

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

I have pleasure in presenting the first Annual Report of our Club. From the small band of four swimmers last year, the ranks have swelled into a happy and harmonious team of ten, and to include our enthusiastic Executive members and Officials this brings the total number of 'Dolphins' to fifteen.

The season has been very eventful in many ways, and although it is difficult to place the year's outstanding items and events in proper order, I hope that this report will fully cover our activities. As Hon. Secretary in our inaugural year I must convey my thanks to all our officials and swimmers and say that it has been a great pleasure working with you. A special thanks to Bob Keating, our Hon. Treasurer, who has been my right hand through our trials, tribulations and triumphs.

Lake First

What above all we feel was a premier achievement, a championship in our first year seemed rather ambitious, but we felt that if we wanted a long distance Championship in Warrington area - there was only one certain way of doing it - so we did it! The Championship was held on Saturday 4th September. Temp. 57-58 F. The Course was two circuits of the Lake. Mens Championship - the 'J.E.White Trophy'. Ladies Championship the 'J.Mounfield Trophy'. I would like to mention that the course had been cut down owing to the bad weather. In the early part of the morning difficulty had been experienced with mooring the buoys which kept drifting due to high winds and rough water, and finally when the wind slackened it was too near zero hour and the Briefing Meeting for us to alter the course. Apart from this slight setback the schedule went off quite smoothly. Spectators at the lakeside just prior to the swim stood agog and in amazement at an invasion by small boat, nearly sinking under the weight of six 'Coventry Cavemen' in full regalia and carrying bludgeons, choppers and other ancient instruments calculated to impress their fellow competitors. Our thanks to R.L.D. and the lads for the light-hearted entertainment which started our day in this style.

Results:- Mens Championship.

1.	Colin Procter,	Halifax.S.O.	43.	6	8.
2.	Andrew Wood,	Hornchurch S.O.	46.	0.	0.
3.	James Redfern,	Liverpool Sea Cadets.	49.	4.	2.
4.	Gerald Forsberg,	Otter.	49.	8.	0.
5.	Bryan Finlay,	Coventry.	49.	10.	0.
6.	Robert Keating,	Warrington Dolphins.	56.	4.	2.
7.	John Taylor,	Bolton.	56.	4.	8.
8.	Christopher Carter,	Warrington Dolphins.	56.	4.	10.
9.	Ian Thompson,	Warrington Dolphins.	58.	35.	6.
10.	Christopher Faulkner,	Warwickshire L.D.S.A.	58.	35.	8.
11.	Rex Williams,	" "	65.	8.	9.
12.	John Cookson,	" "	66.	16.	9.
13.	Ralph Cahill,	" "	67.	7.	8.
14.	Arthur Williams,	Warrington Dolphins.	71.	50.	9.

Ladies Championship.

1.	Susan Shallcross,	Warrington Dolphins.	55.	0.	5.
2.	Christina Genge,	" "	57.	37.	5.
3.	Willy van Rysel,	B.L.D.S.A.	62.	20.	5.

I would like to give a special thanks to all B.L.D.S.A. friends and swimmers who supported us, and especially to Miss Willy van Rysel who made a special dash from Cardiff to be with us and had to travel back again the same evening - that's enthusiasm for you. First local man home, Bob Keating, received "Auntie Andy's Egg Cup" (a silver cup presented by ... a well known swimming personality who wishes to remain anonymous.). After the swim - a hot meal in the Lakeside Cafe, a friendly chat midst the usual elbow bending.

Club Swimmer of the year.

This undoubtedly goes to the Women's section of the Club. You may recall in the Dolphins initial report in 1964 I mentioned a young lady who had done extremely well at Trentham Lake, with only three weeks prior training. I said we would be seeing more swimming by Christina Genge. I am pleased to report that although Christina has not yet won any Championships, she has most certainly lifted the Dolphins prestige, and in all her swims this year she has set up a new breast stroke record. Coniston, Bala one-way, Bala two-way, Whitby - Sandsend, Pickmere and Trentham, well done Christina.

The Most Promising Junior.

Without question this is Alan Humphries - 15 years - who won the Fairhaven

Warrington Dolphins continued/

B.L.D.S.A. Junior Championship at St. Annes in June. This is the right kind of inducement to young swimmers.

Most outstanding swim.

Christopher Carter, a most promising junior undertook his first really long swim at Joniston on a bitterly cold day. He never complained of the cold and gave no indication that he thought of retirement, but our trainer Mrs. Anderson, after keeping a close watch on him for 5 miles, most reluctantly had to order him from the water. Our sympathies to Christopher, and also to Bob Keating who, after swimming for 7 hrs. 15 mins in the Windermere Championship had to retire due to stomach cramp.

A 'fishy' story.

In June, whilst training in Pickmere Lake, your Hon. Sec. was bitten by ... something. Whatever it was left a three inch gash. As no one was attacked during our Championship at the Lake I hope that 'its' first taste has put it off for good.

Miscellaneous.

We are proud of the fact that the Club now owns a 16' rowing boat and trailer. This is mainly due to the efforts of our Coach and Trainer. Let's hope we can repay this by many successful swims in 1966. I am pleased to report that six of our members have qualified as B.L.D.S.A. Pilot Life-Savers.

Ian Thompson. Hon. Secretary.

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WEYMOUTH SWIMMING CLUB.

This has undoubtedly been our most successful season yet, with several outstanding swims, and the arrival of two new swimmers, Phillip Gollop and Steven Halls, who although only 16 and 15 respectively, have proved they are both first class swimmers.

The Club entered a team in the Morecambe Bay Relay, Gregory Schofield, Phillip Gollop and Steven Halls. Unfortunately we came a very poor fourth, finishing some three laps behind the winners.

Exmouth Fairway Buoy was the next swim entered, with Phillip Gollop placed 4th, Gregory Schofield 11th and Jim Burt 17th. This was a shortened swim due to rough seas, which was somewhat disappointing to those preferring a longer race.

A 14 year old record was broken by 10 minutes when G.Schofield swam the twenty miles to Lulworth Cove and back to Weymouth in 10 hrs. 40 mins. The record was previously held by Godfrey Chapman of Weymouth, who swam the Channel in 1951.

The Torbay Championship was next to receive attention, with three Club members entering. J.Burt retired after 3 miles. G.Schofield improved his position to 3rd this year in a time of 4 hrs. 11 mins, and P.Gollop came 8th in a time of 4 hrs. 43 mins. Concomitance to Peter Hatfield who arrived late, he would certainly have taken a place, it was a tremendous performance to finish 4th when starting 25 minutes behind everyone else.

The two-way Lulworth record was again broken, this time 16 year old P.Gollop knocked 5 minutes from G.Schofield's record.

Weymouth's first Championship win, 15 year old Steven Halls won the Bala Junior Championship, in a fairly fast time. He has his eyes set on some of the longer Championships next year, a promising lad. The most outstanding achievement of the year - Phillip Gollop became the youngest man ever to swim the Channel, and only the second youngest ever, a truly remarkable performance. A detailed report of this swim will follow the Club report.

Our two and a half mile Cross Bay Championship was won by S.Halls in a time of 59 mins. We may have another Championship next year - Lulworth Cove to Weymouth.

Weymouth Club is, as far as I know, the only Club to have produced three Channel swimmers, Godfrey Chapman, 1951 F-E. Gregory Schofield, 1964 (E-F), and Phillip Gollop 1965 (F-E, ages 21, 20 and 16 respectively).

Phillip Gollop's Channel Swim Report:- Pilot H.Sharp. 4th October, 1965. Observer - R.Barrett. Water temp. 58F. Trainer - T.Watch. Time - 14 hrs. 31 mins. Started at Cap C.N. 04.01, having been greased with a base of vaseline followed by lanolin. With the wind blowing over his shoulders S.E. force 3 he was soon making good progress. After three hours he stopped for the first feed of chicken, honey and Ribena, chocolate and fruit. After that, feeds were every two hours, then every hour, except for the last three hours when no food was taken at all. When the sun rose, mist closed in quickly, and visibility was soon only half a mile. The Pilot then warned us that if the fog got any worse, the swim would have to be called off. Owing