

# Warrington Dolphins LDSC

## April 2004 Newsletter

Dear All,

The start of the open water season is only a few weeks away, so I thought it was time for a newsletter to inform you of club news and forthcoming events.

News first, congratulations to Maurice on the recognition of his longstanding support of the BLDSA, particularly in relation to his role of membership secretary. He has been recognised in the International Long Distance Swimming Hall of Fame. He will travel to America later in the year to receive his award.

At the recent BLDSA dinner in Barrow several Dolphins received awards, including Nicola Wright for several successful swims as a junior, Andy Wright for winning the veteran grand prix event, Maurice for his services as a pilot life saver and myself for my 2 way Windermere breaststroke swim.

Sankey and Broomfield sessions continue to be well attended, the good news is that Broomfields reopens this week and therefore the Friday sessions will recommence on the 16<sup>th</sup> April. Please remember to renew any outstanding memberships as soon as possible, coaches have the right to refuse admittance and this will be put into practice!

At the AGM in January there were several changes to the committee, Wendy resigned as treasurer, John Watkin has kindly agreed to take over this role. John Lydon and David Feakes also resigned. Clare Dickinson joined the committee and will have particular regard for health and safety issues.

A successful Christmas social was organised by John at Broomfields, the Anderson Trophy was presented to .....myself! In recognition of my 2 way Windermere swim.

On a sad note, for members who may not know, John Heapy died suddenly at the end of December. John was a great supporter of the club and long distance swimming in general. He will be greatly missed especially at our annual Boxing Day Dip, to which he contributed much.

Now for a list of forthcoming events:-

- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Bob Keating/Dick Dickenson event, swim 100 lengths in an estimated time, to be held at Sankey 8.00-9.00am. This will be followed by a big breakfast at the Let's Eat Café on the A 49.
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May Marbury Park Swimming Pool opens.
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May Budworth Mere 1 mile Handicap, 10.00am briefing for 10.30 start.
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June Budworth Championships, entry forms available from myself (please enclose an SAE) or available to download from the club website.
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Budworth Mere Sailing Club, details enclosed.
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Marbury Handicap, 7.00pm, followed by a social gathering in a local hostelry.
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August Albert dock Championships.

Please try to support or participate in some or all of the above events, organisers of events are always looking for extra support especially from people who can canoe, as organising safety cover for the Championships can be difficult. If you know of anybody who could help out please let me know.

The club website can currently be found by logging on to the BLDSA site, Bala swim.

Andy Wright has produced a very comprehensive history of the club to commemorate 40 years. This will be available shortly. It is full of very interesting facts, and occasional gossip! Many thanks to Andy for all his hard work

I think that's all the news for now, have a successful season and I hope to see most of you at forthcoming events.

Lesley feakes