



Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club www.warrington-dolphins.co.uk

Newsletter – March 2008

Hasn't the year flown by quickly? Once again I'd like to start by 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.

On a sad note - In February, Sunny Lowry passed away. Sunny was part of the driving force behind the formation of our club in 1964 and has always considered herself as a Dolphin. She was the first English lady to swim the Channel and was until this year President of the Channel Swimming Association.

At the end of January we held our AGM with a disappointingly poor attendance. The committee this year is Andy Wright (President), Caroline Lewis (Treasurer), Alan Pomfret, Julie Mainwaring, Michaela Richard, Dave Bowker, Mark Blewitt & Christian Wade. I'd like to welcome Dave, Mark & Christian to the committee to boost its strength. John Glynn decided to stand down from the committee this year after serving for over ten years and for the last six years he has been our social secretary. In recognition of his efforts he was elected as a life member to the Club. Congratulations John. Finally, although Joe Coy was re-elected as Secretary he felt the need to resign from the committee for personal reason. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joe for all his efforts over the last few years. Michaela Richard has volunteered to take on the Secretaries post pro-temp.

We had a good turnout on Boxing Day for our annual Dip at Budworth. Mark Blewitt set off with his usual lightening pace to be caught at the first turn by Richard Walsh who went on to win followed in second place by Emma Bartlett. There was also a good turn out of spectators making the event very successful.

Once again this year we held our Postal Swims in late February with a slightly reduced number of swimmers taking part. However, our youngsters all swam well.

At the BLDSA AGM I was elected to Secretary. Maurice was re-elected as Membership Secretary and the Dolphins were once again given the duty of running the Postal Swim nationally.

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.

As some of you may be aware, Mark Blewitt is in New Zealand waiting to swim the Cook Straits. Although he's due to swim around now I've heard of no swim report. Hopefully he'll 'bag' another major swim.

Dates for your diary are:

Bob Keating/Dick Dickinson Handicap	27/4/07	Fordton 6:00pm
Budworth Handicap (1 mile)	10/5/08	10:00am, briefing 10:30am start
Budworth Championship	31/5/08	Swim Sec Michaela Richard
Marbury Handicap (1 mile)	TBC	6:45 for 7:00pm start (late June/early July)
Albert Dock Championship	2/8/08	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 Michaela, Alan or myself if you haven't internet access.

If anyone is not swimming at either Budworth or the Albert Dock, please support your club by helping on the day, please let me know if you're available.

Andy Wright