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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

In 2010, Roger Sharpley stood down as President and the Club honoured me by electing me in his stead. I will endeavour to repay that trust. First, however, I thank Roger on behalf of the whole Club for the wisdom allied to unfailing courtesy and good humour that he brought to the role of President over 12 years. His will be a hard act to follow.

The Club's Officers and Committee Members for 2010 are listed overleaf. Each has contributed in their own way and I thank them all. They have been a brilliantly constructive team within which to work; they have served the Club well and I hope that as many of them as possible will continue to offer their services. Space does not allow me to offer detailed comments on individual contributions but there are two people whose kind efforts should be noted. First there is Martin Flash, our Hon Treasurer, whose report follows overleaf. The Club's activities are extensive and varied and Martin's control of our finances is essential to our continuing well-being. The other is Hannah Brown, our Hon Secretary, whose quiet efficiency and communication skills provide the essential link that allows informed decisions to be made on Committee. Writing as someone who was brought up on humble pen and ink, it is awesome to find Committee meeting minutes produced within minutes of the end of the meeting.

In this excellent Annual Report, again compiled by Barbara Woodward, there are details of the Club's major activities in the last year. On the competitive side, good coaching is the essential bedrock on which the Club depends. In this context the men's Water Polo teams suffered from losing their coach early in the season and this factor, allied to the absence of key players at critical times, fed through into a less than successful year. Conversely, the ladies Water Polo teams have benefited from their highly talented coach, Nick Buller, which led to their most successful season in the Club's history. For the swimmers, our Head Coach, Steve Bratt, working with a team of coaches coordinated by Lesley Davies, brought the best out of

the Club's squads in a highly successful year. With new distances added to the relay events in Masters competitions, the opportunity was there to set new marks and the squads responded with a series of new British, European and World record times. Especial tribute must be paid here to our outstanding Club Captain, Gina Hobson, who together with Tony Ray coordinated the multiplicity of relay entries. Outside the pool, Rachel Joyce's outstanding achievement in placing 5th in the Ironman World Championships also merits a special mention.

Our challenge, as a Club, is to provide the resources in terms of both coaching and pool-time that will meet the aspirations and requirements of all of our active members. In this context we necessarily need to commit to the provision of pool-time etc to accommodate the numbers we expect. We aim to manage the Club financially on a breakeven basis and this means that if the membership numbers are slightly down, as they were last year, there is a financial loss. In the current difficult economic climate we have chosen not to raise our subscriptions and our goal in the coming year will be to concentrate our resources in areas of greatest demand.

The full range of the Club's activities in terms of our internal handicap and open water events are covered in this report. Despite the accent on competitive achievement, there has always been a strong social emphasis as evidenced from the various reports and thanks are due to all those members who have given their time to organize these events.

James Stewart
President



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Officers and Committee Members

President:	James Stewart	Captain of Water Polo (Men):	Leon Estrella
Hon. Secretary:	Hannah Brown	Captain of Water Polo (Ladies):	Lindsey Williams
Hon. Treasurer:	Martin Flash	Water Polo Hon. Secretary:	Laura Gallop
Vice Presidents:	Eric Bolden Roger Sharpley Anthony Ray Lesley Davies Paul Hindle	Hon. Handicapper:	Catherine Dobson
Captain of Swimming:	Gina Hobson	Committee:	Michelle Senecal Damien Nogaledo Ivor Sokolic Matt Burgham Marie Mulligan Jane Leighton
Vice Captain of Swimming:	Ben Thomas		Ed Buckley Lee Kelleher Emily Viskovic Deirdre Ward Roger Phillips Monica Kruesmann

JAMES STEWART PRESIDENT OTTER SWIMMING CLUB 2010-

James Stewart succeeded Roger Sharpley as President of Otter Swimming Club in April 2010. He joined Otter in 1962, straight out of school, and rapidly became a valuable member of the Club, winning first team colours throughout the 1960s. James was a member of Otter freestyle teams at the national championships placing 2nd in 1966, 1st in 1967 and 2nd in 1970. James was also a member of the medley team that came second in 1968. During this period, he swam regularly for Kent and won the 100m free at the London Championships in 1970. James was posted abroad that year, and in 1973 became the first non-Japanese to win an event at the Tokyo Metropolitan Championships, where he won both the 100m and 50m freestyle. On returning to the UK, he got involved in masters swimming, attending the inaugural ASA masters event in York in 1982. He won several events in his age group over a number of years, and secured top ten world ranking in freestyle, backstroke and IM in his age group.

James has held elected office in the Club for 38 of his 49 years of membership of Otter (of which 8 were spent overseas), including as Club Captain. He is the second longest serving Hon Secretary in the Club's history (20 years). While serving as Hon Sec, the ASA invited him to join the inaugural ASA Masters Technical Committee, on which he served for 12 years. He also served on the Southern Counties Masters Committee for 8 years.



James Stewart addresses members and guests at the Annual Dinner. Top right, James circa 1972 and lower right, granddaughter Zoe Wain.



James is a life member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales. He retired in 2004, following a distinguished career in 'the city', latterly as Managing Director of Fidelity Investments UK. His wife, Meg, has been a member of Otter since 1984, his daughter Alison Wain, who attained national ranking as a swimmer, since 1987 and his granddaughter, Zoe Wain, since January 2011.



FINANCES

The Club made rather a large loss in 2010, which had been foreseen in the budget, but its reasons had not been anticipated. The loss was nearly £13,000. The Committee took the view that a relatively pessimistic budget would be compensated by the rise in subscriptions that came into effect in 2010 and the increased amount of pool time on offer and the use of it, i.e. membership increase. What in fact happened was a drop off in membership, notably of active male swimmers.

In making its budgets, the Club has a reasonable certainty in predicting costs and it is also quite constrained on how quickly it can alter them. Pools look for bookings more than a quarter ahead, require up-front payment, and the main competitive activity of the Club is in the last third of the year. These reasons conspire to make last minute adjustment difficult (but not impossible). However the main uncertainty is membership (of which there are more details later), both in number and in income. The Club has a high churn rate, of around 30%, partly a function of operating in central London, as people leave and join through the year and not therefore paying a full year's subscription. It means that the expected income from a predicted number of members is 30% less than the number of members times the annual subscription. The factor is well known and allowed for in the budget. This year, its effect was more pronounced than anticipated, and the impact was to make the income of the Club some £9,000 less than budgeted and £4,000 less than last year, despite a subscription increase.

On the cost side expenses came in £10,000 less than budgeted but £9,000 more than last year. The achievement of reducing costs against the budget was the result of judicious management of pool use, notably by the polo players whose activity is seasonal. Pool use costs for the swimmers have been less well managed but there are reasons. The Club has more active members than it has pool space for in any one session, so it has to offer a comprehensive programme. Minor fluctuations in membership level cannot be quickly perceived, and certainly pool time cannot be quickly adjusted to an apparent change in the level of membership. Secondly swimming is slightly less seasonal than polo. And thirdly at the end of the year we took up space in the newly opened Marshall Street as an insurance against the ever-present threat of losing Shell. This initiative alone accounts for 20% of the loss.

Coaching costs too were less than budgeted. Here, we thank Lesley Davies because, in addition to managing the coaches, she has taken on the coaching role for some swimming sessions for a while, at considerable benefit to the Club. An additional and not beneficial reason was the enforced absence of the first team polo coach.

Despite our problems, which the committee will address in 2011, we still budget to provide all Club members two swimming or playing spots a week, and the Club remains excellent value for money for anyone who swims or plays even once a week.

Income statement

In 2010 the total income was some £96,000 compared to some £101,000 the year before. As in previous years several members provided more than they were asked for as a subscription. The list of these generous members is below. The Treasurer notes, nonetheless, that this list, that of Prizes & General Fund contributors, and the amount provided for Club funds has, in relative terms, declined over

the years. People now treat the Club in a more transactional fashion than the past, and just pay the subscription and no more. While they are perfectly entitled to do this, any voluntary Club can probably only survive if members, especially those who get a lot out of the Club, make small gestures of additional support, either financial or in other ways. The Club is grateful to all who serve on the committee or support it through helping to organize its activities. To those who have put their hands in their pockets, we also give our thanks.



Hon Treasurer

Income statement - £	2010	2009
Subscriptions total	89,158	91,924
Special sessions	0	0
Prizes & general fund	1,474	2,371
Members' income	90,632	93,665
External income	4,621	5,998
Capital income	1,382	1,496
Miscellaneous income	(81)	400
Other income	5,922	7,494
Income	96,555	101,59
Pool hire costs	(56,480)	(53,851)
Equipment costs	(1,317)	(1,230)
Pools & equipment	(57,797)	(55,080)
Coaching costs	(23,592)	(24,920)
Coaching	(23,592)	(24,920)
Water polo expenses	(9,818)	(5,685)
Swimming expenses	(1,779)	(838)
Affiliation costs	(5,920)	(5,790)
Prizes and trophies	(1,056)	(1,122)
Activity costs	(18,573)	(13,434)
Dinner	(1,465)	(43)
Open water races	(1,134)	(776)
Shop sales	(82)	133
Club activities	(2,681)	(686)
Insurance	(2,000)	(2,000)
Post and printing costs	(3,073)	(2,820)
Tax	0	0
Miscellaneous costs	(1,445)	(947)
Administration	(6,519)	(5,768)
Expenses	(?)	(98,888)
Profit / (Loss)	(12,607)	(1,271)

"I have examined the books and vouchers of Otter Swimming Club and have obtained all necessary explanations for me to confirm that these accounts show a reasonable view of the Club's activities for the year and its financial position as at the 31st December 2010." Hon Auditor. James Palmer



Prizes & General Fund

Juan Aldana, Eric Boldon, Peter Clarkin, Greg Comiskey, Spencer Corrigan, Miles Cox, Scott Darling, Martha Dean, Martin Flash, John Fox, Laura Gallop, Becky Glover, Phil Harrison, Peter Kirk, Alison Lievesley, Roger Lloyd-Mostyn, Andrew Morton, Marie Mulligan, Bill Myers, Damian Nogaledo, Tom Norfolk, Doug Payne, Avilé Rumbos, Eric Ryan, Nigel Salsbury, Roger Sharpley, Liz Shaw, Paolo Sirianni, Rob Stafford, James Stewart, Cliff Stossel, Ben Tausig, Bob Thomas, John Towers, Dennis Warnford-Davis, Dave Warren, Mike Webb, Garry Willetts, Lindsey Williams, Rob Williams, Barbara Woodward OBE.

Expenditure

On the expenditure part of the income statement, the steep rise last year (20%) in pool hire costs and associated coaching costs probably had something to do with this year's loss even though the costs came in under budget and were 'justified' in trying to get better and more extensive provision.

The only other cost of note is the £18,000 spent on activity costs, a little bit more than budgeted and a jump from last year. These costs are notably ASA registration, a cost on which we have put a stronger lid given the large differential in cost between competing and non-competing members; and National League polo costs, which are high because the polo section has so many teams playing at that level. The league fees are a small fraction of the travel and subsistence costs borne by players, but significant nonetheless. Swimmers who compete regularly at high levels also carry similar personal costs.

We must, as always, remember these income accounts are essentially cash accounts. That means we must try to break even each year, even though our reserves permit us to weather a loss and to experiment. We said last year that in this light a small surplus is desirable, with emphasis on both words! Our experience this year should make us review the word small.

Balance sheet

Despite the large loss, the Club has lost none of its value this year, and in fact it increased slightly. How is this possible? The shock to the income statement does not translate directly to the balance sheet because some recorded costs are shadow costs; we pay out of current income costs that are reserves (i.e. the money moves from the income statement to the balance sheet), and we do this so that the income statement reflects the true annual activity of the Club. It is therefore the income statement that should reflect what the members should fund each year with their subscriptions.

There are several of these reserve funds - trophy insurance fund, spoon fund, and computer fund each with their own logic of building a reserve in order (for the three funds respectively) to provide insurance against loss, to maintain the stock of spoons awarded as prizes and to purchase any computers or related software for Club officers. The total amount transferred amounts to about £3,000 per year and the funds provide a cushion that can be used if needed. The funds should of course be spent on the purpose for which they were designed, but this can be reviewed at any time.

There are also additions to capital, from two sources: Life members

Balance sheet - £	2010	2009
Trophies	35,000	35,000
Fixed Assets	35,000	35,000
Investments at cost	30,142	30,142
Self insurance investment	15,542	13,340
Investments	45,594	43,482
Long term assets	80,594	78,482
Bank	23,255	22,392
Debtors	1,661	984
Stock	2,829	3,227
Current assets	27,744	26,603
Creditors	(9,554)	(5,781)
Reserves or contingencies	(2,200)	(3,200)
Current liabilities	(11,754)	(8,981)
Working capital	15,991	17,622
Assets	96,585	96,104
Computer fund	3,380	2,780
Spoon fund	5,738	5,238
Sinking funds	9,118	8,018
Provisions	9,118	8,018
Life membership fund	20,039	14,039
Memorial fund	25,684	21,696
Trophy insurance fund	12,983	10,983
Capital funds	58,706	46,718
Balance b/fwd	41,368	40,122
Capital income & reserves	0	(25)
Result for year	(12,607)	1,271
Reserve funds	28,761	41,368
Reserves	87,467	88,086
Reserves & provisions	96,585	96,104

Investments #: Brunner Investment Trust 2517, Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust 7465, Flemming Claverhouse Investment Trust 1530, Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust 2854.

(£6,000) who pay effectively a compounded future subscription and from donations to the Memorial Fund (£4,000). For the latter we owe our thanks to the following:

Memorial Fund

Peter Clarkin, Scott Darling, Martin Flash, John Iliffe, Andrew Morton, Bill Myers, Doug Payne, Roger Sharpley, Liz Shaw, Ben Tausig, Garry Willetts

The stock market having come out of a nose dive in 2009 the Club's investments have recovered some of their worth and at current market prices are valued at some 80% more than the balance sheet value, recorded at cost.

The decrease in our working capital reflects the tighter cash balance at the bank, which is a consequence of our poor income statement, as the other funds mentioned above are ring-fenced, although the



Club committee could decide to apply the funds elsewhere.

Our balance sheet shows that the Club retains its ability to fund well thought-out initiatives, provided that overall we continue to aim to breakeven.

James Palmer has once again kindly checked the books and the book-keeping methods. Members owe him many thanks.

ADMINISTRATION

As in 2009, throughout 2010 new members joined only on the web site, and Deirdre Ward has done much to make this system work effectively. She is owed both our thanks and our support, because 'catching' new members requires constant vigilance and effort. A great deal of the other Club administration is also now done via the web site (members may have noticed that many e-mails come that way) and all this is thanks to Andy Hudson. John Talbot and Thibault Williams have been helping here too.

COACHING

Both polo and swimming owe a huge debt of gratitude to our dedicated team of coaches.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members and Members' news

The membership numbers, drawn at the end of the year after resignations during the year, do not fully reflect the remarks made under finance. There are two sets of numbers, one based on membership records, the other based on accounts.

Firstly there are records of those members 'on the books'. These are regularly culled (no money, no membership) but there are many exceptions, for example long-standing members who may be temporarily out of circulation or occasionally forget to pay. It is amazing how others outside the Club, who may have heard of it, get in touch expecting the Club never to have lost touch with past members. Regrettably we do, unless past members become supporters (non-active members).

At the end of the year the membership of the Club 'on the books' was made up of 362(369) members, 97(72) of them polo members. There were 141(169) active swimmers, 76(51) active polo players, 24(34) country members (including 4 polo players), 66(77) non-active members, 9(11) junior members and 43(38) life members. There were 111(109) lady members, as before about one third of the polo players and slightly less than half the swimmers. The average age of active members was 32(32) and the average age of the Club is 39(39).

The second tally of members is made from those who have paid subscriptions, is based on the accounts, and it is from this tally that the churn rate is established, measured in money not members. The number of active swimmers was 59(64) ladies and 89(111) men, active polo ladies 34(40), and men 50(32). Overall 353(385) members paid some sort of subscription with a churn rate 31%(34%), the main

but not the only reason for which is people joining and leaving within the year.

Within the overall Club numbers are 65(85) new members 17(29) of them polo players and we welcome the following to the Club.

New members

Bex Anderson, Laure Bacher-Fuentes, Filippo Bari, Alexander Basse, Tori Beaney, Kerry Black, Raphael Bonacci, Clare Brown, Tom Burkinshaw, Jo Carrington, Vivi Castagna, Klauss Celadon, Romeo Celestino Privat, Eric Chaline, Richie Chambers, Brandon Child, Brian Conway, Miles Cox, Stephanie Curran, Lizzie Dunn, Rammy Elsaadany, Pascal Felix, John Franklin, Keith Garbutt, Antoine Ged, Emma Gibson, Becky Glover, Felicity Hannon, Roxanne Hargreaves, Phil Harrison, Simon Holliday, Naomi Howard, Bob Isherwood, Claire Johnson, Lydia Kan, Katie Kerr, Damien Lodge, Eamon Lui, Alejandro Marcos Molins, Alex Mason, Charlotte McMahon, Daniel Moulson, Simone Nisi, Tom Norfolk, Gianmarco Oliviero, Hsien Loong Ow, Guillermo Pedraja, Giulia Povellato, Parisa Razaz, Andrea Renold, Ruth Rice, Sonya Rogerson, Eva Rona, Emma Ross, Brian Schuring, Toshio Tachikawa, Brooke Tafazolli, Hugo Tarko, Leon Taylor, Paul Thompson, Mike Webb, Jessica Wickham, Peter Woolcock, Tom Wyss, Ben Yeoh.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Five new Life members joined in 2010: John Kay-Mouat, Mike Levitz, Peter Williamson, Andrew Craig and Niall Gallagher.

John Kay-Mouat joined Otter in 1957. He stayed a member despite being a notary in the Channel Islands, and he regrettably died in December 2010.

Mike Levitz will be known to a number of current members in their 50s. Long a regular swimmer he now lives in Miami where he trades sugar, but keeps his links to London.

Peter Williamson entered the world record books this year, in a team which broke the world 160 years 4x100m free (short course) record at the Australian national masters, and picking up seven individual golds on the way. Michael Phelps clearly should watch out, and the Hon Editor hears that it was a session with Pete which prompted Michael Klim to announce his return to international competition.

Andrew Craig's association with Otter dated from his early years when he was allowed to swim behind the goal at Shell while his father played polo. He remains a regular and active Club member.

Niall Gallagher: still a loyal member, although a little less active in and out of the water compared to the 1990s.

Other members' news

Tony Jarvis: John Goodbody reports meeting Tony Jarvis who is now living in New Jersey and was his usual ebullient self. Tony sent best wishes to James Stewart and recalled the many successful relays that they swam together.



Sheryl Slater and Andrew Russell moved to Hong Kong in 2010, after 10 years in London and with Otter. They are enjoying open water swimming and coastal rowing there.

Nicole Freeman, who has been in London as The Doyle Collection's Business Excellence Manager, returns to New York, but will retain her links with Otter in her own right as well as via her brother's water polo blog (www.waterpoloplanet.com), which carried an interview with GB Assistant Coach for the GB Men's Team and former Otter coach, **Tim Kendall**.

Matt and Fiona Staines announced the arrival of baby Joe on [date].

Jane McMenemy and Alastair announced the arrival of Alice Moffatt.

James (Peaches) Palmer and Catherine announced the arrival of Emily.



Emily Palmer, Joe Staines and Alice Moffatt

Obituaries

Royston (Roy) Romain 1918-2010

Roy, who died on 19th December 2010, was one of the Otter "Greats". In the course of his 64 years membership of Otter, he won European and Empire (Commonwealth) Games golds and gained Olympic honours. After retiring from his solicitor partnership in 1987, he returned to competition swimming by dominating his age group at masters level.



Roy learned to swim at the age of 8 at boarding school in Westcliffe on Sea where the staff noticed his aptitude and encouraged him and he competed from the age of 11 for various Essex Clubs. As with so many, his sporting career was interrupted by the war. He saw active army service, primarily in North Africa, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel while losing his father in the blitz and his younger brother in the RAF. After the war, Roy moved to London in 1947 to qualify as a solicitor and joined Otter.

Roy was an early exponent of the embryonic butterfly stroke which was initially a form of breaststroke before becoming a recognised stroke in its own right. His imposing 6'6" height gave him a real competitive advantage. In 1947, in his best event of the 200m breaststroke, Roy won gold at each of the World Universities and European Championships as well as the Pan-American Games in Argentina. In 1948, he captained the British team at the Olympics but mistimed his training, which was fitted around his professional work and did not get past the semi-finals. In 1950 he won a gold and two silver medals at the Empire Games in New Zealand and discontinued swimming competitively shortly thereafter. He returned to swimming in 1988 at the World Masters in Brisbane where he won in his age group, golds in 200m breaststroke, butterfly, and individual medley and bronzes in 100 and 50m breaststroke. In 1989, he won 9 golds at the ASA masters and in the world masters in 1996 at Sheffield, he won silvers in 200 and 100m breaststroke and bronze in the 50 breaststroke. He was an ASA registered competitor until the day he died.

In 1948, Roy married Maxine with whom he enjoyed 63 years of happy marriage. In 1949, he formed a successful solicitor partnership with his brother-in-law, from which he retired at the age of 70. His recreational interests included motor racing, fishing and gardening and he became quite an antiques expert, particularly on clocks. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter and 4 grandsons.

A D (Bert) Kinnear 1923-2011

Bert Kinnear was a finalist in the 100 backstroke at the 1948 Olympics and a bronze medallist in the 1950 Empire Games. He laid the foundations for generations of success in British swimming by transforming the teaching of technique and the system of educating coaches, when he was appointed the country's first national coach in 1960. He was the coach to the British team at the 1960 and 1964 Olympics. His resignation on a point of principle in 1967 was a blow to the sport, with which he subsequently had few dealings, apart from commentating for ITV at the 1968 and 1972 Olympics.

Representing Otter, he won the national 100 yards backstroke title in 1947 and finished second in the 1948 Olympic trials, beaten by John Brockway. In the Olympic 100 metres final, Kinnear finished eighth, 0.4 seconds behind Brockway, in 1.09.6. Kinnear, representing Scotland, was again defeated by second-placed Brockway at the 1950 Empire Games in New Zealand, when Kinnear took the bronze.

Kinnear then moved into coaching and became director of swimming and senior lecturer at Loughborough and was on the panel in 1955, which laid down the new certificate for coaching for the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA). His appointment as national technical officer (NTO), in reality national coach (although the ASA declined to use the term), revolutionised the teaching of swimming. However, he frequently clashed with reactionary officials, and he resigned in 1967 because he insisted that assistant NTOs should have a teaching as well as a swimming qualification so that when they visited training colleges and developed courses, they should be conversant with teaching methods and practice. The ASA disagreed.

Bert Kinnear retired to France and then Spain where he and his wife ran a restaurant.



COMPETITIVE RESULTS

SWIMMING

Captain: **Gina Hobson**

Coaches: **Steve Bratt** (Head Coach); **Lesley Davies, Dan Moulson, Eric Chilane, Clare [add]** and **Lesley Davies**

Results headlines:

Commonwealth Games: Amar Shah, 50m breaststroke semi-finalist

Masters Records: World: 20; European: 27; British: 21

World Masters medals: Gold: 1; Silver: 1; Bronze: 0

Disability records: Susie Rodgers, (S7): 5 British; one European

National Masters medals (inc relays): Gold: 82; Silver: 62; Bronze 37.

National Decathlon: Club: 1st; (ladies 1st; men 1st); Dave Warren 1st

National and international events

GB Long Course Nationals, 18-20 June, Glasgow

<i>Number of swimmers</i>	24		
<i>Records</i>	<i>World: 12</i>	<i>European: 7</i>	<i>British: 5</i>
<i>Medals</i>	<i>Gold: 40</i>	<i>Silver: 29</i>	<i>Bronze: 13</i>

The National Masters long course competition was the first time that 4x100m free and medley and 4x200m free relays had been swum in British masters swimming, opening a plethora of opportunities for British, European and world records. Otter secured 12 world records (120+ men's and women's 4x200m freestyle, 120+men's and women's 4x100m freestyle, 120+ men's and women's 4x100m medley, 100+ and 120+ men's 4 x 100m medley, 100+ and 120+ mixed 4 x100 freestyle, 120+ mixed 4x100m medley, 120+ 4 x 200 freestyle), 7 European and 5 British records.

The team took 40 golds (**Gina Hobson** (2), **Natalie Effemey**(1), **Dave Warren** (6), **Derek Parr** (5), **Brian Evans** (2), **Ben Thomas** (2), **John Talbot** (2), **Andy Aitkin** (1), **Tony Ray** (1), **David Roberts** (1), Relays (17)), 29 silver medals and 13 bronze.

The Club narrowly lost the top Club trophy won in Manchester in 2008, owing to the sheer force of numbers in Ren 96, but took a respectable 2nd place.

World Masters Championships, Gothenburg

<i>Number of swimmers</i>	6		
<i>Medals</i>	<i>Gold: 1</i>	<i>Silver: 1</i>	<i>Bronze: 0</i>

Derek Parr added to his World Championship medal haul by winning the 200 fly and taking silver in the 100 fly. The Championships also attracted Otters **Lesley Cooke, Peter Rae, Dan Bullock** and **Michelle Senecal**, with a strong showing in the open water events.

Commonwealth Games, India, September/October 2010

On 7 October, Amar Shah, representing Kenya, swam the semi-final of the 50m breaststroke at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi. Amar became the first Otter at the Commonwealth Games since Tony Jarvis in 1970.

Amar opened his individual campaign for Kenya on 5 Oct in heat 3 lane 1 of the 100 breaststroke. Amar broke the his own national record for the 50m breaststroke by 0.03 seconds to record a new time of 30.53 seconds in the 50m breaststroke



Amar Shah in action

GB Short Course Nationals, 29-31 October, Sheffield

<i>Number of swimmers</i>	43		
<i>Records</i>	<i>British: 16</i>	<i>European: 20</i>	<i>World: 18</i>
<i>Medals</i>	<i>Gold: 42</i>	<i>Silver: 33</i>	<i>Bronze: 24</i>
<i>Individual</i>	<i>Gold: 25</i>	<i>Silver: 18</i>	<i>Bronze: 17</i>
<i>Relay</i>	<i>Gold: 17</i>	<i>Silver: 15</i>	<i>Bronze: 7</i>

Forty-three Otters competed in the short course National Championships, once again fielding a strong set of relays. As with long course, there was an opportunity to lay down some world record marks. The older age groups faced tough competition from Spencer, whilst the younger ones faced off with the GB Police for a number of races.



In the individual events medals were won in abundance with 25 gold (**Derek Parr**, 7; **Dave Warren**, 5; **Peter Rae**, 4; **Dan Bullock**, 3; **Natalie Effemey**, 2; **John Talbot**, 2; **Robert Palmer**, 1; **Helen Prentice**, 1), 18 silver, and 17 bronze. Special mention must go to **Natalie Effemey**, who took the European record in the 25-29 years 200m individual medley in a time of 2.22.53, **Dave Warren** with GB records in the 35-39 years 400m individual medley (4.40.74) and 200m butterfly (2.07.68), and **Susie Rodgers** with GB records in the S7 category for 50m (35.20), 200m (2.43.38), and 400m (5.38.34) freestyle.

Other notable individual swims came from **Katie Kerr**, in her first nationals, swimming near to her lifetime PBs in the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke and **Laure Bacher-Fuentes**, swimming in an Otter hat for the first time, with strong swims in the distance events.

The relay events saw a total of 6 world, 13 European and 11 British records and 17 gold, 15 silver and 7 bronze medals. The world records came in the 100+ 4x200m men's freestyle (**David Roberts**, **Amar Shah**, **John Talbot**, and **Robert Williams**), 120+ women's 4x100m freestyle (**Lee Kelleher**, **Natalie Effemey**, **Michelle Senecal**, and **Gina Hobson**), 100+ women's 4x200m freestyle (**Natalie**, **Gina**, **Michelle**, **Laure Bacher-Fuentes**), 100+ women's 4x100m medley (**Catherine Dobson**, **Natalie**, **Gina**, **Lee**), 120+ 4x100m mixed freestyle team (**David Roberts**, **David Warren**, **Gina**, **Lee**), and 100+ 4x200m mixed freestyle team (**John**, **Natalie**, **Gina**, **Matthew Burgham**). The relay events also saw some narrow misses with the 100+ 4x100m mixed medley relay losing out to the GB Police by 0.63s, and the women's 100+4x100m freestyle team missing out on a world record by 0.4s and settling for the European mark instead. Thanks in particular to **Amar Shah**, **Lesley Cook** and **James**

Stewart, who devoted themselves solely to relay swims and to **Tim Fraser**, **Peter Rae**, **Pete Kirk**, **Nat Effemey**, **Cat Dobson**, **Lee Kelleher** and **Martha Dean** who all swum 7 or more relay races over the course of the weekend, along with their individual events.

Decathlon

<i>Otter overall: 1st</i>
<i>Ladies: 1st: Gina Hobson; Laure Bacher-Fuentes; Cat Dobson; Michelle Senecal</i>
<i>Men: 1st: Dave Warren; Derek Parr; Matt Burgham; Enrico Hahn</i>
<i>Individual men's title: Dave Warren</i>

The Decathlon is an annual national competition in which masters swimmers accumulate points for swims in up to 10 (of 18) different events in six categories (all four strokes, distance freestyle and individual medley). The Decathlon aims to encourage participation, competition across age groups and promote masters competitions. Points are awarded for individual swims on an age-adjusted basis (the Finnish formula), allowing competition between all masters age groups.

In 2010, Otter won both the men's and ladies team competitions (with 23402 and 21916 points respectively), and **Dave Warren** won the men's individual title (for the second consecutive year). Otter is

Susie Rodgers (at right) on the 400m freestyle podium at the British disability swimming championships, with 2008 Olympic Champion, Ellie Simmonds



the first Club to achieve 'the double', winning the men's and women's team titles. The ladies are yet to be beaten, having won the title since the Decathlon was established in 2007. This is the first year the Otter men have finished up topping the table: they comfortably beat second place Birmingham by over 2000 points.

Dave Warren won the men's individual event with 7232 points (31% of Otter men's team tally). **Derek Parr** was 15th (5584), **Matt Burgham** 16th (5559) and **Enrico Hahn** 28th (5027).

Gina Hobson secured 4th place in the ladies individual event, with 6317, (29% of the Otter ladies team tally). **Laure Bacher-Fuentes** was 20th with 5456, **Cat Dobson** 24th (5310) and **Michelle Senecal** 40th (4833). Special commendation to **Gina Hobson** and **Michelle Senecal** who travelled to Derby late in the year for some forays in to rarely swum events to ensure Otter ladies secured the top slot ahead of Spencer.

Disability Swimming

Susie Rodgers:

Records: European 400m freestyle; British 50m and 100m freestyle; 50m butterfly; 100m backstroke.

Susie Rodgers, S7, finished the year having qualified for the European championships in three events and was awaiting selectors' decisions. After a year of increasing her training volume and intensity, Susie achieved assured progress through the British record books, a breakthrough into the European records (400m freestyle) and diversification in to new strokes and distances. She took bronze at the nationals (multi-disability results) and took 11 seconds off the 11-year old 100m backstroke record.

Long distance swimming

English Channel: Tullio Salvatore, Matt Williams

Hellespont: Rob Deakin, Peter Rae

Lake Zurich: Deirdre Ward

Sydney Harbour: Barbara Woodward

English Channel

Overcoming all the challenges of this iconic swim, including agonising waits for a window to swim, **Tullio Salvatore** and **Matt Williams** become the 26th and 27th members of Otter to achieve successful Channel crossings. A full list of Otter Channel swims is on page 19.

Tullio Salvatore, 21 September

To compensate for the excessive chlorine levels at QMSC, Tullio signed up to swim the English Channel.

He writes: "After a rather uneventful winter of weekly sessions with Otter, the "Dover torture camp", kicked off on May 1, 2010 with swims in 8°C water and the excruciating pain that goes with it. Freda Streeter, the "Channel General" is known for being merciless and the swims soon became longer, while the water did not get much warmer, so I started fading, held back by an injury developed by overexertion of a muscle while shivering after a cold water swim. But persistence, patience, ice baths, a couple of cortisone injections

and multiple long swims (6 hrs, as the Channel General dishes out orders in hours) and I was ready to go!

Not quite! The best was still to come. You don't just go when you are ready but when all the following conditions are met: (a) you are ready to swim the distance and withstand the cold for many hours, (b) the weather forecast is acceptable, (c) it is your turn in the waiting list, (d) the pilot is available and has nothing else more important to do, (e) your crew is available. Conditions (b) and (c) became my worst nightmare for the entire month of August. I even tried to preempt an incoming bad weather front by bringing the attempt forward from the August 17-24 neap tide to August 13th, just to get out and do it, but the sea, and the pilot on its behalf, said NO!



Tullio Salvatore prepares for his Channel swim

What followed was a 6-week agony; days spent looking at every possible weather forecast, checking winds, wave height, currents, temperature and all possible variables to have a clue on the chance that the conditions above could be all met at some point. Finally, September 21st was my day and came with a beautiful sun and unusually calm waters. I also had an outstanding crew, with chief of staff Fabio Mozzicarelli, fellow Otter, his wife, Kate, and James Salter, another dear friend.

9am (UK time) – the start! I set off at a strong pace, following the directions received from the pilot, to counter some strong current in the first hour of the journey. I felt strong and slowly relaxed into the swim with long strokes.

The journey. After the initial excitement, the first hours were rather hard, as I felt pretty cold. I kept quiet during feeds and just took some warm energy drink and set off again within seconds for more swimming. It was only after the first half of the journey that cold left space for boredom and the discomfort from the absence of any landmarks and any reliable knowledge of how long I would still need to swim for before I could land in France. But the crew did an amazing job, encouraging and keeping me focused and with a positive attitude, such that when asked if I wanted any company in the water while swimming, I replied: "Yes, if you take over from me!" But I would not get out of the water for anything in the world. I wanted to get to France and had been waiting so long to do it.

The End. The best moment in the swim came at the 11th hour, when I was told that I had about 1 hour to go: my smile must have been huge. It was the best thing I could hear. It was dark, my arms were



Tullio completes his Channel crossing

starting to feel heavy and I had enough of swimming without any end in sight. I finished my feed in record time and, when stopped half an hour later for my last feed, I looked up, saw the Cap Griz Nez lighthouse and threw away the bottle to put my head down and finished the swim as quickly as possible. After a bit I saw hectic action on the boat, James dove in to swim behind me, the boat lit a strong light pointing at the rocks: the last meters! I reached the rocks, lifted myself over one: I had swam to France!"

Tullio raised over £14,000 for Multiple Sclerosis through his swim.

Matt Williams, 22 September 2010

Matt writes: "I was extremely nervous and had trouble keeping any food down from the moment I got the call, 48 hours before the swim, and on my final training swim my arms felt like lead. Six weeks of weather delays had affected me mentally & physically and I struggled to maintain the gruelling cold water swimming and forced eating into September. Holidays I'd booked for the weeks after the original date of my swim, including climbing Kilimanjaro and a stag-do to Ibiza, had formed part of my training instead of part of my recuperation! I was worried that after nearly 2 years of preparations I had thrown it away in the final 6 weeks.

The day of the swim itself was beautiful, blue skies & flat seas. But the water felt freezing for my 100m swim to shore, it was actually just under 17°C. Once I was clear of the water my escort boat sounded its hooter. Next stop France. The first few hours passed slowly but the sun was warm and I was in a positive frame of mind. My crew of 5 got into the rhythm of preparing and calling me in for feeds (the first one was a disaster) and passing on lots of supportive messages from home.

As the day wore on the white cliffs slipped below the horizon and I was able to track my progress by counting my feeds and looking at the direction of the traffic in the shipping lanes. My crew began waving at me as some dolphins came by to take a closer look, a unexpected flipper tapping against your hand really gives you a shot of adrenalin! As dark approached, about 12 hours into the swim, I continued alone as my support swimmer was too sick to swim.

Night was cold and disorientating. By around 9.30pm I knew that my target of 13 hours was gone and strong spring tides were sweeping me down the French coast, not allowing me to progress into shore. Despairing and ready to throw in the towel, I couldn't

believe the lights onshore were getting any closer, and I was really cold. The turning point was my pilot bursting onto deck whilst I was at my lowest point. In contrast to the encouraging platitudes of my weary crew he gave me both barrels of an expletive-ridden outburst that galvanised me into action. For an hour I swam flat out, just putting one hand in front of the other as long as I could. Suddenly I was alone, the boat could no longer follow in such shallow water. The feeling of the beach coming up under my feet, and walking out is something I'll never forget, relief more than exultation. With some French pebbles in my swim cap as souvenirs, the swim back to the boat was painfully slow, emotional and cold. My face and tongue were swollen but once I was dry and warm I slept the entire journey back to England.

At over 15 hours the time was a bit disappointing. But I am proud that I had the resolve to see it through (and to become the 4th person ever to swim the channel and climb Mt Everest). A few months on I am back in the pool (and can lift my arms again) and it is the journey that stays with me more than the actual day; the training, the preparation and the people. In retrospect I can't see how I could have done it without the support of the channel swimming community that exists within Otter, and the Club's £100 charity donation was a wonderful surprise.

Hellespont

Peter Rae, 2nd, 50-54 age group

David Skidmore, 3rd 70-75 age group

Rob Deakin, 9th, 30-34 age group

Lord Byron famously swam the Hellespont, between Europe and Asia, in 1810. 2010 was therefore the 200th anniversary of this feat.

The tides and current in the Hellespont are a particular challenge. The safety briefers advised "If you don't follow the boat with balloons on top, you will be washed away. This happened to lots of people last year".

The field of 414 swimmers arrived at the starting beach to be presented with a large fleet of boats with no balloons at all. Overnight the wind had also picked up considerably and was gusting force 5: quite a big sea, normally described as "lumpy" by swimmers. The English organiser attempted to tell the foreign swimmers that it was too dangerous to attempt, but the assembled Australians weren't very interested in listening to that, and in the melee a Turkish boat



Peter Rae finishes the Hellespont swim and takes second place in the men's 50-54 age group

started firing off flares, which the field took to signal the start.

The field departed the shore and very soon swimmers were being pulled into safety boats. It was far too choppy to see properly, and in the end, more than 200 people missed the end point all together and were picked up miles downstream – a completion rate of only 50%.

Lake Zurich Marathon, 8 August 2010

Deirdre Ward

Lake Zurich, at 26.4 km, is a beautiful swim for long distance swimmers who prefer their water a little clearer (even drinkable), more predictable and a lot warmer than some of the other swims. The swim starts at Rapperswil and finishes in Zurich (with hot showers and warm food). It was, nonetheless, the longest swim that Deirdre had ever attempted, and her preparation included long training swims in the Serpentine.



Deirdre Ward in action crossing Lake Zurich

This year, the weather was not as warm as previous years and Deirdre's crew spent much of the time huddled under shelter, appearing every half hour to offer her encouragement and glucose drinks. Deirdre swam through quite choppy conditions but her finish time of 8h 33 meant that she missed the storm that some of the swimmers had to face for the last hour of their swim.

Different from some other long distance swims, Lake Zurich is technically a race and includes a mix of solo and relay teams, who start slightly later. It was a demoralizing moment for Deirdre to suddenly see lots of boats go past until she remembered that they were relays and swimming at most half of what she was.

The fastest non-wetsuit swimmer of the day was Julie Anne Galloway at a blistering 6 hours 35 minutes. Deirdre wrote: "As my first swim at this sort of distance, both the training and the swim itself were a voyage of self-discovery, something Sri Chimnoy is keen to promote as the reason for taking part in these sorts of events."

Sydney Harbour Classic, Australia, January 2010

The sun shone. The crowds gathered. The shark nets were out. Barbara had just touched down in Sydney and happened to be walking through the Botanical Gardens as preparations got underway for the annual Sydney Harbour Classic swim. They take entries on the day. The course starts off the jetty just below the Sydney opera

house and heads over to Mrs Macquarie's chair at the Botanical Gardens. As you breathe left, you get glimpses of the Sydney Harbour bridge and as you round the buoy for the return leg, you swim hell for leather for the finish line at the Opera House! This has to be one of the world's most breathtakingly scenic swims! Barbara came 42nd in a field of 357, and was the 9th woman home and second woman in her age group. Not so bad for having stepped off a 26 hour flight barely 3 hours earlier!

UK Cold Water Swimming Championships, January 2011, Tooting

Otter's hardest pulled out ski gear and thermals for the National Cold Water Swimming Championships at Tooting Lido. Sadly, they had to take all that off to race. The rules on skimpy swim wear were strictly enforced.

Tim took gold in the breaststroke and silver in the freestyle. **Peter** took bronze in the freestyle. **Barbara** took silver in a very close ladies' freestyle. Tim swam for the Chilly Willies and medalled (silver). **Tullio Salvatore** swam for Serpentine and won gold.

Alison Lievesley swam the Endurance race, 500 yards in 4 degree water. She came 24th overall, in just over 8 minutes.



Barbara Woodward, Tim Fraser, Lesley Cooke and Peter Rae prepare for the British Cold Water Swimming Championships

Charity

Otters raised money for charity in 2010 through Channel swims (**Tullio Salvatore** and **Matt Williams**), at the Dorking swimathon (**Tim Fraser, Mark Courtney, Doug Willetts, Deirdre Ward, John Prowting** and **Barbara Woodward**) for Cancer Research and collected spare goggles for the Yawanawa people of the Amazon



Members of Brazil's Yawanawa tribe welcome Otter's spare goggles

In August 2010 Quintin Wright was commissioned to travel deep into Amazon to photograph the Yawanawa people, one of many small indigenous tribes living in Brazil's amazonian forest, struggling to protect their land and way of life against a background of huge logging deals being made by the Brazilian government. The Yawanawa are bound in a favourable "fair trade" arrangement with AVEDA, a US skin & haircare company.

After a football (obviously in World Cup year!), the second item on their "Most Wanted" list was swimming goggles. Otter swimming Club donated over 50 pairs of goggles, which were a huge hit for playing and fishing.

Steve Bratt, Head Coach, Swimming

Steve joined Otter as Head Coach in January 2007. Steve started his coaching career with the Modernian National Age Group swimmers whilst Head Coach Charlie Wilson was away as the British Olympic coach in 1976. Since he joined Otter, the Club has continued to excel as the country's pre-eminent masters Club, winning unprecedented numbers of national and international medals and breaking world, European and British Masters and Disability Records.



Otter Head Swimming Coach, Steve Bratt

Steve has a distinguished swimming pedigree, starting with Bob Pay at Kingsbury SC and then moving to Modernians where he won Welsh 100yd freestyle and breaststroke titles. Steve moved successfully in to masters swimming, with Thornbury SC in Bristol, when he held the world 100m breaststroke and the European 200m breaststroke Masters records in the 35-39yr age group. Steve occasionally turns out for Masters meets for Otter but his main focus is now on coaching.

Steve is committed to helping his swimmers reach their full potential through promoting hard work, constantly re-evaluating goals, developing mental toughness, and ensuring optimum technical skill. 'When the going get tough, the tough get going.' Steve constantly re-evaluates his goals and believes in learning something new every day of his life.

Captain Gina Hobson writes: "Steve has been bringing much needed structure, planning, and incredible enthusiasm to Otter's training over the past 4 years. He continues to seek out new developments in swim training and takes up opportunities to learn from other coaches and regimes so that Otter's swimmers can benefit. Personally, I have seen my pbs drop across all events and Steve should take much of the credit for this. Otter is lucky to have such a dedicated and motivated head-coach."

Lesley Davies

Lesley joined Otter in 1987 from the first team at Reading. Lesley completed a Channel relay with Otter in 2001, and soloed Lake Windermere in 2005. Lesley was a regular fixture on the national podium as a member of Otter ladies biathlon (run-swim) and triathlon (run-swim-shoot) teams. Lesley continues as an active mas-

ters swimmer (see photo), and has maintained her top 10 national masters ranking in some of the most demanding events (including the 400IM) for several years. Lesley can be found fitting in her own training in many of London's pools, including the 50m open-air heated Hackney lido.



Lesley Davies, Otter Coach and masters swimmer

Lesley qualified as a swimming teacher while completing her degree at Nonnington College of Physical Education, University of Kent, and in 2007 passed her coaching examination. Lesley coaches Otter on Monday evenings (Shell) and is generous with her time subbing for other coaches at other sessions.

Lesley has been a long-standing committee member. In 1992, she became the first woman to serve as Captain of the Club (1992-1995), and has been a Vice-President of the Club since 1999 and she was awarded an Otter gold pin for services to the Club.

Swimmers are also coached by: Eric Chaline, Dan Moulton and Clare Brown

WATER POLO

First Team

Captain: **Leon Estrella**

Coach: **Vacant**

Result:

National League Division 2: 8th

At the beginning of the 2010 season, Otter's first team lost several of its members. British Water Polo League rules prevent the team promoting second team players, who were already registered to play in 4th Division. As a result, the first team had to fulfill most of its fixtures in National League 2nd division short of players.

Otter started their National League season in Lancaster in September which yielded the first defeat of the year to local regional rival Croydon Amphibians 12 – 7. Otter went on to lose against Tyldesley 18 – 12, despite a superb performance by **Richard Chambers** who scored 7 goals in that match. Otter picked up its first point of the season with a win against Hucknall 9 – 6.

Later that month, Otter played at Loughborough University with a serious dent in its defences as **Chris Hodgkinson**, the goal-keeper, was absent due to international water polo commitments in Europe. Chris' absence, combined with a contested call by a referee which ended in a ban for **Carl Ainley** and **Leon Estrella** for two and three matches respectively, were decisive, with Otter losing 12 – 7 against Sheffield; 15 – 9 to University of Bristol and 18 – 13 to Leeds.

By the third weekend, in Sheffield, the general unavailability of players combined with players serving match bans left Otter vulnerable, needing to play the first match of the weekend with no substitutes at all and the other two matches with just one substitute player. Otter lost all three matches 17 – 5 against Hucknall 14 – 8 against Tyldesley and 12 – 6 against Croydon.

But Otter rebounded during the fourth weekend, in Bath. Otter emerged victors of the London derby by beating Polytechnic 12 – 11 in a nail biting finale in which **Richard Chambers** scored the winning goal (his sixth of the match) 5 seconds before the final whistle. With that confidence boost, **Richard Chambers** and **Eamon Lui** lead Otter to a 17 – 10 win over Leeds by demolishing Leeds’ defence with 4 and 7 goals respectively. Lui went on to cause more upset by scoring 6 goals in Otter’s final victory of the weekend against University of Bristol 16 – 10.

Alas, the good news was short lived. The League had to postpone the final weekend of the season because of December’s bad weather and many players could not make the rescheduled matches in January. Otter regretfully had no option but to forfeit the fixtures and concede the points, resulting in demotion to Division 3 at the end of the season.

The Club has now restructured its competitive teams. In 2011, Otter will field first and second teams for the London League but only a first team for British Water Polo League Third Division. This will give the Club a larger pool of players to draw from and challenge for a top spot in the Third Division.

Otter 1869

Captain: **Thibault Williams**

Coach: **Klaus Celadon (to mid year)**

Result:

National League Division 4:

After a winter of focussed preparation, the departure of several players and coach Klaus Celadon part-way through the year left the team vulnerable as they approached the London and National Leagues.

In London, the team finished in sixth (and last) place in the division.

In the national league, the team travelled first to Sheffield. In the first match, against Team Northumbria (formerly Newcastle), play ebbed and flowed closely. A **Tom Norfolk** counter-attack followed by a cheeky goal seven seconds from the end, practically stolen out of the Northumbria keeper’s hand by **Toshio Tachikawa** (overall men’s player of the season), swung the match in Otter’s favour, 12-11. **Pierre Cerri** led the scoring with a hat-trick, **Spencer Corrigal**, **Chris Eden** and **Tachikawa** picking up two each. The following matches were less successful, with Otter 11-7 up at half-time against the RAF, but taking a shock defeat 14-12. There were four more goals for **Cerri**, **Tachikawa** nabbed a first half hat-trick and **Richard Lewinson** chipped in with a couple. The team had no answers left for Worthing’s legendary defensive style and went down 17-4.

Otter returned to Sheffield two weeks later, but missing **Cerri**, **Corrigal** and **Eden**. Nonetheless, Otter came out strongly against Bed-

ford, earning several extra player situations but unable to capitalise on any. A late string of goals from Otter narrowed the gap, but not enough. The score at the end read 12-15. Against Manchester the following day, an early **Tachikawa** goal was cancelled out by three Manchester goals before **Ed Buckley** finished nicely to keep things tight at the quarter. Another **Tachikawa** shot found the back of the net, followed by two extra man scores by **Steve Harrison** and **Eden** (returning for Sunday). This was answered only by a single Manchester goal, thanks to some strong defence. But late on in the match, Manchester found numerous counter-attack opportunities, in the main due to mistakes in attack and, despite many excellent one-on-one saves by Ivor Sokolic which kept the score respectable, a 4-9 second half meant Manchester took the spoils. In the final match against Carlisle, **Harrison** picked up four fine goals and **Eden** and **Norfolk** contributed a brace each with the teams tying scores in the second and fourth quarters. But a quite shocking defensive performance in the third (11 goals conceded to 2 scored) meant another heavy defeat.

Grantham four weeks later saw the team with renewed focus and a new game plan against Cambridge. The game plan started well, with Cambridge’s outside shooters pressurised into mistakes and unable to find the back of the net. Hard work at both ends meant a 4-1 half-time advantage to Otter. **Buckley’s** perfectly placed lob from half-way, scored towards the end of the first quarter, must be mentioned here. Yet the warning signs were there throughout the half and Otter faltered in the third quarter. Cambridge found the net 3 times, unanswered, to even things up. Otter went a goal up twice in the final quarter only for Cambridge to even the score both times. Then came the defining spell. Two penalties were conceded, one by each side. Cambridge scored theirs. Otter did not. And yet, an ejection 32 seconds from time meant Otter still had a good chance to equalise. A **Tachikawa** shot from the left wing looked, for all the world, to have crept in at the near post but the keeper again managed somehow to get across his goal to keep it out. In the last game of the day, Otter played Grantham, who had yet to win a match. With both defences operating well, goals were tough to come by. A counter-attack strike from **Matthieu Reaud**, taking the score to 8-7, looked to have sealed the match up with minimal time left. Strong defence and strong stomachs were called for as the tension grew. Some confusion in the Otter attack led to a turnover and, eventually, a Grantham corner. The referee awarded a penalty with one second to play and Grantham equalised from the five metre line.

At this point, the division was split, with the top four playing each other twice to decide the promotion candidate and the bottom five playing each other once to decide the relegation spots. Only the fifth and sixth placed teams will be guaranteed to stay up. At the Marlborough School pool, Northumbria beat Otter, 8-4. Goals came more readily in the match against Bedford: **Corrigal** with two, and singles from **Tachikawa** and **Cerri** and some strong goal-keeping from **Sokolic** sealed a 4-1 first half. **Cerri** and **Corrigal** completed hat-tricks in the second half and **James Hindle** picked up two for himself, one a spectacular top corner score from half-way. **Tachikawa**, **Eden** and **Norfolk** completed the scoring and a second victory over Bedford. In a second match against Grantham, Otter scored an equalising goal a minute or so from the end to tie at 10-10. This meant that no matter what our final match’s result was, seventh place was the highest position we could reach. In the final match against the RAF, **Toshio Tachikawa** led the scoring with accurate shooting, increasing his goal tally by 6, and the score finished 13-8 leaving the RAF at the bottom of the league.



With playing numbers uncertain, Otter 1869 has resigned from the National League, until the men's squad can muster two competitive teams again.

Otter 3rd team

Captain: **Paul Hindle**

Vice Captain: **Grant Monk**

Coach: **Vacant**

Otter third team finished mid-table in the Thameside Water Polo League division 1 and in the Middlesex Water Polo League division 2. The team reached the finals evening in the Thameside League Knock-out cup competition. Otter 3 consistently fielded a full team of 13, even for distant away matches.

Most Valuable Player: **Toshio Tashikawa**

Most Improved Player: **Ivor Sokolic**

to a 12 penalty shoot-out before Penguin finally clinched the victory.

The team prepared for the League season with a tour to Greece (thanks to the tireless organisation of Peggy, Thania and Thania's mum) where they played Greek women's team 'Iraklis' and had plenty of pool time to hone skills.

The practice in Greece paid off with Otter A beating local rivals Penguin A for the first time in the League history. Otter A finished the first weekend undefeated with wins against Leeds and Liverpool B, a first for Otter in Division 1.

Otter Lutra, the women's B team, peaked later in the season with a fabulous win against the previously undefeated Caledonia and finished in third position overall, just one spot (decided on goal difference) away from being in-line for promotion.

Otter A finished 3rd in their division which is a passport to the British Championships and to the European League in September 2011. Both are massive achievements and firsts for the Otter women. It

LADIES POLO

Otter A team

Captain: **Lindsey Williams**

Vice Captain: **Emily Viskovic**

Coach: **Nick Buller**

Result:

National League Division 1: 3rd



Front Row: (Left to Right) Nicole Freeman, Lindsey Williams (Captain), Marie Mulligan, Emily Viskovic, Joanne Ayres, Joanne Alden
Back Row (Left to Right) Nick Buller (Coach), Rebecca Mulcahy, Sarah Bennett, Elizabeth Dunn, Vera Gielen, Thania Tympanari, Peggy Etiebet

2010 opened with the first season of the New Format Spring Cup, a nationwide cup format competition now run by the National League. It was a high intensity affair with up to 6 half-matches in one day combined with officiating duties on the table. Otter B (Lutra) finished 4th in the plate tournament and Otter A finished 4th in the cup tournament. The semi-final of the cup tournament was a real nail-biter against arch-rivals Penguin which came down

was also a sign of the progress in Otter women's water polo that for the first time in National League history we finished above the local rivals Penguin. Otter A also won the fair play award, with the fewest major fouls in the division (61, only half the number committed by Penguin).

BWPL results Division 1

Team	PLD	Won	Drawn	Lost	F	A	Pts	GD
Manchester	14	14	0	0	163	49	28	+114
Liverpool Lizards	14	12	0	2	178	67	24	+111
London Otter	14	9	1	4	136	87	19	+49
West London Penguin	14	7	2	5	120	82	16	+38
City of Sheffield	14	6	1	7	106	101	13	+5
Leeds Sharks	14	2	2	10	67	158	6	-91
Liverpool Liver Birds	14	2	1	11	81	172	5	-91
Manchester Barracudas	14	0	1	13	59	194	1	-135

BWPL results Division 3

Team	PLD	Won	Drawn	Lost	F	A	Pts	GD
Caledonia	14	12	1	1	137	54	25	+83
Carlisle	14	11	1	2	138	63	23	+75
London Otter Lutra	14	9	3	2	137	85	21	+52
South Derbyshire	14	6	1	7	106	126	13	-20
Liverpool Water Beatles	14	6	1	7	103	115	13	-12
Cardiff Ladies	14	3	2	9	90	122	8	-32
Invicta	14	3	1	10	77	139	7	-62
City of Birmingham	14	1	0	13	62	146	2	-84

On 20th February 2011, Otter went to Manchester for the British Gas Water Polo Championships, a competition open only to the top 4 teams in the country. Nerves struck in the first match and Otter were defeated 7-2 by Liverpool. This meant another grudge match against Penguin on the Sunday. It couldn't have been closer, with the score tied at 5-5 at full time after a last minute penalty scored by **Viviana Castagna**. The first period of extra time was goal-less, but unfortunately Penguin scored late in the second period of extra time to secure 3rd place.

It isn't possible to name all the individuals involved in the success of the Otter women's teams this year, and the ultimate key to their success is teamwork. But particular mention is due to Otters who featured in the leader boards for their National Leagues: **Peggy Etiebet** the 4th top goal scorer in Division 1 and **Bronwen Bew** the 7th top goal scorer in the 3rd Division.

Departing players: **Sarah Holcombe** and **Nicole Freeman**.

Team award winners: This year's most valuable player trophy has been awarded to **Emily Viskovic**. If the rest of the world adhered to the Otter scoring system of 2 points for an assist versus 1 point for a goal then Emily would definitely be top of the leader-board. The most valuable player award for Otter B will go to **Emma Shkurka** for proving that there is nowhere in the pool where she isn't a complete natural at the game.

2011 is going to bring a few changes for the Otter Ladies team: there have been changes to training; next year's British Water Polo league will be run according to the new rules and format for the first time and we also hope to be competing in the European competition as the result the success of Otter A in Division 1 this year. Otter Ladies are confident that, under the expert guidance of our coach **Nick Buller**, they will rise to these challenges and continue build Otter Water Polo's reputation as a force to be reckoned with.



Thania makes another save at the British Championships



Team talk at half time at British Championships

Water polo coaching

Nick Buller *Otter Ladies Water Polo coach*

Nick has been pivotal in the team's growing success. This has meant progressing from having just one team in the 3rd division of the national league to being the 3rd top team in the 1st division, qualifying for a place in the LEN trophy tournament in Europe next year and having a 2nd team who narrowly missed promotion to the second division this year.

He has been balancing this commitment to Otter water polo with his responsibilities as assistant coach to the youth and junior national squads and has also recently been appointed by the ASA as Head Water Polo Coach of the Regional Beacon Programme at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.

Ladies Water Polo players commented: "We are extremely lucky to have a coach of this quality working with our team and look forward to even greater success in the future."

In 2010, following Klaus Celadon's return to Brazil, the position of men's water polo coach was vacant.

MULTISPORTS

Results: Rachel Joyce, Hawaii Ironman (and World Championship) 5th

Rachel went in to 2010 with high hopes after a good race in the Ironman World Championships in 2009, but an early season injury left her in a cast for 6 weeks and back at Ironman World Championships in October 2010 feeling more than a little under raced.

As she lined up behind the paddle boards she decided to steer away from the main swimming pack and avoid the scrum at the beginning. It seemed to work: Rachel came out of the swim as the lead woman. Onto the bike, and Rachel was caught by 5 other triathletes over the 160km ride. And, then came the run – 26.2 miles of it. With the experience of last year's race to call on Rachel used her knowledge of the physical and mental hotspots and held on for 5th place, one higher than last year. It was Rachel's second time in Hawaii and, despite the tough start to the year, which made for a very tough race, she continues to "love the race and all that comes with it: catching up with friends, morning swims at the pier followed by leisurely breakfasts, the dolphins, the turtles."



Rachel Joyce on her way to 5th place at the World Ironman Championships, Hawaii

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Pre Bath Cup, St Pauls School, 11 March 2010

Six Otters competed against 11 school teams from across the country in the Pre Bath Cup. Otter opened with a good 2nd place in the medley relay (1.55.89), matched by **Dave Roberts** in the 100m freestyle (56.86) and **Matt Burgham** in the 100m breaststroke (1.10.61). **Andy Aitken** delivered 4th in the 100m backstroke (1.03.82), followed by a stunning first place in the 50m fly from **Will Wall** (27.8) and then by a 4th place from **Enrico Hahn** in the 100m individual medley (1.06.82). Finally, **Tomasso**, about 1450m short of his usual distance, scored 7th in a tightly packed field in the 50m freestyle (28.26). In the final 4x50 freestyle relay, **Will, Matt, Andy** and **Dave** powered home to the second Otter victory of the night (1.42.32). The final scores left Otter 11 points adrift of the victors Robert Gordon's from Aberdeen.

Club Championships

The Club Championships programme includes the following events: 100m and 200m individual medley, 400m, 100m and 50m freestyle, 50m and 100m butterfly, 100m breaststroke and 100m backstroke, spread over two or three evenings in the autumn, and the open water mile race at Windsor. The winner gets 8 points, second place 7 points etc with all unplaced participants receiving 1 point. It follows that wins in all 10 events would give a maximum of 80 points. In 2010, 47 men and 25 women competed in one or more of the events. The ladies Club champion received the Jackson trophy and the men's Club champion the Buller Challenge Cup. Members have kindly donated trophies for most of the individual events in the Club Championships. There is a full list of trophies and winners of individual events on page 24.

Club Championships: Results

Ladies (Jackson Trophy)

1. Gina Hobson - 74
2. Tori Beaney - 68
3. Laure Bacher-Fuentes - 35

Men (Buller Challenge Cup)

1. Dave Warren - 77
2. Matt Burgham - 52
3. Dave Roberts - 34

Thanks to: **Michelle Senecal** for organising the Club Championships.

Handicap Races for the G H Rope Averages Trophy

Otter's handicap races give all Club members an opportunity to win trophies across a full programme of competitive events, many of which (like the 10 widths at Shell) no longer grace more conventional swimming competition programmes and include the Club's oldest trophy, the Ladies Challenge Cup (for the 5 lengths), presented in 1874. Handicaps are set by the Hon Handicapper, using a complex algorithm, which calculates a rank time for every swimmer. The winner of each event is the swimmer who swims most inside their handicap.

The 2010 handicap season opened in February with the 150m freestyle won by **Christiana Toutet**. Fresh off his Channel swim training, **Tullio Salvatore** took the 200m free. Next, a balmy July evening saw the Club take to the Thames with the Windsor mile and Henley half-mile races. **Ed Buckley** (water polo) took the mile handicap title. All-round swimmer extraordinaire, **Lesley Cook**, then narrowly beat **John Talbot** to the half mile. August took Otters to Parliament Hill Lido and the quarter mile, won by **Emily Viskovic** (water polo).

After the National Masters Championships, the handicap series returned to the pool with the 125m freestyle (**Jean-Louis Benavides**), 100m freestyle (**Andy Aitkin**) and the 400m individual medley (**David Roberts**). The veteran's 50m freestyle ran alongside the 400 individual medley and had 4 entrants this year, with **Tony Ray** once again taking the title.

The overall trophy finally went to **David Roberts** (20 points), following his strong performances in the 100m freestyle and 400m individual medley, narrowly pushing **Emily Viskovic** (19 points) and **John Talbot** (18 points) into 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

Thanks to: **Cat Dobson**, Hon handicapper

Results:

1st: (G H Rope Averages Trophy): **David Roberts** (20 points)

2nd: **Emily Viskovic** (19 points)

3rd: **John Talbot** (18 points).

Open Water

Half mile: JW Rope Memorial Trophy (1921)

Winner 2010: **Lesley Cook**

Twenty-nine Otters made their way to the start line for the annual half-mile race, with numerous team mates willing to cheer from the river bank with a glass of wine in the summer sunshine!

Lesley Cook stormed to the front early on in the race and retained her lead. She was closely followed by **John Talbot**, starting very close to the back but nonetheless managing to pick off all swimmers bar Lesley despite a navigational malfunction which involved a head first crash into one of the lifeguard's canoes. **Emily Viskovic** worked her way up the field for third place and ensuring that water polo was represented on the podium. The handicapping was pin-point accurate, resulting in a group finish for much of the field.

As ever, the half-mile is a highlight of the Otter calendar, made possible by the warm hospitality of Henley Sailing Club and the good offices of the Windsor lifeguard team.

Results: 1st: **Lesley Cook**; 2nd: **John Talbot**; 3rd: **Emily Viskovic**.

Thanks to: **Ben Thomas, Katherine Mearman, Fiona Marshall-Staines, Gina Hobson** and **Cat Dobson**.

Help Otter Swimming Club

The club committee are pleased to announce two initiatives where you can help earn extra money for the club, with no inconvenience to yourself. Both initiatives are associated with the club's websites.

Two links have been posted on the www.otterswimming.com and www.otterwaterpolo.com websites under the heading

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Swimmers at the mile wondering how far away the finish was

Mile

Dudley Cup: (men's scratch): **John Talbot**

C G Forsberg: (women's scratch): **Gina Hobson**

Cunningham Plate (handicap): **Ed Buckley**

On one of the hottest days of the year, 33 Otters took to the water to compete in the annual Otter Mile in Windsor. The boat took the swimmers and the spectators down the Thames to the starting point. Watching the swimmers come down the river in arrow formation with the sun behind them was a great sight for those on the boat.

Dave Warren and **John Talbot** were neck and neck as they approached the finish line, until John kicked in the last 50 metres to take the Dudley Cup in 19:43. Dave was just a few seconds behind.

Gina Hobson was the first female swimmer home, securing the Forsberg Memorial Cup for another year.

The mile swim is also a sealed handicap event and the winner of the Cunningham plate was **Ed Buckley**.

James Stewart, Club President presented the trophies. Thanks to **Deirdre Ward** for organising.

Quarter Mile

Tom Batt Challenge Cup (handicap): **Emily Viskovic**

Parliament Hill

Overall results of open water handicap swims

1st (Sachs Challenge Cup): **Emily Vickovic**

Otter Golf, Friday 21 May

George Rope Trophy: **Meg Stewart**

One of the largest entries for many years (14) competed for the George Rope Cup with **Meg Stewart** emerging as the winner (35 points), the first lady winner of the trophy, with **David Miller** and **David Gawler** coming equal second with 32 points. Numbers rose to 27 for lunch, including 5 current or ex- Club Presidents. Some 5 or 6 members even managed a second round in the afternoon.



Meg Stewart receives the Otter Golf Trophy from Mark Grundy



Otter Channel Swim Results

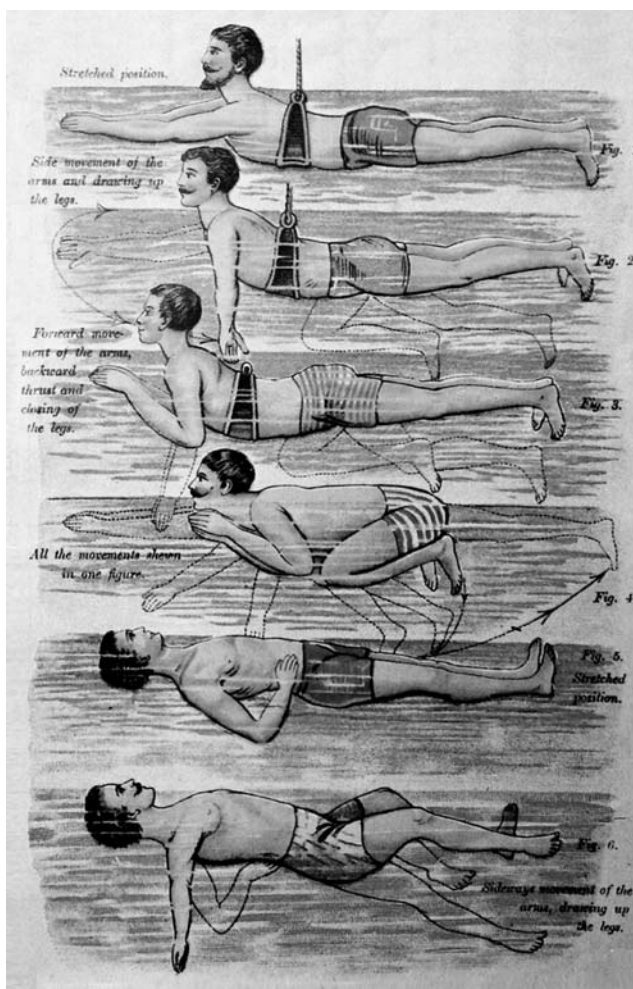
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1957		G.FORSBERG	13.33
1967		N.TRUSTY	12.05
1971		N.TRUSTY	12.24
1971		N.TRUSTY	13.41
1991		J.GOODBODY	15.4
1985		P.RAE	11.21
1994		(OTTER RELAY)	10.14
1994		(OTTER RELAY)	10.34
2002	04/08/2002	L.LOPEZ-BONILLA	15.39
2002	17/08/2002	L.ATTWOOD	10.51
2002	04/09/2002	S.MURIE	13.45
2004	26/07/2004	N.JOYCE	14.15
2004	14/08/2004	K.MEARMAN	12.54
2005	14/07/2005	P.THOMPSON	17
2006	21/07/2006	K.HOPE	13.37
2006	06/08/2006	E. MOFFETT	14.19
2007	11/07/2007	S.WILSON	12.38
2007	31/07/2007	R. DEAKIN	12.36
2007	05/08/2007	I. STEWART	13.14
2008	07/07/2008	K. GOODALL	10.23
2009	02/08/2009	A. LIEVESLEY	13.14
2010	23/09/2010	T. SALVATORE	12.08
2010	22/09/2010	M.WILLIAMS	15.15

Blast from the Past

In June 2010, President James Stewart, received an email from an American in New Jersey, who had purchased a box-load of oddments, which included a trophy (see photograph) with Otter's name on it. This turned out to be a prize for 2nd place in a 150 yards race awarded to A. C. Cattle in 1892. Research among old Club handbooks showed that A. C. Cattle served as Water Polo Hon Sec for the years 1892-93. Beyond that we were unable to shed further light, although James recalls meeting in 1967 in Edinburgh a gentleman called A. P. Cattle who, having joined in 1913, was then our oldest member and who may well have been A. C. Cattle's son. After Otter won the English National 4x100m Club freestyle relay in 1967, the reigning Scottish champions, Warrender SC, challenged Otter to an informal swim-off in Edinburgh. Otter won and A. P. Cattle had turned up to lend vocal support.



The trophy sits in its own wooden box approximately 4x4 inches and a photograph is reproduced above. We may only imagine what the 1st place prize might have been. How the trophy landed up in the US remains a mystery.



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Dinner

Lesley Davies again led the team organizing the 141st Otter dinner on Friday 4th February. Over 100 members congregated at Loose Cannons for a three course dinner, James Stewart's first address to the Club as President and dancing to the small hours.



Martin Flash with the ladies polo team



Pete Kirk, Lesley Davies and Tim Fraser



Peter Rae and Helen



Gina Hobson, Ladies Club champion, with her trophy



Dave Roberts, winner of the G H



Otter ladies water polo



Toshio Tashikawa receives the Most Valuable Player trophy from President James Stewart



Matt Burgham toasts the Club



H Rope Averages trophy



James Stewart presents Emily Viskovic with her trophy



Ivor Sokolic receives the Most Improved Player trophy from President James Stewart



Hannah Brown, Cat Dobson and Jane Leighton



and trophy winners



Men's Club champion, Dave Warren, with the his trophy



Tim Fraser, Sue and Jim Mackenzie



Charles Doxat and John Towers

List of Members

Name	Year joined	Name	Year joined	Name	Year joined
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Mr Doug Payne	1946	Mr Peter Evans	1987	Mr Chris Eden	2003
Mr Jim Ricketts	1946	Mrs Alison Wain	1988	Ms Deirdre Ward	2003
Mr Dennis Warnford-Davis	1946	Mr Garry Willetts	1988	Ms Joanne Alden	2003
Mr Roy Romain	1947	Mr Nigel Salsbury	1989	Miss Lauren Edwards	2003
Mr Brian Walton	1948	Ms Frances Hirst	1990	Mr Robert Juxon	2003
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Mr Glen Musgrove	1986	Mr Ben Tausig	2003	Mr Rob Stafford	2007

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TROPHY WINNERS

TROPHY	EVENT	DONOR	2009 WINNER	2010 WINNER
Ladies' C.C.	5 L Handicap	Lady friends of Members	H. Brown	J-L. Benavides
Brown Challenge Cup	100m Backstroke (M)	G. S. Brown	M. Burgham	A. Aitken
Macdonald C.C.	2 L Handicap	A.R. MacDonald	D. Roberts	not swum
Sachs C.C.	Open Water points total	Mrs Frank Sachs	H. Brown	E. Viskovic
Dudley C.C.	Mile Open Water Scratch (M)	Dr. J. G. Dudley	A. Mulloy	J. Talbott
Collis Brown C.C.	400m Freestyle (M)	Maj. W.A. Collis-Brown	J. Talbott	J. Talbott
Buller C.C.	Club Championship (M)	W.A.H. Buller	E. Hahn	D. Warren
5th Humphreys C.C.	100m Freestyle (M)	Jack Humphreys	D. Roberts	D. Warren
G.H. Rope Averages Trophy	Handicap points total	Club Members	H. Brown	D. Roberts
2nd Annison C.C.	100m Breaststroke (M)	F.E. Annison	M. Burgham	D. Warren
2nd Annison C.C.	100m Breaststroke (W)	F.E. Annison	J. Leighton	T. Beaney
J.W. Rope Memorial	Half mile Open Water	Club Members	H. Brown	L. Cook
George H. Rope Cup	Golf competition	G. H. Rope	P. Hindle	M. Stewart
Synge-Hutchinson C.C.	Veterans 50m handicap	Col E.D.B. Synge-Hutchinson	A. Ray	A. Ray
Baldon C.C.	150m Handicap	Club Members	N. Charlesworth	C. Toutet
Jonas C.C.	200m Handicap	Alfred Jonas	E. Hahn	T. Salvatore
2nd Tom Batt C.C.	Quarter Mile open water	Friends of Tom Batt	H. Brown	E. Viskovic
Cunningham Plate	Mile Open Water Handicap	Club Members	P. Cronk	E. Buckley
Edgar salver	100m Individual Medley (M)	Club Members	M. Burgham	D. Warren
Edgar salver	100m Individual Medley (W)	Club Members	G. Hobson	T. Beaney
Pyers Mostyn C.C.	4 L Handicap	Lady Mostyn	A. Ochocinska	A. Aitken
Peters Tankard	100m Butterfly (M)	Nigel Peters	A. Mulloy	D. Warren
Hodge C.C.	10 Widths handicap	Club Members	A. Aitken	not swum
Millner C.C.	100m Freestyle (W)	J.R.G. Millner	G. Hobson	G. Hobson
Jackson Trophy	Club championship (W)	Richard Jackson	G. Hobson	G. Hobson
Arthur Batt Trophy	200m Individual Medley (M)	A.G. Batt	M. Burgham	D. Warren
Arthur Batt Trophy	200m Individual Medley (W)	A.G. Batt	N. Effemey	T. Beaney
J.H.R. Haswell Trophy	Water Polo	Mrs G. Haswell	Chris Hodgkinson	
Club Championship	100m Backstroke (W)	Club Members	H. Prentice	G. Hobson
Club Championship	100m Butterfly (W)	Club Members	G. Hobson	G. Hobson
Club Championship	400m Freestyle (W)	Club Members	N. Effemey	G. Hobson
C.G. Forsberg Memorial	Mile Open Water Scratch (W)	Club Members	G. Hobson	G. Hobson
Alex Ferguson Memorial	400m I.M. Handicap	J. McMenemy & A. Booth	M. Klaeffling	D. Roberts
Water Polo Cup	Women's Team award	Club Member	Z. Ratveiska	
No Trophy	50m Butterfly (M)		A. Mulloy	D. Warren
No Trophy	50m Butterfly (W)		G. Hobson	T. Beaney
No Trophy	50m Freestyle (M)		A. Mulloy	D. Warren
No Trophy	50m Freestyle (W)		F. Marshall	G. Hobson
David Craig Salver	100m fs Handicap	Club Members	C. Campbell	not swum



