



## Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club [www.warrington-dolphins.co.uk](http://www.warrington-dolphins.co.uk)

### Newsletter – March 2007

Here we are again at the start of another season and its time to bring you all up to date with what's going on at the Dolphins. Firstly, I'd like to welcome new members to the Club and I hope that you find us all welcoming and friendly.

At the end of January we held our AGM. The committee this year is Andy Wright (President), Caroline Lewis (Treasurer), Joe Coy (Secretary), Alan Pomfret, John Glynn, Julie Mainwaring & Michaela Richard. I'd like to welcome Michaela to the committee to boost the representation of the fairer sex. Also I'd like to thank both Maurice Ferguson and John Lydon for their efforts while they were on the committee; both have decided to stand down this year.

A number of members turned out to swim or to watch at our annual Boxing Day Dip. There was a close 'fought' finish with Mark Blewitt winning this year.

At the BLDSA Golden Jubilee annual dinner held this month there was a magnificent representation of Dolphins. The following day at the AGM I was elected to President. I'd like to thank everyone for their good wishes. Maurice was re-elected as Secretary and Membership Secretary, Joe was elected as Child Protection Officer and the Dolphins were once again given the duty of running the Postal Swim nationally.

Once again this year we held our Postal Swims in late February and we had a fine turn out of swimmers, who also produced some excellent swims. We should see how our teams have done at the beginning of May. Thanks to Julie Mainwaring who organised the Clubs swims.

Can I draw your attention to **Membership – if you haven't paid it, its due, so please pay it**. Remember you are not insured if you have not paid your membership and you will not be allowed to train. Also the £3 discount is only available until the end of the month.

You've probably noticed the days are getting longer and before you know it the out door season will be upon us. If any of you are looking to complete a swim and are struggling to get support, a request can be placed on our website. Don't forget global warming means warmer water so I'm sure you'll all take advantage of it and turn out in force to our swims.

As mentioned in the October newsletter, Michaela has organised a 2 way Channel relay for August. This will hopefully be our first successful 2 way relay. We are also hoping to put an entry into the BLDSA Golden Jubilee 2 way Windermere Relay. Anyone interested in being in team or helping, please tell me.

#### ***Dates for your diary are:***

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| Bob Keating/Dick Dickinson Handicap | 29/4/07 | Fordton 6:00pm                               |
| Budworth Handicap (1 mile)          | 12/5/07 | 10:00am briefing 10:30am start               |
| Budworth Championship               | 2/6/07  | Swim Sec Joe Coy                             |
| Marbury Handicap (1 mile)           | TBC     | 6:45 for 7:00pm start (date to be confirmed) |
| Albert Dock Championship            | 4/8/07  | Swim Sec Alan Pomfret, Briefing 9:00am       |

Budworth & Albert Dock Championship can be entered on-line from our website. Paper entry forms can also be downloaded from our website or see Joe, Alan or myself if you haven't internet access.

If anyone is not swimming the Budworth Handicap please support your club by helping on the day, please let me know. The same also applies to our other swims.

**Andy Wright**