

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCED SWIMMING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT 1972.

We have pleasure in presenting the Eighth Annual Report on the activities of the Dolphins L.D.S.C. during 1972.

This season has been very eventful in many ways and although it has been difficult to place the year's outstanding items and events in correct order, we hope that this report will fully cover our activities.

This has definitely been our most successful year to-date with over 420 miles being achieved on individual and competitive swims. Nearly every swim in the calendar has seen one of our members competing, this being made obvious by the number of Dolphin sweat-shirts seen at each venue.

It was hoped that this season would have brought about our first Channel success through Chris Carter, but due to bad weather conditions, this was not to be. However, Chris has had a good season, generally improving both his times and positions. Next year, we hope to see more favourable conditions in order that he can at least make his attempt.

One of the principle reasons for Chris's increase in speed was to stay ahead of club colleague Alan Humphries, who was determined to beat Chris home. When he eventually achieved this aim it was by some 23 minutes in the Torbay Championships. For his outstanding swim in this event, Alan was awarded the "Gladys Giles" trophy for the best first attempt but unfortunately he sustained a shoulder injury which kept him in "dry dock" for six weeks. This severely hindered his speed for the rest of the season though he did complete the Windermere, Morecambe Bay, Two-way Bala and Folkestone-Dover swims.

Another of our members was also awarded a best first attempt trophy. This was John Heapy, for his third place in the Morecambe Bay Championships. One of the most outstanding swims of the season was John's swim in the Warwickshire L.D.S.A. Coniston Championships when he completed the 5½ miles course on butterfly stroke thus creating another butterfly record. He then followed this by completing a One-way Bala using the same stroke and once again set up an inaugural record. Are we going to see a first ever Windermere swim on butterfly?

For Jill Adey the season has lived up to her expectations by her being consistently well placed in all her swims, especially the A.S.A. 5 miles (2nd.) and the Windermere Championships (3rd.). Though Jill is now at college, we would hope that her studies will not prove too detrimental to her swimming.

During the past three years, one of our more "mature" members, Maurice Ferguson, has improved to such an extent that where in 1969 he was unable to even complete a 3 miles swim, this season he has put Windermere, Two-way Coniston, Morecambe Bay and many other swims under his belt. When it comes to determination, Maurice must surely be an excellent example for all to follow.

Two club swimmers who we think will be creating strong competition for each other in the future are Harry Peacock and Dave Whatmough. In the swims which they were competing in together this season, there was no more than 5 seconds difference on any occasion.

Our only veteran swimmer, Arthur Williams, who unfortunately was forced to retire with a chest complaint at Windermere, has since been given a "clean bill of health". He certainly appears fit enough and we feel sure that he will be around the long distance swimming scene for many years to come.

The club, following Billy Dutton's disqualification for alleged walking in the A.S.A. 5 miles, is proposing to buy him a pair of hiking boots in preparation for next season.

Susan Lowe and John Alexander have had a comparatively quiet year, both finishing the Pickmere swim and Susan also completing the Two-way Bala.

It is with great reluctance that we are forced to accept John Alexander's resignation as Hon. Secretary to the Pickmere Championships. John has handled this task admirably for the past four years and was one of the originators of our highly successful Junior Championships. On behalf of the Dolphins we would like to thank him most sincerely for his work but trust that this will not be the end of his association with us.

Moving on to a more pleasant task, we welcome Geoff Monks, Jonathan Oatley and Paul Tew, who have already successfully competed outdoors, and other new members who have not yet had this opportunity.

At this point, we would once again like to thank our club coach, Ces Shallcross, for his invaluable services to the club. We think he will be pleased with the results that his hard work has produced during this season and we feel sure that, under his watchful eye, our members will continue to improve.

As a point of interest, Maurice Ferguson has calculated his personal cost per recognised swim mile. The total amounts to £117.00p for 51 miles which means that each mile costs £2.30p (N.B. this Does Not include training costs). With this information, we have also received a request from Maurice to publish the following statement on his behalf : "I accept no responsibility for any injury sustained as a result of a swimmer's wife or husband (who does not swim) seeing the final results of my calculations!"

Social Evening.

In mid-May, the club held a most enjoyable pre-season social which was attended by over 60 members and friends.

Dinner Dance.

The club's 8th. Annual Dinner was held at Pickmere in October, our guests being Mr. Bob Daggett (Baths Manager and Engineer) and his wife and Mr. Frank Carey (Hon. Treasurer of the Warrington and District Life-Guard Corps Club) and his wife. Frank has been an enthusiastic helper for many years behind the scenes at our Pickmere Championships.

Births.

Hearty congratulations to Alan and Joan Humphries on the arrival of a son, Simon Neil, and to Dave and Mary Barnard, a son, Michael David.

Marriages.

John Swift to Christina Genge.

Barry Robinson to Susan Dutton.

Congratulations and best wishes to both couples.

Engagement.

Ken Brown to Susan Lowe.

Best wishes to both.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Daggett and all the staff of the Warrington Baths Department, the Pickmere Boating Company and all the people who have contributed to this most successful season.

Thank you,

Alan D. Humphries (General Hon. Sec.).

Chris Carter (Publicity Officer).

CHAMPIONSHIP AND INDIVIDUAL SWIMS COMPLETED : 1972.

Morecambe Inshore (2 miles).

3rd. Billy Dutton	48m.00s.
? Dave Whatmough	1h.09m.00s.
? John Heapy (b/fly)	1h.18m.00s.

Double Tay (2 miles).

3rd. Alan Humphries	51m.05s.
4th. Chris Carter	51m.29s.
5th. Billy Dutton	52m.00s.

Pickmere Lake Junior (2 miles).

5th. Jonathan Catley	1h.12m.00s.
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Pickmere Lake Senior (3 miles).

3rd. Billy Dutton	1h.20m.04s.
5th. Chris Carter	1h.21m.37s.
6th. Alan Humphries	1h.23m.23s.
L3rd. Jill Adey	1h.25m.15s.
9th. John Heapy	1h.39m.20s.
11th. John Alexander	1h.42m.19s.
L9th. Susan Lowe	1h.42m.25s.
12th. Harry Peacock	1h.44m.55s.
13th. Dave Whatmough	1h.44m.56s.
15th. Maurice Ferguson	1h.45m.35s.
Ind. Geoff Monks	1h.55m.00s.

Damme-Brugge : Belgium (3 miles).

M36th. Chris Carter	1h.15m.00s.
L24th. Jill Adey	1h.20m.00s.

Dala Lake One-way (3 miles).

Ind. Chris Carter	1h.28m.00s.
Ind. John Heapy (crawl)	1h.40m.00s.
Ind. John Heapy (b/fly)	2h.22m.00s.

Sandsend-Whitby (3 miles).

8th. Maurice Ferguson	1h.16m.25s.
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Trentam Lake (3 miles).

L4th. Jill Adey	1h.21m.22s.
8th. John Heapy	1h.33m.16s.
11th. Maurice Ferguson	1h.40m.03s.
13th. Geoff Monks	1h.49m.07s.
14th. Dave Whatmough	1h.49m.21s.

Poole Harbour (3½ miles).

13th. Harry Peacock	1h.31m.34s.
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Exmouth Fairway Buoy (4½ miles).

7th. Chris Carter	1h.39m.27s.
8th. Alan Humphries	1h.41m.26s.

A.S.A. (5 miles).

9th. Chris Carter	2h.36m.12s.
L2nd. Jill Adey	2h.43m.32s.
11th. John Heapy	3h.00m.49s.
13th. Maurice Ferguson	3h.24m.28s.
14th. Dave Whatmough	4h.11m.00s.

Coniston (5½ miles).

L3rd. Jill Adey	2h.41m.46s.
13th. Maurice Ferguson	3h.17m.47s.
18th. Arthur Williams	3h.35m.00s.
19th. John Heapy (b/fly)	3h.45m.49s.
Ind. Jill Adey	2h.35m.55s.
Ind. Dave Whatmough	3h.08m.15s.
Ind. Harry Peacock	3h.12m.00s.

Bala Lake Two-way (6 miles).

3rd. Chris Carter	2h.58m.00s.
14th. Jill Adey	3h.30m.00s.
7th. Alan Humphries	3h.32m.00s.
18th. Susan Lowe	4h.01m.00s.
15th. Dave Whatmough	4h.18m.00s.

Folkestone-Dover (6 miles).

7th. Alan Humphries	2h.05m.04s.
11th. Harry Peacock	2h.24m.20s.
12th. Dave Whatmough	2h.24m.24s.

Loch Earn (6½ miles).

3rd. Alan Humphries	3h.27m.08s.
5th. John Heapy	3h.43m.32s.

Walton-Clacton (7 miles).

10th. John Heapy	2h.54m.38s.
14th. Harry Peacock	3h.16m.27s.

Invergowrie-Broughty Ferry (8 miles).

3rd. Chris Carter	1h.43m.35s.
4th. Alan Humphries	1h.43m.38s.

Torbay (8 miles).

4th. Alan Humphries	4h.22m.36s.
6th. Chris Carter	4h.45m.36s.

Morecambe Bay (10 miles).

2nd. Chris Carter	3h.12m.00s.
3rd. John Heapy	3h.15m.23s.
8th. Alan Humphries	3h.17m.00s.
13rd. Jill Adey	3h.19m.00s.
9th. Maurice Ferguson	3h.19m.29s.

Windermere (10 miles).

5th. Chris Carter	5h.23m.44s.
13rd. Jill Adey	6h.14m.09s.
12th. John Heapy	6h.41m.21s.
15th. Alan Humphries	6h.50m.44s.
22nd. Maurice Ferguson	8h.46m.32s.
Ind. Chris Carter	5h.17m.00s.

Coniston Two-way (11 miles).

Ind. Chris Carter	6h.05m.00s.
Ind. Maurice Ferguson	8h.07m.15s.

Loch Earn Two-way (13 miles).

Ind. Chris Carter	7h.18m.00s.
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Mumbles-Porthcawl (14 miles).

1st. Chris Carter	5h.01m.00s.
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INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE CHART : 1972.

Chris Carter	111
Alan Humphries	64
John Heapy	58
Jill Adey	51
Maurice Ferguson	51
Dave Whatmough	30½
Harry Peacock	25
Susan Lowe	9
Billy Dutton	7
Geoff Monks	6
Arthur Williams	5½
John Alexander	3
Jonathan Catley	2

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

PICKLERS LAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

RESULTS : 1972.

Date : Saturday, 10th June 1972.

Conditions warm but dull and showery.

JUNIOR LADIES (2 MILES).

1. Julie Robinson	(Surrey Ladies S.C.)	53m. 42s.
2. Linda Armitage	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	53m. 56s.
3. Anita Smith	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	54m. 08s.
4. Janette Walker	(Swinton A.S.A.)	1h. 09m. 39s.
5. Kim Harris	(British Transport S.C.)	1h. 12m. 31s.
6. Christine Swann	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 14m. 18s.
7. Ruth Barnes	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 15m. 10s.

JUNIOR MEN (2 MILES).

1. Ian Carey	(Wimbledon & Merton S.C.)	55m. 09s.
2. Paul Tew	(Nantwich A.S.C.)	1h. 03m. 52s.
3. Stephen Clarke	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	1h. 04m. 55s.
4. Howard Owen	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	1h. 05m. 59s.
5. Jonathan Catley	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 12m. 00s.
6. Andrew Wellings	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	1h. 21m. 01s.
7. Bruce Neale	(British Transport S.C.)	1h. 27m. 15s.

SENIOR LADIES (3 MILES).

1. Valerie Taylor	(Walsall S.C.)	1h. 09m. 39s.
2. Anita Radcliffe	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	1h. 23m. 27s.
3. Jill Adey	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 25m. 15s.
4. Dilys Beynon	(B.L.D.S.A.)	1h. 28m. 00s.
5. Carol Pines	(Surrey Ladies S.C.)	1h. 28m. 16s.

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.....Senior Ladies Cont.....

6.	Pat Dawson	(Sutton-in-Ashfield S.C.)	1h. 28m. 30s.
7.	Julie Russell	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	1h. 28m. 40s.
8.	Jean Wilkin	(B.L.D.S.A.)	1h. 35m. 07s.
9.	Susan Lowe	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 42m. 25s.
10.	Gillian Vernon	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 44m. 47s.
11.	Pamela Swann	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	2h. 06m. 34s.
12.	Willy Van Rysel	(B.L.D.S.A.)	2h. 10m. 44s.

SENIOR MEN (3 MILES).

1.	Alan Mitchell	(Enfield S.C.)	1h. 09m. 50s.
2.	Richard Hatfield	(Middlesbrough A.S.C.)	1h. 19m. 10s.
3.	Billy Dutton	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 20m. 04s.
4.	Michael Read	(Leith 1930)	1h. 21m. 16s.
5.	Chris Carter	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 21m. 37s.
6.	Alan Humphries	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 23m. 23s.
7.	Eric Millican	(Phoenix S.C.)	1h. 31m. 56s.
8.	Francis Allen	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	1h. 39m. 04s.
9.	John Heapy	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 39m. 20s.
10.	Gerald Forsberg	(Otter S.C.)	1h. 39m. 22s.
11.	John Alexander	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 42m. 19s.
12.	Harry Peacock	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 44m. 55s.
13.	Dave Whatnough	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 44m. 56s.
14.	James Sharp	(Wakefield R.L.S.S.)	1h. 45m. 00s.
15.	Maurice Ferguson	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 45m. 35s.
16.	Charles Forsberg	(Lancaster A.S.C.)	1h. 49m. 27s.
17.	Jack Kerwin	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	1h. 49m. 48s.
18.	Duncan Eccles	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	1h. 55m. 22s.
19.	Richard Algar	(Colne Valley A.S.C.)	2h. 02m. 22s.
20.	David Fell	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	2h. 02m. 50s.
21.	Eric Stoneley	(Tamworth S.C.)	2h. 19m. 12s.
22.	John Ainscough	(B.L.D.S.A.)	2h. 21m. 44s.
23.	David Pritt	(Manchester Y.M.C.A.)	2h. 30m. 12s.
24.	Percy Bull	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	2h. 31m. 48s.

NOTE : 1973 PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD ON 16th JUNE.