

## WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LDSC

### ANNUAL REPORT 1996

Dear All

I am pleased to report on another successful season for Warrington Dolphins. Our members have swum a total of 375 miles this season and have been represented in 26 events, including one channel swim and a record setting relay swim on Loch Ness.

Congratulations to Paul Tew on his Channel swim this summer. Paul swam the Channel for the first time in 1976 whilst a member of the Dolphins and rejoined the Dolphins a couple of years ago. This summer completed his second channel swim in a time that was 10 minutes faster than his first swim!

In September the Direct Loch Ness Relay team (all members of the Dolphins) completed the first ever two-way Loch Ness relay swim. Dave Quatermaine, Tom Nolan, Liz Horn, Tony Whelan Jnr, Helen Driver and Caroline Smith completed the 46 mile swim in 26 hours, 13 minutes and 10 seconds and Steve Critchley was our observer. The weather conditions were mostly very good - I think we were in the only sunny place in the country that weekend! We hit choppy water a few times, particularly on the last eight miles of the swim but most of the time we were very lucky. We didn't actually see Nessie but Helen did feel something hit her leg when she was swimming at night and Tom continues to insist that Nessie does exist- yeah, right!

In August Dave Quatermaine made his third attempt at the Channel, but unfortunately was not successful. He was taken out of the water after ten hours with hypothermia.

Our new social event this year, the Barn Dance in June, was very enjoyable. Lots of people came along and had a fun evening with an excellent band, 'Foxes Bark', and a hot pot or an extremely hot veggie chilli - believe me, I had tears in my eyes from it! All in all it seemed to go down very well so we will be having another go at getting the dances right next year on 10th May.

The re-introduction of the mileage chart has been very successful this season. Most people have chalked up their achievements and they have been on the notice board for all to see. For those of you who haven't marked up your swims, tough luck, you don't get a mention! The total miles swum to my knowledge is 375, and we have had our swimmers in 26 different events, including many individual swims, throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank our coaches, championship organisers and committee for all their hard work and the staff of Warrington Baths for their help and co-operation during the year.

Have a good Christmas, see you next year!

Caroline Smith  
Hon. Secretary