



## **BLDSA Annual Report 2013**

Hasn't this summer flown by! And what a fantastic summer it has been. Not only has the weather been great, but the Dolphin's achievements have once again been outstanding. I heard that swimmers complained that the water at Lyn Padarn was too warm at 26 degrees C!

In February we ran our second 1500m championship, this time at the new Orford park leisure complex. Over 40 swimmers took part. A special event for the children of competitors proved to be particularly popular and successful.

The mileage swum outdoors by club members has again been high at nearly 400 miles. Let's start first of all with Michaela Richard's successful round Jersey swim on 21<sup>st</sup> August in a time of 9 hours 41 minutes for the 41 mile (tide assisted ) swim, the first by a member of the Dolphins. I understand that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest swim ever and the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest by a female. As part of her training, Michaela has competed in open water events all over the country, coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the Dee mile, Bala 3 and 6 miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Ivan Percival and the Utterly Buttermere events and 3<sup>rd</sup> in our own Budworth Championship.

Not to be outdone by Michaela, Jo Norton-Barker has again risen to the challenge culminating in a successful 2-way Windermere swim in the very respectable time of 15 hours 7 minutes.

Further congratulations must go to Judy Brown who was the first female home at Budworth and first veteran at Coniston and to Phil Woods who won Budworth on his first open water swim in a time of 1 hour 8 minutes and 2 seconds. Phil then went on to complete a channel relay crossing with 3 colleagues in a time of 13 hours 49 minutes. Stuart Ainsworth, Dave Bowker, Chris Carter, Dave Cornwell, Steve Elliott, Kay Gorzko, Barbara Harding, Pam Kay, Andy Sherratt, Richard Taylor and Julie Trevor must all be congratulated on successful open water swims this summer.

Congratulations go to Sally White, Tamara Brown, Sue Marsh and Stephne Douglas who, along with 2 other Mum-school- run friends also completed a channel relay crossing despite having to overcome problems when the propeller of the support boat got entangled in lobster pot guy ropes.

Pride of place must go, however, to juniors brother and sister Thomas and Sarah Roberts. Both have won championships this year, many in record times, with Thomas sometimes beating the winning senior gents time. The future of our Club rests with members like Thomas and Sarah and Joe Reid who also deserves a mention.

The success of our open water swimmers was recognised by the BLDSA when they awarded Caroline Lewis the Hans Belay Trophy for her outstanding Loch Lomond swim in 2012. Michaela Richard was awarded the Avril and Alan Mitchell Trophy in recognition of her ability and dedication during the 2012 season and Thomas Roberts the Elsie Brook Encouragement and Perseverance Trophy in recognition of his outstanding swims as a junior.

### **Club Championships**

Our thanks must go to Larry and Michaela Richard for, again, organising the Budworth Mere Championship swim and to Dave Bowker for organising the Albert Dock Championship swim, both of which were resounding successes. Thanks must also go to the Dolphin members who turned up on the day to act as marshalls, time keepers etc and to those who provided the very essential canoe safety cover. This is the last year Budworth will be organised by Larry and Michaela. Our thanks go to them for doing such a fantastic job over the past 6 years and to Adrian Moylan who has volunteered to run the swim next year. The results of these championships follow.

The popular Tuesday evening open water training sessions at Budworth, after a promising start, unfortunately had to be suspended again due to the presence of blue green algae in the water.

### **Masters Championships**

Dolphins successes this summer have not just been confined to open water events. Our strong Masters section continues to compete at the highest national and international level. Judy Brown and Graham Padgett are now both ranked in the top 10 in the world (yes, the world) in several of their respective age-group events. The successes of the masters swimmers are too many to mention, but congratulations must go as well to Graeme Atherton, Claire Dickinson, Trevor Eland, Paul Frith, Gerry Kelleher, Russ Mason, Chris Rix, Richard Taylor and Phil Woods for successfully representing the Dolphins at Masters meets throughout the UK. Apologies if I have missed someone off the list!!

### **Club Events**

#### **Budworth Handicap**

18 swimmers braved cold conditions to compete in our traditional first open water swim of the year, which was won by Dave Cornwell. The hot chocolate and bacon butties available at the sailing club were welcomed by all.

#### **Marbury Handicap**

The Marbury Handicap followed the same successful format as it has done for several years. 19 swimmers took part this year with the Presentation being made by the Club President after a buffet in the Antrobus Arms. As usual, many swimmers were very close to their predicted times for the 1 mile race, which was won by Karen Hodgkins.

#### **Bob Keating Handicap**

The Bob Keating handicap was held for the first time at the Orford Park Leisure complex, the venue of our new Sunday 2 hour training sessions. 9 senior members took part with Steve Elliot the winner completing the 3000m swim exactly in his predicted time.

#### **Boxing Day Dip**

The Boxing Day Dip was won, for the second year in succession, by Richard Walsh.

Jim Nurse

President Warrington Dolphins LDSC

## WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LDSC

### CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BUDWORTH MERE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013

This year's event was very early on in the season, it was a beautiful sunny day but the water temperature was a cool 12 Deg.C.

The course was set out on the Friday before, with Andy Wright at the wheel of the BLDSA boat with help from Larry and Adrian.

The day began early, very early, with swimmers registration from 8.30am and the issuing of numbers, and the all important booty voucher. The briefing started with introductions from Mr Andrew Wright and a few words of encouragement from Mr Vince Classen (BLDSA President), and also a safety briefing was given to all kayakers by Mr Mick Blackburn ably assisted by Mr Martyn Coates (Safety Co-ordinators).

We had 73 entries this year, with 59 actually entering the water (13 x triathletes, 8 x 1 milers, 2 x juniors, 31 x seniors. The 1 and 2 milers and also for this year only 5 x 2 mile wetsuits started first at approx.. 9.40am and then the 3 milers 10 minutes later. They started in an imaginary line with the jetty and a buoy.

The finishing area was a great success again, finishing within the jetty area with 2 Dolphin Flags on display, so could be seen quite clearly.

We had safety cover from 2 Budworth boats with Gerry Kelleher and Chris Byrne helping, 1 BLDSA Boat with Vince Classen and our very own Jim Nurse (Referee), kayakers Mick Blackburn, Martyn Coates, Peter Fellows, Mr Wade, Tony Sharman, Hannah and Jennifer Norton-Barker and also Dominic Richard.

Judy Brown from Warrington Dolphins came home first in 1:08.22 to take the Senior Ladies 3-mile Trophy, first Veteran and first Dolphin trophies. Amy Mellor and Michaela Richard from the Dolphins came second and third with a superb finish in 1:11.34 and 1:11.46 respectively. Senior Gents winner this year was Philip Woods from the Warrington Dolphins in a time of 1:08.02, second place was fellow Dolphin Richard Taylor in 1:10.26, in third place was David Randall from Trafford 1<sup>st</sup> Veteran 1:17.49. Warrington Dolphins won the Senior Winning Team trophies, they were Judy Brown, Philip Woods and Richard Taylor.

The Junior 2-mile events were won by Sarah Roberts in a time of 54.10mins and brother Thomas Roberts in 40.54mins. Both had excellent races. The Tri 1-mile was won by Ben Buckley from Crewe, second was Richard Padgett.

The 1-mile events were won by Kate Mansfield of Stockport SC and Ian Smith of Rykneld. Congratulations to 12 year old Dolphin Joe Reid who completed his first 1 mile open water swim.

Congratulations to all swimmers

The presentations were held in the clubhouse.

Finally, the Merit Of The Mere shield was awarded to Andy Wright for his help and support over the last 6 years that we have been organising this event.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to all at Budworth Mere Sailing Club, Mr Steve Hubbard (Safety cover) and Mrs Alison Hubbard (lady in the galley), for their support and help at the event and also the other events we have there throughout the year. We wish every success to Mr Adrian Moylan who is organising Budworth in 2014.

I hope everybody had an enjoyable day and see you all next year.

Michaela Richard

Swim Secretary



Position		Time	Club	Splits		
				Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3
<b>SENIOR LADIES 3-MILE</b>						
1	Judy Brown	v 01:08:22	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:21:59	00:23:16	00:23:07
2	Amy Mellor	01:11:34	U/a	00:23:13	00:24:03	00:24:18
3	Michaela Richard	v 01:11:46	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:23:13	00:24:03	00:24:30
4	Emily Newton	01:12:09	Manchester Triathlon Club	00:22:10	00:24:15	00:25:44
5	Dee Llewellyn	01:16:41	BLDSA	00:23:46	00:25:53	00:27:02
6	Stephne Douglas	01:24:31	Halton/ Hatchnessy	00:27:10	00:28:16	00:29:05
7	Jo Norton-Barker	01:38:32	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:29:50	00:33:31	00:35:11
8	Michelle Hardy	v 01:40:21	U/a	00:32:17	00:33:22	00:34:42
9	Helen Brindle	01:48:26	Pennine Swimmers	00:34:30	00:36:10	00:37:46
10	Jeanette Berry	v 01:50:57	Pennine Swimmers	00:36:01	00:37:14	00:37:42
11	Bev Thomas	v 01:54:29	Halifax SC	00:35:07	00:38:08	00:41:14
12	Janet Wilson	v 02:38:24	BLDSA	n/r	n/r	00:56:54
	Julie Trevor (2 - Laps)	01:08:54	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	0:33:27	00:35:27	N/a
	Annie Stafford (1 - Lap)	v 00:33:21	Pennine Swimmers	0:33:21	N/a	N/a
	Judith Kirk	v DNS	U/a			

Position		Time	Club	Splits		
				Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3
<b>SENIOR GENTS 3-MILE</b>						
1	Philip Woods	01:08:02	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:22:10	00:23:05	00:22:47
2	Richard Taylor	01:10:26	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:23:00	00:23:25	00:24:01
3	David Randall	v 01:17:49	Trafford Metro	00:24:22	00:26:38	00:26:49
4	Gary Morton	01:19:42	U/a	00:24:39	00:26:25	00:28:38
5	Kevin Saunders	v 01:22:58	City of Liverpool	00:26:44	00:28:03	00:28:11
6	Steve Elliot	01:25:08	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:26:22	00:28:45	00:30:01
7	Kevin Welsh	v 01:26:02	U/a	00:27:23	00:29:30	00:29:09
8	Andrew Wright	v 01:26:29	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:27:10	00:29:09	00:30:10
9	Stephen O'Brien	v 01:27:57	Adopted Dolphin	00:26:50	00:29:17	00:31:50
10	Robert Seton Br/s	v 01:36:23	Barrow Long Distance SC	00:30:47	00:32:01	00:33:35
11	Philip Yorke Br/s	01:47:36	University of Leeds	00:34:39	00:36:21	00:36:36
12	Chris Green	v 01:54:29	Barrow Long Distance SC	00:35:07	00:38:08	00:41:14
13	Thomas Noblett	v 01:57:02	BLDSA	00:36:32	00:39:25	00:41:05
	Mark Whiting (2 - Laps)	v 01:23:10	U/a	00:37:51	00:45:19	N/a
	Peter Goodman (2 - Laps)	v 01:00:40	U/a	00:28:20	00:32:20	N/a
	Alec Glover Br/s (1 - Lap)	v 00:28:59	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:28:59	N/a	N/a
	Joseph Coy - Butterfly (1 - Lap)	v 00:42:08	City of Liverpool	00:42:08	N/a	N/a
	David Dutton	DNS	U/a			
	Christopher Evans	v DNS	BLDSA			
	Steve Connor	v DNS	Warrington Dolphins LDSC			
	Andy Sherratt	v DNS	Warrington Dolphins LDSC			

**SENIOR TEAM WINNERS**

1st	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	
	Philip Woods	01:08:02
	Judy Brown	01:08:22
	Richard Taylor	01:10:26
	<b>Total Winning Time</b>	<b><u>03:26:50</u></b>

## LADIES 1-MILE

Lap 1

1	Kate Mansfield	0:29:31	Stockport Swimming club	00:29:31
2	Laura Mansfield	0:29:31	Saracens swimming club	00:29:31
3	Amanda Reid	0:52:57	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:52:57

## GENTS 1-MILE

Lap 1

1	Ian Smith	0:25:29	Rykneld SC	00:25:29
2	Christopher Carter	0:33:47	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:33:47
3	Stuart Ainsworth	0:36:13	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:36:13
4	David Bowker	0:45:38	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:45:38
5	Joe Reid	0:52:56	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:52:56
	Geoff Pugh	DNS	None	DNS

## JUNIOR LADIES 2-MILE

Lap 1

Lap 2

1	Sarah Roberts	0:54:10	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:26:18	00:27:52
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## JUNIOR GENTS 2-MILE

1	Thomas Roberts	0:40:54	Warrington Dolphins LDSC
	Thomas Hamer	DNS	Bobcats

### JUNIOR TEAM WINNERS

No Junior Team for 2013

## TRI 1-MILE

Lap 1

1	Ben Buckley	0:18:17	Crewe Flyers ASC	00:18:17
2	Richard Padgett	0:22:33	U/a	00:22:33
3	Derek Huffadine	0:24:11	U/a	00:24:11
4	David Cornwell	0:26:42	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:26:42
5	Maurizio Lucchesi	0:28:22	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	00:28:22
6	Jon Batt	0:29:24	U/a	00:29:24
7	Tim Nolan	0:29:37	U/a	00:29:37
8	Liz Batt	0:32:02	High Peak Tri	00:32:02
9	Neil Murphy	0:32:32	U/a	00:32:32
10	Tim Munslow	0:34:20	Chester tri Club	00:34:20
11	Karen Munslow	0:36:16	Chester tri Club	00:36:16
12	Abigail Holt	0:37:39	U/a	00:37:39
13	Susan Edmondson	0:49:37	U/a	00:49:37

## Wetsuit 2-Mile Training Swim (Time Only)

Lap 1

Lap 2

Gary Munsey	0:47:43	Chester tri Club	00:23:20	00:24:23
Zygmunt Cieply	0:50:16	Chester tri Club	00:24:15	00:26:01
Guy Rands	0:52:31	ConceptX	00:25:42	00:26:49
Jonathan Bourne	0:56:15	U/a	00:26:24	00:29:51
Michael Newman	1:01:16	U/a	00:30:18	00:30:58

## Warrington Dolphins LDSC - Albert Dock Championship 2013 results

### Junior ladies 2 Mile Championship

No.	Age	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
1	14		Sarah	Roberts	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C	0:46:14	1st

### Junior Gents 2 Mile Championship

No.	Age	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
2	15		Thomas	Roberts	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C	0:38:14	1st

### Senior ladies 2 Mile Championship

No.	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
3	48	V		Gaynor	Imrie		0:57:30	1st
4	36			Elizabeth	Cain	Langold Pikes	1:02:22	2nd
5	58	V	B	Barbara	Harding	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C	1:06:54	3rd
6	44			Rachel	Smith		1:20:46	4th

### Senior Gents 2 Mile Championship

No.	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
11	48	V		Phil	Howkal		0:50:20	1st
10	46	V		Jonathan	Tilt		0:50:53	2nd
15	64	V		Phil	Taylor	Howe Bridge Aces SC	0:52:21	3rd
17	37			Derek	Harradine	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C	0:52:48	4th
19	35			Andy	Cunningham		0:55:52	5th
12	79	V		Keith	Godbehere	Langold Pikes	0:57:14	6th
14	46	V		Simon	Stoker	Langold pikes	0:57:24	7th
8	34			Robert	Waterhouse	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C	1:04:04	8th
42			B	Nick	White		1:01:50	9th
7	74	V		Stuart	Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C	1:07:04	10th
18	49			Billy	Taylor		1:09:24	11th
13	73	V		Roy	Millican	Langold Pikes	1:21:50	12th
16	50	V		Thomas	Hollis		1:23:07	13th

### Senior Ladies 4 Mile Championship

No.	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
21	24			Emily	Newton	Manchester Triathlon Club	1:24:22	1st
20	47	V		Jane	Bloore		1:46:29	2nd
22	45	V		Michelle	Hardy	Langold Pike	1:59:43	3rd

### Senior Gents 4 Mile Championship

No.	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position	
32	16			Joshua	McLellan	Blackpool Aquatics ASC	1:19:12	1st	
43	26			Alan	Wolfarth	City of Liverpool	1:19:29	2nd	
38	21			Robbie	Bonner	Spennborough SC	1:24:21	3rd	
25	40			Clement	Jones	Aquabears of Rochdale	1:32:04	4th	
36	47	V		Gary	Ridgeway	Langold Pikes	1:39:01	5th	
26	50	V		Kevin	Welsh	Spondon Masters	1:42:10	6th	
44	45	V		Chris	Shuter		1:42:33	7th	
28	41			Mark	Taylor		1:45:32	8th	
33	51	V		Kevin	Saunders	City of Liverpool	1:45:46	9th	
30	56	V		Peter	Hawksworth	Colwick Park LD	1:47:04	10th	Joint
37	33			Mathew	Chaloner	City of Liverpool open water	1:47:34	10th	Joint
41	36			Nicholas	Robinson	City of Liverpool	1:53:44	12th	
31	50	V		Andy	Sherratt	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	1:54:55	13th	
40	40			Jamie	Campbell		1:55:26	14th	
29	25			Jim	Wilson	Colwick Park LD	1:55:28	15th	
35	69	V		Peter	Ingham	Langold Pikes	2:04:34	16th	
27	53	V		Joseph	Coy	City of Liverpool	2:18:58	17th	

V = Veteran

B = Breaststroke