

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

I have pleasure in presenting the 2nd Annual Report of our Club. I made reference in last year's report that the Club had increased from four members to fifteen. There has since been a marked increase to a total number of twenty-one members, which shows the evergrowing interest in long distance swimming in our own little corner of the North West. As a matter of interest all newcomers have been encouraged to join the B.L.D.S.A.

CLUB SWIMMER OF THE YEAR. Without question and in all fairness this honour must go to the women's section again, and I think by now that everybody knows Christina Genge. Having won the Ladies Championship at the Double Fay, she has been runner-up in every other Championship that she has entered, collecting some very nice medals and trophies in the process, she represented England in the International Windermere Championship, and gained the silver medal for second place. Christine has also set up several new ladies breast stroke records, sincere congratulations to her from her fellow members.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD.

My congratulations to all our most improved swimmers, namely Christopher Carter, who this year has been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Amongst many other tasks Christopher swam Coniston to achieve this award.

SWIMMING HONOUR.

Honours seem to be following the Carter family this year, because Mrs. H.E. Carter, Christopher's mother, who is an Executive member of the Dolphins, has been appointed Chairman of the Northern and Scottish Division of Swimming Teacher's Association of Great Britain and the Commonwealth. Our best wishes go with both of them.

VISIT TO U.S.A.

My very good friend and swimming colleague, Bob Keating, Hon. Treasurer of the Dolphins, decided this year to sample the warmer climate with a visit to Texas, U.S.A. Bob tells me that with water temperatures of not less than 80F (which was the coolest he could find during September) it would be a long distance swimmer's dream come true. Are there any takers for a Relay Swim across the Gulf of Mexico? Bob's suit is against all us outdoor swimmers. Let's meet like underwater swimmers, welcome home Bob.

PILOT LIFE SAVERS.

Taking advantage of an extremely well organised examination conducted by Mr. William Anderson, Pilot Life Saver Hon. Sec., another four Dolphins qualified, bringing the total number of active Pilot Life Savers to ten. There haven't been as many attendances of our Pilot Life Savers as I would like to have seen, but this was due to extenuating circumstances, such as business commitments, holidays and sickness. I feel, however, that this is offset by 100% attendances in previous seasons.

INDIVIDUAL SWIMS.

Robert Keating.	Bala two-way.	4 hrs. 10 mins.
	Coniston.	3 hrs. 20 mins.
Chris. Carter.	Coniston.	2 hrs. 50 mins.
	Bala one-way.	?

PICKERS LIKE 2nd ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Again this Championship provided to be a resounding success. This fact is proved by the increased number of entrants, which included many new faces and old friends. The Championship was held on Saturday, 10th September, temp. was 60-62F., course - two circuits of the Lake.

Men's Championship. J.E. White Trophy.
Ladies Championship. J. Mounfield Trophy.

Certificates and Replicas for the winners, certificates and plaques for 2nd and 3rd, and certificates for all competitors who complete the course. Weather sunny and warm, ideal conditions. We were pleased to see Colin Proctor retain his Championship and this year we have a new ladies Champion (now a household name) Miss Elaine Gray. Both Colin, Elaine, Andrew Wood and James Grimshaw, followed by Christopher Carter and Brenda Evans, made it look a real battle, and very exciting.

Results.

1.	Colin Proctor.	Halifax.	52 mins. 55 secs.
2.	Andrew Wood.	Hornchurch.	53 37
3.	James Grimshaw.	Polkney S.C.	54 47
4.	Christopher Carter.	Warrington Dolphins.	58 2
5.	John Heapy.	Macclesfield.	1 7 55
6.	John Ellicott.	Newton le Willows.	1 11 22
7.	Jeffery Goulden.	Warrington Dolphins.	1 18 37
8.	Peter Tyrell.	Swansea S.C.	1 18 58
9.	Percy Bull.	Warwickshire L.D.S.A.	1 33 30
10.	Roy Ainsworth.	Bolton S.C.	1 34 53

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS L.D.S.C. continued.

Elsanne Gray.	St. Albans.	55. 0.
Brenda vans.	Middlesbrou	58. 2.
Christina Genge.	Warrington D.	1. 8.55.
Mair Leonard.	Swansea S.C.	1. 15.41.
Willy van Rysel.	Cardiff.	1. 17.50.
Margaret Butcher.	Crosby S.C.	1. 31.34.

Retired:- (how dare they on my swim) Chris. Faulkner, Alan Wilkes.

Non-Starter:- Lucien Hankart.

The presentation was made by Mr. A.A.Laverick, M.Inst. B.M. Inst.M.E.M., Warrington Baths Manager and Engineer.

1st local man home -	Christopher Carter.	} each received silver trophies presented by Mrs. H.E.Carter, Chairman M.C. and Scottish S.T.A.
1st local woman home -	Christina Genge.	

The swim was rounded off with a hot meal in the Lakeside Cafe, the bar being propped up by those well known elbow benders..... All in all a very enjoyable day.

I should like to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have assisted both financially and materially the Warrington Dolphins during the 1966 season. See you all at London, best wishes and Cheerio.

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ESSEX REGIONAL NEWS.

Despite monthly reports in the Hornchurch magazine and bi-monthly reports in the Essex Aqua News it has proved difficult to stir up a great deal of interest for long distance swimming. Perhaps it is because there is no available natural lakes in Essex, and very little opportunity for cold water training. However, efforts are being made to promote an open long distance Championship in the sea, with a course of about 6 miles.

Three qualified life-savers are now available: Ken Bay, Roger Hawkins, and Andrew Wood. Ken, a member of Hornchurch Life Saving Club, rowed at Torbay, Bala and Windermere, and has recently gained his R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion. He has been recommended to Bill Anderson as the Regional Examiner for the P.L.S. Scheme.

Hornchurch Swimming Club.

This has not been quite as rewarding a season as we had hoped for, owing to Roger Hawkins' knee injury early in the year and Andrew Wood's shoulder injury which he sustained whilst at Bala. However, the most encouraging results of 1966, were:- (1) Andrew coming a good second to Colin Proctor in the Lake Pickmere Championship. (2) the Club team of Andrew, Roger and George Moore taking 5th place out of 15 in the Morecambe Bay relay race. (3) Roger and Andrew qualifying as Pilot Life-Savers. (4) Andrew 4th in the Morecambe Inshore Championships. and (5) Brian Steel aged 12, completing the 2 mile Fairhaven Junior Championship course on breast stroke. Incidentally, Brian recently gained 2nd place with the same time as the winner in his National Age Group Breaststroke Championship at Blackpool. In addition, Andrew Wood completed 6 miles at Torbay, 5½ miles at Windermere before his shoulder injury forced him to give up, was 7th in the Bala one-way and 4th in the Windermere Cross Lake. Five Club members entered and all completed the Essex Long Distance Championship, 3½ miles with strong tidal assistance. David Smith (15) was 6th, Roger Hawkins (19) 18th swimming breast stroke, William Price (15) 19th on butterfly, Peter Price (13) 21st, and Brian Steel (12) was 26th on breast stroke.

In the Women's Championship, 2½ miles with strong tidal assistance, Carol Jennings (16) was 7th, and Eileen Dutcher(14) was 13th. If some of our younger swimmers who entered the Essex swim can be persuaded to try some of the shorter lake and sea swims, Hornchurch should have a very promising long distance future.

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