWARD FOR THE MERITORIOUS SWIM OF THE YEAR

Dee Richards

JERSEY TELECOM CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR *Marc Nerac & Martin Powell*

LLOYDS TSB PRIVATE BANKING AWARDS *Anthony Smith & Wendy Prunty*

For the fastest local male and female round island swimmer.

JLDSC COMMITTEE AWARDS

For a solo Jersey to France swim *Dee Richards*

For a solo English Channel swim *not awarded*

Presented by Lloyds TSB Private Banking.

WENDY PRUNTY INTREPID TROPHY *Mick Le Guilcher*

TOUR DU ROC SUPPORTERS TROPHY *Marion Harvey, Dilys Maletroit & Alison Foot*

JLDSC THANK YOUS

Peter Blandin Snr, Mick Le Guilcher, Mick le Masurier, Ann Le Masurier, Marc Nerac & Charlie Gravett

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FFF-Fifty fff-frozen fff-fearles ssss-swimmers accompanied by a brass monkey, complete with welding kit, welcomed the New Year in with the traditional plunge into a brand-new January's bracing yet less than welcoming waters. A small multitude of watchers and wonderers lined the rails gasping at the fool-hardy courage of the frozen fifty. Hot soup, mince pies and left over Christmas cake soon reached parts which Jack Frost's icy fingers had earlier stunned. The only Christmas crackers on display were those taking to the brine!

Pete Blandin (Senior) instigated near epidemic proportions of 'brain fade' and 'cranium melt down' as we met in the sobriety and grandeur of Grouville Parish Hall for one of his special Quiz Nights. For my fellow 'numpties' unable to list every world cup referee since 1749 or how many in the Jackson Five our evening was saved by 'taste and tipple' a traditional frenzy of choosing which tasty presentation deserved a second helping. Later in the month a cunning plan saw a letter delivered to The British Olympic Association inviting the British squad to train their open water squad in Jersey as preparation for both the Beijing and London games; an initial knock-back did not deter your scribe and behind the scenes probing of the ASA hierarchy continued. Watch this space !

At the CS&PF annual awards dinner in Dover, 'The JLDSC Special Recognition Award' was presented to Alan Macleay for his 21 hour Channel swim. It is presented where a swimmer successfully completes a Channel swim in conditions of extreme physical 'pressures' where it was not thought possible by the Federations committee that success was a possibility.

The Lions Club organised the 25th Swimarathon at Les Quennevais – the usual rowdy mayhem was followed by a spectacularly unhealthy nose bag at Chicago Rock. Well done to all swimmers, Team Captains, 'rounderupers' 'whiperiners' and the financial experts who collect and count the filthy lucre.

Easter Monday; 9th April and the first open water swim of the year. Flat seas and warm sunshine greeted the 20 'ice breakers'. At the end of April we received the tragic news that Club life member Dave Parcells had died of a cardiac arrest whilst competing in the 24 mile Tampa Bay swim. 49 year old Dave was due to visit Jersey to attempt a two way Round Island swim to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis, a debilitating disease with which he had recently been diagnosed as suffering from. There are plans afoot to replicate his intended 'Double Round Jersey' swim with a relay race between American and British swimmers in 2008 raising funds for investigation into MS; a fitting tribute to a legendary sportsman.

June and in the very dark and murky waters of the Royal Albert Dock, Tasmin Powell competed in the 3Km Junior event in the British Swimming International Festival of Open Water Swimming. As the youngest competitor in a field of 25 swimmers between 13 and 17 years old , it was a daunting prospect but unfortunately due to circumstances Tasmin did not quite complete the full course. However she gave her best, for which she is to be applauded. No mean feat to 'go in cold' against a very strong international field of very fast young swimmers. She drew praise from the race officials who commended her for withdrawing in the correct and sensible fashion without making a drama from it. As a result of my February letter to the British Olympic Association, I was invited to participate as an official at the same London venue. The experience for me was also an aquatic culture shock as exceptionally fast swimmers, making six miles (10km) in one hour fifty, showed me a quite different aspect of our sport. The approach and aggression is quite alien to our purist ideals however their commitment and swimming ability has to be applauded. The idea I had proposed is not completely lost as several worthy members of the technical committee were in favour of establishing a competition at some level in Jersey at a future date and I'm confident that Jersey will benefit from a visit by members of the International squad to swim in our coastal waters – one day.

It's July and time for our annual pilgrimage to Tour du Roc, a venue synonymous with getting as wet on the inside as out, but not at the same time I hasten to add. Not for the first time however the French reverted to their war time military planning strategists and managed 'Le Grande Up-cocking!' This ruined an otherwise usually fun swim for our band of 7 swimmers who put the experience down to "A good training swim" .

The annual Jersey Swimming Club, Green Island – Havre des Pas swim took place on a full spring tide with flat calm warm shallow water ensuring all swimmers finished inside the hour for the 1.3 nautical mile swim – 1.5 miles in real money. Green Island attracts the usual mob of pool sprinters and also long distance swimmers complaining that the distance wasn't enough time to loosen-up. In all 17 ladies and 8 gentlemen club members took part, a good showing from all.

News of the seasons first two Channel conquerors were filtering through from Dover as the Clubs' sole Channel aspirant for the year prepared her final arrangements before flying out of the Island. Our great mate Dee, well supported by Kelly, Wendy and Sally travelled to Dover in order to present herself before the court of King Neptune in order to give account of her years of training and long lonely miles of slogging towards that elusive day-dream. It was to be Dee's third attempt to swim the Channel following two weathered out attempts in 2006. However the British summer conspired to ruin the plans and lives of thousands as incredible rain-storms, floods of Noah proportions and up to Force 9 winds left a great deal of the country under water and Dee's dreams in tatters along with nearly twenty other Channel hopefuls. As Dee returned home, still smiling and in a positive frame of mind, a cunning plan was hatched to give this sparkling lady her 'dream day out' and feel a French beach under her feet, with a Jersey to France 14.7 nautical mile outing. On the next set of neap tides, Dee finally came across this elusive beach after 12 hours and 55 minutes. She'd swum for the best part of eight hours through a F4, at times rising above that to realise her dream. The only redeeming moment of the day came after about seven or eight hours when a pod of twenty plus dolphins including very young ones came to visit. They put on a brilliant show of synchronised swimming for well over 5 minutes before disappearing as soon as they'd come.

This followed another local success. Step forward Mr Smith. After 10 hours 53 minutes, following an early start, saw the ever cheerful Anthony celebrating his successful Round Island swim with the usual unique JLDSC welcoming shore party.

First day of August and the Club's President takes to the skies heading for Lake Zurich in Switzerland for a relay swim with fellow Club members Laura Lopez-Bonilla and Cliff Golding. The Anglo-Spanglo-Janglo team were competing in the 25 km swim along with approximately 30 other Channel swimmers based in Dover. They thoroughly enjoyed their day on the lake, despite the quite different approach of their pilot who, shall we say enjoyed a smoke!

Two weeks later Nic Millichip waited patiently for her Round Island swim to kick off from the Castle breakwater. By extending her stay by several days to be on hand for an opportunity Friday weather wise, although still marginal was selected as a possibility to get round. However the westerly winds increased and made progress very difficult for both the swimmer in the water and the ship's crew. Mother Nature won the day when Nic was taken from the water just before the fifth hour.

The week before our President's 'half a telegram soiree' we hoped to achieve at least a couple of crossings to the Normandy coast. Five times Channel swimmer Nick Adams and our own Anthony Smith were pencilled in. A nasty attack of sea breeze curtailed their plans but that didn't end Nick's local swimming career. Along with Cliff Golding who had set up camp at 'Wissant Towers' in preparation for a free beer at Sal's party they were regularly to be seen encouraging the younger element of our Club at St Catherine's. When the likes of Nick and Cliff can give their time so freely to encourage our youngsters with such enthusiasm and humour their visit wins far more than a mere jaunt around the Island. Our youngsters are very fortunate to have such talented swimmers to escort and encourage them and I trust they appreciate and remember those moments for when they become champions in their own right.

The afore-said party was attended by many of the Clubs members from 'Saga louts' to the beautiful people. Fancy dress seemed appropriate and many were cajoled into appearing like caricatures of bathing beauties and beasties of bygone days. A great night was had by all and a dreadful morning followed for the majority who hung their heads with both disgrace and pain from over indulgence, just in time to compete in the annual JSC Castle to Harbour swim.

Mike Cross flew in for his Round Jersey attempt having returned to deepest Essex the previous year snookered by the weather. He took all that Neptune and his boys could throw at him on the day, yet came through some 'sticky patches' to record, 11 hours 26 min and the all too necessary 27 seconds. A very creditable time for a good effort in the conditions and state of health he suffered on the day. Within two days we were at sea again, this time with Wendy Prunty who completed the 56th circumnavigation of 'The Rock'. Well done Wendy, you swam exceptionally well and bravely through some 'orrid conditions and came through smiling, as expected. Wendy's time was 10 hours 51 minutes and 50 seconds.

Back in May, it was a Committee decision to take youngsters away on a swim trip to the UK - for experience. We looked at the BLDSA swim programme where it became apparent that the only Junior swim was Lake Coniston on Sept 2nd. We offered to take 13 year olds Chantelle le Guilcher, Tasmin Powell and Tom Nerac. This decision was based upon those who trained regularly, constructively and were staunch members of the club and had been for many years; they also needed to be under 16. At this point, it is important to remember that personal best distance for each of these young people was Archirondel and back - so 2.6km really (1.52 nautical miles) plus a little bit more, although, before they went away, they had built up their 'time in the water' comfortably to 3 hours . The girls really seemed to enjoy themselves and finished their 5.5mile swims - walked out unaided, smiling, roasting - and starving! Tasmin's time - 2hrs 55mins and Chantelle 3hrs 0 min 55secs. Nothing in it - a superb swim from both girls - and very much personal bests. Tom decided to come out at 3rs 15 - also a personal best. He was very cold and in pain too. Our Madame President issued the following communiqué. "I am extremely proud of all 3 "Young Achievers"; for Tasmin and Chantelle for getting on with the job in hand, despite the nerves etc. and completing it with a smile and enjoyment. But especially - Tom; he did not want to come out - but realised that on the day - it was just not possible. He has come out vowing to go back next year - and finish it . He is a superb young man with courage and determination many of us do not see very often. These three young people have showed great determination, strength and character over the weekend; plus they'd been great ambassadors for the JLDSC and Jersey.

The annual 'Serco Junior Series' transferred from Havre des Pas pool to St Catherine's this year to escape the mindless lunatics who infest the town pool and the timing had moved from early season to the back end of our open water swim year so that it's altogether more pleasant. A multitude of little people turned out each week to swim increasing distances.

With a veritable Indian summer we had 2 more successful swims before September finished. Nic Millichip finally conquered our isle in 12 hours exactly and Anthony Smith struck out for the French coast and touched down in 10 hours 53 minutes.

We had a good turn out at our Club Championships combined with the JASA Champs as is normal. The seniors had a decent 3.25 nautical miles to cover with the juniors measuring 1.53 of a similar yardage. Some very tiny people swam an outstanding 600-700 meters.

And so to our Annual Club Dinner; this year graced by the attendance of no less a personage than Mr Kevin Murphy 'King of the Channel' and his good lady the irrepressible Jane. On Friday evening previous to the dinner a spell bound audience hung on every word as he regaled us with just some of his watery experiences.

"Charlie" Gravett

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Windermere Cross Lake Swim Report 2007

The Windermere Cross Lake Swim took place on 30th August. The weather was calm for swimmers, rowers and boat crews, with little wind and some sunshine.

We had a full quota of 30 swimmers taking part, of which 13 were from TBASC so the local club was well represented. Chris Eynon from Sudbury and District SC won outright in a time of 22 mins18 seconds with Gary Buxton from Carlisle Masters coming 2nd in a time of 24.38. David Richardson from Wigan SC came third in a time of 25.56. Jake Powell from TBASC claimed 1st junior male and came 11th overall in a time of 33.09.

In the ladies event Sarah Roberts from Scarborough SC won in a time of 24 mins 02 secs. This gave her second overall. Her nearest rival was Claire Wilson from TBASC who came back in a time of 29.13, and third position went to Sally Chapman from Barrow LDSC. Lauren Chapman from TBASC walked away with several trophies including 1st junior female, 1st local female and 7th female overall with a time of 36.25.

Well done to you all.

Many thanks to all those who gave up their time to support the swimmers, the boat crews and supporters, St John's for First Aid cover, Andy Murphy for supplying safety boats, and Windermere Lake Cruisss for the hire of the rowing boats and launch. Also to Peter Rigg, Terry Lambert, Joan Darling, and Reg and Hazel Simm for being officials. Also to Keith Longney who took on the role of safety kayaker. Also thanks to the bar staff at the Ambleside Rugby Club, Andy and Sam Kaye for serving pies and peas, and to Sue Aitken and Joyce Langhorn for their support with the organisation. We hope to have a different format next year where we won't run out of pies! Sorry to any one that missed out.

OPEN CROSS LAKE SWIM AUGUST 30th 2007

First Attempt	Place	No.	Name	Time	Group Placing
Yes	1	10	Chris Eynon	22.18	1st Male / Best 1st Attempt
	2	20	Sarah Roberts	24.02	1st Female
Yes	3	8	Gary Buxton	24.38	2nd Male
	4	11	David Richardson	25.56	3rd Male
Yes	5	3	Ben Davis	28.45	4th Male / 1st T.B.A.S.C. Member
Yes	6	31	Claire Wilson	29.13	2nd Female
	7	16	Sally Chapman	29.41	3rd Female
	8	1	Joe Booth	29.59	5th Male / 1st Local Male
Yes	9	17	Hannah Noble	30.17	4th Female
	10	18	Louise Hansard	31.46	5th Female
Yes	11	29	Jake Powell	33.09	6th Male / 1st Junior Male
Yes	12	13	Stuart McGurk	33.52	7th Male
Yes	13	5	Chris Bunker	33.55	8th Male
	14	6	Stephen Smith	34.16	9th Male
	15	2	Alex Elliott	34.35	10th Male
	16	4	Peter Midwood	35.55	11th Male
Yes	17	21	Laura Garside	35.56	6th Female
Yes	18	27	Lauren Chapman	36.25	7th Female / 1st Junior Female / 1st Local Female
	19	25	Irene Meikle	36.36	8th Female / 1st Female Breaststroke
	20	22	Sue Edgar	36.56	9th Female / 2nd Female Breaststroke
	21	14	Richard Clives	37.41	12th Male
Yes	22	7	Brendan Warriner	37.94	13th Male
	23	26	Joan Steel	38.55	10th Female / 3rd Female Breaststroke
Yes	24	15	Graham Boswell	40.15	14th Male
	25	9	Edgar Lowther	42.02	15th Male
Yes	26	28	Bethan Thorsby	48.54	11th Female / 2nd Junior Female
	27	24	Kath Walker	49.59	12th Female / 4th Female Breaststroke
Yes	28	30	Sarah Finn	53.37	13th Female / 5th Female Breaststroke / 1st Junior Breaststroke
	29	12	David Foster	56.05	16th Male
	30	23	Margaret Smith	59.59	14th Female / 6th Female Breaststroke

Annual Report 2007

Here we are again another season finished and what a successful year. With new and old members taking part in club and BLDSA events we have swum the 2nd highest mileage since 1989, recording 471miles. Mark Blewitt has swum the most miles outside this season, completing 67miles. Two of our new members have swum unbelievable distances in there first year. Jo Norton-Barker from never swimming outside before this year finished a fantastic season with 36 miles and Richard Walsh after demonstrating his speed by finishing 2nd in the Rivington 1km revealed his stamina by swimming 9 lakes including Windermere twice in 44hours (a total of 50miles) for charity.

However, the highlight of the season must be the clubs first ever 2way Channel Relay success. After a week of uncertainty with weather it proved to have a lesser influence on the swim. What proved far more influential was the unpredictably strong northerly tide which resulted in the return leg of 43miles long being via the North Sea. This made the total distance swam of 72miles. The outward crossing was achieved in 13hrs 6mins and the complete 2way swim took 28hrs 54mins. The team consisted of Michaela Richard (Team Manager), Andy Wright, Jo Norton-Barker, Mark Blewitt, Chris Carter and Caroline Lewis.

Before updating you in details on the Clubs activity over the year, we need to update you on the Billy Dutton season. Billy had us all worried in April when problems with his 'ticker' caused him to take a rest at Warrington General Hospital. After several days in an unconscious state he woke to inform Julie Mainwaring that he'd be training again in a couple of weeks. Fortunately for Billy, he has some very caring and persuasive friend who convinced him to take the doctors advice seriously. Anyway after further investigations, Billy was found to need some corrective heart surgery and is now nearly full recovered, thank god. The down side to this is that Billy is threatening to take some training seasons which I would expected to be extremely hard work.

This year the BLDSA was celebrating its 50th and to commemorate it a Golden Jubilee Relay was organised. We entered two teams into the relay on Windermere. The event proved to be a truly enjoyable day for all who were either swimming or helping out. In total we were represented by 14 swimmers, 4 rowers and 4 helpers, which included your President as the swim organiser. Our two teams consisted one for the Ladies and the second for the Gents. Caroline was fairly sure that she would out swim Chris Carter in a sprint finish. However, the gents had other ideas and managed to put some clear water between the ladies. Our two other swimmers were in the Breaststroke team.

Club Championships – Budworth and Albert Dock

The **Budworth Championships** were another success thanks to Joe Coy. This was the first event on the BLDSA calendar that had taken entries on-line and it proved to be a great success. The club retained the Senior Team Award for the 9th year thanks to Graham Padgett, Julie Connor and Christian Wade. Martin Bosson and Nick White retained their junior gent's freestyle and senior gents breaststroke titles respectively. It was a great days swimming with an entry of 66.

Alan Pomfret once again organised an excellent **Albert Dock Championships** which had another record entry of 46. Once again there was a fine turn out of Dolphins with Graham Boswell producing an excellent swim in his first season outdoors. The swim set him up nicely for his later successful cross Windermere swim. Graham Padgett demonstrated his speed by being the first Dolphin home at both Budworth and Albert Dock. Christian Wade also swam fast on his first dip in the docks, something to do with jellyfish.

Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club

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Club Events – Budworth Handicap, Marbury Handicap and Pool Events

At the **Budworth Handicap** we showed off one of their new 'Huge' marker buoys. The water temperature was 57F for the 18 swimmers who took part. Poor Dave Bowker with glory in sight and only 2 second away from his predicted time, Caroline stunned him by finishing exactly on her predicted time, to win the event. This year we had great help on the side.

Bob Keating & Dick Dickinson Handicaps were held at Fordton at the end of April. Eight swimmers competed for the Bob Keating Trophy. Russ Mason upon discovering how close he was to winning, only 1 second out, asked for a 'stewards enquiry' into the possible collusion of Christian Wade who had a 'senior moment' during the race, swimming into Russ, which stopped him. Caroline Lewis again took the trophy with her excellent prediction of her time.

The **Marbury Handicap** was once again a great success, well attended, good swimming, great food and an excellent social event. Out of the 19 swimmers taking part, Chris Byrne ensured that the trophy stayed at the Byrne house for the second year running by his victory. Thanks are again due to Alan Pomfret and Julie Mainwaring and to John Glynn for organising the excellent buffet.

We had another successful **Postal Swim** claiming many gold medals. Our thanks are owed to Julie Mainwaring for organising the Dolphins swims and Dave Feakes who organised it nationally. I believe Dave has done a fantastic job with little recognition of his continual efforts.

Our performance at Masters competitions this season were somewhat less intense than the last couple of years. However, 4 members competed in the ***Cheshire Masters***. Judy Brown, Michaela Richard Graham Padgett, & Dave Bowker

Attendance levels at **training** have remained respectable throughout the year. However, we did experience a summer reduction. Don't forget to take up Alan's requests for Sunday coaches, this saves him from last minutes organising. Our new junior Chloe has probably the best attendance record and it is very apparent that she has improved, watch out for her over taking you.

Six members who entered in October 2006 swam in a cool **Dee Mile**, which turned out to be a great swim with Michaela winning the ladies 'all comers' title. This is the second year running the club has claimed this title.

It has been a somewhat busy summer for myself being BLDSA President this year and my attendance at club sessions has been less than usual. However, with the summer over and winter training started I will be able to regain some fitness for the Xmas Handicap and Boxing Day Dips.

Finally can I thank all those members who again have supported others at swims enabling them to participate which otherwise may not have been possible. Thanks for your help and time. Additionally, thanks also to members, their partners, spouses and parents who have supported and helped out at Club events. This has helped make our Club and our events successful and the great club it is.

Budworth Championships 7th June 2008
Albert Dock Championships 2nd August 2008

Andy Wright
President

warrington dolphins

Budworth Championship

2nd June 2007

Gents 3 Miles Freestyle

Place	Name		Time	Club
1	Adam	Harvey	00.55.38	Scarborough SC
2	Michael	Shackcloth	1.05.38	Manchester Tri
3	Graham	Padgett	1.07.16	Warrington Dolphins
4	Nicholas	Robinson	1.08.01	City Of Liverpool
5	Christian	Wade	1.08.34	Warrington Dolphins
6	Keith	Bosson	1.15.12	Warrington Dolphins
7	Dave	Reason	1.15.57	Howe Bridge Marlins
8	Kevin	Saunders	1.22.05	Warrington Dolphins
9	Chris	Green	1.23.44	Barrow LDSC
10	Mark	Blewitt	1.27.07	Warrington Dolphins
11	Joseph	Coy	1.30.09	Warrington Dolphins
12	Henry	Lowther	1.31.42	BLDSA
13	Paul	Taylor	1.37.09	BLDSA
14	Gareth	Wilson	1.38.52	Burnley
15	Chris	Carter	1.38.52	Warrington Dolphins
16	Tom	Towey	1.40.31	Warrington Dolphins
17	Gareth	Evans	1.40.51	Bronwydd Dolphins
18	Chris	Finerty	1.42.10	BLDSA
19	David	Bowker	1.49.32	Warrington Dolphins
20	Les	Robinson	2.01.22	North Worcester LGC
21	Mick	Gallagher	2.01.50	Warrington Dolphins
22	David	Foster	2.28.00	Troutbeck Bridge ASC

Ladies 3 Miles Freestyle

				Club
1	Sarah	Roberts	1.00.10	Scarborough SC
2	Rebecca	Lewis	1.01.53	Barrow LDSC
3	Dee	Llewellyn	1.08.36	Halifax
4	Julie	Connor	1.08.40	Warrington Dolphins
5	Amy	Mellor	1.10.04	Corby
6	Michaela	Richard	1.10.50	Warrington Dolphins
7	Liane	Llewellyn	1.15.57	Halifax
8	Jo	Norton-Barker	1.23.34	Warrington Dolphins
9	Caroline	Lewis	1.27.29	Warrington Dolphins
10	Vicki	Thompson	1.40.45	Barrow LDSC
11	Amanda	Taylor	1.49.18	BLDSA
12	Gill	Stables	1.51.28	Troutbeck Bridge
13	Janet	Wilson	2.29.31	Otley SC
14	Una	Martin		Manchester Tri Club

Gents 3 Miles Breaststroke

				Club
1	Nick	White	1.42.04	Warrington Dolphins

Junior Boys 2 Miles

				Club
1	Martin	Bosson	00.39.34	Warrington Dolphins
2	Ben	Cassidy	00.44.03	City Of Liverpool
3	Jamie	Scott		Newark SC

Junior Girls 2 Miles

				Club
1	Alice	McCall	00.36.35	Wigan BEST
2	Nicola	Fraser	00.43.20	Stocksbridge Pentaqua
3	Cara	Lawson	00.44.28	Sedgefield 75
4	Siobhan	Murphy	00.47.13	City Of Liverpool
5	Hayley	Akroyd	00.58.05	Stocksbridge Pentaqua

Gents 1 Mile

				Club
1	Derek	Booth	00.28.45	Halton SC
2	John	Glynn	00.32.10	Warrington Dolphins
3	Graham	Boswell	00.32.40	Warrington Dolphins
4	Neil	Sloan	00.32.49	Howe Bridge Marlins

Ladies 1 Mile

				Club
1	Jillian	Jackson	00.24.01	Howe Bridge Marlins
2	Sue	Marsh	00.27.44	Halton SC
3	Helen	Unsworth	00.28.39	Howe Bridge Marlins
4	Eileen	Sharman	00.45.15	Bolton Metro Tri

Tri 1 Mile

				Club
1	Caroline	Slaughter	00.25.12	EnduranceUK
2	Andrew	Coles	00.27.03	Knaresborough
3	David	Peacock	00.28.52	EnduranceUK
4	Mark	Walker	00.30.16	Warrington Tri Club
5	John	Lyons	00.30.42	EnduranceUK
6	Jonathon	Batt	00.33.41	Buxton
7	Elizabeth	Batt	00.34.08	Buxton
8	Helen	Sydenham	00.41.07	Warrington Dolphins

Senior Team

1	**Warrington Dolphins**		
	Graham	Padgett	1.07.16
	Julie	Connor	1.08.40
	Christian	Wade	1.08.34
			3.24.30

Warrington Dolphins - Albert Dock Championships 2007

Junior Ladies 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
2	14			Nicola	Fraser	Stocksbridge Pentaqua	43 mins 10 secs	1st	
1	14		B	Hayley	Akroyd	Stocksbridge Pentaqua	58 mins 37 secs	2nd	1st Breaststroke

Junior Gents 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
3	14			Ben	Cassidy	Everton SA	43 mins 30 secs	1st

Senior Ladies 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
8	19			Sarah	Roberts	Scarborough SC	42 mins 11 secs	1st
5	16			Emma	Couch	Scarborough SC	43 mins 04 secs	2nd
6	34			Barbara	Swan	Liverpool	1 hr 01 mins 38 secs	3rd
4	45	V		Helen	Tristam	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 06 mins 34 secs	4th

Senior Ladies 4 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
9	29			Dee	Lleweilyn	Halifax SC	1 hr 30 mins 00 secs	1st
15	25			Jane	McCormick	Manchester Masters	1 hr 32 mins 09 secs	2nd
14	40			Michaela	Richard	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 37 mins 52 secs	3rd
13	37			Michelle	Sharples		1 hr 50 mins 00 secs	4th
12	37			Jo	Norton-Barker	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 54 mins 00 secs	5th
11	29			Nicola	Price	Nottingham	2 hr 10 mins 00 secs	6th
10	34			Caroline	Lewis	Warrington Dolphins	Did not complete the course	

Senior Gents 2 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
29	17			James	Sowersby	Scarborough SC	43 mins 38 secs	1st	
21	32			Stuart	Taylor	Atherton SC	44 mins 38 secs	2nd	
28	52	V		Frank	Kilgannon	Halton SC	47 mins 25 secs	3rd	
23	34			Richard	Huber	Stocksbridge	53 mins 34 secs	4th	
20	52	V		Peter	Midwood	Troutbeck Bridge ASC	58 mins 01 secs	5th	
18	53	V		Ian	Corrin	City of Liverpool	59 mins 03 secs	6th	
22	72	V		Keith	Godbehere	Rotherham	59 mins 18 secs	7th	
26	33			Mark	Mooney	Aer Lingus Masters SC	59 mins 37 secs	8th	
19	70	V		Mike	Smith	Solent LDSC	1 hr 00 mins 00 secs	9th	
27	63	V		Graham	Boswell	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 05 mins 19 secs	10th	
25	57	V		Tom	Towey	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 05 mins 33 secs	11th	
24	70	V		Eric	Millican	Rotherham Metro	1 hr 06 mins 23 secs	12th	
17	46	V		Gary	Slater	Warrington	1 hr 07 mins 32 secs	13th	1st Breaststroke
16	22			Christopher	Rhodes	Kirkham & Wesham	Did not complete the course		

Senior Gents 4 mile Championship

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
40	23			Adam	Harvey	Scarborough	1 hr 18 mins 04 secs	1st	
36	57	V		Graham	Padgett	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 32 mins 00 secs	2nd	1st Veteran
37	34			Christian	Wade	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 34 mins 11 secs	3rd	
32	30			Nicholas	Robinson	Liverpool	1 hr 36 mins 00 secs	4th	
46				Peter	Haper	City of Liverpool	1 hr 50 mins 30 secs	5th	
42	39			Jonathan	Tilt	BLDSA	1 hr 50 mins 32 secs	6th	
41	37			Stuart	Mills		1 hr 50 mins 44 secs	7th	
31	52	V		Alan	Turk	Sandwell Valley	1 hr 55 mins 00 secs	8th	
43	34			Jamie	Campbell		1 hr 56 mins 33 secs	9th	
39	46	V		Joseph	Coy	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 02 mins 00 secs	10th	
35	63	V		Peter	Ingham	Rotherham Metro	2 hr 02 mins 00 secs	10th	
38	48	V		Henry	Lowther	Warrington	2 hr 02 mins 30 secs	12th	
30	35			Nick	White	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 21 mins 03 secs	13th	1st Breaststroke
44	49	V		David	Bowker	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 33 mins 00 secs	14th	
33	62	V		Mick	Gallagher	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 48 mins 58 secs	15th	

Warrington Dolphins Swimmers

No	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
27	63	V		Graham	Boswell	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 05 mins 19 secs	10th	
25	57	V		Tom	Towey	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 05 mins 33 secs	11th	
4	45	V		Helen	Tristam	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 06 mins 34 secs	4th	
36	57	V		Graham	Padgett	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 32 mins 00 secs	2nd	1st Veteran
37	34			Christian	Wade	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 34 mins 11 secs	3rd	
14	40			Michaela	Richard	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 37 mins 52 secs	3rd	
12	37			Jo	Norton-Barker	Warrington Dolphins	1 hr 54 mins 00 secs	5th	
39	46	V		Joseph	Coy	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 02 mins 00 secs	10th	
30	35			Nick	White	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 21 mins 03 secs	13th	1st Breaststroke
44	49	V		David	Bowker	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 33 mins 00 secs	14th	
33	62	V		Mick	Gallagher	Warrington Dolphins	2 hr 48 mins 58 secs	15th	
10	34			Caroline	Lewis	Warrington Dolphins	Did not complete the course		3 miles

Howe Bridge Marlin L.D.S.C.
Annual Report 2007

Howe Bridge swimmers season started at Budworth on the 2nd of June with 5 swimmers entered in the Warrington Dolphins organised swim. Jill Jackson, who is this years Club President, started her season with 1st place in the 1 mile novice swim, Helen Unsworth finished 3rd in the same event with Neal Sloan 4th in the mens. Len Unsworth in his 1st outdoor swim had to retire due to cold . In the 3 mile main event Dave Reason finished in 7th place in a time of 1hr 15 min. It was a good start to the season and we looked forward to our next swim at Rivington.

The Rivington swim was held on the 23rd of July with less than ideal conditions for new swimmers. We had 5 swimmers competing and they all finished strongly and were now looking forward to our club swim at Llyn Padarn. The first to finish the 1000 metres swim was Jill Jackson and Bethany Sloan followed by dad Neil, with Jonathon Bullen finishing next in his 1st swim. In the 2 mile veterans race Dave Reason finished 2nd.

Bala was, next with Dave Reason finishing 2nd in the 3k swim. It was the coldest water in July for a number of years and watching the swimmers set off for the 6mile later in the day was an awesome prospect. I know there were a few retirements but the events of the weekend were superbly organised by Andy Wright.

Llyn Padarn was the next swim the marlins competed in. As the organising club we had to get over the clash of events with the BLDSA and the worst weather we have had for years. We suffered a huge drop in numbers and the organisers felt it was necessary on the day to cancel the 1000metres. The club members who swam on the day overcame the conditions and put in some sound performances. (see results).

Next, to the Veterans Championship on Coniston on Aug 4th with Dave Reason finishing 2nd on yet another disappointing day with the weather.

August 16th and we were off to do a swim new to the club. Peter Todd and Dave Reason swam from Anglesey to Bangor. It was no different weather than most of the season. It rained from leaving home at 7am until arriving back at 8pm. We still came away with Dave 1st in the over 50s and Peter 7th. We will be back next year.

That's another season completed and all at Howe Bridge are looking ahead to next season with hopefully more swimmers entering events.

November 24th,
We have just held our annual 1500 indoor swim with friends from Barrow, Warrington and other long distance swimming clubs. Our younger juniors did a half distance swim in the first heat with the rest to follow. Overall fastest on the day was Simon Cope swimming for Howe Bridge Marlins with the marlins also winning the team prize. First lady to finish was our president Jill Jackson. The juniors Rebecca Hall, Beth Jackson, Hannah Worden, Grace Morley, Jess Sloan, Beth Sloan, Grace Wood and Edward Morley all did brilliant swims and we look forward to next season seeing them swim outdoors.

Dave Reason
Hon Sec.

Llyn Padarn 2007klh Results - 4 Mile by Class

Senior Women - Freestyle

1	Julie Owen	Scarborough	1:27:15	NR
2	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough	1:37:18	
3	Michaela Richard	Warrington Dolphins	1:49:24	
4	Louise Hansard	Newark	2:11:19	
5	Jo Norton-Barker	Warrington Dolphins	2:13:26	

Senior Men - Freestyle

1	Adam Harvey	Scarborough	1:32:16
2	David Randal		1:49:08
3	Christian Wade	Warrington Dolphins	1:52:15
4	Andy Wright	Warrington Dolphins	1:53:14
5	Mike Dilworth	Arfon Masters	1:57:12
6	Kevin Walsh	S. Manchester Surf Club	2:01:12
7	Matthew Ryall	Halifax	2:02:11
8	Gareth Wilson	Manchester Tri Club	2:10:26
9	Mark Blewitt	Warrington Dolphins	2:13:26
10	Peter Goodman		2:13:49
11	Henry Lowther	BLDSA	2:26:21
12	Peter Ingham	Rotherham Metro	2:37:19

Llyn Padarn 2007klh Results 2 Mile by class

Junior Girls Breaststroke

No swimmer finished

Junior Girls Freestyle

1	Alison Lydon	Warrington Dolphins	52.46
2	Abigail Morgan	BLDSA	1.09.00

Junior Boys Freestyle

1	Martin Bosson	Warrington Dolphins	47.26
2	Iain Stapleton	City of Bradford	51.53
3	David Mort	Scarborough	53.18
4	Tom Venner	Scarborough	1.07.24

Senior Women Breaststroke

1	Christina Stapleton	Bingley SC	1.07.32

Senior Women Freestyle

1	Julie Owen	Scarborough	42.25	NR
2	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough	47.12	
3	Emma Couch	Scarborough	51.49	
4	Michaela Richard	Warrington Dolphins	54.05	
5	Stel Farrar	Arfon Masters	55.02	
6	Jill Jackson	Howe Bridge Marlins	57.50	
7	Louise Hansard	Newark	1.02.03	
8	Anna Barker	Warrington Dolphins	1.05.40	
9	Helen Unsworth	Howe Bridge Marlins	1.06.23	

Senior Men Breaststroke

1	Bill Webster	Howe Bridge Marlins	1.52.43

Senior Men Freestyle

1	Adam Harvey	Scarborough	42.23
2	Graham Padgett	Warrington Dolphins	50.38
3	Christian Wade	Warrington Dolphins	51.50
4	Stuart Taylor	Howe Bridge Aces	53.32
5	Richard Thraves	Scarborough	54.23
6	Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins	1.00.36
7	Gareth Wilson	Manchester Tri Club	1.02.05
8	Mark Blewitt	Warrington Dolphins	1.04.12
9	Peter Todd	Howe Bridge Marlins	1.06.08
10	Keith Rothwell	Arfon Masters	1.06.20
11	John Lydon	Warrington Dolphins	1.08.44
12	Scott Webster	Kingfishers	1.11.24
13	Colin Benn	BLDSA	1.13.24
14	Robert Acton		1.38.07

Llyn Padarn 2007klh Team Results

2 Mile Senior Team

1st	**Scarborough**	**2:12:00**
	Adam Harvey	0:42:23
	Julie Owen	0:42:25
	Sarah Roberts	0:47:12
2nd	**Warrington Dolphins**	**2:36:33**
	Graham Padgett	0:50:38
	Christian Wade	0:51:50
	Michaela Richard	0:54:05
3rd	**Howe Bridge Marlins**	**3:10:21**
	Jill Jackson	0:57:50
	Peter Todd	1:06:08
	Helen Unsworth	1:06:23

4 Mile Team

1st	**Scarborough**	**4:36:49**
	Julie Owen	1:27:15
	Adam Harvey	1:32:16
	Sarah Roberts	1:37:18
2nd	**Warrington Dolphins**	**5:34:53**
	Michaela Richard	1:49:24
	Christian Wade	1:52:15
	Andy Wright	1:53:14

Report to British Long Distance Swimming Association

Shanklin Regatta 56th. Annual Sandown to Shanklin Sea Swim Sunday August 12th.

After a somewhat shivery start on Sunday morning, from the beach at Sandown Inshore Rescue, the sun shone warmly as the 105 swimmers emerged from the waves at Shanklin Rowing Club where they were greeted with Mars Bars, hot soup and sandwiches.
In first place was last year's winner Edward Castro age19 of St.Bede's School in 28 min 40 sec. The fastest lady was Johanna Gascoigne- Owens age 28 of Tower Hamlets Masters in 32 min 46 sec Winners of the Mr. and Mrs. Cherriman Cups for the fastest Island swimmers were Gary Kurth age 29 of Wight Tri in 32 min 30 sec and Amy Rickards age 19 of Isle of Wight Masters in 34 min.60 sec

Other group winners were:

Category	Winner	Club
Fastest Breaststroker	Bryn Dymott	St.Neots Swans
Lady under 21 years	Amy Rickards	IW Masters
Man under 21 years	Edward Castro	St.Bede's School
Lady 21 -29 years	Johanna Gascoigne-Owens	Tower Hamlets
Man 21- 29	Gary kurth	Wight tri
Man 30- 39 years	Peter Dixon	Bethnal Green
Lady 40 -49 years	Bridget Bewick	Maidenhead Marlins
Man 40 -49 years	Bruce Simpson	Guildford City
Lady 50- 64 years	Christine Brooks	Eastbourne
Man 50 -64 years	Martin Coombes	Herne Bay swim & LG
Lady 65 and over	Rosemary Johnson	IW Masters
Man 65 and over	John Barry	Unattached
Fastest team of 4		
Most senior finisher	Tom Rooney	IW Masters
Endeavour award	Barney miller	IW Masters

Swimmers travel from all over the country to take part in this event from as far away as Cambridge, Coventry, Nottingham, Worcester, Wiltshire, Somerset, Dorset, Hertfordshire, Berkshire, East and West Sussex, Kent and London. One swimmer from Jersey, joined her Island relatives in the swim while holidaying here! Many bring their families and stay for the week or weekend, returning year after year to take part in what must be one of the most picturesque sea swim settings, across Sandown Bay.

Safety cover was provided by Sandown Inshore Rescue, Shanklin Deep Sea Fishing Club, Brading Haven Yacht Club and many Island canoeists and kayakers led by Adrian Brown.

Presentations to trophy winners were made by Nan Shaw, Chairman of Shanklin Regatta Committee on whose behalf the Isle of Wight Masters Swimming Club organise the swim, with the team led by Gordon Osborne, Chairman IW Masters SC., and David and Jenny Ball, Competition Secretary IW Masters SC.

The list of cups and shields continues to grow with three new awards being made this year. Mrs. Marguerite Hunt, gave a new cup in memory of her son Chris, who always took part in this and many other events but tragically died very young earlier in the year. Mrs. Hunt came to the Island from her home at Waterlooville to present the cup herself. Two others were donated by Mrs. Adele Snashall from Pevensey, whose son Peter is a member of Isle of Wight Masters.

In all there were 23 Island swimmers representing Wight Tri, Seaclose, South Wight, Isle of Wight Masters and West Wight Swimming Clubs and some who simply swim as individuals. The essence of the swim is that it is open to all -comers, without the necessity of being a member of a swimming club.

The 2008 Sandown to Shanklin swim will take place on Sunday 17th August

Jenny Ball
IWMSC

44th ANNUAL EXMOUTH FAIRWAY BUOY SWIM

The 44th Annual Exmouth Fairway Buoy swim, received a record entry but a limit on entries to 37 swimmers for the event meant the last few to enter were unlucky with the entry full a week before the cut off date. The 2008 event will be a maximum of 40 entrants, so get your entries in early so not to be disappointed not to be entered.

Entries came from Cambridge, London, Weymouth, Derby, Lancashire, Bristol area, and the local Exmouth entrants. With the exception of two swimmers from the north, does not anybody swim in sea events from the North anymore?

The day started with grey skies and a little breeze, the swim conditions for the swim starting at 1345 hours, were south westerly light winds, force 2.to 3 back to 2 variable, with good visibility. These conditions are ideal for a good swim for all competitors entered, with areas of calm and choppy sea conditions to make it interesting over the course.

With the start time set at 1 hour 10 minutes before the low tide time, this will give all, fast or slower swimmers entered a more than good chance to round the Fairway Buoy before the incoming tide starts to increase its flow.

As always, all swimmers were allocated a sea competent kayaker, with a few given 2 for the duration of the swim.

The safety cover for the swim involves 7 RIBs and a converted trawler for the turn boat near the buoy, all equipped with VHF radios to converse with each other co-ordinated by the swim referee, and the coast guards stationed on shore overlooking the swim from cliffs along the swim route.

The swimmers and kayakers all attend a safety briefing 1 hour before the start, with numbered tabards given to the kayakers to wear, corresponding to the number that all the swimmers they are escorting, have marked on each upper arm.

The start is from a standing position in the water at thigh height, (for most) after a 10 down to 1 count down, swimmers sprint out to gain the out going tides advantage and head in a easterly direction. Soon being met by their kayaker escort, which were watching, their allotted swimmer start the race while rafted 50 metres off shore.

The swimmers follow a lead boat, which will complete the swim route to the buoy, and back to the finish. For safety reasons all swimmers have to keep shore side of the main channel going out the estuary, then a corridor will be formed by the safety craft to keep all the swimmers on a straight path to the turn buoy.

The first swimmer to reach the turn was Kelly College student 18 year old Caroline Ball, in a time of 45.30, Caroline is training with the Exmouth open water section under the watchful eye of open water coach Alan Franks. Second swimmer to turn was 2006 English Channel swimmer Nancy Douglas, in a time of 46.57, third swimmer but first male to turn was, 2006 Champion of Champion winner Robert Cook of Cheltenham, in a time of 47.44.

With the revised time for the swim to start before low tide, being a success with all the field rounding the turn before the incoming tide was to strong to swim against, with last swimmer Suzanne Potter reaching and turning for the return route in a time of 1.hr17.04.

With the field stretched out in a long line of kayaks, with their swimmers stroking constantly beside them, weather conditions were good, and the sea state calm with a slight chop around the area where the open sea meets the estuary. As the swimmers return past the red cliffs of the Triassic section of the Jurassic coast line, and view the golden sands of the Exmouth shore line, the assistance of the incoming tide is a great relief for some swimmers, who under estimate this early open water sea swim.

The first swimmer to appear around the corner nearing the finish line was the leader around the buoy, Caroline Ball in her first senior open sea swim. In second place was Nancy Douglas, with first male and third overall Robert Cook 1minute 46seconds behind. A constant flow of swimmers past the finish line with some closely contested battles fought to the finish. First and only Breaststroke swimmer to finish was Nick Hunt, positioned well up the field, proving that breaststroke swimmers should enter this event next year, with trophies for Men and Ladies to be won in this stroke class.

This proved a successful swim with 37 entered, 35 started and 2 failures.

A buffet and presentation followed at Withycombe Rugby Club.

I would like to thank all the organisations who made it possible for the swim to take place.
The St John Ambulance, RNLI, Coast Guard, Exmouth Beach Rescue, Royal Marines, all the private boat owners and all the officials who helped on the day of the swim.
A special mention and -thank you, to the ladies that put on a splendid buffet at the presentation.

Report by Swim Secretary Barry K Westaway

EXMOUTH ANNUAL 44th FAIRWAY BUOY SWIM RESULTS

Name	finish time	men's position	overall position
Robert COOK	1.36.30	1st	3rd
Benjamin PENNINGTON	1.37.57	2nd	4th
Jason SHAW	1.38.33	3rd	5th
Olly WHITE	1.38.41	4	6
Simon LEE	1.40.52	5	7
Gary CARPENTER	1.43.27	6	8
Ian LANG	1.43.41	7	9
Mark WESTAWAY	1.45.28	8	10
Nicolas IRELAND	1.46.05	9	11
Alistair PETRIE	1.49.03	10	12
Tom HUDSON	1.49.30	11	13
Peter JOLLY	1.49.40	12	14
Stephen PRICE	1.50.52	13	16
Duncan GIBSON	1.56.18	14	20
Mark BLEWITT	1.59.33	15	21
Nick HUNT	2.00.39	16 (1st Breaststroke)	23
Wayne ROBERTS	2.00.44	17	24
Kyriakos LOBOTESIS	2.00.52	18	25
Kevin WALSH	2.01.46	19	26
Nicolas WHITE	2.02.12	20	27
Lucio CICOLECCHIA	2.07.21	21	28
David RAYMENT	Did not finish		
Mark SAWYER	Did not start		
Ladies			
Caroline BALL	1.33.22	1st	1st
Nancy DOUGLAS	1.34.44	2nd	2nd
Kate MASON	1.50.30	3rd	15
Linda ASHMORE	1.50.47	4	17
Lucy PETRIE	1.52.18	5	18
Gemma FRANKS	1.55.03	6	19
Julia ASTON	1.57.42	7	21
Rachel REED	2.06.34	9	29
Jenny POTTER	2.13.30	10	31
Tina OTTON	2.16.53	11	32
Suzanne POTTER	2.18.54	12	33
Amanda GULBRANSON	Did not finish		
Deb BURFORD	Did not start		