

Newsletter October 2010

Firstly I'd like to formally thank Christian, Caroline and Jim for liaising with the baths management to sort out the changes forced upon us by the WBC. Secondly, I'd like to thank Michaela and Christian who have been sorting things throughout the season, such as updating the website and the Tuesday training sessions at Budworth. I have not been able to attend sessions as much as I would have hoped, but next year I'll be making it a priority to reach the higher levels of the mileage chart.

Channel Relay 2010

Well we eventually got two teams across. As August's weather was so poor, our slot came and went. We eventually got a chance to go at the end of August. Unfortunately, we were unable to get all three teams away. Team Pacific crossed in 11 hours 31 minutes and Team Southern crossed in 14 hours 4 minutes. Well done to all the swimmers and thanks to the Team Managers of Michaela and Chris. I'll provide more information in the Annual Report. However, we are in the process of transferring Team Atlantic over to go across next season. The date is to be agreed.

Bob Keating/Dick Dickinson Handicaps

This year we returned to no juniors swimming in the Dick Dickinson Handicap. However, the Bob Keating handicap had 12 seniors taking part. **Steve Connor** was the winner being only 10 seconds out on his predicted time.

Budworth Handicap

Despite the wintry weather dragging on into spring, 27 swimmers entered the handicap. As usual the President arranged the course with help of Christian in a canoe. However, the estimate of 10 laps being equal to a mile proved to be way out. In fact it was probably 50% out, at approximately 1.5 miles. On the day the rain held off even though it was overcast. The water temperature was on the brisk side at 12.5°C. All but 2 swimmers completed the swim with the majority of Channel Relay members taking part. The winner of the swim was **Tony Fillingham** who ignored the President's estimated distance and was far more accurate with his own.

Budworth Championship

Once again our Championship fill up quickly and a waiting list formed. Michaela and Larry Richard again guided the event to a very successful conclusion. Unfortunately, for a few club members who didn't heed the warnings about entering early were disappointed as the swim was full by the time they decided to enter. Joe Coy continued on from the Ivan Percival completing the swim on Fly. The Dolphins won the team event again. We had splendid help from Dolphins not swimming. Those who did swim competed well. **Martin Bosson** won the senior gents championship. Eight Dolphins completed their first 3 mile swim.

Marbury Handicap

Marbury Handicap followed the same successful format as it has done for several years. 21 swimmers took part this year. However, the Presentation this year was held at the Antrobus Arms. This year's winner was **Adrian Moylan**. With the water temperature being 'Tropical' in the +20C, Russ Mason decided to make his first venture swimming outside and produced the fastest swim of the night.

Albert Dock Championships

This year your President was at the helm. We had a good representation of members both on the side helping and swimming. We had the highest entry ever at the event (64). Graham Padgett once again retained the accolade of being the first veteran home in the 4mile race.

Coniston Relay

For the second year we had four Dolphins teams entered. The weather on the day was changeable. However, all swimmers appear to enjoy themselves. The day was pretty much dominated by the Dolphins 'Youngsters bar one team', which featured some extremely fast swimming. This resulted in the team winning the event. Once again Dave Bowker stood in at the last minute, this year he swam, enabling the Dolphins '3 J's team' to complete when Julie Mainwaring was forced to retire due to sickness. The teams were:

Dolphins Youngsters bar one - Michaela Richard, Charlotte Dickinson, Eve Fellows

Dolphins 3 J's - Jenifer Carter, June Morris, Julie Mainwaring (subbed by Dave Bowker due to illness)

Dolphins Petunias - Sarah Beresford, Jo Norton-Barker, Amanda Reid

Warthogs - Richard Walsh, Christian Wade, Andy Sherrett

Training

Attendance levels during the summer have been as per normal at Broomfields, but with Fordton closing earlier and our session being moved earlier, attendance levels fell significantly. With these attendance levels and the fact that we now have to hire the pool it was very apparent that the club would be losing a significant amount of money each session. Therefore the decision was taken to accept an offer of a 1 hour session at Broomfields. Hopefully, this will be more popular with members.

Masters

This year we had a good tune out for the Cheshire Masters. Russ Mason set a new county record in the 100 IM and the 4x50m Medley Team 200/249 set a new county record. Overall we had 8 individual first places, lead by Billy Dutton x3, Russ Mason, Gerry Kelleher, Chris Byrne, Adrian Moylan, Keith Bosson all had one. This resulted in the club finishing as second club in the county.

Notable swims

- Windermere swims by Christian Wade, Eve Fellows, Jo Norton-Barker, Caroline Lewis and Michaela Richard.
- Victories by Eve Fellows at Loch Earn, Derwentwater and Lynn Regis, Charlotte Dickinson at Wykeham and Laura Holland at Llyn Padarn
- Stuart Ainsworth 2nd at Derwentwater.
- Andy Sherrett's first 4 mile swim at Albert Dock
- First 3 mile swims for Amanda Reid, Adrian Moylan, Julie Trevor, June Morris and Tony Fillingham at Budworth.

Forthcoming Events

- Social Night - 11th December 2010 (TBC) - Including the Presentation of the 'Anderson' and 'Dolphin of the Year' Trophies.
- Christmas 1mile Handicap – 19th December 2010 at Broomfields 8:00am. As usual bring a wrapped present of value around £5. This is a very enjoyable event.
- Boxing Day Dip – Budworth Mere Sailing Club, 10am followed by the usual Bacon Buttie.
- AGM – Sunday 30th January 2011, (Venue and date TBC)
- Budworth Championship 28th May 2011
- Albert Dock Championship 6th August 2011
- Coniston Relay – 16th July 2011
- Channel Relay – Team Atlantic details TBC

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