

## Tuesday Evening Handicap – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014

The glorious September weather came to an abrupt halt this afternoon – clearly because we'd decided to have our end of season handicap!

Ten brave souls entered the competition, along with another 3 swimmers who joined in all for the fun of it! The canoeists and timekeepers got wetter than anyone!

With darkness fast approaching (due to the awful weather), the race got underway promptly, with 3 separate starting times according to when everyone arrived.

The start also saw hundreds of spectators, but as they were all Canadian geese we unfortunately couldn't charge!

Steve Elliot swam strongly to record the fastest time of the night (23:35) whilst Dave Mather recorded a fine time of 25:50.

Jake Walker swam his first open water mile – well done Jake!

The 'most original excuse for being late' award went to Karen Hodgkins and Julie Trevor - for resuscitating a pigeon! This clearly benefited their powers of the premonition as Julie finished in a time only 25 seconds outside her estimate to finish in second place.

Unfortunately for Julie, this wasn't quite good enough to beat Karen, clearly our supreme Handicap Champion (following her early-season win), with an estimate of just 20 seconds slower than her recorded time. Our Marbury handicap champion Stuart Ainsworth came close again, to finish in third place.

The evening concluded with a fine bacon-buttly supper superbly organised by Mandy Reid and her family.

Many thanks to Mandy and Julie Trevor (admin), and to Dave Mather, Christian Wade, Dave Jones, Colin Lewis and Tony Meakin (key canoeists) for all their vital support with running these sessions this season. Thanks also to all the other members who've supported the sessions in various ways, and of course to Budworth Sailing Club for providing the facilities.

If anyone has any feedback, all comments are welcome so please email them to [secretary@warrington-dolphins.co.uk](mailto:secretary@warrington-dolphins.co.uk)

Well done to all – see you next year!

*Judy*



Tuesday Evening Outdoor Handicap

23rd September 2014

**Distance:** 1 mile

**Stroke:** Freestyle

Name	Estimated Time	Actual Time	Difference	Position
Karen Hodgkins	40:15	39:55	-0:20	1st
Julie Trevor	30:00	30:25	0:25	2nd
Stuart Ainsworth	39:00	37:47	-1:13	3rd
Jake Walker	1:00:00	1:02:03	2:03	4th
Chris Carter	36:00	33:37	-2:23	5th
Steve Elliot	26:00	23:35	-2:25	6th
Cherrie Walker	50:00	47:14	-2:46	7th
David Mather	29:30	25:50	-3:40	8th
Robert Saile	33:25	29:25	-4:00	9th
Alison Wilson	32:50	27:46	-5:04	10th