



Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club

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Newsletter – April 2009

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), Michaela Richard (Secretary), Christian Wade, Julie Mainwaring, Alan Pomfret, Dave Bowker, Mark Blewitt, Russ Mason & Jim Nurse. I'd like to welcome Russ to the committee and Jim back.

We had another successful Boxing Day Dip with a good turn out of swimmers and spectators. There was a close 'fought' finish with Mark Blewitt winning this year.

At the BLDSA AGM held this month we retained the role of administrating the Postal Swim. Other information from the BLDSA is that the Rivington and Torbay Championships will not be run this year, since United Utilities have withdrawn permission for swimming to occur in their reservoirs and Torbay has no secretary.

Again this year we held 3 sessions in late February for members to complete their Postal Swims and we had a good turn out of swimmers and members to count. Thanks to Julie Mainwaring who organised the Clubs entry. Alan Pomfret, has taken over the running of the Postal swim nationally this year so thanks Alan for your effort.

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.

In the October newsletter, I informed you that we had booked 2 pilots to take 2 teams across the Channel in August 2010. Well we now have 3 boats booked, to reflect the interest of members. Hopefully we will be entering a few teams into the BLDSA Coniston Relay, which will be a great social and 'warm-up' for the Channel the following year.

For those keen outdoor swimmers the club has purchased a sit-on top canoe for the support of our members. If you wish to book it for a swim, see the website for details.

Dates for your diary are:

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| Bob Keating/Dick Dickinson Handicap | 26/4/09 | Fordton 6:00pm |
| Budworth Handicap (1 mile) | 9/5/09 | 10:00am briefing 10:30am start |
| Budworth Championship | 30/5/09 | Swim Sec Michaela Richard |
| Marbury Handicap (1 mile) | last June | 6:45 for 7:00pm start (date to be confirmed) |
| Albert Dock Championship | 1/8/09 | Swim Sec Dave Bowker, Briefing 8:30am |

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

If anyone is not swimming the Budworth Handicap or any of our other swims please support your club by helping on the day.

Andy Wright