

# OTTER SWIMMING CLUB

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## ANNUAL REPORT

### And ACCOUNTS

## 2000

### 131st SEASON

The millennium year has been an exciting and successful one for the Club, only made possible by the hard work, enthusiasm and effort of a large number of individuals, and sustained commitment from both swimmers and water polo players.

In recent years, the format of this annual report has been expanded to resemble more closely an annual newsletter, covering all the clubs activities. Hopefully members find this interesting, particularly overseas and country members who do not visit the Club on a regular basis. However, your comments on style and content are always welcome.

Most of the notable Club and individual achievements are mentioned in full later, and congratulations are due to many people for a high level of achievement. However, one performance stands out, and that is the paralympic silver medal won by Ian Sharpe, captain of the men's team, in the 100m butterfly at Sydney, as well as another silver medal in the medley relay team.

A major sadness during the year was the death of Gerry Forsberg, a wonderful Otter member with a record of achievement in long distance swimming second to none. He will be greatly missed. John Iliffe is standing down from the committee after many years of dedicated service and wise counsel, and we omitted to mention James Stewart's retirement as Hon. Secretary last year after the second longest stint in the post in the Club's history – all Club members owe them an enormous debt of gratitude.

Thanks are also due to the coaching team, namely Alan Reed, Claire Kirkbride and Ted Valder for swimming, and Klaus Celadon for water polo. The success which the Club has enjoyed during the year is a direct result of their efforts. Regrettably Alan is leaving us to take up a full time position with Taunton SC, but we all wish him every success in the future.

The contribution of all committee members is greatly appreciated, but special thanks must go to Barbara Woodward, the Hon. Secretary, and Martin Flash, the Hon. Treasurer, who put in an enormous amount of work to ensure the smooth running of the Club, despite their many other commitments. The Club is also fortunate to have three outstanding captains in Lucy Clarke, the ladies' captain, Guy Powdrill, the men's captain, and Tim Kendall, the water polo captain. These three all compete at a high level and lead by example, but their greatest asset is their infectious enthusiasm, which rubs off on all active Club members.

Our aim in 2001 must be to show that the success of 2000 is only the beginning.



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**CLUB ADMINISTRATION**

**Finances**

The finances of the Club lurched once more into the red, or at least apparently so. The deficit can be attributed to an increased expenditure on pool time, itself driven by extra training sessions. Because all bills had not been presented at the year-end, a large reserve has been made. Should it prove unnecessary, next year it will pass into the balance sheet as a gain.

This piece of financial cuisine apart, the Club's finances are stretched because allowance has to be made for the likely loss of support from Shell and a corresponding rise in the expense of pool time. Furthermore we now have 5 regular swimming sessions, and are still increasing our professional support in both swimming and water polo. The water polo players are active all year round rather than just for 6 months, with a professional coach and regular pool time. For the swimmers we have provided extra sessions throughout the year, the expenses of which are only partly recovered by the fees for them (on which subject, more below). The conclusion must therefore be another rise in Active members' subscriptions.

Otherwise the year has, from a financial point of view, been quite successful. Most items on both expenses and income came in close to budget, apart from the miscellaneous charges, which jumped up to pay for a variety of millennium special prizes. On the income side invaluable support was given by members donations. Our thanks to;

**Prizes and General Fund**

*A.Batt, A.Morton, A.Myers, C.Doxat, C.Lord, C.Stewart, C.Stossel, D.Bancroft, D.Lean, D.Miller, D.Payne, D.Pellew, D.Shorey, D.Skidmore, E.Redpath, F.Fitzsimon, G.Forsberg, G.Whiteman, G.Willets, H.Turner, J.Agar, J.Bedford, J.Gardner, J.Kay-Mouat, J.Ricketts, J.Towers, L.Clarke, L.Lopez-Bonilla, L.Walkden, Lord D.Plummer, M.Downs, M.Grundy, M.McHaffie, M.Woodman, Miss. M.Gianni, Mrs. M.Askew-Walinda, N.Fitzsimon, N.Illingworth Kay, N.Salsbury, P.Grace, P.MacDonald, P.O'Donoghue, P.Rae, P.Thorogood, P.Williamson, R.Lloyd-Mostyn, R.Sharpley, R.Stead, R.Thomas, S.Woodley, T.Stanton, V.Hardy, W.Fry, W.MacLaughlin, W.Walton. G. Powdrill*

Once more Lesley Davies produced a profit on the shop (of which more later), in addition to her help in other areas, not least together with Rick Jones in producing a break-even dinner (of which more below). Our thanks go to them both, and to other contributors to our financial administration. John Iliffe as usual has assiduously ensured the cup engraving budget is spent, and the associated trophy records kept in trim, and Anthony Ray has been the 'mailer-in-chief' of the various missives to members.

The treasurer's administrative targets this year were foreshadowed in last year's report, namely establishing a set of separate accounts for the special sessions, and for the water polo players. Both actions are a prelude to developing a clearer (financial) view of what these different activities bring to and cost the Club. With our large number of members and

varied activities, the Club overall is still amazingly good value for money, but that inevitably means some intertwined support, and this needs to be tracked if clear decisions are to be made.

The balance sheet of the Club, despite its drop in value compared to last year, is still healthy. There have been increases to the Life Members' fund, and to the Memorial Fund, where we owe our thanks to;

#### **Memorial Fund**

*R.Burn, C.Stewart, G.Forsberg, J.Iliffe, M.Flash, P.MacDonald, P.Thorogood, R.Stead.*

As noted last year many of these donations were made in memory of C.A.Young, Gary Wagstaff and I.L.H Mackillop.

The decrease in the balance sheet value is primarily driven by the reported loss. There has also been a movement from the spoon reserve to a new spoon stock (new in two senses, the spoons have also been redesigned, as shown here), and some additions in capital funds, reflected in a small increase in our investments, which remain well above their book value and provide a useful income.



Overall the finances are steady and the Club has the strength to continue developing, but if all our initiatives came to fruition then continued and increased support from members will be vital.

The cost of pool time with a coach in Central London is now about £80 an hour or £4000 per year. For 20 swimmers or water polo players, a not unusual number per session, this works out at £200 each participant a year. Currently approximately one third of our time is underwritten by Shell, and some of our pool time is taken as a reserve for covering the eventual loss of that pool (see below). Our financial stability is achieved by having over 100 Active members, but only 25-35 in any pool at any one time. With our current pool use an eventual annual fee closer to £300 per year than the current £180 is a real possibility, although we will approach it as slowly as is feasible.

#### **Membership**

The Club numbers rose slightly through the year, with the usual large turnover of members. Overall we ended the year with a membership profile much as before. The membership at year-end was 248 (238), including 111 (106) Active members, 8 Country members (a reintroduced category for those outside the M25 but still (sort of) active), 81 (87) Non Active members and 16 (16) junior members.

The average age was unchanged at 42, but for Active members it went down to 33 (34), whereas for Non Active it went up to 51 (49). The number of Ladies present went up to 48 (from 38, not as reported last year 26). We welcomed the following new members;

#### **New members**

*Oliver Astel-Jones, Lizzie Attwood, Neil Bardsley, Claire Browse, Klaus Celadon, Peter Clearkin, Helen Crawford, Paddy Doris, David Farrelly, Bacy Fleitlich, Gordon Fraser, John Gordon, Aileen Gray, Robert Gray, Alex Green, Stephen Greene, Ana Gutierrez, Janna Haites, Julian Horn, Tom Kennedy, Anne Knopman, Wilbert Kragten, Glen Larsen, Alexander Lauckis, Jacob Low-Beer, Stephen Marks, Jaime Martinez-Vaquer, Peter Mason, Lisa Matthewson, Greg Moore, Andrew Myers, Stephen Nelson, Rain Newton-Smith, Simon Oldham, Creole Palmer, Stefano Pedrali, Jamie Roberts, Keith Roberts, Helene Shaw, Cary Stalneckner, Roy Talyor, Spencer Thursfield, Andrew Wagshul, Jennifer White.*

Among those who joined, John Gordon rejoined us after several years' absence, having first been a member in 1964. He was an international back stroke swimmer and member of the Otter team that won the Scaldis Trophy three times, and the ASA National Freestyle Championship in 1967. He left us to found the masters club Spencer in Putney which has been and is an extremely strong club, but he now trains frequently with us as well and we are happy to have him back.

We had two new Life members in the year. Julian Plumley who lives in Italy, swam actively with the Club for several years after leaving Cambridge in the early 1980s. Dennis Warnford-Davis is almost a walking Club history. Either as an official or ex-officio Dennis spent more than 40 years on the committee, having served 11 Otter Presidents. He is a former president of London Water Polo League (LWPL), is still on the committee, and is an active referee (knees permitting). Organiser of innumerable Otter tours to far-off places, several dinners, the 1/4 mile race in recent years, and still an active presence in the water, no aspect of Club organisation escapes his critical eye (or voice!). A regular contributor of photographs (and hence absent from them all), Dennis is seen here as one of the stars of a recent water commercial, but this time for drinking it in an Evian bottle!



## Members' news

Last year's report was in error in attributing the wartime welcome provided to any Otter to Garry Wagstaff. This welcome was in fact provided by Jack Cunningham (he of the Jack Cunningham salver for the Mile handicap). His daughter Mary still takes an interest in the Club from her home in Bath, and this correction was brought to our attention by Ron Stead, who is a sure source of historical information from his Salisbury hideout.

Our greatest loss was Gerry Forsberg, who died 24<sup>th</sup> October. A regular correspondent and strong Club supporter, he had been grappling with his word processor, contemplating an autobiography entitled *Mad with Grog*. His accomplishments are too numerous to list, and were extensively written up in his obituary in the Times. He has done more for long distance swimming than anyone else and is a great loss. Gerry was our only member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, to which he was inducted in 1997, with this citation;

*Forsberg, Gerald (1998) Pioneer Open Water Contributor, GBR Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.); Royal Navy (R.N.) retired; British Long Distance Swimming Association: champion swimmer competing in 211 long distance championships; Channel Swimming Association: President (1963-1997); Author of three books, numerous articles promoting the Royal and Merchant Navy's swimming, lifesaving interests and long distance swimming; 40 years as regular columnist for Swimming Times promoting long distance swimming.*



As readers of The Times will have seen, Gerry led a very active sea-going life until he went to the Admiralty as a desk sailor. It was at this point that his swimming career took off, most notably in applying his knowledge of the Channel to such good effect that in 1957 aged 45 he set the record for the England-France crossing. At the same time he participated regularly in Club events, twice winning the Mile handicap, joining in schools matches, playing water polo for the 3rd Team, and making return visits to London for Otter Masters and, until very recently, to the Club Dinner. He swam his last championship at the age of 83, and the photograph shows him off on a race wearing his Otter colours. He was immensely proud to be part of the club, and on retirement to Morecambe he kept in close touch with letters of advice and encouragement and remained a first-claim Otter, to the puzzlement of his friends in Lancaster. Many of us have felt the warmth of his affection for the Club and will miss him accordingly.

Two of our oldest members are still active, Roy Romain who is still competing, and Leon Walkden who assures us he is still vertical. Bob Williamson won the WCASA 200m backstroke and represents Cornwall in the inter-county relays age 64. Another of our senior members, Norman Fitzsimon is still an active behind the scenes supporter, and Don Shorey, despite very considerable handicaps borne by himself and his wife Anna still give us loyal support from Alderney.

We have greetings from Mari Yamamoto in Edinburgh, and Griff Murphy in Venezuela - purportedly training! Jennifer White is a sporadic member of Otters (when in London on business) and would welcome anyone who visits New York to contact her for a swim. Margie Gianni is now more or less settled in Milan, but missing Otters and London, and equally would welcome any Otter to Italy. Jeff Karoly is in Brazil, finding life less hedonistic than when in Budapest. Caitriona Barrett met with Mark Clavey on a trip to New Zealand, where he is married with a young daughter. Mark is still swimming and is just a shade above 1.00.00 for his 100 free, hoping to get below this at the next meet (some things never change!!!). Rob Alderton is still in Hong Kong which he has represented at the Australian Masters Games. Hong Kong provided 100% funding for this trip (amazing but true), but Rob gave value for money setting one Games Record (Hong Kong's first) and returning with 3 gold and 2 silver medals. He was subsequently selected for the Asia Pacific Games also. Nigel Burnham, a water polo stalwart has left us to work for 3 years in Luxembourg; and John Towers, went to Dubrovnik where he met former Otter Harry Koviç, both of them part of the Club's polo history. Peter Williamson is a regular supporter from Australia, and is hoping to see any Otters at the World Masters Swimming championships in New Zealand in 2002.

Alan and Ruth Reed now have a baby daughter Anya. Sarah and Jeremy Hill, have a boy George. Geraldine and Archie Kendall, have a girl, Jessica, and Debbie and Spencer Russell also a girl, Heather. Annette and Marcus Plumley had yet another (in both senses) girl, Anita Helen. Lastly Dan and Jo Korn now have twins, Thomas and Chloe. Congratulations to you all.

### ***Other news***

Our tenure at the Shell pool remains precarious. Shell's preferred partner for a subterranean retail and leisure scheme on London's South Bank is still not clear. One proposal is for a leisure and entertainment complex with associated retail developments. An elliptical-shaped courtyard with a curved glass roof would let natural light filter down to the basement. The plans also envisage a residential block on the podium site next to the tower, and the pool would disappear. Planning permission for these and other ideas has been slow in coming, and the current situation is still fluid (!), but no scheme appears likely to keep the pool.

The following (somewhat shortened) article appeared in the Evening Standard on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> "Are Britain's Otters going mad? The question is posed by a new study which raises serious concerns about the popular mammal's psychological state. Scientists Vic Simpson and Karen Coxon revealed today that post mortem examinations on 200 Otters since December 1998 show that 33 - almost a sixth - had suffered bite wounds inflicted by other Otters. This involved not only fights between rival territorial males but also cannibalism and suspected infanticide, says a report in the British Journal of Wildlife. The scientists reveal that many had wounds on the face, feet, anus and genitals (!!). Mr Simpson, a veterinary pathologist at the Veterinary laboratory in Truro said "We do not know whether these injuries are symptomatic of new and worrying behaviour or just that that our population levels have recovered enough for them to become apparent again. What is new is that there is clear evidence that aggressive behaviour does not just involve males - females are being badly bitten and dying too. It even applies to cubs". One theory is that a vitamin A deficiency caused by ingesting pollutants has caused increased aggression. But Mr Simpson believes that the aggressive behaviour may be linked to the recovery of Britain's Otter population, prompting fierce competition. "

If proof were needed that some Otters have gone mad, both Guy Powdrill and Tim Kendall took part in the Christmas Day swim in Tooting Lido. The water temperature was 3° C!!! For Guy this was a first (and last). Tim apparently does it every Christmas, but in his own words 'makes no claim to sanity'.

The shop has seen some development this year, in part thanks to a tip-off from Jim Mackenzie who noticed that our summer tie is being sold by an American mail order firm, who found the original and rather unusual silk in an Italian firm. This tie is not cheap, although of very high quality, and we have arranged a supply, together with a blazer crest, from the London agents. Other goods offered by the shop are much as before with the addition of some fleece sweaters and caps, and the business has been brisk, ably managed by Lesley Davies.

### ***Thanks***

The smooth running of the Club has, for more years than many of us remember, been in the hands of James Stewart who served as Captain 1970, and Hon. Secretary 1977-8 and 1981-98; plus John Iliffe, who served as President 1990-7, Hon. Handicapper 1976-81 and 1983-7, and through the 90s as unofficial computer expert and keeper of archives. Both have, in the last 18 months stepped down from direct responsibilities, although not, we are delighted to report, from active involvement in the Club.

As this report notes, John Iliffe has been clocking up the miles across Coniston and Torbay and is still actively involved in the water polo side of the Club, now undergoing a revival under Tim Kendall's guidance. John was goalkeeper for the Otter Third team water polo in its glory days in the 80s, and as swimmers in lane 5 know only too well, getting past his wingspan is not easy. From there he went to apply science to the role of Hon. Handicapper before handing that role over to Jim Mackenzie. As President he saw the club grapple with the impact of privatisation, and as a computer expert was well placed to see the Club into the electronic age.

Swimmers still see James Stewart regularly (between business and safari trips). James joined the Club in 1962 and was elected to the Committee as Vice Captain and Championship Hon Sec 1964/65. James (with John Gordon) was part of the team in 1967 that won the national Freestyle Team relay, and under his captaincy in 1970 Otter were second for what was to be Otter's last National Senior level relay place.

James has been the second longest serving Hon Secretary in the Club's history has held a substantive Club office for 24 out of 38 years of his Club membership. On behalf of the Club, James was invited to join the inaugural ASA National Masters Technical Committee in 1987 and also served on the SCASA Masters Committee. He was deeply involved in our move to Queen Mother Sports Centre, and the Westminster Sea Lions owe something to James too as they were set up by him and others during this period.



## COMPETITIVE RESULTS

The year 2000 saw Otters breaking records and triumphing at home and around the world in more events than ever before. The diversity owes much to members' own interests, and the Club coaches' dedication and commitment. The following Millennium Moments capture the highlights of this year.

### OTTER MILLENNIUM MOMENTS 2000

- \* Olympic silver in the 100m fly and another in the medley relay to **Ian Sharpe**, captain of the British men's paralympic swimming team in Sydney.
- \*9<sup>th</sup> place in the World Triathlon Championships in Australia to **Juliette Clarke**, who enjoyed her most successful multi-sport season yet, including wins at Windsor, Guernsey and Ironbridge.
- \*British Record in the men's 55-59 100 fly to **Derek Parr**, who also won silver in the 200 fly at the World Masters in Munich.
- \*British Records for John Gordon in the men's 55-59 100 and 200 backstroke.
- \*A record Medal haul at the National Masters Championships in Sheffield : three golds, for **Derek Parr (2) and Peter Rae**, ten silvers and nine bronzes.
- \*Eight golds, thirteen silvers and eleven bronzes at Southern Counties Long and Short Course Championships.
- \*Gold team medal at the Brighton Triathlon for Otter team **Guy Powdrill, Tristram Court and Chris Owens**, and a silver at the London Triathlon, this time with **Phil Trunter** in the saddle.
- \*Two Channel relay crossings, with Queen of the Channel Alison Streeter, and other open water successes for **Laura Lopez Bonilla**. King of the Channel title goes to Kevin Murphy – his 32<sup>nd</sup> crossing.
- \*Gold medals for **Guy Powdrill, Matt Seaton and Barbara Woodward** at the Southern Counties Open Water Championships.
- \*London League division III won by **Otter first team** in water polo.
- \*6th in the Modern Pentathlon Junior World Champs, and 3rd as part of the GB relay team for **Emily Bright**.
- \* HRH Prince William beaten into second place in the 100 breaststroke at the Eton schools match by ladies captain **Lucy Clarke**.

### Competition Results: Swimming

#### *Paralympic Games, Sydney, Australia,*

The Swimming Times (December 2000) reported: "Men's team captain, Ian Sharpe, who was due to turn 30 the next day, narrowly missed gold in the S12(visually impaired) 100m butterfly. He was touched out by sixteen year old Belarussian, Raman Makaru, but was a second inside his previous best. "I'm well chuffed with that. I fluffed my turn a bit but that's the nature of visually impaired swimming and we're all in the same boat." Ian went on to take another silver in the S11-13 medley relay. Ian trained regularly at Otter this summer and is seen here with his prize.

#### *World Masters Championships, Munich,*

In the World Masters in Munich in the 55-59 age group Derek Parr came second in the 200 fly, 5th in the 100 fly, and 8th in the 400 IM.

### Results from competitions and championships

This year, the Club resumed the strategy of encouraging members to target a selected number of meets during the year. Training was geared to these meets and the Club funded relay entries at them. While individuals enjoyed considerable success (in these as well as at other meets), the Club often had to withdraw relay entries for lack of swimmers. We would welcome more participants of all ages and speeds.



In September, the club held its inaugural training camp. Ten swimmers had seven hours in the pool and three gym/stretching sessions under coach Alan Reed's guidance. The group worked on technique, strokes, endurance, sprint technique, speed, starts, turns and finishes and pacing - and then stopped for time trials and bananas and did the whole lot again - at the 33m pool at the Milton Heath hydro pool in Swindon. This was a popular event, timed to have maximum impact on swimmers' preparations for the national championships. The Club intends to organise another in Lanzarote 2001.

#### ***Guernsey International Masters Meet, 29 March-1 April***

Applause rang out at the Beau Sejour sports centre in Guernsey on 30 March, at the announcement that the Otter ladies had broken the European record for the 200m medley relay. In a breathtaking display of swimming from the front, Aileen Gray took the team into immediate lead on the backstroke leg. Ladies' Captain Lucy Clarke, who had dominated the meet's breaststroke events, added to the lead. Barbara Woodward on fly and Wendy Collier, with a powerful finish in free, completed the quartet. The recorded time was a full eleven seconds inside the European record. Closer examination of the splits revealed that Wendy's leg had not, in fact, been included in the overall time. So, the team was in fact about 20 seconds outside the old record. But there was a brief moment of glory for Otter (and it wasn't even 1 April).

Individual accomplishments were also noteworthy. Roger Phillips won the 100 fly. Lucy Clarke was deprived of a flush of six golds, by an imposter in the 50 breast, and so completed with 5 golds and 1 silver. Aileen Gray showed the assembled company how backstroke really was swum, with impressive victories in the 50, 100 and 200 - and she won the 100 free just to show she could go fast forward too. Mike Wake swum his way quietly to 3 golds and 2 silvers. Biggles (Mark Courtney) was outraged to discover that more than three men over forty could do 50 free faster than him, but they clearly didn't have the staying power, as he scooped up golds and silvers in some of the longer events. Barbara Woodward got a gold for the 200 fly and a bronze for the 400 free. Dave Milne's breaststroke earned him a bronze in the 100 and Tony Ray deserved more for fine displays of backstroke and freestyle.

A sea swim rounded off the meet. True to their namesakes, Otters proved they were not marine mammals and stayed warm on dry land...all except one.

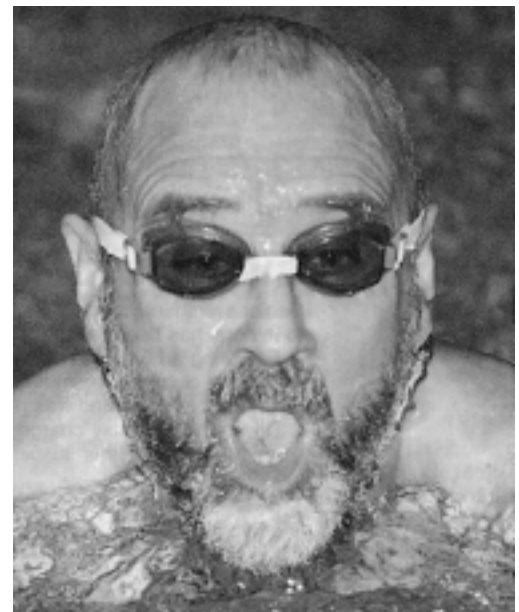
#### ***Southern Counties Long Course Championships, Crystal Palace, 15-16 April, 2000***

Seventeen Otters turned out for the Southern Counties Long Course, and won four gold, five silver and eight bronze medals over the weekend. For the first time, the 200m free, breaststroke and backstroke and the 400m freestyle were swum as mixed events with one mixed result. Special congratulations to Lucy Clarke, for her bronze in the 200m breaststroke under these rules.

Derek Parr was the Club's most decorated swimmer, with golds in the 100 and 200 fly, a silver in the 50 and bronzes in the 100 and 200 free. Ted Evans (swimming for Otter, his second claim club behind home club Derby City and seen here at full speed) won golds in the 50 back and breaststroke and silver in the 100 fly (J age group). Peter Kirk and Tony Ray completed the men's medal haul with silvers in the 100 and 50 free and a bronze in the 50 back.

On the ladies' side, Lucy Clarke added a silver medal in the 100 breaststroke to her 200m mixed breaststroke bronze. Aileen Gray won bronze in the 50 back, Barbara Woodward and Laura Lopez Bonilla bronzes in the 100 fly (C and B age groups) and, showing that morning training pays off, Lesley Davies won a further bronze in the 400 IM.

The Club will make this a target meet in 2001 and will be encouraging individual and relay entries. Please contact Captains Lucy Clarke and Guy Powdrill for further information—before they contact you!



#### ***Southern Counties Short Course 23-24 September***

In the Southern Counties Short Course Championships at Barnet Copthall at the end of September, a team of nine Otters scooped 4 golds, 8 silvers and 3 bronzes. This is a well run met in a fast pool often used as a "warm up" for the Nationals eight weeks later so standards can be high. Nonetheless, it is local for most Otters and would be worth considering in 2001, even if they are not planning to go to Sheffield. Lizzie Attwood took the opportunity to make her debut for the Club, winning gold in the 100 fly and silver in a hard fought 200 fly. Captain Guy Powdrill lost his goggles in the 100 free but recovered sufficiently to claim bronze in the 100 IM. David Milne surprised the field (and himself) to take bronze in the 100 breaststroke and Ben Martin missed three bronzes by inches, with fourth places in the 200 and 400 free and the 200 fly.

Tony Ray won Gold and two silvers in the three backstroke events (50,100 and 200), Roger Philips two silvers and a bronze in fly and freestyle and Philip Harper two golds (50 and 100 fly) and two silvers (50 and 100 free). And there was team glory too.

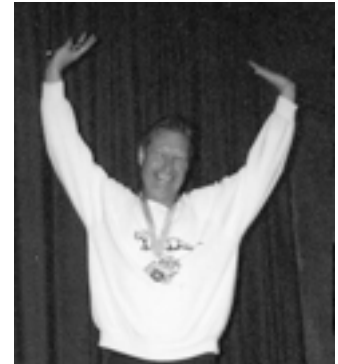
Roger Phillips, Tony Ray, Ben Martin and Guy Powdrill swam their way to a silver in the men's 160+ freestyle relay. Sadly, this was the only relay we were able to field.

### ***National Masters Championships, Sheffield,***

Thirty eight Otters—the largest team ever assembled—overcame rail chaos to participate in the National Masters Championships from 29 October – 1 October. This competition, ranked as one of the toughest national competitions in Europe, attracted a capacity field including, for the first time this year, the 19-24 (X) age group and saw 13 World Records, 37 European Records and 78 British Records broken, including one by Otter Derek Parr in the men's 55-59 100 fly.

Overall, 28 Otters did over 160 swims, won three golds, ten silvers and nine bronzes. Medals aside, the fact that Otter took its largest team ever to Sheffield and that so many of the swimmers did personal bests at the meet owes much to the commitment and enthusiasm of the coaching team: Alan Reed, who accompanied the team, Ted Valder, whose experience and drive motivated many people to push themselves harder in training on Thursdays during the year and to Claire Kirkbride, who spent much of the summer upgrading her coaching qualifications.

In a storming swim at the end of the meet, Derek Parr, who took silver in the World Masters in Munich earlier in the year and last year broke the 200 fly short course European record, added the 100m British record to his collection, shaving 0.14 off the record set in Cardiff in 1996 by team mate Roger Lloyd-Mostyn, who took silver in the same event. Completing a stunning sweep of the medals in M55-59 for Otter, Phil Harper seized the bronze. Derek, boldly going where no Otter has been before, swam the race in a body suit. Speaking afterwards, with characteristic modesty, he gave credit to the revolutionary suit. "I just sat inside for the ride". Observers however, were heard to remark that Derek was doing the swimming, with the suit clinging on tight.... Derek is seen here celebrating his victories with customary modesty.



Fly events brought Otters another eight medals. Derek repeated his 100m feat, with gold in the 200m, and veteran sprinters Roger Lloyd-Mostyn and Phil Harper won silver and bronze in the 50. And Roger added a third silver to his collection in the 200 fly. Tim Fraser, on peak form, powered his way to medals in the 100 (silver) and 50 (bronze). Barbara Woodward swam her way to a steady silver in the 200m and Lizzie Atwood, in the new X age group, won a well deserved bronze after a superb demonstration of even paced swimming.

As always, the sprint freestyle events attracted massive entries and were decided on fractions of a second. Phil Harper was the only Otter to medal, with a bronze in the 50 free. In the blue ribbon 100 freestyle four Otters—Dan Sharrock, Tim Fraser, Peter Kirk and Guy Powdrill broke the minute and two more, Ian Hughes and Ben Martin, had near misses on 60 seconds. Otters fared better in the longer distances. Peter Rae, modest Channel swimmer, took gold in the 400 free, silver in the 200 and bronze in the 800, and Captain Guy Powdrill took a bronze medal in the 1500.

Derek Parr, continuing a weekend of outstanding swimming, took silver in the 400IM and Barbara Woodward a bronze in the same event. In the backstroke, Liz Redpath won silver in her 200 back and Tony Ray swam to bronze over the same distance in the men's event. There were no breaststroke medals, although Ladies captain Lucy Clarke swam like a medallist and in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke, she was pipped in to 4th place in a close finish.

Thanks to the efforts of Captains Lucy Clarke, Guy Powdrill and Tony Ray, Otter fielded nine relay teams, two mixed, two women and five men. The mens' 200-239 showed the way, with a silver in the 200m free relay. Peter Kirk and Peter Rae joined Tim Fraser and Ian Hughes to record a 1.48 to take bronze in the men's 160-199 200m free relay. Incidentally, the same time as the men's 120-159 - which earned them a fourth place in their age group. (Better luck as you get older, guys!) . The other men's relays, in the 200-239 and 100-119 medley came close to the medals with fourth places. Ladies teams came fifth in the 120-159 age group and seventh in the 100-119 freestyle, while mixed teams came sixth in the 100-119 medley and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the 120-159 medley relay.

### ***Other meets***

Two Otters took part in the Barnet Copthall 1500m freestyle. Men's Captain Guy Powdrill was the 3rd fastest of the 120 swimmers at the meet and claimed a silver medal in the M25-29 age group, knocking 10 seconds off his time at Sheffield. Laura Lopez Bonilla also beat her time recorded a month earlier at Sheffield by in excess of 25 seconds. Tony Ray won golds in the 50 back and 50 free at the Middlesex Masters in June, and strongly recommends this meet for those coming back to competitive swimming or trying their hand at masters swimming for the first time. Again, contact Lucy Clarke and Guy Powdrill if you would like to participate.



## Long Distance

### *Southern Counties Open Water Championships, Royal Albert Docks, 9 September*



In a setting which is East London's equivalent of the old Hong Kong airport - with the runway running in to the docks and planes taking off and landing over housing estates rather than high rises - four Otters distinguished themselves at the Southern Counties Open Water championships over distances of 4.5, 3 and 1.5 km (thrice, twice or once round a 1.5k course - or to the end of the city airport runway and back). Men's Captain Guy Powdrill took bronze in the men's 25-34 age group 4.5km in 1h 5minutes. Laura Lopez-Bonilla placed third in the ladies 30-35 age group over the same distance. Matt Seaton won the men's 25-34 category coming home inside an hour (58 minutes) for the 3k, and Barbara

Woodward came in third overall in the women's 1500, and won the women's 35-44 age group for that distance. All four are here.

### *The Channel*

Joining an elite band of Otters, Laura Lopez-Bonilla (here in go-faster sun glasses for the crossing) swam in two successful relay crossings of the Channel this year, both involving Alison Streeter, MBE, Queen of the Channel. The King of the Channel title went to Otter Kevin Murphy, who crossed it for the 32<sup>nd</sup> time. Former Otter Roy Naisbitt had a second try at age 64, but had to retire through injury after 10 hours.

### *BLDSA Open Water Swims*

Laura also had a strong swim in the Llyn Padarn swim (4 miles). John Iliffe completed the Torbay Veterans (4 miles) and Coniston Open Water (5.25 miles) in much the same times as last year. In the Stock Exchange Mile Challenge which was swum over 18 lengths of the Tooting Lido Guy Powdrill claimed a champagne bottle for first place, but not being a member of the Exchange, the cup went to another Otter Ben Martin who was second.



## Water Polo

### *First Team*

London League Div III: Played 10, Won 3, Drawn 3, Lost 2, Conceded by opposition 2. Finished in 1st place.  
Middlesex League Div II: Played 7, Won 4, Lost 3, Drawn 0, Conceded 1.

### *Second Team*

London League Div V: Played 10, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 4, Conceded 2.  
Middlesex League Div III: Played 8, Won 1, Lost 6, Drawn 1  
Thameside League: Played 8, Won 3, Lost 5  
Friendlies: Played: 5, Won: 4, Lost: 1

2000 has been significant for the improvement in our standards and for the quantity of fixtures fulfilled. The second team competed well in any number of close encounters and developed an excellent team spirit on which to build, but the culmination was the 1st team winning its division of the London League. Moreover, both teams have been promoted in the London League. Thus Otter I and II are now in Divisions II and IV respectively. For the first time in a number of years, we fielded a 2nd team in the London League. We can expect to establish a more consistent policy on first and second team selection next season, and second team results and attendance will benefit. We also entered the Thameside League for the first time, bolstering that League and enabling the Club to remain active over the winter months.

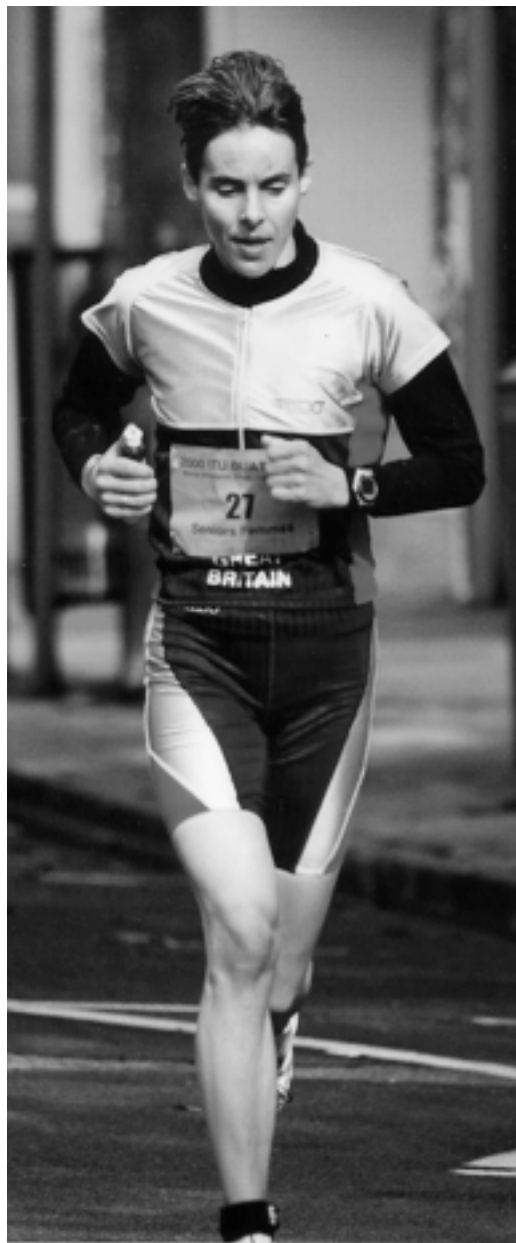
We organised a tournament in early December, aimed at Universities, as a way of advertising and recruitment for the Otter Club. Because of a couple of late withdrawals, only ourselves, Oxford University and Polytechnic took part, but the games were of a high standard. Oxford strongly expressed their gratitude and we intend to organise something similar in the future. We are developing what we expect will be mutually beneficial relationship with London University.

Spencer Thursfield received the Haswell Trophy in recognition of a number of key performances during our London League campaign, particularly our key away wins at Sutton and Beckenham. Other high points include Hugh Turner registering two hat-

tricks during the second team season, the epic second team win away at Ealing, and our coach sending out Prince William, for a brutal foul on the Otter captain, when refereeing our fixture at Eton School. Oddly, the Prince subsequently expressed an interest in joining the Club. Scott Woodley (present WP secretary) had been voted in and joins Denis Warnford-Davis as a committee member of the London Water Polo League.

Looking ahead, we are planning a weekend in Barcelona in late March and to rejoin the National League this autumn. It would also be beneficial to develop a junior section to effect our long term improvement. We must seek to raise our standards to a decent level with sound foundations. As we now operate all year round, an increase in water polo subscriptions is inevitable. None of this improvement would have been possible without the secretarial assistance of Scott Woodley and Ed Buckley, Martin Flash's financial guidance, and John Iliffe's presence "on the table". The enthusiasm of Sam Macdonald and Rik Horrocks, second team captains, was invaluable. Most importantly, having a coach of Klauss Celadon's stature has provided much needed focus and direction for the Club. We look forward to further success this year.

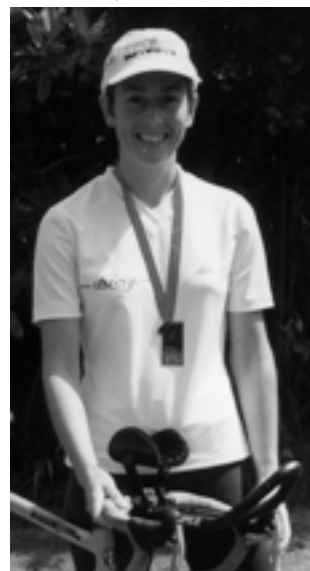
## Multi-sports



Without abandoning its core swimming and water polo activities, the club has also managed to develop an increasingly strong contingent of multi-sportsmen. This year, the pentathletes and triathletes have enjoyed considerable success themselves, including at world level, and have also been enthusiastic in encouraging swimmers to diversify and sample these sports.

Special congratulations this year to Juliette Clark, who finished 9<sup>th</sup> in her age group at the World Triathlon championships in Australia. Not one to sit on her laurels, and helped by steady improvements to her swimming and growing experience in these demanding events, Juliette went on to a series of wins in domestic competitions over the summer at triathlon, including Windsor, and a half iron man at Ironbridge, and came 26<sup>th</sup> in the elite section of the World Duathlon Championships (where this photograph was taken).

Congratulations too to Collette Dennigan who came in as top Ironlady in GB and Ireland and 10<sup>th</sup> overall in her age group (out of 29) and 42<sup>nd</sup> overall out of 248 women at the Ironman Europe in Roth, Germany. She finished in 11:24:39. She did the 3.8K swim in a canal in 1 hour 12 min, 180K bike in 6 hours 5 minutes and 42K run in 3 hours 57 minutes and reported that the atmosphere was tremendous (though we haven't seen her since, as she is spending time on her bike!).



### *Royal Windsor triathlon*

At the annual Royal Windsor triathlon, Juliette Clark won the women's G event (35-39) by six seconds. Juliette went in to the run 4m45 seconds behind the leader and overtook her in the finishing straight. Collette Dennigan was about 11 minutes behind her, with Barbara Woodward trailing in about 30 minutes (sic) later. Claire Browse was 203<sup>rd</sup> in the sprint event.

In the men's event, which was won by Olympian Tim Don, Stephen Nelson was 207<sup>th</sup> out of over 1000 competitors in what was the beginning of a successful season for him and Peter Grace made a distinguished start - the only competitor without a wetsuit - and an equally distinguished finish (not be considered a synonym for sprinting in this sentence).

### *Crystal Palace triathlon*

Five Otters competed in the annual the Crystal Palace sprint triathlon (750m swim, 20km bike and 5km run). After the swim, the triathlon, which is run in aid of Cancer Research, moves out on to a loop course in the park. It demands an ability to count laps (which one Otter failed to do) and sheer grit to tackle the steep climb at the back of the park nine times on the bike and twice on the run. But the finish in the national stadium makes up for that—sort of!

The first Otter home was 40<sup>th</sup> placed Aodan Higgins, with Guy Powdrill, 110<sup>th</sup> (although only 6 minutes behind), followed by Grant Pearce, 152<sup>nd</sup>. In the women's event, Nicola Molloy delivered one of several strong triathlon performances during the season with a 37<sup>th</sup> place. Barbara Woodward was 51<sup>st</sup>, and Wendy Collier placed 18<sup>th</sup> (although she missed a couple of laps of the bike course).

### **Brighton Triathlon**

Stephen Nelson, Aodan Higgins and Juliette Clark all scored well in the individual event at Brighton, renowned for a challenging sea swim, followed by a fast but hilly bike and run course, while the Otter Relay Team won the team event in 1 hour 58 minutes - comfortably beating second place by more than 7 minutes, giving time to pose to capture the moment. Swimming for another team, Dan Sharrock came (a close) third in the swim section.



### **Tooting Triathlon**

Guy Powdrill surged in to an early lead in the first discipline of the Tooting Triathlon, completing 10 lengths of the 62 degree Tooting pool in just under 11 minutes and held off challenges from the bike-run specialists, to win the event in 42 minutes 21 seconds. But only just. Aodan Higgins, one of Otter's seasoned triathletes, finished a mere second behind Guy in 42.22.. Barbara Woodward won the ladies title, making it a 1-2-1 for Otter. The prizes appear to have had the added advantage of replacing liquids lost as a result of their exertions. The men's team (Guy Powdrill, Aodan Higgins and Chris Owens) returned a month later to win the team event.



Aodan Higgins was 15<sup>th</sup> and Peter Grace 114<sup>th</sup>. Jamie Roberts was 9<sup>th</sup> in the men's Sprint distance (800m swim, 20k bike and 5k run).

### **London triathlon**

The organisers had high hopes for this year's London Triathlon, expecting world champion Simon Lessing to come back from Sydney with a gold medal and add to the profile of an already popular event. It didn't work quite that way, but four individual Otters and the team distinguished themselves anyhow. Special congratulations to Nicola Molloy who came very close to breaking the 3 hour barrier with a 3.00.28, which earned her 9<sup>th</sup> place in the Olympic distance (1.5km swim, 40km bike and 10k run) race. In the men's Olympic event,

The Otter team of Guy Powdrill, Phil Tranter and Chris Owens came a distinguished 3<sup>rd</sup> position out of a field of 160 but was officially awarded the silver medal after the winning team was disqualified for not completing the correct number of laps on the bike and run sections.

### **Modern Pentathlon**

In Sofia Emily Bright came 6<sup>th</sup> in the Modern Pentathlon Junior World Champs, and 3<sup>rd</sup> as part of the GB relay team. Closer to home, Lesley Davies came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Regional Biathlon (swim-run), and qualified for the ladies national biathlon finals where she was placed 9<sup>th</sup>.

**1st Team Colours.** Derek Parr

**2nd Team Colours.** Nicola Molloy, Jonathan Agar, David Milne, Laura Lopez-Bonilla, Grant Pearce, Roger Philips, Alex Ray, Spencer Russell, Roger Sharpley, Allistair Booth, Wendy Collier, Lesley Davies, Mark Courtney, Paul Goudie, Peter Kirk, James Stewart, Bob Thomas, Liz Redpath, Ben Martin, Chris Davies, Dan Sharrock, Rain Newton-Smith, Helen Crawford, Peter Rae, Patrea O'Donaghue, Jim Mackenzie.

**Masters Colours.** Tim Fraser, Roger Lloyd-Mostyn, Derek Parr, James Stewart, Mike Wake, Lucy Clarke, Ian Sharpe, Guy Powdrill, Barbara Woodward, Lizzie Attwood, Tony Ray.



## CLUB EVENTS

### Schools Matches

The Club pruned the schools calendar in 2000 to four fixtures: Epsom, Eton, Charterhouse and St Paul's. As usual, we have welcomed back to the starting blocks for these matches many Otters who have moved out of London (Paul Goudie, Mark Courtney, Garry Willetts) as well as more regular team members. But it has not always been easy to field a full team and male and female volunteers for these matches which provide a good, low key introduction to competitive swimming or a chance for some sprint practice and a game of polo on a Saturday afternoon are welcome. An indication of the rigours of these matches is shown here with Paul Hindle relaxing after his efforts at St. Pauls. The men's team won all their matches. But they might not have done so without the tenacity and speed of the ladies team. Lucy Clarke, Ladies Captain, stormed down the final length of the 100m breaststroke at Eton to touch ahead of HRH Prince William, swimming for Eton in his final year. The Club is looking for team members for these events next year. Please contact the captains.



John Nelson again organised, in his efficient manner, the Bath Cup and Otter Medley schools relay events, as well as a competition for twelve teams, including Otter, at St Pauls the previous evening. The standard, as always, was impressive and the winners were as follows:

Otter Medley	- Trinity School	- 1.53.76 (new record)
Bath Cup	- Trinity School	- 3.44.69 (new record)
Otter Medley B	- Cranleigh School	- 2.02.78
Aldenham Cup	- The Leys School	- 4.03.17
Girls Freestyle	- Bristol Grammar School	- 1.59.13
Girls Medley	- Bristol Grammar School	- 2.12.69 (new record)

### Club Championships

The Club championships in 2000 were well attended and produced some excellent swimming. The program commenced in August with the 400 metre freestyle. Both the men's and women's events were won in very good times by, respectively, Peter Clearkin (4.40) and Lizzie Attwood (5.15). The women's race was particularly exciting with the first three place winners finishing within a second and half of each other and a great "scrap" for second and third between Lucy Clarke and Alison Stewart. September saw the 200 metres IM race, where the men's event was won by Alex Lauckis and the women's by Lizzie Attwood.

The gala nights were held in November and proved very successful. Many swimmers exceeded their personal bests and the number surpassed the superlative times they had recorded in Sheffield a matter of days before (we might want to review the length of the taper for next year). Highlights of the gala nights included Peter Clearkin's victory in the 50 metre freestyle in the time of 25.4 seconds, the men's 100 metre freestyle won by Peter Clearkin in 56.6 followed closely by David Cantillon in 57.2. Alex Lauckis's 100 metre backstroke victory in a time of 1.01, personal bests by Laura Lopez-Bonilla and Nicola Molloy and some tremendous debut performances by Stephen Marks, Simon Oldham and Nicola Short were also notable. The men's champion was Alex Lauckis and the women's champion, narrowly defeating the woman's captain and last year's champ, was Lizzie Attwood. The Club's thanks go once again to Arthur Batt for his assistance as starter and referee for the gala evenings.

### Club Handicaps

This year's handicap races saw the dawn of a new age. Gone was the black art of the McKenzie/Booth era and in its place was the highly scientific and completely objective "Pearce model"; a system based on a complicated mathematical algorithm taking into account age, previous best time as a percentage of the world record and extent of improvement. Grant's system proved very successful (if the number of complaints is anything to go by). Indeed it is a tribute to the system that those swimmers who had a very good year in terms of their improvement, in particular Nicola Molloy, Roger Philips, Guy Powdrill and the eventual winner Lucy Clarke, all featured near the top of the final standings. A system designed to reward improvement did just that. We also had some very close finishes not least of which in the overall result which came down to the very last race, the sealed handicap. Courtesy of her very good 100 metre freestyle Lucy Clarke narrowly pipped Nicola Molloy and Guy Powdrill to take the overall title.

Our sincere thanks to Grant for his considerable behind the scenes effort in developing the model. Thanks also to Ted and Alan who allow us to interrupt the training schedule to run all the events.



## Club Open Water

### *Mile*

The season opened as in recent previous years with the Mile, organised again and with great aplomb by Tony Stanton and Jim Mackenzie. Our thanks to them, seen here in planning mode, for yet another splendid evening. The luxury of changing in the sports centre at Windsor, taking a boat up to the start and then having a magnificent meal in the pub afterwards all made the effort of actually swimming the mile pale into insignificance. The evening was blessed with fine weather, but recent rain had made the water cool. At least that meant there was a strong current, and the times were very fast. The scratch race was won by Garry Willets, shortly ahead of the next males, Tim Fraser and Jim Mackenzie. Jim thereby found glory as the leading veteran and won a Millennium Tankard, a reward if nothing else for having withstood years of personal abuse for his role as handicapper. Lucy Clarke won the ladies scratch race. She was in fact second in the scratch race overall (Ben Martin and Chris Davies having disappeared in another direction), and attributed her win to 'knowing the course'. The next ladies were Lizzie Attwood and Barbara Woodward. Rick Jones won the handicap, but declined the tradition of yesteryear whereby he becomes next year's Hon. Treasurer. This same tradition had the scratch winner becoming next year's captain, which Garry equally declined.



### *Half Mile*

A record number of Otters travelled out to Henley for the annual half mile handicap. A sunny summer evening found swimmers of all ages and shapes relaxing at the Henley Sailing Club house while the Hon. Handicapper searched his records and ingenuity to establish the starting order. Given the number of swimmers, they were divided into two groups, for a children's race and an open race. Showing the tennis playing Williams sisters that sister power was not their exclusive domain, the half mile delivered its own sisters' double triumph. Lucy Deacon, who decided early on that father Tim Fraser, swimming as chaperone, was far too slow, left him trailing (another parallel for the Williams sisters?) and stormed home to win the first event. She had already established clear water between herself and second placed Harry Mackenzie, but for good measure sprinted the last hundred yards to leave the judges in no doubt. John Hindle, son of Paul, was third.



In the main event Gemma Deacon defied the handicapper's wildest estimates of her improvement in the last twelve months and surged ahead. The last people she passed were David Craig, who finished third (and promptly partook of performance enhancing refreshment), and John Dougan, a regular for many years at Otter open water events, who finished second. The gleaming Otter gold cup and millennium silver tankard were reclaimed by Gemma. Charles Doxat stood in for absent President Roger Sharpley to present the prizes and to thank Henley sailing Club for their hospitality and Wendy Collier and Nicola Molloy for their work in organising the event.



### Quarter Mile

At Tooting on Friday 18th August, 21 swimmers participated in the 1/4 mile challenge. The water and air temperature was slightly warmer than previous years. The evening was organised by Dennis Warford-Davies and the proceedings were run on the night by Guy Powdrill. Jim Mackenzie again did an excellent job of ensuring that no one with a modicum of speed stood any chance of a rostrum position.

Due to the number of swimmers the event was split into two heats with those receiving a more favourable handicap going first. The 4 and a half lengths were covered with varying degrees of speed, and the handicapping proved more accurate than ever with the majority of swimmers finishing within seconds of each other. The event was won by Helen Crawford, with Nicola Molloy and Alex Ray finishing second and third respectively. As is customary after the swim all and sundry decamped to the Leather Bottle for an excellent meal and a few 'sharpeners'. Martin Flash presented the cup and thanked those responsible for making the evening an enjoyable one.



### Golf

There was a smaller turnout than heretofore this year, but the organisation and the course were as impeccable as ever. David Craig is once more the recipient of our thanks, and the contest was won by Phil Penney. The match is played on one of London's finest courses, frequently in delightful weather and at a time when there are few other users of the course. Skill levels are not demanding and anyone with pretensions to the noble game should enter the date in his or her diary and be there next time.

### Dinner



Otter held its 131st Annual Dinner at the Lansdowne Club on 11th November. A close to record number of guests enjoyed a three course dinner, swapping stories of triumphs and near misses past and present. Clare Ambrose is seen here negotiating with the Hon. Handicapper, and the polo players (left to right, Hugh Turner, Klauss Celadon, Rob Gray, Rik Horrocks, Tim



Kendall (just visible), Julian Horn; seated Gareth Lewis, Scott Woodley) were present in force. Otters older (John Gordon and Roger Lloyd-Mostyn) and newer (Wendy Collier and Lizzie Attwood) listened attentively to Dominic Mahony, Modern Pentathlon Olympic bronze medallist in 1988 and manager of the gold and bronze



medal winning women's modern pentathlon team in Sydney, Australia who was the guest speaker. He reflected self deprecatingly on his years as an Otter and shared his first-hand experiences of international competition leavened

with some behind the scenes stories from the Olympic Games in Sydney.



## Trophy winners

Date	Name	Event	Donor	2000 Winner
1874	Ladies' C. C.	5 L Handicap	Lady friends	N. Molloy
1889	Brown Challenge Cup	100m Backstroke (M)	G.S. Brown	A. Lauckis
1893	Macdonald C.C.	2 L Handicap	A.R. MacDonald	L. Lopez-Bonilla
1896	Thorne-Thorne C.C.	Open Water points	Dr. L.C. Thorne-Thorne	R. Jones
1898	Dudley C.C.	Mile open water	Dr. J.G. Dudley	G. Willetts
1899	Collis Brown C.C.	400m Freestyle (M)	Maj. W.A. Collis-Brown	P. Clearkin
1905	Buller C.C.	Club championship (M)	W.A.H. Buller	A. Lauckis
1911	G.H. Rope Averages	Handicap points total	Club members	L. Clarke
1911	Humphreys C.C.	100m Freestyle (M)	Jack Humphreys	P. Clearkin
1914	Annisson C.C.	100m Breaststroke (M)	F.E. Annisson	A. Lauckis
1921	J.W. Rope Memorial	Half mile open water	Club members	G. Deacon
1922	Haskins C.C.	100m Sealed handicap	A.W. Haskins	L. Clarke
1923	George H.Rope Cup	Golf competition	G.H. Rope	P. Penney
1931	Synge-Hutchinson C.C.	Veterans 50m handicap	Col. E.D.B.Synge-Hutchinson	P. Vider
1934	Baldon Challenge Cup	150m Handicap	Club members	E. Attwood
1935	Jonas C.C.	200m Handicap	Alfred Jonas	G. Powdrill
1948	Tom Batt C.C	Quarter Mile open water	Friends of Tom Batt	H. Crawford
1951	Cunningham Plate	Mile Handicap	Club Members	R. Jones
1952	Edgar salver	100m Individual Medley (M)	Club members	A. Lauckis
		100m Individual Medley (W)		L. Clarke
1955	Pyers Mostyn C.C.	4 L Handicap	Lady Mostyn	D. Sharrock
1966	Lawrence Peters	100m Butterfly (M)	Nigel Peters	A. Lauckis
1970	Hodge C.C.	10 Widths handicap	Club members	A. Ray
1977	Millner C.C.	100m Freestyle (W)	J. R.G. Millner	L. Clarke
1993	Jackson Trophy	Club championship (W)	Richard Jackson	E. Attwood
1996	Arthur Batt Trophy	200m Individual Medley (W)	A.G. Batt	A. Lauckis
1996	Arthur Batt Trophy	200m Individual Medley (M)	A.G. Batt	E. Attwood
1998	J.H.R. Haswell Trophy	Water Polo	Mrs G. Haswell	S. Thursfield



Ladies' captain and the Averages trophy winner having her health drunk by Dan Sharrock, while Club champion, Lithuanian rocket and underwater backstroke swimmer extraordinary, Alex Lauckis looks on.



## ACCOUNTS 2000

<u>Income statement</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>		<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
<i>Revenue</i>	£	£	<i>Expenditure</i>	£	£
Subscriptions	16,063	17,624	Bath hire	10,605	16,704
Special sessions	0	912	Swimming	433	1,097
Prizes & general	1,779	1,784	Water Polo	445	240
<b>Total members income</b>	<b>17,842</b>	<b>20,320</b>	<b>Total activity costs</b>	<b>11,483</b>	<b>18,041</b>
Fund raising	298	439	Coaching	4,759	7,996
Investments net	728	770	Affiliation	891	632
Sponsorship	3,250	3,700	Prizes in year	500	570
<b>Total fund raising</b>	<b>4,276</b>	<b>4,909</b>	<b>Total support costs</b>	<b>6,149</b>	<b>9,198</b>
Annual dinner	-828	-17	Insurance and engraving	639	815
Open water	60	-350	Postage	688	582
Shop	19	89	Printing & stationery	1,190	1,361
Misc.	0	345	Charges, Computer, Misc.	351	1,254
<b>Total misc income</b>	<b>-749</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>Total administration costs</b>	<b>2,867</b>	<b>4,012</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,368</b>	<b>25,295</b>	<b>Total costs</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>31,252</b>
			<i>Operating surplus/Deficit</i>	<b>868</b>	<b>-5,956</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>		<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
<i>Long term financing</i>	£	£	<i>Investments</i>	£	£
Computer sinking fund	2,500	2,750	Trophies*	0	0
Spoon sinking fund	429	636	Investments at cost**	16,152	17,152
<b>Sinking Funds Total</b>	<b>2,929</b>	<b>3,386</b>			
Life membership fund	6,054	6,854			
Memorial fund	5,527	6,505			
<b>Memorial Funds Total</b>	<b>11,581</b>	<b>13,359</b>			
<b>Capital Funds Total</b>	<b>14,510</b>	<b>16,745</b>	<b>Capital Investments</b>	<b>16,152</b>	<b>17,152</b>
<i>Short term financing</i>			<i>Operating funds</i>		
			Reserves or contingencies	-11,687	
			Stock***	5,011	5,063
Reserve Funds			Debtors	112	0
- balance b/fwd	-2,393	16,397	Bank - deposit	11,591	15,411
- capital income and reserves	17,922	500	- current	1,435	3,230
- result for year	868	-5,956	Creditors	-2,894	-1,482
<b>Reserve Funds Total</b>	<b>16,397</b>	<b>10,941</b>	Working capital	10,245	17,159
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>30,907</b>	<b>27,686</b>	<b>Net operating funds</b>	<b>30,907</b>	<b>27,686</b>
<b>Notes</b>			** Investment units	#	
* Insured value, replacement	£ 31,000		Foreign & Colonial	7,465	
*** Stock at cost	£		Fleming Claverhouse	1,726	
Clothes	1,850		Fleming Claverhouse Plan	196	
Spoons	3,213		Brunner	1,290	
Honorary Auditor: T.Fraser			Scottish Mortgage	510	



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