

The long distance swimming calendar has once again completed its cycle, during which we have had our share of excitement, successes and disappointments. This report marks the Club's 6th Anniversary as a long distance swimming club. Membership has risen from 4 in 1964 to 31 in October, 1970, most encouraging for any Club Secretary.

Nearly all our swimmers have been busy at individual swims or at Championships and all have worked hard and done extremely well.

Chris. Carter has had a satisfactory season, completing the International Windermere Torbay and two-way Coniston swims, although he was very disappointed with his two-way Windermere attempt.

Billy Dutton won the Swansea Ladies Championship in his first season with the Club, and also had a fine swim in the Bala two-way Championship, finishing in 6th position.

For Christina Genge the season has been mixed, a Breast stroke record in the "Ebro" River Championship in Spain, but disappointments in the cooler waters of the British Isles. Club President John Neapy also found himself swimming in Spain and finished in a very creditable 8th position.

Our major successes as a Club were at our own Picknere Championships with sixteen Dolphins completing the course. Three junior ladies, three senior ladies, and ten senior men.

The Morcarbe Bay relay race was another success with our two teams coming 2nd and 5th. The team consisting of Billy Dutton, Chris Carter and Ian Humphries just scraping into 2nd place behind Teaside and in front of Chester S.C. Our 'B' team all breast stroke, John Alexander, Maurice Ferguson and Barry Robinson came a respectable 5th.

The Bala Championships found our six entrants all completing the two-way course, but the following week at Windermere - ALL-STAR- only two finishers from eight starters.

Congratulations to Dave Barnard and John Howcroft on completing the course, and commiserations to our other swimmers. This was Dave's first B.L.D.S.A. Championship and we were pleased to see him walk out at Waterhead after nearly eight hours in the water.

Of the swimmers who retired, a special mention about David Pritt and Janice Alexander. They both swam over 9 1/2 miles and were in clear sight of the finish before being ordered from the water.

John Howcroft's success was one of a few in a season of numerous disappointments. He has now decided to hang up his goggles and retire from the sport and we wish him all the best in the future. During his four years in the sport John has competed in many major Championships, having completed Fleetwood - Morcarbe, Morcarbe Bay, Ullwater and Windermere amongst others.

Our "veteran" swimmer Arthur Williams has had one of his best seasons, completing 5 swims including two way Bala and the A.S.A. 5 mile.

Here's hoping that the coming season will be better for Ian Humphries. He had a promising start to the season by completing Picknere and the A.S.A. 5 mile, but a leg injury forced him to retire at Windermere.

Now that Maurice Ferguson and Barry Robinson have notched up swims of over 5 miles, we expect to see big things of them in future.

Our junior swimmers, Wendy Ferguson (daughter of Maurice) and Stephanie Webster, have had a good year, completing the Picknere Junior and Langold Junior Championships.

Names to watch for the future - Jill Adey, Susan Lowe and Stephen Hansen, all having completed their first year as senior swimmers.

For our Secretary John Alexander the season has been varied, rowing, pen pushing, organising and swimming. He has got the organisation of Picknere Championships off to a fine art, so that he can swim as well.

The Dolphin Club has had a fine season and our thanks are due to Cec. Shallcross, our Coach, who cracks the whip at our training sessions. We now have three hours per week indoor training exclusive to the Dolphins and the results of the hard work has shown up in the Championship results.

We have eighteen swimmers who took part in the Championships last season and their total mileage was 298, an increase of 40 miles over the 1969 season. I hope that all our members will try to increase their personal mileage this year and give ever



encouragement to new members.

Dolphins Social Evening. Early in May we held our pre-season social which was attended by nearly eighty members and friends. The evening was enjoyed by everyone even though the Group left earlier than expected.

Dinner Dance. Our Annual Dinner Dance held shortly before Christmas was a happy function. Ninety members and friends sat down to Dinner, including friends from other local swimming clubs.

Christmas Dip. One of the highlights of the close season was our Christmas Dip in Pickmere, on the 27th December. Fourteen swimmers took part in the event, from swimming clubs in the area. Our main guests were Hamilton Bland, A.S.A. National Technical Officer and coach to the British Olympic Squad, and Alfred Harland, Past President Cheshire County Swimming and Water Polo Association. According to Harry the water was not quite as warm as Acapulco, the temperature being 34 F with plenty of snow around to give a festive air. I hope you will all turn up again this year complete with hot water bottles.

Engagements. Dave Barnard to Mary Mair and Barry Robinson to Sue Dutton. We wish both couples the best of luck in the future. (Congratulations also to Dave on being selected to represent Cheshire at Water Polo against Lancashire.)

Marriages. Alan Humphries to Joan Emoss and John Ellicott to Irene Lawton. Best wishes for your future happiness.

Births. To George and Brenda Edwardson (nee Carter) a daughter - Sharron Dawn. Heartly congratulations.

Finally I would like to thank the Management and Staff of the Pickmere Boating Company, the Warrington Corporation Baths Department and all those people who have contributed to the success of the Club, whether they swam, rowed or helped in any way.

Championships and Individual Swims, total mileage.

Chris Carter.	57 miles.	Billy Dutton.	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
John Howcroft.	43	Maurice Ferguson.	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chris. Genge.	26	David Barnard.	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Arthur Williams.	21	Alan Humphries.	10
Janice Alexander.	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	David Pritt.	9
John Heapy.	18	Susan Lowe.	6
Barry Robinson.	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jill Adey.	6
John Alexander.	15	Wendy Ferguson.	4
		Stephen Sansen.	3
		Stephanie Webster.	2
		<b>TOTAL MILEAGE</b>	<b>297</b>

Pickmere Championship Results.

Sat. 20th June. Warm water  
brilliant sunshine.

Senior Ladies. (3 miles)

1. D.Beynon.	B.L.D.S.A.	1 hr. 25 mins. 2 secs.
2. L.Nightingale.	P.L.D.S.A.	1 28 38
3. S.Smith.	Deckenham Ladies.	1 30 50
4. J.Wood.	Surrey Ladies.	1 33 50
5. J.Russell.	Bradford LDSC.	1 37 45
6. J.Adey.	Warrington Dolphins.	1 38 22
7. C.Genge.	Warrington Dolphins.	1 39 22
8. C.McIntyre.	Bradford LDSC.	1 45 38
9. S.Lowe.	Warrington Dolphins.	1 56 35
10. W. van Rysel.	B.L.D.S.A.	2 7 27

Senior Men. (3 miles)

1. M.Read.	Leith 1930.	1 17 43
2. H.Rushby.	Halifax S.C.	1 18 28
3. B.Redfearn.	Chester A.S.C.	1 19 36
4. R.Hatfield.	Teeside.	1 23 19
5. B.Dutton.	Warrington Dolphins.	1 26 17
6. F.Bennett.	New Kingston S.C.	1 28 18
7. F.Doggett.	New Kingston S.C.	1 29 24
8. K.Fenton.	Lancaster City A.S.C.	1 33 41
9. A.Humphries.	Warrington Dolphins.	1 33 59
10. F.Allen.	Warwick L.D.S.C.	1 35 44
11. J.Heapy.	Warrington Dolphins.	1 38 29
12. J.Alexander.	Warrington Dolphins.	1 39 45
13. B.Robinson.	Warrington Dolphins.	1 42 0



Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C. - continued.

14.	G.Forsberg.	Otter S.C.	1	hr. 43 min. 50 secs.
15.	D.Jones.	Tyldesley. S.C.	1	44 48
16.	S.Sansen.	Warrington Dolphins.	1	46 18
17.	M.Ferguson.	Warrington Dolphins.	1	46 23
18.	C.Butters.	Geo. Dixon Gram.Sch.	1	46 30
19.	J.Kerwin.	Bradford LDSC.	1	47 9
20.	A.Williams.	Warrington Dolphins.	1	49 22
21.	H.Peacock.	W.L. Water Beetles.	1	56 24
22.	D.Fell.	Warwick L.D.S.C.	2	1 20
23.	D.Pritt.	Warrington Dolphins.	2	3 52
24.	J.Ingham.	Halifax S.C.	2	4 2
25.	J. Howcroft.	Warrington Dolphins.	2	11 45
26.	P.Kochanek.	Worthing S.C.	2	24 24

Junior Ladies. (two miles)

1.	P.Dawson.	Sutton in Ashfield.	1	0 55
2.	W.Ferguson.	Warrington Dolphins.	1	4 3
3.	J.Alexander.	Warrington Dolphins.	1	8 46
4.	S.Ebster.	Warrington Dolphins.	1	10 55
5.	C.Walker.	Huddersfield A.S.C.	1	11 18
6.	J.Wilkin.	Rotherham Neptunes.	1	14 22
7.	L.Rushby.	Halifax A.S.C.	1	15 37
8.	J.Lamb.	Lancaster A.S.C.	1	17 6
9.	B.Walker.	Huddersfield A.S.C.	1	23 13

Junior Gents. (two miles)

1.	A.Mitchell.	Emfield S.C.	1	50 48
2.	P.Rushby.	Halifax S.C.	1	58 32
3.	M.Flaherty.	Woodberry Down S.C.	1	0 18
4.	R.Dargue.	Teeside L.D.S.C.	1	0 52
5.	T.Creasy.	Woodberry Down S.C.	1	5 0
6.	B.Gage.	Woodberry Down S.C.	1	15 19
7.	M.Luck.	Woodberry Down S.C.	1	21 25
8.	S.Dale.	Woodberry Down S.C.	1	21 34
9.	P. De Bono.	Woodberry Down S.C.	1	23 40
10.	A.Peat.	W.L. Water Beetles.	1	24 34
11.	R.Soterden.	W.L. Water Beetles.	1	29 44

These Championships were a family affair, with father and daughter swimming - John and Jancie Alexander, Maurice and Wendy Ferguson, sisters - Catherine and Beverley Walker. Brothers and sisters - the Rushby family - Lesley, Peter & Michael. Only one swimmer retired during these races and we hope that the lady concerned will be back and successful in 1971.

PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1971  
12th JUNE.

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WEST LANCASHIRE WATER BEETLES L.D.S.A.

Early in the year we welcomed two new junior members, Alan Peat and Richard Southerden who took part in several events.

First success of the season went to Harry Peacock in the Double Fay swim. Next came the annual visit to Pick Mere, with a good first-outing for Alan and Richard, with an improved position for Harry. The A.S.A. 5 miler found Harry with a stinking cold, but having signed his name on the dotted line he felt he had to have a go, but came out part way round the course. Alan, Richard and myself entered for the Cross Lake swim at Windermere, but a traffic jam made Alan and Richard too late to take part. I completed the course. The two lads made a gallant swim at Bala, in rough and cold conditions and were in good company when they finally retired! I rounded off the season at Trentham Lake.

Earlier in the year the Spring Bank Holiday weekend at Abersoch provided a change of venue from Coniston. There are good camping facilities for those who care to join us this year, providing they contact me before the weekend in order that I can let them have travelling directions. A S.A.E. would be appreciated.

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