



Warrington Dolphins LDSC Boxing Day Dip 2007

Once again we held our Annual Boxing Day Dip at Budworth Mere. With the day being bright and fresh, the fourteen keen athletes assembled outside the Sailing club and discussed the importance to their training schedule of taking part.

Christian Wade having convinced the President that he should be the Referee, then proceeded to measure the temperature. He concluded that the electronic thermometer was wrong when -5°C was recorded. The give away being there was no ice on the lake. However, Stuart Ainsworth came to the rescue with an old fashioned device which recorded the temperature as 1°C . The President completely ignored this temperature and briefed everyone that it was around 4°C .

Following the briefing and identification of the complete route, marked by turning judges, Judy Brown and Becki Wright, the competitors changed and prepared for the start.

This year after a number of years gap, Kevin Ferguson return to action and promptly entered the water (fag in month) early in an attempt to acclimatise.

As to form Mark Blewitt upon the start whistle ran and dove in, leaving the rest of the competitors watching. However, Richard Walsh rose to the challenge and dive in catching Mark at the first turn. Shortly after the turn Emma Bartlett sprinted past Mark. Richard finished 1st with Emma 2^d and just too completely ruin Mark's day, Christian Wade gave 3rd place to Mark's brother. The hot favourite for the day Julie *I'm going to win it this year* Mainwaring was well down the field.

The presentation of the priceless trophy was made inside the Sailing Club after competitors received their well earned Bacon Butties and hot drink.

1	Richard Walsh	2	Emma Bartlett
3	David Blewitt	4=	Mark Blewitt
4=	Julie Mainwaring	4=	Rob Waters
4=	Helen Tristam	4=	Joe Coy
4=	Mike Gallagher	4=	Kevin Ferguson
4=	Mike Callaghan	14	Dave Bowker
15	Andy Wright		