

OTTER SWIMMING CLUB

(Founded 1869)



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2001, as well as having been an excellent year for Otter SC in every respect, is a very significant date in the Club's history as it represents the 25th Anniversary of the introduction of ladies. Since 1976 the ladies have made an enormous contribution, and never more so than at present. I am particularly delighted because Charles Doxat and I in 1976, as Club President and Captain respectively, spearheaded this move against not inconsiderable opposition which had defeated previous efforts. What seems so obvious now then required considerable research and negotiation. I would like to give a huge vote of thanks on behalf of everyone for the massive contribution which the ladies, past and present, have made over the last 25 years.

The competitive swimming side of the Club has gone from strength to strength, and the more significant achievements are chronicled in detail in this Report. However, special mention must be made of the achievements of Sue Hill who has been quite outstanding, winning numerous medals in all the competitions she has entered, and achieving European record times.

Importantly, however, the Club does not just concentrate on its star performers, and the individual successes of many swimmers at a lesser level who worked enthusiastically to record personal best times are also noteworthy. This record of success is mainly due to the hard work and commitment of the Head Coach, John Gordon, as well as Ted Valder and Tony McGuinness.

The water polo section has witnessed a major revival, and the 1st team performed well in the national league as well as winning the London League Division II. This success was emulated by the 2nd team which won the London League Division IV. Encouragingly, there is a very committed squad of players which is growing in size which augers extremely well for the future. Without a doubt, the catalyst for this success has been the Captain, Tim Kendall, and the Coach, Klauss Celadon. Special mention should also be made of John Illiffe who provides great support at home matches as the table official.

My role as Club President is "feather bedded" by an excellent and enthusiastic Committee who put in so much time despite the conflicting demands of home and work. Whilst I would like to single out Barbara Woodward, Hon. Secretary, Martin Flash, Hon. Treasurer, Lucy Clarke, Ladies' Captain, and Guy Powdrill, Men's Captain, for special thanks, I would also like to thank whole heartedly everyone else on the Committee for their efforts, as well as those in the Club who have so willingly undertaken many different tasks to help its smooth running throughout the year.

2001 has been a special year for the Club, but I know that no one will rest on their laurels, and all will rise to the challenge of ensuring that 2002 is even better.



**OTTER SWIMMING CLUB
OFFICERS
2001**

<i>President</i>	Roger Sharpley
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	Barbara Woodward
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	Martin Flash

Vice-Presidents

Lesley Davies	Ric Jones
John Nalson	James Stewart
Hugh Turner	

<i>Captain of Swimming (men)</i>	Guy Powdrill
<i>Captain of Swimming (women)</i>	Lucy Clarke
<i>Captain of Water Polo</i>	Tim Kendall
<i>Water Polo Hon. Secretary</i>	Scott Woodley
<i>Hon. Handicapper</i>	Jim Mackenzie
<i>Schools' Secretary</i>	John Nalson

Committee

Lizzie Attwood	Tony Ray
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Swimming Coaches

John Gordon	Ted Valder
Arnelle Wolmarans	Tony MacGuinness
Clare Kirkbride	Dave Mace

Water Polo Coach

Klauss Celadon

Sharp-eyed members will note changes to the listing of Club officers. The changes reflect alterations made to the rules in 2000 which took from Past Presidents and Past Vice-Presidents their ex-officio status in the Club management. The use of first names is a more recent change reflecting usage within the Club and this report, as well as for the ladies avoiding invidious decisions on titles of the Miss/Ms/Mrs type. Similar changes have been introduced into the handbook.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Income statement

The Club incurred a very large loss this year, the gravity of which is only attenuated by the fact that it is a sign of a successful increase in activity and was to some extent budgeted for. As anticipated in the annual report last year it will lead to subscriptions moving rapidly much closer to £300 a year for swimming Active members. The overall value (financial and value-for-money) of the Club has however not diminished. As this looks like a financial sleight of hand some explanation is appropriate.

The Club went into loss because both pool costs and especially coaching costs went sharply upwards. The increase in pool costs arises from increased activity (compared to the previous year) in water polo. The coaching costs are related to both swimming and water polo and reflect the Club's attempts to get a much larger, continuous and professional support for our activities, attempts which have been wholly successful. And as can be seen later in the report, this increase in support has been rewarded with increased competitive successes. Some other costs did also increase but by relatively minor amounts and for reasons that in many cases (for example new cups – see later) will not repeat themselves.

Why did income not keep pace with the increase in costs? Basically this was because the increase in subscriptions last year was not enough to compensate for the increase in costs. As mentioned earlier, the deficit had been anticipated in the budget because at the time the future coaching position was uncertain. The subscription income overall did increase, but was driven as much by new members as by the increase in subscription level.

As always there was ever-valuable support to the Club's income from donors to the P&G fund, and our thanks go those listed below (this year in first name order!).

Prizes and General

A.Batt, A.Morton, A.Myers, B.Woodward, C.Dennigan, C.Doxat, C.Palmer, C.Stossel, D.Bancroft, D.Lean, D.Parr, D.Payne, D.Pellow, D.Sharrock, D.Skidmore, D.Stewart, D.Warnford-Davis, F.Fitzsimon, G.Moore, G.Murphy, G.Powdrill, G.Willetts, H.Turner, J.Agar, J.Cheetham, J.Fox, J.Gardner, J.Karoly, J.MacKenzie, J.Ricketts, J.Roberts, J.Stewart, J.Towers, J.White, K.Celadon, L.Davies, Lord D.Plummer, L.Lopez-Bonilla, M.Amos, M.Courtney, M.Downs, M.Foxon, M.Levitz, M.McHaffie, M.Sheehan, M.Woodman, Mrs J.Craig, N.Griffin, N.Salsbury, P.Clearkin, P.Evans, P.Grace, P.MacDonald, P.Thorogood, P.Williamson, R.Lloyd-Mostyn, R.Newton-Smith, R.Phillips, R.Roberts, R.Sharpley, R.Smith, R.Thomas, R.Williamson, S.MacDonald, S.Marks, S.Russel, T.Evans, V.Hardy, W.Walton.

Income was also boosted by the successful efforts of Tim Kendall to get a lottery grant, which accounts for the increase of 50% in sponsorship. But the dinner this year produced a loss, and the always splendid efforts of Lesley Davies with the shop could never compensate.

Looking forward, it is clear that our financial concentration must switch from expanding services (and hence costs), to stabilising the real gains these have produced in terms of Club activity, and the Club must now boost income to match. We have the structure of a £300 a year per swimmer club (at least), in water polo of nearly £500 per player, and although we will approach these levels as slowly as possible the steps may not be small.

Balance sheet

The somewhat gloomy notes about our income statement are offset by the balance sheet, which, despite the financial events recounted above, showed a small increase in value. The reason for this lies in the way in which pool costs have been accounted for in recent years. Basically, although the cost has been in the accounts, the actual payment has on occasion been a different number, and the difference has been slipped into reserves. This year for the first time there was no difference, and the loss in the income statement was funded from reserves. This is as it should be with reserves but is not a sustainable practice long term and another reason why we have to be aggressive in raising subscriptions.

As in years past several members generously helped us strengthen our balance sheet with donations, in most cases in memory of Gerry Forsberg. Our thanks go to the following donors.

Memorial Fund

A.Batt, A.Morton, B.Woodward, C.King, C.Kirkbride, D.Craig, D.Lean, D.Payne, F.Fitzsimon, G.Powdrill, H.Turner, J.Goodbody, J.Illiffe, J.Ricketts, J.Stewart, L.Walkden, M.Levitz, P.Thorogood, R.Stead.

Lastly our investments declined abruptly in value for reasons relating to the fall in stock markets, but remain nearly 70% above the value in the balance sheet and provide a useful and steady income.

Although from a financial point of view this has not been our best year, indeed might well be our worst, the basic financial health of the Club in the sense of its value for money is still strong, and the difficulty of balancing costs and income is surmountable. The Club remains and will remain, even with much higher subscription levels than currently anticipated, excellent value, and there is no evident reason why the Active membership, strongly supported by the Non-active membership, cannot meet the subscription challenge, enabling the Treasurer to balance the books. The level of activity and the membership numbers both point in this direction.

Membership

The number of members on the books at the year-end was the highest since 1983, and the number of Active members the highest since 1991. There were 284 (248) members of which 135 (111) were Active, 12 (8) Country, 83 (81) Non-active and 22 (16) Junior members. The average age went down slightly to 41 (42), and was unchanged at 33 for Active members and increased by one year for Non-active members to 52. The number of ladies increased from 48 to 59. The big increase in members, many of them water-polo players, means that approximately one third of all Active members are water polo players. The increase in the number of Junior (i.e. under 21) members is very gratifying and one wishes we could attract more. The large numbers of new members presents its own and not new problem of turnover in membership, but we hope many will stay with us, and we welcome all those below.

New members (70)

Alan Reed, Alex Freelove, Alexander Garrow, Alexander Innes, Alexander Stoyel, Amanda Lucas, Amanda Neale, Andrew Barr, Andrew Birnie, Andrew Francis, Andrew Reese, Andrew Richards, Angus Rae, Anthony MacGuinness, Arnelle Wolmarans, Catherine Kenning, Charles Veal, Chris Orrell, Christiano Man, Claire Wachter, Colleen Nelson, Daisy Jayes, David Slovak, Dean Shoosmith, Declan Campfield, Dianne Faulks, Edwige Fortier, Elizabeth Barlow, Elizabeth Shaw, Fiona Marshall, Frank Fraestaetter, Gaetano Astone, Geoff Lynn, Gianluca Grillo, Ian Hume, Iosif Nikiforos, Isabelle Kenning, James Bristow, James Smith, Jane Kelsey, Jason Parrish, Jennifer Scholes, John Finch, Jonathon Cheetham, Katie Grace, Katie Hope, Kurt Buchner, Luke Rattigan, Mathilde Pauls, Matthew Agar, Matthew Wiseman, Melissa Harvey, Michael Campfield, Neil Shepherd, Paul Howarth, Pierre Cerri, Rhonda Laws, Richard Grauel, Richard Sasson, Robert Gregory, Ross Croasdell, Sean O'Brien, Stephen Lyon, Steven Fullbrook, Susan Hill, Tanya Suffolk, Todd Synderman, Torben Cattley, Victor Lohr, William Hunter.

In 2001, the Club gained three more life members. Bob Burn has been a member since 1954 and was President of the Club from 1983-1989. Bob is a former swimming vice-Captain and water polo Captain and he won his water polo colours continuously from 1960 to 1974. Bob was part of the Otter Water Polo team that won the ASA title in 1964. He captained Kent, had several trials for England and was also the assistant manager of the English team. Paul Goudie, a member since 1984, was swimming Captain from 1985-1989 and winner of the national 200m freestyle (25-29) in 1985. The third new Life member is Jim MacKenzie, the Hon. Handicapper, a post he has held since taking over from Paul Goudie in 1992 and thereby setting the record as the longest serving holder. Jim has been an active swimmer and water polo player for many years but his work has now taken him out of London, and the handicaps have sorely missed him.

Diane Faulks and Jason Parrish are old members who have returned to the fold. The Club also welcomed back Andy Richards, a member of the Otter Medley Relay team, which included Ron Roberts, Phil Penney and Norman Trusty, and

which won the Nationals in 1955, 1956 and 1957. Although Norman is no longer with the Club, both Ron and Phil are and appear regularly at the golf tournament, victoriously on several occasions in the case of Phil. Here with the trophy are (left to right) Andy, Phil, Ron and Norman in 1955.



2001 marked the 25th anniversary of the admission of women to Otter Swimming Club. Their admission owed much to Charles Doxat, Club President from 1976-82. Women now comprise over 20% of the Club membership and are a far higher proportion (50%) of the Active swimming membership (as there is as yet no ladies polo side). The first woman to be admitted to the Club was Sonia Pheby in 1974. Sonia and the ladies team went on to win the national under 17 freestyle relay title that year. Sonia became the first woman to serve on the Club Committee and was the first of a generation of outstanding sportswomen who trained with and competed for Otter, including Deb Hill, the first British woman to break 60 seconds for 100m freestyle and Kate Houston and Vicky Rowe, both capped for the British modern pentathlon team. This year Sue Hill, European record holder for 1500m freestyle and British record holder for 1500m, 800m and 200m has joined the Club. The Club's ladies team results at the National Masters Championships in Sheffield (see later) are evidence of the growing strength in depth. Lady members have followed Sonia Pheby onto the Committee and have taken an active role in running the Club, with Lucinda Spicer as Vice-Captain from 1982-4 and Treasurer 1985-9; Mary Chamberlain 1985-8 and Lesley Davies 1990-1 as Vice Captains; and as Club Captains, Lesley Davies 1992-5 followed by Wendy Collier 1997-8; plus the current Honorary Secretary Barbara Woodward and Ladies' Captain Lucy Clarke. Perhaps even more noteworthy is the number of marriages – Tony and Kim Stanton, Raul and Mary Katz-Chamberlain, Garry and Christine Willets and Marcus and Annette Plumley. Other unions may well have occurred but have not been reported to the editor.

The reserve funds this year have been depleted to bring the women's trophies into line with the men's. The handsome cup commemorating Gerry Forsberg is pictured elsewhere. Additional purchases have been made to fill gaps in Club Championship events for 400m FR, 100m BA and 100m FL. The IM and BR trophies are shared. Thus a long-felt gap has been closed, though the recent addition of 50m FR and 50m FL to the calendar leaves both men and women empty-handed.

Members' news

Margaret Askew-Walinda, a member of the second Otter Channel relay in 1994 and a strong distance swimmer, has returned to Australia with her husband Dieter, who was, with Margaret, an enthusiastic supporter of the Club's social events.

Joanna Breare writes from New Zealand, where she and husband Pete Godwin are expecting their second child, that she is still swimming twice a week, but dragging an extra 10kg through the water is not easy. "I know I cause amusement as I step onto the poolside at 6.15am and clamber in to the fast lane. You can see people thinking "She's in the wrong lane", but I soon prove them wrong."

Steve Bree is still moving from hospital to hospital with the Navy, but an addition to the family in August will probably slow him down and make the swimming pools appear even longer.

Congratulations to **Emma and Adrian Cattley** on the birth of Jessica on 24/7/01. Mother and daughter were fine, but "father a nervous wreck".

We were pleased to see **Ted Evans** on the poolside when he was in London, though his native Derby has had first claim on his successes this year. He returned from the Nationals with 4 silvers and a bronze and got his photo (again!) into the Swimming Times.

Alan Gill, who joined Otter as a teenager in 1953, reminds us that any Otter is welcome to the Balmoral Beach Club in Sydney where he is still active. Alan also provided us last year with the details of Roddy Haswell which are found later in the Water Polo section.

Peter MacDonald left for Japan again, and also became engaged. However he lost the engagement ring; it was found by his company's computer department in his old portable computer case!

Patrea O'Donoghue has returned also to Australia, in her case to study sports psychology.

Griff Murphy has pushed his weekly total up to 5000 m in anticipation of leaving Venezuela and really having to train on return to London. (That's about one of John Gordon's sessions Griff, Ed)

Paul Thorogood is hacking away at his garden in Cornwall, while ensuring that the preservative powers of alcohol are given full rein, either over bridge or in support of the local rugby club. Any Otter who has visited Paul on one of our periodic summer trips to Cornwall will recognise that life there is not for the faint hearted.

Jennifer White, whose work with the charity Médecins sans Frontières brings her to the UK with some regularity, writes from New York to encourage any Otters around NYC over the summer to participate in the many open water races – “probably at least one per weekend, and all fun (and clean!)”. She goes on to say “though Otters are warned that drinking before a race, as I witnessed last summer at Henley, is pretty uncommon. But we do drink and eat pretty well once we’ve finished swimming”. Jennifer ‘swam’ on January 1st at Brighton Beach (near Coney Island). The term ‘swam’ consisted of approximately 30sec in 48F degree water, but with full immersion. Unlike last year no other Otter reported similar madness.

We were also pleased to welcome **Conrad Johnson**, President of the New York Masters Swim Team at the YMCA, to Otter when business brought him to London earlier in the year. Barbara Woodward appreciated the reciprocal welcome of the Y in New York while she was there on business in November.



Dennis Warnford-Davis, whose starring role reported last year in an Evian commercial was visible for a few seconds only in France, compensated one Monday night with the photograph here of him in West Africa in 1948 on National Service, two years after he joined the Club. No wonder London Water-Polo League values his presence on the committee.

Bob Williamson was Western Counties 200 backstroke champion in his age group 60-65, and took 3 golds in the Cornwall County event.

Mari Yamamoto continues to fit in regular swimming in Edinburgh along with tai chi and waiting for builders to start work on her house.

John Goodbody: Sports Reporter of the Year



John Goodbody, a member of Otter since 1971, past Vice President of the Club, author of the Club’s History published in its 125th year and who, in 1991, became the oldest Briton to swim the Channel, was awarded British Press Award for Sports Reporter of the Year in January 2001. John has been nominated for the award three times before and the number of congratulatory messages he received

showed how much he deserved this accolade. John, whose work for the Times since 1986 has covered 53 sports, 9 Olympic Games and 5 World Cups is as well known for his encyclopaedic knowledge of sport as for his incisive reporting of the problems of drugs in sport. Not for nothing was he asked in Seoul in 1988, when Ben Johnson was unmasked, “Did the earth move for you, John?” John continues to be a regular member of Otter and a welcome sight at training when work and family commitments permit.

Alex Ferguson

Many members will remember Alex Ferguson who swam regularly for us from 1993, and was captain of the Club in 1996. Alex joined Otter with no experience of competitive swimming, but was a talented all round sportsman who rapidly progressed up the lanes. Alex was tragically killed in a freak climbing accident in Austria in August. His sense of fun and effervescence will be greatly missed.



The death last year of Gerry Forsberg prompted **Doug Payne** to provide us with some other details of his life. Doug is pictured here with Gerry just before the 1959 Windermere swim. At age 47 (Doug was then 29) Gerry was 5 years older than any swimmer in the race, 3 times older than the youngest and twice as old as the average of the thirty contestants!

According to the British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) report of that year this was also the year Gerry swam Loch Lomond (‘pausing at regular intervals for a drink and a biscuit (Navy tack?)’), set up a new record for the two-way Morecambe Bay swim (including ‘having a chat to local civic dignitaries’ half way), and conquered



the previously un-swum Lough Neagh in Ireland. Gerry’s act will be a hard one to follow.

2001 saw the opening of a new pub, part of the chain owned by **Bob Thomas**. The pub is adorned with swimming memorabilia, and Bob is the current guardian of the Club’s stuffed Otter (an animal in case you were wondering!) which will be hung in the pub and which used to hang above the bar at the Club’s old watering hole in Chelsea, the Beehive (now closed). The swimming pool the Club used is still there, behind Chelsea Town Hall. Looking at it today it is difficult to

imagine that in the sixties the Club used it once a week and yet had one of its most successful decades. Bob Thomas and **Tony Ray** used to compete together in the 50's in Bristol (together with the Treasurer), and both are still active Master's swimmers, and in Bob's case also a water polo player (but for Enfield). Bob's past includes swimming 100M backstroke for both England and Great Britain, multiple masters appearances for the Club, and the organisation some 10 year's ago of the trip to Russia. For those that don't know it Bob's business career has been a remarkable one, making his first success exporting redundant double-decker buses to the USA (where they were used for advertising), and more recently starting and building up a chain of highly successful pubs, of which the Swimmer is the latest.



The Club History suffered a disaster in the year when the printer, who was holding all the spare copies, destroyed them accidentally. Up to now a copy was sent to every new member, and until a new history is written or the old one revived this practice will cease. At least the printing plates have been recovered, and an electronic version can be recreated using both John Goodbody's text and photographs, and those of the original centenary history.

Appointment of a Club Welfare Officer

It is a requirement of all the sports associations to which Otter SC is affiliated (the ASA and its regional bodies, and the BTA) that the Club appoint a welfare officer to ensure that all contact with children under the Club's responsibility is handled appropriately. Hugh Turner, a Vice President of the Club, member of Otter since 1975, and an active swimmer, polo player and triathlete (as well as a father of two active boys!) has kindly offered to take on this role. At the AGM in 2002, we shall be seeking members' agreement to bring the Club's constitution in line with requirements.

Club Newsletter

In order to keep up with the variety of successes and activities of members, the Club launched a Newsletter last year, to circulate recent results, highlight forthcoming meets and activities, and to share information (and gossip). Lizzie Attwood and Arnelle Wolmarans edited the first one but, with Arnelle's departure, Lizzie would welcome assistance and contributions. We will continue to keep members up to the minute by e-mail, but the newsletter is intended for those 50% of club members not on the e-mail network (go the web site to find out how to join this). Look out for forthcoming editions with your Club mailings in 2002.

Pool time continued to be a preoccupation this year. 2001 may be the last year of the Club's dual base at the Queen Mother Sports Centre (QMSC) in Victoria and Shell Centre at York Road by Waterloo. The QMSC underwent a welcome refurbishment in 2001, and our tenure there seems secure (for the present), but the planning process at Shell (although running well behind programme) still appears more likely to result in our removal than not, but sessions at Shell will continue until (or if) the site is redeveloped. The Committee continues to look urgently for pool space in central London to compensate for this expected loss. For the polo players life was made difficult at the end of the year by the closing for refurbishment of the ULU pool. Other space has been found but a deep enough pool is very difficult to find. And the Club as a whole suffers from the fact that there is still no night where polo and swimming train fully together.

Klauss Celadon continues to drive the water polo players, but the swimming coaching team underwent a number of changes in 2001. Early in the year, **Alan Reed**, who had coached Otter with energy and enthusiasm, helping the highly competitive as well as the less competitive members left London for a coaching and swimming development position in Somerset. We were fortunate to have **Arnelle Woolmerans** join us in his place. Arnelle, who had been an accomplished swimmer and coach at college in South Africa, took to the water in the later part of the season to prepare for Nationals (thus proving she could do what she was persuading us to do!), but for most of the year was on poolside setting deceptively demanding and challenging workouts. She left at the year end to go to university in South Africa. Also, in the spring, we said "bon voyage" to **Clare Kirkbride**, who had been on poolside at club sessions in a variety of guises since 1994. She and husband John have gone travelling, but may well return one day.

John Gordon, who had rejoined the Club at the end of the previous year, took over as head coach in the spring and has driven the competitive swimmers to new levels of fitness and achievement with some demanding workouts. John has been accompanied on Mondays since the mid-summer by **Dave Mace**, who has taken slightly less intense sessions with a dash of technique work on the other side of the pool. **Ted Valder** continued to drive us hard at the end of the week, with his unique blend of stroke work and poolside encouragement. In the autumn, **Tony MacGuinness** joined the coaching team, bringing a strong emphasis on stroke technique, based on the Total Immersion methods pioneered by Bill Boomer in the USA. So we closed the year with a strong and stable coaching team, offering members a balanced training programme with some thing for everyone.

COMPETITIVE RESULTS

SWIMMING

National and International Competitions

European Masters Championships, Mallorca, July 2001

Sue Hill, who joined us this year from John Gordon's old club Spencer, became the first female Otter and the youngest Otter to win a European Masters title when she took the Ladies 30-35 200m fly in 2:29, clipping two seconds off her PB in the process. Sue has been one of the most successful female Otter's in the Club's history, and as can be seen below had a truly amazing year. After gathering a pile of medals Sue completed the year at Milton Keynes with a new GB record in the 200m freestyle (2:10:21).



Club coach John Gordon (swimming for Spencer) also won a gold in Mallorca in 200IM in the 55-59 group for the 200 metres IM beating the last year's World Masters champion Duncan McCredie. He also won a silver in the 200m backstroke breaking his own British record by 2 seconds and losing to a double Olympic finalist from Hungary. And to complete the metal collection he then won a bronze in the 50m backstroke.



National Masters Long Course, Glasgow

The pool at Toll Cross is new and the meet well organised. But our performance was less than the brilliance predicted when teams were being made up because – familiar Otter problem – they did not all turn up! Nevertheless, in spite of not being able to swim a single relay, because of late cancellations/non-appearances, the small but dynamic band of 7 managed to pull in 13 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals (15, 7, and 4 if you include Ted Evans, who was swimming for Derby).

Derek Parr had an all-gold performance, with the 3 fly events and the 400 I.M. Sue Hill entered a mere 7 races, got gold in all but the 200 I.M. and the 400 free, where she got silver, and Amanda Neale wiped out the opposition in the breaststroke with two golds and a bronze in the 50, 100 and 200M. Roger Lloyd-Mostyn and Ted Evans both had a superb meet with 6 races each, Roger ending with two gold, one silver and two bronze, and Ted with two gold and four silver. Those specialists at coming 4⁺ and 5⁺, Lesley Davies and Tony Ray managed to do just that, many times over except that the latter managed to scrape the bronze in the 200 backstroke. It is a pity that we could not field relay teams, as there were easy medals to be picked up.

National Masters Short Course, Sheffield, October

The 33-strong Otter team recorded 2 European records, 3 GB records and won 12 gold medals, 27 silvers (including six team silvers) and 8 bronze medals.



Captains Guy Powdrill and Lucy Clarke and Championships Secretary Tony Ray conjured fifteen relay teams out of the thirty three Otters who travelled to Sheffield and six of those teams came home with silver medals. They were the men's 160-199 and 200-239 free relays and the men's 200-239 medley relay

(seen here, John Gordon, Peter Rae, Derek Parr and Phil Harper). The ladies did equally well, with the 100-119 free and medley teams taking silver, as well as the X (under 25) freestylers. The mixed teams, especially younger ones (100-119 and 120-159), came close with top ten finishes, but there were no medals this year.

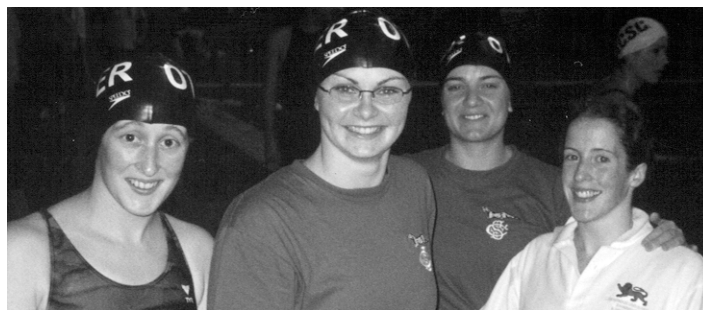
Sue Hill's GB and European Record, five individual golds and a silver medal plus two relay silvers put her in a class of her own. She lowered the European 30-34 1500m record to 18:26.93 and won gold in that as well as the 800, 400 and 200 free and the 400 IM. A silver in the 200 fly rounded off her individual performance, before picking up silver with the Otter (100-119) relay teams. Here is Sue with one of her many medals



Other records went to veteran fly swimmers Roger Lloyd-Mostyn, who lowered the 60-64 100m fly European and GB records to 1.11.49 and to Derek Parr who lowered his own British record in the 55-59 100m fly to 1.09.30.



Lucy Clarke, ladies captain was clearly pleased with results. There were gold medals for John Gordon in the 200IM, 50 back and 100 back; another for Derek Parr in the 50 fly and Isabelle Kenning in the X age group 400 free. Silvers went to Ben Martin (800 free); Peter Rae (400 and 800 free); John Gordon (50 free), Tim Fraser (50 and 100 fly); Derek Parr (200 fly); Roger Lloyd-Mostyn (50 and 200 fly, 50, 100 and 1500 free); Lucy Clarke (200 breast); Isabelle Kenning (200 free); Lizzie Attwood (200 fly and 400 IM). Bronzes went to Guy Powdrill (1500 free); Ian Hughes (50 back);



Roger Phillips (400 free); John Gordon (100 free); Phil Harper (50 free); and Peter Kirk (50 and 100 free). The ladies X relay was obviously very happy with the results of their efforts – (Isabelle Kenning, Aileen Gray, Lucy Clarke and Katie Kenning) and perhaps more important than all the medals is the fact that everyone who swam recorded a personal best time.

Regional Competitions

Southern Counties Long Course Championships, Crystal Palace, 21-22 April 2001 and Short Course Championships, Barnet Copthall, September 2001

The Southern Counties Long and Short Course meets in April and September each remain a focus of our competitive year. At the Long Course meet in April, Otter won 15 golds, 5 silver and 6 bronze (but sadly did not field any relays). In September everyone came home with a medal including the relay teams.

At Crystal Palace, in her debut swim for Otter, Susan Hill swept to victory in 5 individual events (200 fly, 50 free, 100 fly, 200 IM and 100 free) and won silver and bronze in two others. Derek Parr, European record holder for the 100 and 200 short course fly, picked up six medals, including golds in the 50 and in the 100 fly, but was pipped to silver in the 200 and bronzes in free and IM events. Ted Evans too came home with six medals, including golds in the 100 and 50 back. Peter Kirk made a hat trick, with golds in 50 free and back and 100 back. Lizzie Attwood won the 100 and 200 fly and Tony Ray won the 200 back. Lesley Davies won bronze in the 200IM and Ben Martin in the 200 fly.

Barnet Copthall in September traditionally attracts a highly competitive field and is used by many as a warm up for the Nationals a month later. So it was a significant achievement for every Otter to come away with at least one medal. Some got more. Sue Hill took medals in all eleven (sic) of her events. The relay teams excelled, with the men 200-239 (Tony Ray, Peter Rae, Ted Evans and John Gordon) and the ladies (Sue Hill, Helen Crawford, Lucy Clarke and Aileen Gray) setting new meet records. The mixed medley and free teams (Aileen Gray, Lucy Clarke, Ben Martin and Stephen Marks) also won their events.

Local Competitions

Local competitions are the bread and butter of masters swimming. They are fun, competitive, and a good chance to develop or polish race skills. Otters turned out to a wide variety of such competitions during the year, with success for first timers as well as old hands.

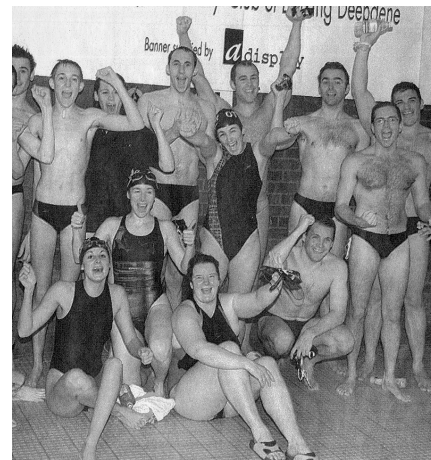
Spencer Relay Gala

Attracted by the prospect of a National Lottery subsidised buffet, an all-star team turned out for this event early in the New Year. The evening was a typical Otter evening. Last minute organisation (by Dennis Warnford-Davis) almost overcame the fact that vital members were missing, but nonetheless the 200+ freestyle relay team (John Gordon, Bob Thomas, Peter Vider and Peter Grace) amazed itself and a good many others by beating a very strong Spencer team. The same team then was so busy talking they missed the start of the breaststroke relay, but all participants were amongst the first to the bar and the buffet.

Dorking Gala

Otter attempted to break the 55 minute 6x50m relay record in this annual charity relay swim. The handpicked team of Otter's finest sprinters went crashing through the record (held until then by the boys of Ashcombe school at 101x50m). Averaging 30sec splits, Guy Powdrill, Ben Martin, Peter Clearkin, David Cantanon (a guest), Richard Grauel and Dan Sharrock powered their way to a magnificent 112x50m. The Ashcombe team (most of whom were not old enough to shave down for the event - judge for yourselves if this was a fair contest) were left with the consolation of beating their old record and the Otter ladies team. Otter ladies, led off by Melissa Harvey, with Lizzie Attwood, Patrea O'Donoghue, Wendy Collier, Lesley Davies and Helen Crawford taking turns behind her powered their way to a spectacular 90 x 50m laps in 55 minutes. Otter ladies were nonetheless in third

place, ahead of previous record holders Dorking SC. Both teams were swimming for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. The annual 55 minute relay challenge is open to all comers and is organised by Dorking Deepdene Rotarians. Each team is sponsored for its chosen charity, although a percentage goes to the Rotarians own chosen charity. Thanks to Juliette Clarke for presenting a challenge Guy Powdrill couldn't resist. In the local newspaper write-up Dave Ring of Dorking Deepdene Rotarians consoles the team from Ashcombe School who lost their record with these words "In fairness to the sixth formers of The Ashcombe, they were up against a team of superbly fit young men in the peak of condition..." Does he mean Otters???



Otter dominated the Stock Exchange events at Tooting Lido this year. Ben Martin won the 1/4 mile, Guy Powdrill the mile, and with Dan Sharrock won the relay mile challenge.

Long Distance, Cross Channel, BDLSA etc

The highlight of this year's open water season was a third Otter Channel Relay crossing on 19th August. The swim was organised



by Laura Lopez-Bonilla and Lizzie Attwood, both of whom swam as well, with Lesley Davies, Guy Powdrill, Helen Shaw and one outside swimmer, Niel Streeter (the brother of Alision who managed her 41st crossing this year – solo!). The team, sponsored by the Club and Nelson Bakewell made the crossing in 11 hours and 15 minutes in optimal conditions (66deg water and sunny skies), which is not the idea you get from the photograph here of Helen, Lizzie, Laura, Lesley and Guy.

As usual, the Club turned out in strength for the **Brighton pier to pier** but sadly recorded a series of near misses. Otter men (Tim Fraser, Guy Powdrill, Garry Willetts) were 4th and the ladies (Lesley Davies, Claire Browse and Barbara Woodward) were 5th. Guy Powdrill finished 9th overall in an event that becomes yearly more competitive.

Closer to home, at Tooting Lido, Guy Powdrill and Barbara Woodward won the **South London Swimming Club** mens and ladies mile and Ben Martin, Guy Powdrill and Dan Sharrock teamed up to win the **Stock Exchange mile relay** and took individual honours at various distances.

Lastly in far away California the British team which included Guy Powdrill and ex-Otter Duncan Goodhew won the 40 mile relay between Catalina island and Santa Monica against 9 other country teams. The race took 17 hours, and the UK team won by 60 minutes from the USA, winners in the last 4 years. In aid of raising money for tackling multiple sclerosis, congratulations seem in order.

La Santa

A keen group of swimmers (plus one football player!) set off to La Santa, Lanzarote in September 2001 for a pre-nationals training camp. The group is seen here in a resting mode (left to right and top to bottom)– Lesley Davies, Roger Phillips, John Gordon, Aileen Gray, Sue Hill,



Duncan McCredie (a guest), Helen Crawford, Ben Martin, Stephen Marks and Lucy Clarke, but the swimming theme was quickly established after the evening arrival at the sports camp, with all swimmers in the water until 10.00pm on the first night! The agenda was thus set for the next week with training in the open air, long course pool from 7–9am and again from 5–7pm. Thanks must go to coach John Gordon for setting the varied 4,000m training sessions and constantly encouraging the swimmers (with their tired and aching limbs) to swim over 40,000m by the end of the week! Not all the time was spent in the pool since there was a wealth of other sporting activities to do; Lucy, Steve, Roger and Ben were spotted windsurfing, Helen scuba diving and Lesley at the golfing range, plus many others relaxing in the 26 degree C sun!

All who attended had a great time and the hard work put in paid off with many swimmers setting PBs at the GB Nationals at Sheffield. Thanks also go to Lizzie Attwood for organising the trip, but who unfortunately was not able to attend. Lizzie is organising a second camp for September 2002, so be sure not to miss out.

Water Polo, 1st Team, 2nd Team

Last year saw the polo section make outstanding progress, manifest in our rejoining the National League after ten years absence plus the second team's triumph in the London League. There was a constant struggle finding pools deep enough and meeting costs, but water polo is thriving in all respects.

The year saw a 50% increase in our membership, through word of mouth (mostly Paddy Doris's) and through the internet. Early in the year the Club benefited from the receipt of a lottery grant, and coach Klauss Celadon, who has been putting the players through murderous sessions, has been at the centre of the revival. The Club is still looking to broaden membership with women and juniors, with the associated provision of training and matches.

At the end of March the Club toured Barcelona, losing by so many, but learning so much that it benefited the Club over the rest of the year. Overall the key measure of success has been both the first and second team's winning their respective London Leagues, the first team finishing the League with eight straight wins. Leaving Mark Fincham's backflips aside for a moment, probably the highpoint of the year was our dramatic victory over Grantham in the final National League weekend. Otter went into the last quarter of play losing by four goals and finished 7-6 winners. It was a game all those present will remember for a long time.



Our leading scorer in the National League was Michael Campfield with 41 goals, recipient of the Haswell Trophy (see below). At the other of the pool, Richard Sasson was probably the best goalkeeper in the division. Richard, Michael, Mark Fincham, Mark Gunning, Scott Woodley, Spencer Thursfield and Tim Kendall played every weekend.

The second team continues to be led superbly by Sam Macdonald. Scott Woodley stood down as secretary having provided the foundation for what we are achieving, with Greg Moore and Ed Buckley ably taking on fixture duties. Paddy Doris now leads the first team into the new campaign, after Stephen Lyon's committed captaincy was unfortunately curtailed by work abroad. Spencer Thursfield provides essential consistency, and lifts, as vice-captain. At home fixtures John Illiffe (seen here under rather than behind the clock) excelled as table official. The club remains completely dependent on, and grateful for, the efforts of these individuals. Better means of rewarding volunteers, especially younger ones, are being explored.

We are in the fortunate position of both our standard and our numbers improving and we can be hugely optimistic about the forthcoming year.

1st team

National League Division III Position 5th Played 18 Won 11 Drawn 0 Lost 7 For 154 Against 133 Points 22

London League Division II Position 1st Played 12 Won 9 Drawn 0 Lost 3 Points 30

2nd team

London League Division IV Position 1st Played 8 Won 5 Drawn 0 Lost 2 Conceded 1 Points 17

Thameside League Position 7th Played 9, Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 4 Conceded 1 Points 15

Ex-Otters tourists, Gary Semini and Richard Kendall completed estimable solo crossings from Perth to Rottnest Island in Western Australia on February 24th. Gary came in a wonderful 11th overall on the day in a time of 5 hours 16 minutes for the 20 or so kilometres. This is an event in which over a thousand swimmers take part.



Every year the Club awards a Haswell trophy to the best individual player, and as noted earlier we were sent some more details from Alan Gill of the background of Roddy Haswell. Roddy died in 1994, and rose to prominence in water polo at his school St. Pauls, against which we swim and play polo every year. A similar trophy, also donated by his wife Ginny shown here, is awarded to the best school player. He joined Otter in 1930, captained the Club team and played for England in the Empire Games. In 1966 at age 44 he toured Malta with the Club where despite remarks that we had 'such an old goal keeper' we won every match.



MULTISPORTS

The Otter triathletes have continued to enjoy success in 2001. Juliette Clark won her age group at the **Llanberis Triathlon 1/2 half Ironman** and thus a British Team Place for the Hawaii Ironman 2002. This crowned another successful year for Juliette,



which saw her winning her age group at the **Windsor Triathlon** as well as winning team gold as part of the British duathlon team in Rimini despite an appalling and dramatic fall from her bike which set back her preparations for the World Triathlon Championships in Edmonton where she finished 13th in her age group. Also on the ladies' side, Claire Browse was second in her age group in the sprint distance at Windsor (following a 6am start in the river). Lastly Lesley Davies represented South East England again at the biathlon nationals.

On the men's side, swimming Captain Guy Powdrill took up triathlon with a vengeance this year. Guy was 14th at Windsor, behind Juliette in Weymouth, and ahead of her at Llanberis, where Jamie Roberts (now in Hong Kong) also finished after practically no training. Neil Bardsley was 31st in his age group at Windsor. Neil and Guy were placed second and fifth in their age groups at the London triathlon in October. Veteran UK team member Charles Doxat ventured out of retirement for a win in the Eton sprint and Dan Sharrock flew the Otter flag with a second place in the Tooting triathlon in September.

And just for fun...

There were a number of Otter marathons this year, with Juliette Clark's 33rd place overall at London (2h52) and Steve Nelson's 2.41 at Berlin the top two performances of the year. Barbara made up in sponsorship (over £1000 for Multiple Sclerosis) what she lacked in speed at London. Chris Owens ran even further in the Karrimor Mountain Marathon in November, coming 70th. Steve Nelson and Aidan Higgins were 4th in a Blue Eskimo Adventure Race in Ireland.

Colours

1st Team. John Gordon, Sue Hill

2nd Team. Alex Ray, Alistair Booth, Dan Sharrock, Grant Pearce, Helen Crawford, James Stewart, Jim Mackenzie, Laura Lopez-Bonilla, Lesley Davies, Liz Redpath, Mark Courtney, Patrea O'Donoghue, Peter Kirk, Peter Rae, Rain Newton-Smith, Roger Phillips, Roger Sharpley, Wendy Collier

Water Polo 1- Team Richard Sasson, Spencer Thursfield

Masters. Aileen Gray, Barbara Woodward, Ben Martin, Derek Parr, Guy Powdrill, Izzy Kenning, James Stewart, Lizzie Attwood, Lucy Clarke, Roger Lloyd-Mostyn, Tim Fraser, Tony Ray

Multi-Sports. Juliette Clark

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Schools

The Schools matches (against St Pauls, Eton, Tonbridge and Charterhouse – Harrow was cancelled) over the summer provide a fun opportunity for some sprint practice and a chance to meet up again with country members and their children (who often play a key role in the teams). This was notably true at Charterhouse in June, where Tim Fraser's victories in the men's events were mirrored by his daughters in the ladies' events. Otter won all the swimming matches, but the polo matches were less successful; Otter speed to the ball was frequently compensated by youthful superior fitness!

Bath Cup Schools relays (Crystal Palace 11th May)

John Nalson continues to manage the popular Bath Cup Freestyle and Medley Team races. This year there were 106 boys and girls teams entered. The standard continues to improve. Two new records were set, and the Bath Cup final culminated in an exciting finish, with Nottingham High School edging out last year's winners, Trinity School, by a touch.

Bath Club Cup: 4*100m Team Race	Nottingham High School	3m49.75s
Aldenham Cup:	The King s School, Macclesfield	4m06.18s
Otter Medley: 4*50m Team Race	Trinity School	1m55.00s
Otter Medley B	Equal Lancing College and The Kings School, Canterbury	
Girls 4*50m Freestyle Team Race	Newcastle-under-Lyme School	1m58.19s New record
Girls 4*50m Medley Team Race	George Heriots School	2m11.68s New record

Club Championships

Under the capable management of Alistair Booth, Otter held its Club Championships on 3-4 November, having held the 400m freestyle and 200m IM (for the Arthur Batt trophy) earlier in the year. In a concentrated two evenings of racing, which saw high rates of participation, Lizzie Attwood emerged the clear winner of the ladies overall championship, with Isabelle Kenning in second and Lucy Clarke and Jane McMenemy in equal third (the latter after a spectacular win in the 50 fly). In the men's championship, Guy Powdrill won from Ben Martin with Richard Grauel and Dan Sharrock in equal third place.

Handicaps

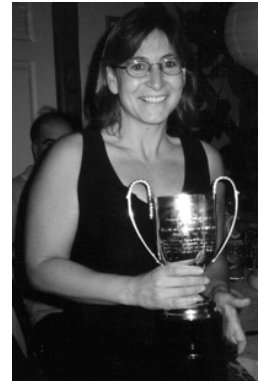
The departure of his firm to Bracknell of the Hon. Handicapper had the effect of handicapping the organisation of the handicaps, as a result of which not all were swum in the year, although the programme was (almost) completed in time for this report. Hopefully next year will see a return to normal.

Open Water Mile

The open water series of races comprises the mile at Windsor, the half mile at Henley, and the quarter mile at Tooting Lido in



September. The season started at Windsor with 24 swimmers tackling the mile. This was a large turnout complemented by supporters as can be seen. In the men's scratch race for the Dudley Challenge Cup Guy Powdrill was a clear winner. The ladies scratch, swum for the first time this year for the Gerry Forsberg Trophy, was won by Rhonda Laws, seen here clutching her hard won silver, on a touch from Barbara Woodward. In the



handicap, Matt Seaton (hiding here behind a plant – not with some unusual hairstyle) took the Cunningham trophy home, with Peter Rae and Barbara Woodward in third. The whole event was superbly organised by Jim MacKenzie and Tony Stanton as in years past. The combination of an easy train access from London, a pleasant boat ride up the river (and, for those not brave (mad?) enough to swim, down the river), a warm leisure centre in which to change and excellent food in the local watering hole make the only risk of this evening the weather, which this year was much better than the half mile.

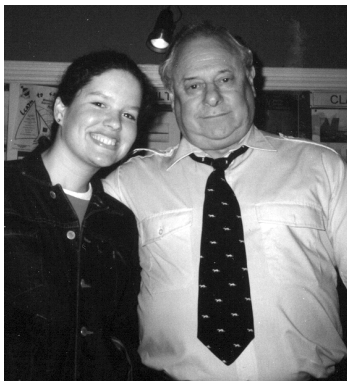


Half mile

The second race took place on a cold wet evening in July when the hosts from Henley sailing club kept their fleeces and SouWesters zipped up to the neck and hip flasks to hand. Nonetheless a goodly crowd of swimmers took part in the race. Angus Rae, son of one of Otter's channel swimmers and doughty triathletes led off. Shivering swimmers on the jetty watched concerned as he started diffidently, heading a little to the right towards the island. Would he make it across that stretch, let alone the full distance? John Iliffe, veteran of Coniston and other long distance swims, for whom the half is a mere appetiser for dinner, struck out with his distinctive languorous front

crawl, instinctively picking the fastest part of the river and most direct route back to the club house. These two were followed a minute or so later by President Roger Sharpley, Amanda Heath, Wendy (scream as you enter the water) Collier, Claire Ambrose, Paul Hindle and Barbara Woodward. Nicola Molloy and Grant Pearce, Lizzie Attwood, Matt Seaton, Tim Fraser, Peter Rae, preceded Ed Buckley representing the boldest of the polo players who hot footed it from the station just in time to strip off and take up a late starting position. Lucy Clarke, with Guy Powdrill and Jim Mackenzie brought up the rear more than 7 minutes after Angus had set off.





A fast flowing river favours the slower swimmers, and Angus, finished 30 seconds ahead of the next swimmer. Sadly for him, he was not then a club member and was therefore not eligible for the trophy. Which left the race for the trophy still on. With 30 m to go, it looked as if John Iliffe would hold on to his good start, and Amanda and Wendy were close behind in contention for the minor places. However in the last 10 metres they were robbed by Barbara Woodward who is pictured here with the trophy. Dennis Warnford-Davis gave Lizzie Attwood benefit of his many years experience on how to win it next year. The whole event was, as in year's past, ably organised by Wendy Collier.



Quarter Mile

The persuasiveness of Dennis Warnford-Davis's advertising (or was it just the prospect of a beer after swimming) drew a large number of Otters and friends to Tooting Lido on Friday night for the third and final race of the Club's open water series. Tricia Ryland, set off first in the first heat. Over the next five minutes, she was pursued by David Craig, Ric Jones and assorted children



and nephews, triathletes Neil Bardsley and Aodan Higgins, Helen Crawford, polo player Scott Woodley, Angus Rae (now a club member after his near miss in the half mile) and Wendy Collier. The gap between the swimmers narrowed, and Ric Jones won his heat with last year's winner Helen Crawford second. Bob Thomas led off the second heat, with Barbara Woodward only two seconds behind. A short pause and a cluster of swimmers, Aileen Gray, Izzy and Katie Kenning, Scott Darling, Matt Agar, Tim Kendall, followed like penguins off an iceberg, and finally Charlotte Segar (Ric's niece) and Ben Martin with a lot to make up. Barbara won the heat on a photo finish from Scott Darling. The final winner was Ric Jones; and 2nd was Helen Crawford. The organisation was undertaken by Dennis Warnford-Davis and Guy

Powdrill, Dennis experimenting with a new restaurant for the recovery session. Bob Thomas and the President are seen here passing critical remarks on Dennis's organisational talents.

The open water events depend on the help of volunteers to organise them and our thanks go to them all. Barbara Woodward won the Thorne Thorne trophy for the overall open water performance.

Golf

Organised as in previous years by David Craig the Otter golf took place one fine May day in Wimbledon. The field of players (the word is used generically because the style of some of them makes other epithets more appropriate) was smaller than in previous times. The challenge is not only to play one round of golf, but also to get through the magnificent lunch and then feel strong enough for another round. Not all managed it. However the day was as always enjoyable and for Bob Burn especially so – he won the cup.

Dinner

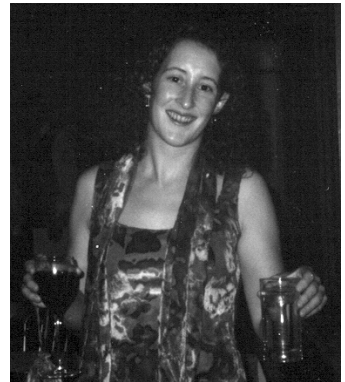


The 137th Otter dinner was held at the Lansdowne Club, Piccadilly, on Friday 17 November. An entertaining and enjoyable evening was had by all, as witnessed by the faces of Roy Smith (with startled rabbit look!), Denis Stewart, Mike Down and Charles Doxat. The highlight of the London winter social season did not have the attendance it has had in other years, mainly because several people who normally 'bring a crowd' had conflicting engagements such

as work travel, holidays etc. Thanks to the organisation of Ric Jones, Lesley Davies and Lizzie Attwood, the organisation (including the all important easy availability of alcoholic beverages) was much improved this year. Isabelle Kenning, who joined us this year and is pictured here, clearly appreciated the



service! John Towers and Cliff Stossel obviously approved as well. As a consequence of very last minute problem out of his control the President was not present and his chair was taken by John Goodbody. Charles Doxat acted as MC and the President's speech was given by Barbara Woodward in a masterly performance given she had had so little notice. John Goodbody was



instrumental in providing that ritual lamb for slaughter, the guest. This was Paul Dickenson, BBC commentator and former international hammer thrower. Paul represented Great Britain in the 1976 and 1980 Olympic Games, and was the England athletics team captain and GB and Commonwealth record holder during this period. Paul spoke wittily and interestingly on his experiences in both fields with some notably amusing quotes from his BBC colleague David Coleman, and together with Lizzie

Attwood who toasted the health of the guests, these speakers made for an excellent



dinner. Liz and Mark Gunning clearly found it thought provoking, and over in another corner Vic Lohr was asking Ron Roberts just how he had managed to survive so many dinners, Otter golf days and have a long and distinguished swimming career.



Trophy winners table

Date	Name	Event	Donor	2001 Winner
1874	Ladies' C. C.	5 L Handicap	Lady friends	
1889	Brown Challenge Cup	100m Backstroke (M)	G.S. Brown	R. Grauel
		100m Backstroke (W)		A. Gray
1893	Macdonald C.C.	2 L Handicap	A.R. MacDonald	
1896	Thorne-Thorne C.C.	Open Water points	Dr. L.C. Thorne-Thorne	B. Woodward
1898	Dudley C.C.	Mile open water	Dr. J.G. Dudley	G. Powdrill
1899	Collis Brown C.C.	400m Freestyle (M)	Maj. W.A. Collis-Brown	G. Powdrill
		400m Freestyle (W)		E. Attwood
1905	Buller C.C.	Club championship (M)	W.A.H. Buller	G. Powdrill
1911	G.H. Rope Averages	Handicap points total	Club members	B. Woodward
1911	Humphreys C.C.	100m Freestyle (M)	Jack Humphreys	R. Grauel
1914	Annison C.C.	100m Breaststroke (M)	F.E. Annison	G. Powdrill
		100m Breaststroke (W)		L. Clarke
1921	J.W. Rope Memorial	Half mile open water	Club members	B. Woodward
1922	Haskins C.C.	100m Sealed handicap	A.W. Haskins	L. Lopez-Bonilla
1923	George H.Rope Cup	Golf competition	G.H. Rope	R. Burn
1931	Synge-Hutchinson C.C.	Veterans 50m handicap	Col. E.D.B.Synge-Hutchinson	R. Phillips
1934	Baldon Challenge Cup	150m Handicap	Club members	T. Suffolk
1935	Jonas C.C.	200m Handicap	Alfred Jonas	J. Clark
1948	Tom Batt C.C.	Quarter Mile open water	Friends of Tom Batt	R. Jones
1951	Cunningham Plate	Mile Handicap	Club Members	M. Seaton
1952	Edgar salver	100m Individual Medley (M)	Club members	G.Powdrill
		100m Individual Medley (W)		J. McMenemy
1955	Pyers Mostyn C.C.	4 L Handicap	Lady Mostyn	J. Clark
1966	Lawrence Peters	100m Butterfly (M)	Nigel Peters	G. Powdrill
		100m Butterfly (W)		E. Attwood
1970	Hodge C.C.	10 Widths handicap	Club members	M. Agar
1977	Millner C.C.	100m Freestyle (W)	J. R.G. Millner	I. Kenning
1993	Jackson Trophy	Club championship (W)	Richard Jackson	E. Attwood
1996	Arthur Batt Trophy	200m Individual Medley (W)	A.G. Batt	R. Croasdell
1996	Arthur Batt Trophy	200m Individual Medley (M)	A.G. Batt	A. Wolmerans
1998	J.H.R. Haswell Trophy	Water Polo	Mrs G. Haswell	M. Campfield
2001	Forsberg Memorial	Mile Open Water Scratch (W)	Club Members	R. Laws

ACCOUNTS

<u>Income statement</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>		<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
<i>Revenue</i>	£	£	<i>Expenditure</i>	£	£
Subscriptions	17,624	23,233	Bath hire	16,704	20,715
Special sessions	0	521	Swimming	1,097	1,760
Prizes & general	1,784	1,391	Water Polo	240	1,418
Total members income	20,320	25,145	Total activity costs	18,041	23,893
Fund raising	439	0	Coaching	7,996	13,847
Investments net	770	759	Affiliation	632	1,354
Sponsorship	3,700	9,970	Prizes in year	570	600
Total fund raising	4,909	10,729	Total support costs	9,198	15,801
Annual dinner	-17	-803	Insurance and engraving	815	1,241
Open water	-350	-282	Postage	582	428
Shop	89	178	Printing & stationery	1,361	1,207
Misc.	345	0	Charges, Computer, Misc.	1,254	1,867
Total misc income	67	-907	Total administration costs	4,012	4,743
Total Income	<u>25,295</u>	<u>34,967</u>	Total costs	<u>31,252</u>	<u>44,436</u>
			Operating surplus/Deficit	<u>-5,956</u>	<u>-9,469</u>
<u>Balance Sheet</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>		<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
<i>Long term financing</i>	£	£	<i>Investments</i>	£	£
Computer sinking fund	2,750	3,000	Trophies*	0	0
Spoon sinking fund	636	636	Investments at cost**	17,152	17,152
Sinking Funds Total	3,386	3,636			
Life membership fund	6,854	7,354			
Memorial fund	6,505	7,028			
Memorial Funds Total	13,359	14,382			
Capital Funds Total	<u>16,745</u>	<u>18,018</u>	Capital Investments	<u>17,152</u>	<u>17,152</u>
<i>Short term financing</i>			<i>Operating funds</i>		
			Reserves or contingencies	-11,687	-5,218
			Stock***	5,063	4,764
Reserve Funds			Debtors	0	293
- balance b/fwd	16,397	10,941	Bank - deposit	15,411	6,678
- capital income and reserves	500	8,589	- current	3,230	5,445
- result for year	-5,956	-9,469	Creditors	-1,482	-1,035
Reserve Funds Total	10,941	10,060	Working capital	17,159	11,381
Total Funds	<u>27,686</u>	<u>28,078</u>	Net operating funds	<u>27,686</u>	<u>28,078</u>
Notes			** Investment units	#	
* Insured value, replacement	£ 31,000		Foreign & Colonial	7,465	
*** Stock at cost	£		Fleming Claverhouse	1,726	
Clothes	1,551		Fleming Claverhouse Plan	196	
Spoons	3,213		Brunner	1,290	
Hon. Auditor	T. Fraser		Scottish Mortgage	510	



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