



BLDSA Annual Report 2014

This has been a very special year for The Dolphins as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Founded by four like-minded open water swimmers in September, 1964, it has grown into one of the most successful long distance swimming clubs in the UK. With a membership of over 70 and a membership age range from 8 to nearly 80, the Club now embraces Masters swimming and the introduction of wetsuit categories within our own championships. We have a growing junior membership and look forward to continuing to promote all classes of swimming within the North West for many years to come.

In February we ran our third 1500m championship, this year organised by Judy Brown, at the Orford park leisure complex, 57 swimmers took part. The special event for the children of competitors again proved to be particularly popular and successful.

The mileage swum outdoors by club members has again been high at over 300 miles. Thomas Roberts, no longer a junior, heads the mileage chart with 58 miles which includes first places in the Ivan Percival, Budworth, Colwick Park, Champion of Champions, Coniston and St Mary's Loch (in record time). Richard Taylor and Dave Cornwell capped fine seasons by successfully completing one-way Windermere swims.

Pride of place, however, must go to the successful 50th Anniversary channel relay team of Marc and Alan Pomfret, Margaret Smith, Andy Sherratt, Rob Waterhouse and Stephne Douglas who completed the England to France swim on 29th June, 2014 in 15 hours 15 minutes. .

The success of our open water swimmers was recognised by the BLDSA when they awarded Michaela Richard the Hans Belay Trophy for her outstanding round Jersey swim. Thomas Roberts was awarded the Tom Butcher Trophy as junior swimmer of the year and a special award was given to Alan Pomfret in recognition of the funds raised by organising the BLDSA Postal Swim for the past 5 years.

Club Championships

Our thanks must go to Adrian Moylan who took over the organising of the Budworth Mere Championship swim and to Barbara Harding who took over the organising of 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 marshals' time keepers etc and to those who provided the very essential canoe safety cover.

The popular Tuesday evening open water training sessions at Budworth concluded with a 1 mile handicap race followed by hot drinks and bacon butties. Our thanks go to Budworth Sailing Club for making us most welcome at the lake and for allowing us use of their splendid facilities.

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 still 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 and Chris Rix for successfully representing the Dolphins at Masters meets throughout the UK. Apologies if I have missed someone off the list!!

Club Events

Budworth Handicap

22 swimmers braved cold conditions to compete in our traditional first open water swim of the year, which was won by Karen Hodgkins. 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. On a wet and blustery evening in July, 14 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 the club's oldest competing swimmer, Stuart Ainsworth.

Jim Nurse

President Warrington Dolphins LDSC

Warrington Dolphins LDSC Budworth Championships 31st May 2014 Results

Female 3 miles				
Jenny Zwijnen	Chester Tri	F	01:11:57	1st
Jane McCormick	Trafford Metro	F	01:12:26	2nd
Hazel Killingbeck		F	01:17:27	3rd
Liane Hickling	City of Bradford	F	01:19:05	4th
Debbie Taylor	Pennine Swimmers	F	01:27:14	5th
Michelle Hardy	Langold Pikes	F	01:31:56	6th
Sam Plum	Pennine Swimmers	F	01:35:06	7th
Annie Stafford	Pennine Swimmers	F	01:41:50	8th
Vicki Thompson	Barrow LDSC	F	01:49:39	9th
Janet Wilson	BLDSA	F	02:50:43	10th
Judy Brown	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F	43:00 2 miles	DNF

Male 3 miles				
Thomas Roberts	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	00:59:34	1st
Ryan Huckle	DOSS	M	00:59:59	2nd
James Orrock	DOSS	M	01:04:24	3rd
Stephen Jones	Swinton	M	01:04:28	4th
David Randall	Trafford Metro	M	01:11:53	5th
Christopher Murray	Horwich Leisure Centre	M	01:18:27	6th
Rob Marsden	City of Liverpool	M	01:19:24	7th
Kevin Welsh	Spondon Masters	M	01:19:49	8th
Frank Kilgannon	Halton SC	M	01:20:56	9th
Andrew Wright	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	01:21:16	10th
Steve Elliot	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	01:23:24	11th
Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	01:24:03	12th
Billy Taylor	City of Liverpool	M	01:24:21	13th
David Dutton		M	01:25:17	14th
Marc Pomfret	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	01:28:54	15th
Andy Sherratt	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	01:32:50	16th
Andrew Cunningham	City of Liverpool	M	01:34:19	17th
Robert Waterhouse	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	01:34:47	18th
Jonathan Bourne		M	01:43:38	19th
Philip Yorke	BLDSA	M	01:48:44	20th
Chris Green Barrow	LDSC	M	01:49:39	21st
Henry Lowther	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	1:06:23 2 miles -	DNF
Nicholas Robinson	City of Liverpool	M	35:43 1 mile	DNF
Joe Coy	City of Liverpool	M		DNF

Female 3 miles wetsuit				
Fran Lou		F	01:11:44	1st
Liz Batt	High Peak Tri	F	01:41:06	2nd

Section: Male 3 miles wetsuit				
Benjamin Buckley	Crewe Flyers	M	00:56:10	1st
Robert Monk	Chester Triathlon	M	01:04:31	2nd
Frazer Lloyd-Jones	Knutsford Triathlon	M	01:10:52	3rd
Jonathan Hyde	Howe Bridge Marlins LDSC	M	01:11:38	4th
Derek Huffadine	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	01:11:50	5th
Michael Boyle	TMBSC	M	01:11:55	6th
Peter Openshaw	Knutsford Triathlon	M	01:11:57	7th
Michael Reason	Howe Bridge Marlins LDSC	M	01:12:35	8th
Pete Price	Knutsford Triathlon	M	01:28:39	9th
Jon Batt	High Peak Tri	M	01:30:27	10th
Maurizio Lucchesi	thetrimarket	M		DNF

Female 1 mile				
Louise Fielding	Hazel Grove and Bramhall	F	23:03	1st
Kelsie Geary	Rykneld	F	23:12	2nd
Kate Mansfield	Stockport SC	F	25:18	3rd
Claire Antrobus		F	27:24	4th
Joanne Spittle	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F	31:36	5th
Julie Trevor	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F	31:37	6th
Rebecka Dickens	DOSS	F	32:01	7th
Karen Hodgkins	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F	39:50	8th
Mandy Reid	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F	50:56	9th
Margaret Smith	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F	51:38	10th
Eileen Sharman	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F	57:47	11th

Section: Male 1 mile				
Ryan Huddart	Rykneld	M	22:10	1st
Joshua Pemberton	Rykneld	M	22:11	2nd
Greg Banham	Chester Triathlon	M	22:50	3rd
Ian Smith	Rykneld	M	25:26	4th
Chris Carter	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	35:14	5th
Stuart Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	35:16	6th
David Bowker	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	43:03	7th
Joe Reid	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	50:54	8 th

Section: Female 1 mile wetsuit				
Alice Gard	DOSS	F	28:57	1st
Rebecca Lillywhite	DOSS	F	34:28	2nd

Section: Male 1 mile wetsuit				
Billy Dutton	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	25:58	1st
Neil Hodgson	Howe Bridge Marlins LDSC	M	26:55	2nd
David Cornwell	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	27:17	3rd
Ian Burns	Howe Bridge Marlins LDSC	M	29:02	4th
Robert Saile	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	M	32:56	5th

Female Junior 2 Miles				
Amy Wyatt	Alsager	F	00:47:18	1st
Sarah Roberts	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F	00:47:21	2nd
Ellie Jane Knight	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	F	01:05:56	3rd

Male Junior 2 Miles				
Tobias Fox	City of Salford	M	47:19	1 st

29th Albert Dock Championships, 2 August 2014 Results – Finish Positions

2mile Female	Club	Position	Category Position	Time
<i>Junior Freestyle</i>				
Megan Chub	Wirral Metro SC	1st		39:58
Amy Wyatt	Alsager Bridgestone ASC	2nd		42:01
Amy Compton	Wirral Metro SC	3rd		43:14
Ellie-Jo Hughes	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	4th		44:17
<i>Junior Breaststroke</i>				
Alexandra Williams	Wirral Metro SC	1st		51:29
Ellie Knight	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	2nd		57:24
<i>Senior Freestyle</i>				
Louise Fielding	Hazel Grove ASC	1st		43:22
Ellie Moore	Wirral Metro SC	2nd		44:43
Kate Mansfield	Stockport SC	3rd	1st V40	48:09
Lucy Lloyd-Roach	Trafford Metro SC	4th		51:14
Anna Pope	Chester Triathlon Club	5th		52:15
Gaynor Imrie	Unattached	6th	2nd V40	1:04:06
Amanda Reid	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	7th	3rd V40	1:24:04
<i>Senior Wetsuit</i>				
Sue Porter	Unattached	1st	1st V40	55:53
Chris Mantin	Unattached	2nd	2nd V40	1:15:17

2 mile Male				
<i>Junior Freestyle</i>				
Tobias Fox	City of Salford SC	1st		41:57
<i>Senior Freestyle</i>				
Greg Banham	Chester Triathlon Club	1st	1st V40	43:23
Steve Connor	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	2nd	2nd V40	43:43
John Dedman	Beau Sejour Barracudas SC	3rd	3rd V40	46:17
Jonathan Tilt	Unattached	4th	4th V40	51:10
Simon Stoker	Langold Pikes	5th	5th V40	56:27
Henry Lowther	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	6th	6th V40	57:09
Keith Godbehere	Langold Pikes	7th	1st V60	57:47
Rob Waterhouse	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	8th		57:52
Stuart Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	9th	2nd V60	1:06:56
William Taylor	Liverpool Open Water SC	10th	7th V40	1:08:42
Alistair Bloore	Unattached	11th	8th V40	1:17:40
<i>Senior Wetsuit</i>				
Paul Harbidge	Warrington Triathlon Club	1st	1st V40	44:33
Paul Hamilton	Warrington Triathlon Club	2nd		53:33

4 Mile Female				
<i>Senior Freestyle</i>				
Judy Brown	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	1st	1st V40	1:24:00
Jane McCormack	Trafford Metro	2nd		1:27:27
Jane Bloore	Unattached	3rd	2nd V40	1:47:22
Michelle Hardy	Langold Pikes	4th	3rd V40	1:54:03
Julie Trevor	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	5th	4th V40	2:08:40
<i>Senior Wetsuit</i>				
Alison Wilson	Unattached	1st	1st V60	2:01:15

4 Mile Male				
<i>Senior Freestyle</i>				
Richard Taylor	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	1st	1st V40	1:27:18
Ian Stringer	City of Liverpool	2nd	2nd V40	1:32:58
Gary Ridgeway	Langold Pikes	3rd	3rd V40	1:34:26
Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	4th	4th V40	1:51:55

Robert Haylock	WSSA	5th	5th V40	1:52:04
Andy Sherratt	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	6th	6th V40	1:53:07
Alex White	Leeds Bradford Triathlon Club	7th		1:58:10
Peter Goodman	Unattached	8th	1st V60	2:02:22
Nicholas Robinson	City of Liverpool	9th		2:13:45
Joe Coy	Unattached	10th	7th V40	2:29:55
<i>Senior Breaststroke</i>				
Nicholas White	Blackpool Lifeboat	1st	1st V40	2:04:48
<i>Senior Wetsuit</i>				
Max Cumming	Wetnosers	1st	1st V40	1:40:09
Robert Bood	Unattached	2nd	2nd V40	1:44:22
David Cornwell	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	3rd	3rd V40	1:45:13

Isle of Wight Marlins Swim Club



Sandown to Shanklin "Pier to Pier" Swim 2013

Sandown to Shanklin "Pier to Pier" Race 2014 Report

The event this year was held on a Saturday. This proved very popular with the entrants, many requesting we hold it next year on a Saturday. It appears a lot spent the weekend on the Island.

The preparation for this years event was also 'under new management' with Llyndsey Shenton taking on the administration duties, and Bob Cooper being Safety Officer. Llyndsey changed the system and this has proved itself in the clarity of information available at the press of a button. It also assisted in the results all being ready and printed by the 2.30p.m. when the Mayor of Shanklin Cllr John Gilbey attended and made the presentations.

The threat of stormy weather made the preceding days nervous ones for the organisers, but we were extremely fortunate that, although blowing a Force 6 in the Solent, Mark Birch, coxswain of the Inshore Lifeboat was able to confirm on the morning that we could undertake the swim.

A total of 123 swimmers turned up at the start. With a large crowd of onlookers the race started at 12.30p.m. in absolutely superb sea conditions. We actually caught the tide just right and this produced some superb personal times for the swimmers. The fastest time was 33.19.

Due to a request in the County Press and a radio plea on IOW Radio, Aidrian Brown was able to supply a total of 34 safety canoes and kayaks (including Duncan Heenan) and they were excellent.

6 Shanklin Deep Sea Fishing Club members broke off their fishing in the bay to come and provide powered boat assistance and these all supplemented and were under the control of Mark Birch in the Inshore Lifeboat.

One swimmer retired during the swim and he was duly taken safely from the water and then brought to the finishing point by the Lifeboat. Cold and tiredness were the cause and after some warming attention from the Red Cross staff and a soup from the Rowing Club staff he was soon feeling fine.

Unfortunately Tom Rooney, aged 86, who had completed the swim in a time of 1hr 2mins suffered from the cold and although given treatment by the Red Cross staff, they were concerned that his 'stats' were in poor condition and, after consulting with the Doctor at St Mary's Hospital, took Tom there for observation. I am pleased to report that Tom being Tom, he was rehydrated and warmed up and discharged after about 45mins. His family were contacted later by Llyndsey and myself and were grateful for our concern.

All other swimmers completed the swim and received a chocolate bar and then soup and a roll provided by the Rowing Club staff.