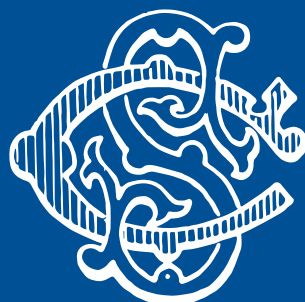


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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2015





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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Paul Hindle

2015, our 146th year, was another very successful one for Otter.

Longevity on its own is no guarantee of competitive excellence, and neither is competitive success a guarantee of longevity, although of course it does help. In my view, true success can only come from having the strong foundations of sound finances, good management, and a vibrant club spirit that allow good coaching along with individual and team endeavour to flourish. This annual report celebrates our success along all those dimensions, a few of which I highlight below:



COMPETITIVE EXCELLENCE

Ladies' Water Polo

The Otter Ladies' Water Polo section continues to develop as the preeminent ladies' water polo club in London and the South East. The Otter Ladies' first team finished 2nd in the 2015/16 British Water Polo League; they also won the London League competition with a 100% record. The Ladies' second team finished 5th in the second tier of the British Water Polo League. The junior Ladies won the under 15 and the under 17 national age group titles and were runners up in the under 19 competition. Izzy Dean (Captain), Mhairi Nurthen, Dani Brazier and Kathy Rogers represented GB under 17s at the European Championships in Baku; Brooke Tafazolli and Kathy Rogers represented GB under 20s in the FINA World Women's Junior Water Polo Championships in Volos, Greece.

All this fantastic success would not be possible without the dedicated work of Coach, Nick Buller, and a section management team led by Lex Higlett and Tracey Allen.

Swimming

The Otter swimmers continue to perform at the highest levels.

Pip Bennett and Wade Rimbach came back with five top 10 finisher medals at the World Masters Swimming Championships in Kazan, Russia.

At the Long Course National Championships Otter came away with 23 gold, 10 silver and 13 bronze medals. Mike Reys, Paul Goudie, Peter Kirk and Dave Warren set a new European record in the 200+ 4 x 100m freestyle relay and a new British record in the 4 x 200m freestyle relay. Dave Warren set new British records in the 40-44 age group for 200m IM, 100m freestyle and 200m freestyle.

At the Short Course National Championships Otter came away with 31 gold, 25 silver and 19 bronze medals. Derek Parr set new GB records in the 70-74 age group for 50m and 200m butterfly.

Pip Bennett (30-34) and Dan Bullock (45-49) become national champions in the 3km event at the Open Water Masters National Championships.

All this fantastic success would not be possible without the

dedicated work of Head Coach, Steve Bratt, and his team, and a section management team led the Captains of Swimming Dave Roberts, Felicity Hannon and Olivia Reynolds.

Men's Water Polo

2015 was not the most successful of years for Otter Men's Water Polo. The first team continues to compete in the British Water Polo League and is pushing for promotion to the Premier division of the London League. The second team continues to compete in the London League, the Middlesex League and the Thameside League. Now with a new coach, it is hoped that 2016 will bring an improved outcome.

FINANCE

With income just about in line with costs and a strong balance sheet, the finances of the Club remain in excellent shape. Many thanks should go to our Hon. Treasurer, Chris Eden, for keeping us on the straight and narrow.

MANAGEMENT

Otter is a club that is run by the members for the benefit of the members. The key management and decision making body is the Committee. With effect from the April 2015 AGM the Committee headcount was reduced from 22 to 14, each with a designated role. The intention is to improve efficiency and commitment. I believe the new committee structure is working well, but as always there is scope to improve further.

NEW INITIATIVES

A successful club cannot simply rest on its laurels, it has to keep moving forward. Otter is no exception.

In December, the Club launched a fresh new website (www.otterswimming.com and www.otterwaterpolo.com) that as our window to the outside world we hope will help to attract new members, whilst at the same time keeping all existing members up to date with Club activities and newsworthy events. Make sure you check it out regularly.



In January 2016 we launched a junior water polo initiative in partnership with the Chelsea and Westminster Swimming Club. It is still early days but promising progress has already been made. Our hope is that this new initiative will become a long term commitment that will lead to a natural flow of home grown talent into the senior water polo squads.

Club Spirit

Long gone are the days when Otter had a club night at a single venue with clearly allotted times for swimming, water polo and socialising. In today’s world the various sections of



CLUB COMMITTEE

President:	Paul Hindle
Honorary Secretary:	Jessica Trelvelick
Honorary Treasurer:	Chris Eden
Vice President:	Lesley Davies
Honorary Handicapper:	Dave Warren

the Club use different pools to suit their own needs, which then makes the job of keeping that all important one-club spirit together increasingly difficult. This makes the Club events such as the open water races and the Annual Dinner, where all sections can come together as one, particularly important and key parts of our calendar. My hope is that we can create more such events in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone at Otter, the members, the coaches and my fellow committee members for making 2015 such a success. May 2016 be even more successful.

Captain of Swimming (Men):	Dave Roberts
Captain of Swimming (Women):	Olivia Reynolds, Felicity Hannon
Captain of Water Polo (Men):	Leon Estrella
Captain of Water Polo (Women):	Lex Higlett
Committee Members:	Tracey Allen, Pip Bennett, Eric Bolden, Jeff Mattick



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Chris Eden

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW

The Club recorded another operating deficit in 2015 and yet it could have been much worse.

We saw membership numbers reduce in the previous year, especially full-paying members, and, forecasting 2015 income based on the membership at the end of 2014, we expected the ever-increasing costs to give us a sizeable deficit this year.

As it turned out, membership numbers grew slightly but, more importantly, members are staying longer leading to a much improved churn rate down to 25% from 33% in 2014. The result was an £11k increase in membership subscription income on 2014 and a £13k excess over the forecast for the year.

Pool costs increased, mainly due to a return to a full year at City of London Girls’ School, following some closure for maintenance during 2014, and a general rise in hourly rates. The coaching costs went up accordingly. Activity costs reduced on 2014 as the LEN competition entry for the ladies’ polo team was supported by generous donations by Physio in the City and others.

Other items were broadly in line with the prior year, and this is reflected by a similar bottom line to the Income & Expenditure account. The balance sheet remains solid and provides us with the financial base to invest in the right long-term opportunities, which we are doing where possible and as appropriate.

Looking forward to 2016, the Club’s regular session offering is expected to be over 660 coached swimming hours and over



440 coached polo hours for the year. On top of the expected sessions, we have already made some weekend bookings during Q1 at the Olympic Pool and are looking at making it a regular occurrence, depending on session availability at the times we need. There is also the full program of club handicap competitions, the open water swims, and other events throughout the year that help make the club what it is.

A plea for help: the Committee is keen to investigate opportunities at new pools. Introductions to contacts within pool management that any of you can make for us would be most welcome as it is extremely hard to get a foothold in new facilities and a warm introduction is always better than cold calling!

PRIZES & GENERAL FUND AND MEMORIAL FUND DONORS

The generosity of members, either in paying over and above their regular subscriptions or in making separate designated donations, continues to help manage the Club's annual costs as well as strengthen the Club's capital base. As such, we thank the following:

Michael Amos, Marco Boldrini, Matthew Burgham, Tom Burkinshaw, Alexander Capon, Gregory Comiskey, Matthew Davis, Martha Dean, Diarmuid Dennehy, Charles Doxat, Peggy Etiebet, Alexander Flash, Martin Flash, John Fox, Wilton Fry, Victor Hardy, Cat Hasnain, Lex Higlett, Gina Hobson, John Iliffe, Xavier Imbs, Vadim Kuchinskiy, Roger Lloyd-Mostyn, Fiona Marshall, Elizabeth McMenemy, Andrew Morton, Kate O'Brien, Federica Palmieri, Doug Payne, James Scanlan, Elizabeth Shaw, Paolo Sirianni, James Stewart, Cliff Stossel, Bob Thomas, Tommaso Tufarelli, Dave Warren, Thibault Williams, Sharon Wright.



MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

During the year, Otter welcomed 99 new members (compared with 78 in 2014), 53 of whom were water polo players (2014 – 30). All new members are included in the list of current members attached at the end of this report. The average number of members during the year were:

Club members 2015 and 2014	2015	2014
Active swimmers	101	102
Country swimmers	17	16
Non-active swimmers	67	63
Life member swimmers	34	34
Junior swimmers	7	7
TOTAL SWIMMERS	226	222
Active polo	52	49
Country polo	10	11
Non-active polo	14	16
Life member polo	8	8
Junior polo	31	9
TOTAL POLO	115	93
TOTAL MEMBERS	341	315

Thanks to the considerable efforts of the following for signing up new members, policing memberships and more: Cat Hasnain, Felicity Hannon, Olivia Reynolds, Dave Roberts and Deirdre Ward for swimmers; Jill Dean, Lex Higlett, Peggy Etiebet for ladies' polo; Leon Estrella and Paul Hindle for men's polo.

Thank you also to Deirdre Ward for handling the Club's ASA registrations; Tony Ray for running the shop and managing swimming competition entries, along with the Captains; and Michelle Senecal, Tony Ray, Daryl Nurthen and Paul Hindle for managing the pool bookings.

2014 saw the introduction of the brand new Club website which has been managed/designed by John Talbott, and it continued to evolve with a brand new front-end launched toward the end of 2015 – thanks to Lex Higlett, John and Dave Warren. The quality of the website is defined by the content on it (news, reports, photos, etc.) so please get in touch throughout the year if you have any contributions, whether it be for swimming, polo, triathlon, open water, or any member news.

Finally, a big thank you to Tom Burkinshaw for continuing as Honorary Club Auditor – it's an undervalued role yet crucial to ensure that the financial statements are accurate.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - £

Year ended 31 Dec 2015 2015 2014

Members income	109,542	96,117
Subscriptions income	100,824	89,150
Special sessions	1,360	1,010
Match fees	5,516	3,690
Prizes and general fund	1,842	2,267
Other income	1,231	2,754
Capital income	1,231	1,425
Miscellaneous income	-	1,329
TOTAL INCOME	110,773	98,871

Pools & equipment	(67,436)	(59,279)
Pool hire costs	(67,117)	(59,155)
Equipment costs	(319)	(84)
Coaching	(22,840)	(16,966)
Coaching costs	(28,840)	(16,966)
Activity costs	(14,740)	(18,150)
Water polo expenses	(7,073)	(10,662)
Swimming expenses	(1,348)	(1,296)
Affiliation costs	(6,071)	(5,920)
Prizes and trophies	(248)	(272)
Club activities	(506)	(55)
Dinner	(436)	52
Open water races	(668)	(442)
Shop sales	598	335
Administration	(8,062)	(8,193)
Insurance	(2,000)	(2,000)
Post and printing	(2,231)	(2,266)
Bad debts	(3,377)	(2,433)
IT costs	(278)	(852)
Miscellaneous costs	(176)	(642)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(113,584)	(102,643)
PROFIT/(LOSS)	(2,811)	(3,772)

'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 2015.' Hon Auditor. Tom Burkinshaw



BALANCE SHEET - £

Year ended 31 Dec 2015 2015 2014

Trophies	35,000	35,000
Tangible fixed assets	35,000	35,000
Investments at cost	30,142	30,142
Self insurance investment	26,053	22,044
Investments	56,195	52,186
Fixed assets	91,195	87,186
Stock	4,831	3,939
Debtors	4,115	5,530
Cash at bank and in hand	23,346	28,721
Current assets	32,292	39,007
Creditors falling due within one year	(3,782)	(6,702)
Net current assets	28,510	31,488
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	119,705	118,674
Computer fund	3,880	3,880
Spoon fund	7,038	7,038
Sinking funds	10,918	10,918
Provisions	10,918	10,918
Life membership fund	21,295	21,295
Memorial fund	35,254	31,145
Trophy insurance fund	22,983	18,983
<i>Capital funds</i>	<i>79,532</i>	<i>71,423</i>
Balance brought forward	32,866	35,838
Capital income and reserves	-	-
Result for year	(2,811)	(3,772)
<i>Reserve funds</i>	<i>29,255</i>	<i>32,866</i>
Reserves	108,576	108,576
RESERVES AND PROVISIONS	119,705	118,674

Investments #: Brunner Investment Trust 2517, Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust 7465, Flemming Claverhouse Investment Trust 1530, Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust 14270. Total market value of portfolio £81,706 (2014 £91,599); unrealised gain £51,563 (2014 £61,456).



OTTER NEWS

ANNUAL OTTER DINNER

The Annual Club Dinner is THE social event for all Otters. In 2015 it was held at The Imperial Hotel. Over 80 Otters enjoyed a fantastic evening of eating, drinking and dancing, arranged by Hannah Brown and the Social Committee. In 2016, Dave Warren took over the organisation, with the event being held on Fri 18 March at the Holiday Inn in Bloomsbury.



Felicity Hannon & Pip Bennett receive the Handicap trophy from President, Paul Hindle



2015 Club Champions, Dave Warren & Gina Hobson



Andy Craig (right) with the winner of the golf trophy in 2015, Charles Doxat

OTTER GOLF

Andrew Craig

The 2015 Otter Golf tournament (and social lunch for those of aged limb and lesser mobility) was, once again, a memorable affair. It had a classy field, packed with experience and nous (some of it even golf-related). In the end, Charles ‘Don’t give an inch’ Doxat emerged on top, a point ahead of the fiercely competitive Peter ‘Radar’ Rae and Matt ‘Street-fighter’ Staines - who shared the (almost) boast-worthy spoils of joint runner-up.

Peter had a very consistent outward nine, collecting several points on nearly every hole bar the tricky, uphill (S.I.2) 4th. He clearly had a ‘funny turn,’ at the turn, as his back nine was a more binary affair, though high points included nett pars on both 11 and 18!

Charles and Matt, who were playing in the same group, had remarkably similar rounds, with both affecting inauspicious openings, before blossoming at the easy (short par 4) 6th and capturing multiple points around the Caesar’s Camp holes (6-10). However, Mr D’s hot streak looked in danger of becoming a hot flush as ‘blobs’ abounded on the back nine. Matt continued to improve and led a (too) late charge over the final 3 holes, but wily Charles had already amassed enough points, with another mini streak at 14 and 15, to hold on to a tenacious and hard fought victory.

It is not really necessary to mention the various other esteemed members of the swimming fraternity who didn’t really trouble the scorers, so let us leave them be - to wallow in obscurity, while we rain down plaudits on the glorious victor.

Once again, the post-golf lunch was a well-attended affair and a delicious spread was laid on by Royal Wimbledon’s excellent catering staff. Many thanks are owed, in particular, to those who managed to swing a club and keep the event going, and the RWGC for allowing a bunch of less than reputable aquatic mammals to roam freely on its hallowed greens. The 2016 event will be held at Ealing Golf Club on Fri 20 May. We are looking forward to some of the notable absentees returning to the fold this year - you know who you are. Please contact Paul Hindle for more details.



Enjoying post-golf lunch at RWGC



OBITUARIES

Dr Pong Pin Seah (1944–2015)

Pong Pin Seah joined Otter in 1961, while still in his late teens, with the intention of studying medicine at St Mary’s Hospital, which he duly did. He returned to Singapore after qualifying. While in the UK he represented Otter in many events and was awarded Otter 1st Team Swimming Colours for the six years of 1961-66.

In the Otter Magazine of March 1962, the editor, A. M. Crawford, himself a former Scottish international breaststroker, wrote about Pin approvingly. “When he first came to Otter, his breaststroke technique caused a minor sensation, so smooth, relaxed and effortless did it appear. He then revealed that he was the 1959-1960 champion of Singapore.” The text continued: “He has already swum some valuable races for the Club, the most outstanding being his swim in the heat and final of the National Medley Relay Championship when he overhauled or passed his every opponent”. (Note: Otter won the ASA Medley Team Championship in 1961). In 1961, Pin also came 6th in the ASA 220 yards Breaststroke Championship. In 1962 he won the Kent County 200 yards Championship. In 1963 he gained international honours with Great Britain and also represented British Universities. In 1966 he represented Singapore in the Commonwealth Games.

He was a big loss to the Club when he returned to his native Singapore. However he stayed in touch with some Club members and in 2012 he made a return visit to the UK for a London University reunion. At this time, John Fox and his wife Maureen, hosted a small gathering at their home and a number of older Otters attended. This was reported in the 2012 Annual Report. At that time, he was already unwell and he commented that “this would be his last visit to UK”. His name translates as “Bringer of Peace” - a name that somehow suited a truly gentle man who just happened to be an outstanding swimmer. The Club offers its condolences to his family.

Dorothy Iliffe (1931–2015)

The Club extends its condolences to our Past President, John Iliffe, and his family at the loss of his lovely wife Dorothy on 25 November 2015. Older Otters will recall with great affection, her charming presence at John’s side at many Otter events.

ARRIVALS

Cat and Imran Hasnain welcomed Noah Zain Oliver Hasnain to the world on 24 September 2015 at Chelsea and Westminster hospital weighing in at 7lb 14oz/3.58kg. While Andrew Louw and his wife Nikki welcomed their second son, Alexander Jefferies Louw, on 20 October 2015, weighing 3.63kg.



Noah Hasnain

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Ollie Caldwell and Aisha Ahmed who got married in August, with several Otters joining them on their big days.



Ollie Caldwell and Aisha Ahmed

BLAST FROM THE PAST

This old photo John Gordon found in his loft may be of nostalgic interest to some of our older Otter members. It shows (left to right): Top: Dr Roger Lloyd-Mostyn, Duncan Kemp, Alistair Crawford (Team Manager), Murray (Tich) McClaughlan, Tony Milton
Bottom: John Gordon, George Hill
John recalls it was taken in Antwerp, Belgium, following



the team's win in the Van Scaldis Tournament (European Club Championships). Otter won the trophy three times. Following the third win we were permitted to keep the trophy but returned it and won it a fourth time.

Four of these members - John (back), George (breast), Murray (fly) and Tony (fc) - later that year were members of the team which claimed the 110 yards Medley Team title at the ASA National Championships at Crystal Palace for a fourth time.



The self styled Mature Otters meet on the first Wednesday of each month for a gentle swim and a less gentle social. The photo above is of the December gathering together with Coach Steve at the Sea Fresh restaurant near the Queen Mother Sports Centre. If you would like more information please contact to Charles Doxat (cdoxat@btinternet.com).

We're always keen to receive photos and the memories that go with them for our Annual Reports, particularly given Otter's 150th anniversary approaches in 2019. Please send contributions to Gina Hobson or James Stewart (e-mail addresses at the end of this report).

OTHER NEWS

The **Bath Cup** was inaugurated in 1910 and since 1948 Otter has organised this historic event. The **Otter Medley** trophy has been competed for since 1951. In March the Bath and Otter Medley Cup competitions were hosted at the London Aquatics Centre for the second time, with representatives from Independent Schools across the UK taking advantage of racing in the Olympic pool, and some of Otter's members

volunteering to support by officiating. In 2015, The Royal Belfast Academical Institution lifted the Bath Cup and dead heated with Reeds School in the Otter Medley, while Guildford High School again won both girls' events.

The night before the Bath Cup a select team of operatives, led by Captain Dave Roberts, competed for Otter in the Otter Challenge Match at St Paul's School. This event has been held for over 30 years and is regularly contested by some of the best swimming schools in the UK; in 2015 this included The Royal Belfast Academical Institution and Reeds School. Proving that experience can still test youth, the Otter team managed a credible second place behind The Royal Belfast Academical Institution.



London Aquatics Centre

2016 AND BEYOND

In 2016 London's Aquatics Centre hosts the LEN European Masters championships, which will immediately follow the elite European Championships. Coach Steve is tailoring our training specifically with this meet in mind and, notwithstanding the entry challenges that have occurred, we hope to send a massive team of Otters from across the Club to compete.

In addition, Otter's anniversary approaches – in 2019 we will celebrate 150 years of the Club. Otter is one of the oldest swimming clubs in the country and played a significant role in the foundation of swimming's structures, governance and Masters swimming in the UK (including the formation of the ASA and running the first Masters swimming meet see clipping below from the Swimming Times); we are rightly proud of the Club's history.

Masters' Swimming gets underway

the Masters' swimming disease which swept throughout America so rapidly in 1970 and 1971 is on the verge of doing a repeat stint in Britain.

On November 17 and 18, the Otter Swimming Club will hold the first major Masters' Swimming Meet in this country at the City University Pool, Northampton Square, London. This first Meet, which is open to swimmers from any club, is intended to be a pilot scheme in order to set a pattern for future events.

The first revolutionary move was in getting the ASA to agree to both amateurs and professionals swimming together for the first time ever. This aroused immediate interests and entries are already pouring in from all corners of Britain.

The age groups employed are close to the American system with five and ten year gaps being introduced. Most of the events are short and the women's programme only caters for a 35 year group

1972 MASTERS' MEET
(Under ASA Laws)

ORGANISED BY THE
OTTER SWIMMING CLUB
AND OPEN TO BOTH
AMATEURS and PROFESSIONALS

The first ever contest for older age groups will be held at the CITY UNIVERSITY POOL on **NOVEMBER 17th at 8 p.m. and the 18th at 10 a.m.**

A meet open to age groupers from 25 years upwards; send entries to Hon. Masters' Secretary, 180 Balmoral Road, North Watford, Herts. (Tel. Watford 29331)

Afterwards a Buffet Supper to be held as a Social on the 18th, tickets priced **£1.25 each**. Please state number of tickets required with entry.

HURRY WITH ENTRIES —
closing date, NOV. 10th

PROGRAMME
(50 yards)



CLUB PERFORMANCE: SWIMMING

CLUB RACING & ACTIVITIES

HANDICAP EVENTS

Dave Warren

The Otter tradition of handicap events is almost as old as the Club itself (beginning in 1870), which is evident in the age of the trophies awarded to each event winner, several of which are over 100 years old. Perhaps the most striking trophy is the George Rope Averages Trophy, an “otter on a plinth” donated in 1911 and awarded to the person with the greatest cumulative points gained across all the handicap events that year. A separate trophy, the Frank Sachs Challenge Cup, donated in 1923 is also awarded to the overall cumulative winner of the three open water events.

The handicap events include both open water and pool swims spread throughout the year with the open water events swum in the warmer summer months. The pool events are swum within a normal Otter swim session to allow as many swimmers as possible to participate. These events are really for everyone; men and women, and any stroke can be swum (with the exception of the 400 IM handicap). These provide a great chance for those who don't normally compete an opportunity to “beat” the more experienced competitive swimmers because each swimmer is given a pre-determined handicap time by the Honorary Handicapper with the intention of all swimmers finishing together. Those that show the greatest improvement from their handicap time will therefore win the event.

The recent overall competitions have been very close, with joint winners Felicity Hannon and Pip Bennett sharing the overall handicap trophy in 2014. 2015 was no exception, with the overall winner only determined by placings in the very last event.

The open water events in June and July were the first to be competed in 2015. The first being the Otter Mile, held in The Thames at Windsor. This is a flat start where all swimmers start together and the handicap positions calculated based upon improvement from (or nearest to) expected time and resulted in a win for Jess Trelvellick.

The second event, the Half Mile, was held in The Thames at Wargrave hosted by Henley Sailing Club. It is pre-seeded and has a staggered start, the first swimmer back to the club house winning the event, which this year was Nico Barber.



Head Swimming Coach, Steve Bratt



Swimmers prepare for the Half Mile

The third and final open water event, the quarter-mile, was swum in Parliament Hill Lido with swimmers starting with pre-seeded handicap start times. James Third won the event. Consistency was the key for the winner of the Open Water Handicap events with Pip Bennett taking the Frank Sachs Challenge Cup after placing 6th for the mile handicap, and 2nd in both the half- and quarter- mile events. The top three for open water ranking were:

1. Pip Bennett, 17 points
2. Chris Sutton, 13
3. Lex Higlett, 12

The pool handicap events started with the Club Championship 100m Freestyle. This is the only pool handicap event without a pre-determined staggered start, instead everyone starts together as a normal race and a pre-determined handicap is “sealed” and used to calculate the handicap winner at the end of the event. The remaining handicap events are all held with the traditional staggered start. Also run is the Veteran's 50m Handicap, which is exclusive for the 45 and over's only and hence is not included in the overall handicap rankings.

The winners of each of the handicap events for 2015 were:

- Sealed 100m: Annette Coomer
- 150m Freestyle: Aeron Brown



200m Freestyle: Monika Kruesmann

100m Freestyle: Monika Kruesmann

125m Freestyle: Matt Lawes

Veteran's 50m: Simon Williams

50m Freestyle: Giuseppe Bonavota

400m IM: Monika Kruesmann

Again, consistency is the key to winning the overall championship, and throughout the year Pip Bennett performed well, along with Enrico Hahn, who improved throughout the latter events. Because of his open water points, Pip led the overall rankings throughout the year; but a late surge and significant improvement in times led to the three individual event wins for Monika Kruesmann. Her third win in the 400m IM took her past Pip in the rankings and made her the overall winner of the George H. Rope Averages Trophy. She showed great improvement from her times of previous years and improved her 4th place overall position from 2014. The top six overall for 2015 were:

1. Monika Kruesmann, 34 points
2. Pip Bennett, 30
3. Enrico Hahn, 22
4. Giuseppe Bonavota, 21
5. Ed Von Herberstein, 20
6. Wade Rimbach, 19

Well done to all event winners and special congratulations to the overall handicap champions who will be presented with their awards at the 2016 Otter Dinner.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the annual club championships a total of ten races are run across the year, which are open to all Club members and have a variety of trophies up for grabs. This year, Dave Warren won the men's title for a sixth time, with Wade Rimbach taking second and Josh Sambrook-Smith in third. For the ladies, Lex Higlett won the overall trophy for the first time, with Annette Coomer in second and Monika Kruesmann third. The individual trophy winners are detailed at the end of this report.

TRAINING CAMP, LA SANTA

Chris 'Ginger Babies' Sutton



In September, a record (in recent years, at least) 39 Otters and friends made their way to the La Santa resort in Lanzarote for the annual swim training camp. There was a great mixture of swimmers and polo players, as well as new and old members from across the training lanes. The week was a roaring success with Coach Steve very pleased with the training leading up to short course nationals. There were other highlights too, including a large group of Where's Wallys descending onto the resort, which may well have prompted Jess Trelvellick's new budding career as a tour guide.





OPEN COMPETITIONS

Otters compete in numerous local, national and international meets over the course of the year. It would be impossible to mention them all here, so what follows is a selection of highlights.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dave Roberts

A big effort by Otter swimmers in Barnet on Sunday 7 June saw the Club retain its position as top Masters club in the Middlesex county. The Middlesex Masters Championships is always a good opportunity for swimmers to make their first competitive appearance for Otter, and this year Wade Rimbach (30-34 year age group), Dontony Gill-Nasadi (18-24), Josh Sambrook-Smith (30-34), Paul Fakley (45-49), Sharon Wright (55-59) and Daiga Taurite (30-34) all made their Otter debuts. In fact some of the best swims of the day came from our debutantes, including Wade narrowly touching out Josh to take the 50m back title in exciting fashion, Josh taking gold in the 50m breast, Paul seemingly winning every race he swam, and Dontony, Daiga and Sharon all beating their entry times and picking up a number of medals along the way.

Special mention also goes to Rebecca Mulcahy (18-24), Tracey Allen (25-29), Peggy Etiebet (35-39), and Emma Shkurka (30-34) who transferred their water polo talents to the racing pool for the day with great success. Peggy picked up a fantastic gold in the 50m breast, as did Emma in the 50m fly. Both Rebecca and Tracey picked up a number of medals in their very competitive age groups.

The Otter entries spanned the age groups. Ted Evans completely dominated the 80-84 age group, and most notably won the 50m breast in a British Record time of 52.30 seconds. Roger Phillips picked up a pile of medals in the 70-74 year age group, whilst despite being at the wrong end of the 55-59 year age group Peter Kirk comfortably won all of his events. Coach Steve Bratt multi-tasked by seamlessly switching from his coaching duties on poolside to pick up a number of medals in the water.

At the younger end of the spectrum Oliver Wilson, Neal Thomson and Kim Lam Liu set some extremely fast times throughout the day in the 18-24 age group, taking all the podium positions in a number of events.

Thanks in no small part to the logistical skills of Tony Ray, Otter managed to field an array of relay teams. The relay races provided their usual level of excitement, with Otter dominating many of the age groups and picking up numerous medals of all colours.

GB LONG COURSE NATIONALS, MANCHESTER

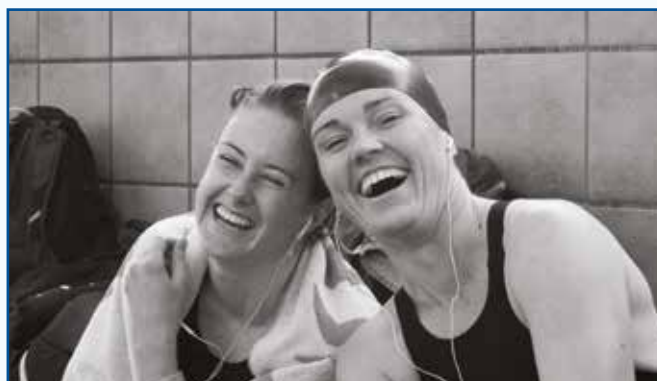
Dave Roberts



Dave Warren, Paul Goudie, Pete Kirk, Mike Reys, Manchester

Following on from our success at the Middlesex championships, 26 Otters made the trip up to Manchester for the annual National Long Course Championships. There were a number of European and British records achieved, as well as a large haul of medals of all colours.

The 200+ relay team of Mike Reys, Paul Goudie, Pete Kirk and Dave Warren broke the European record in the 4x100 free, and also broke the British record in the 4x200 free. Individually, Dave Warren won four golds, breaking British records in the 200IM, 100 free and 200 free. Particularly impressive given he's at the top of the 40-44 age group. Derek Parr managed five golds, a silver and a bronze in an impressive medal haul, whilst Roger Lloyd-Mostyn picked up four medals including a silver and three bronzes. Lex Higglett and Gina Hobson both became national champions in their respective age groups, with Lex winning the 50m and 200m free, and Gina winning the 50m and 100m free.



Lex Higglett & Olivia Reynolds, Manchester



In the men's 30-34 year age group newcomer, Wade Rimbach, picked up a gold in the 200m back and bronzes in the 100m back and 400IM. In the 18-24 year age group, Oliver Wilson won the 50m free in a fantastic British record, and also picked up gold in the 100m free. Neal Thompson won a bronze in the 50m free in the same age group. Doubling up in a very tough first session, Pip Bennett won silver medals in both the 800m free and 400IM.

This is just a small selection of a set of great swims by the team, with the Club overall winning 23 golds, 10 silvers and 13 bronzes.



Liz Shaw, Manchester



Jess Trelvelick, Manchester

WORLD MASTERS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 KAZAN, RUSSIA

Pip Bennett

In an exciting move, FINA arranged for the World Masters Championships 2015 to take place at the same venue as the elite World Championships (in Kazan, Russia) with some overlap of events. Hence, Masters athletes who went out early to prepare for the open water or long distance pool swimming were able to gain some inspiration by watching the elite athletes compete on the world stage.

This year two Otters competed: Wade Rimbach and Pip Bennett. The latter arrived early in Kazan as he had the open water event held on a similar, albeit shorter, course as the elite swimmers. Pip finished fifth in the 30-34 age group, winning a sprint finish over an Argentinian athlete by a mere 0.1 seconds. He was very pleased with this result as at last year's Worlds in Montreal he finished 12th.

Wade (also 30-34 years) arrived a few days later and the two of them set out to compete in the fantastic 'Aquatics Palace' facility. This held two 50m pools, a diving pit and a superb results system - evidence that being linked to the main championships was beneficial. Numbers at this event were lower than the last two World Championships in Montreal and Riccione, but at the sharp end of the competition the standard was as expected at the World Championships level. The lower numbers meant that warming up for swimming events was much easier and less like the people-soup that has been a feature of some competitions.

Athletes may only compete in five pool events across the Championships so careful thought needs to be given about what to enter. Both Pip and Wade greatly enjoyed the experience. They brought home a respectable five World Masters Championships medals between them for top ten finishes (three for Pip and two for Wade).



It is hoped that the Worlds in Budapest in 2017 will feature a larger Otter team!

Top results were as follows:

Pip Bennett	Open Water 5th	800 free 5th	400IM 5th
Wade Rimbach	200m back 6th	100m back 10th	200IM 11th



Pip Bennett & Wade Rimbach, Kazan

ASA SHORT COURSE NATIONALS, SHEFFIELD

Dave Roberts

The penultimate weekend of October saw a contingent of 42 Otters travel to Sheffield to take part in the National Short Course Championships. There were many excellent performances.

It was great to see many new faces representing the Club for the first time, including Catherine Demont and Jessica Safir, who swam strongly in the sprint freestyle events. The Club was well represented in the youngest age group by Alex Fraser and Dontony Gill-Nasadi. Special mention also goes to Aeron Brown, who managed to fit a number of speedy swims in between assisting Steve Bratt on the coaching side.

Many swimmers had very busy schedules, including Nico Barber, who swam all the free events bar the 1500m, picking up a silver in the 800m and a bronze in the 400m. Craig Gillespie showed his versatility by swimming a range of events in the extremely tough 25-29 year age group, picking up a bronze in the 200IM. Lex Higlett also had great free swims in the women's 30-34 year age group, including a gold in the 200m and a bronze in the 400m.

Both Dave Warren and Gina Hobson came back with a haul of medals. Dave won ten individual medals, including seven golds. Gina won nine individual medals, including an excellent gold in the 100m free.

In the older age groups we also did very well, in spite of not having some of the usual 50-60 year-olds. In the women's events, Liz Shaw swam a PB in the 200m breast, and there were solid swims from Martha Dean and Lesley Davies.

We were very strong in the 240+ relays with two golds and one bronze for the men, and golds in the mixed 4x100 and 4x200 freestyle relays. In the men's 280+ relays we were virtually unassailable with three gold and two silver medals.

Individual male performances of note include Ted Evans, who swam in four events and won gold in all of them, just missing a couple of GB records. Roger Lloyd-Mostyn's gold and three silvers out of five events and Mike Wake's silver and four bronzes from six swims were also very impressive, especially since they are both at the top of their age groups. However, they were overshadowed by Derek Parr, who swam in three relays and nine individual events and managed not only to win six gold and three silver individual medals, but to take out the GB records in the 50m and 200m fly!



Coaches Steve Bratt & Aeron Brown, Sheffield



Tony Ray

INTERCOUNTY COMPETITION, MIDDLESEX

14 Otters were selected to compete for Middlesex at the annual inter counties competition on 15 December. We traipsed to Barnet to join our team mates from Teddington, Barnet Copthall and beyond, to take on teams from six other counties in the South East region. A gruelling lactate session of multiple 50m sprints followed (with swimmers competing in 18+, and then 10 year age bands from 25+), with some lucky enough to compete in multiple age groups and in the 12x25m squadron at the end.

This year we saved our best results until last and it was only with the final race that we over took leaders, Hampshire, to win the trophy. It was a fantastic team effort by all involved, with swimmers willingly stepping up to swim their unfavoured strokes so we gained valuable points. Thanks to Aeron Brown, Catherine Delmont, Gina Hobson, Laure Kearns, Kim Liu, Derek Parr, Olivia Reynolds, Wade Rimbach, Dave Roberts, Michelle Senecal, Ben Thomas, Neal Thompson, Dave Warren and Oliver Wilson and here's to retaining the trophy next year!

DECATHLON

The Decathlon is an annual national competition in which Masters swimmers accumulate points for swims in up to ten (of 18) different events in six categories (all four strokes, distance free and IM). Points are awarded for individual swims on an age-adjusted basis, allowing competition between all Masters swimmers, whatever their age. It was set up to encourage swimmers to branch out and race in more than just their normal, favoured events.

Otter has proven to be the dominant club since the Decathlon competition was launched. In recent years, the ladies' team has won the title in 2010, 2012-2014, with the men winning in 2010-2013. Sadly, in 2015 neither the men's nor women's team were able to secure the top spot: the men's team achieved third, with the women's in fourth. Some work to be done!

In the individual competition, Dave Warren fought off a strong challenge from Mike Hodgson (Guildford City) to win the men's title by just 23 points. Dave's now won the title six times since 2009 and, while it gets tougher every year, he continues to demonstrate he's the UK's most versatile male Masters swimmer.



Dave Warren hands over to Dave Roberts, while Gina Hobson looks on



CLUB PERFORMANCE:

WATER POLO – Ladies

2015 was another big year for Otter Ladies water polo.

- *The Otter Junior ladies' teams had a blinder. The Otter 2001s U/15s team were champions of the National Age Group girls' competition; the U/17s successfully defended their title to be named National Age Youth champions for the second year in a row; the U/19s were National Age Group Junior silver medalists; and the 2002s U/15 development team finished a promising 5th in the nation in their first competition for Otter*
- *The Otter first team was once again the best team in London and one of the best teams in the country finishing runners up in the top division of the British Water Polo League (BWPL), and qualifying for British Championships and LEN Euro Cup for the 6th consecutive year*
- *Otter Lutra finished 5th in the BWPL Championship 1*
- *Eight Otters were selected to represent their country in international competition*



Liz Dunn

OTTER FIRST TEAM *Lex Higlett*

Ladies' first team 2015/16: Tracey Allen, Lex Higlett, Holly Campbell, Liz (Turny) Dunn, Claudia Ferrone, Izzy Dean, Mhairi Nurthen, Brooke Tafazolli (vc), Emma-Louise Hamilton Foster, Peggy Etiebet (c), Kathy Rogers, Hannah Patchett and Kate O'Brian

Coach: Nick Buller

Ladies first team results:

4th 2015 British Champs

3rd 2015 British Water Polo League (BWPL) Div 1

2nd 2016 BWPL Super 5s

Back in May 2015, a newly formed Otter first team kicked off the 2015 season at the British Championships. With five players from the Otter Super 5s team unavailable for selection, the team was an exciting mix of experienced first team players and new young Lutra additions (Hannah Patchett, Mhairi Nurthen, Izzy Dean and Kathy Rogers). The young Otter team had a tough draw which saw them line up against the 2014 Super 5 winners, City of Liverpool, in the opening match. Never daunted, Otter started the games strongly. Goals from Peggy Etiebet, Izzy Dean and Emma Hamilton Foster had Otter leading at the end of the first half. But the BWPL and GB champions mounted a comeback in the 3rd, before winning the game 10-7 and relegating Otter to the bronze medal match. The next morning's fight for 3rd place was another tightly contested match with Otter and City of Manchester trading goals throughout the game. With the scores locked in the 4th and the clock winding down it looked certain that the game



Otter Ladies' 1st team

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would end in penalties. But then, with 12 seconds to go, Manchester scored a last gasp goal, stealing the game 9-8 and the bronze medal with it. Liverpool were the eventual champions beating Coventry 6-2 in the final.

After a few months rest to regroup and train, the Otter first team hit September and phase 1 of the BWPL running. Otter cruised through the BWPL Division 1 with wins against London Penguins (16-3), Caledonia (14-9), Leeds Sharks (21-2), Coventry (11-8) and Sheffield (19-10). The two losses, both on the opening weekend to Manchester (9-8) and Liverpool (14-10), meant the team finished the first half of the season in 3rd place and qualified for the BWPL Super 5s for the fifth year in a row. Three Otters featured amongst the Division 1 top goal scorers: Italian import Claudia Ferrone (18), Aussie Lex Higlett (17) and youngster Izzy Dean (10).

The Super 5's season saw Otter really hit their stride. A solid press and threatening counter attack, combined with strong work in centre back and forward and in goal, saw Otter go 2nd in the table on the 2nd weekend of competition. From there the team never looked back. Tough losses to Liverpool (8-4), (10-5) and Coventry (9-5) were hard to swallow, but the team rallied and showed their class fighting back in the 4th quarter for a (9-9) draw with Coventry. The squad really showed their strength and class grinding out two impressive team wins against Manchester (5-3), (10-5) and overpowering Caledonia (14-6), (12-4). Otter finished the Super 5's competition as runners up to Liverpool, and now look forward to going one better and winning the British Championships in May.

It was a season where every single player contributed and worked hard for the team. The team's success was based on a strong defense, but pleasingly everyone was a threat in attack too. A total of 9 Otters scored double digits this season. Italian import, Claudia, was the team's top goal scorer with 31 goals, while Lex netted 26.

LEN WOMEN'S EURO LEAGUE

The first team also had the privilege of taking on some of Europe's best teams in Group C of the LEN Euro League 2016. Competing in the 'group of death' in Portuense, Portugal, Otter put 5 goals past defending champions Olympiacos in their opening match. Kate O'Brien scored the team's solitary goal in a 19-1 loss to another Greek side, Vouliagmeni, before Otter suffered a heart breaking 12-8 defeat to Portuguese hosts Portuense. The team bounced back though holding 2015 LEN Trophy runners-up Padova to a 15-3 scoreline in the final game.

The team would like to thank the Club, once again, for all its support. We'd also like to give a massive thank you to our brilliant sponsors, Physio in the City. Without you we would not be able to compete in Europe, and we thank you for helping us to make that possible for our players.



Tracey Allen



Otter first team (right) at LEN Euro League



OTTER LUTRA *Emma Shkurka*



Helena Phillips

Otter Lutra Team 2015/16: Alex Hill, Anna Szyszko, Bron Bew, Catherine Freeman, Ella Wyrwas, Ellie Danielson, Emma Shkurka (c), Heather Keith, Helena Phillips, Isobel Keith, Lindsey Williams (vc), Rebecca Mulchay, Sarah Benett, Sarah Tollefson, Sasha Tinkler-Davies. Coach: Nick Buller

Otter Lutra began their 2015/16 BWPL campaign in Sheffield over 12-13 September. This year's team included new juniors Ella Wyrwas, Heather and Isobel Keith, together with Alex Hill and some more familiar faces stepping down from the first team (Sarah Benett and Sarah Tollefson). Lutra had a strong first weekend with a 4-4 draw against Hucknall and a comfortable win over Manchester Comets (14-5).

The team were back in action over 17-18 October at Marlborough College. After a disappointing result against local rivals Mid Sussex Marlins, Lutra showed their fighting spirit with a 17-5 victory over Tyldesley. Sunday saw a tight match against Liverpool Liverbirds, which ended in a 4-4 draw, a satisfactory score line without a coach on pool side. The final weekend of division 2, in Walsall, required Lutra to win at least one of their two matches to ensure progression to Championship 1. Otter Lutra showed their dominance beating an experienced English Roses team 11-5, with 5 goals from newly appointed centre-forward Sarah Benett. Lutra started strongly in the second game against Welsh Wanderers, holding the Welsh to one goal per quarter to have the 8-2 advantage at half time. The 2nd half was closer but Lutra always looked in control and took the match 15-7. A successful weekend, securing a place in Championship 1.

Otter Lutra kicked off their Championship 1 title defence in Northampton over 16-17 January. The team were faced with a

tough Saturday schedule playing Sheffield and Leeds, both teams dropping from Division 1 in phase 1. Sheffield jumped to an early lead in the morning game, winning the 1st quarter 5-3. Otter outscored Sheffield in the 2nd and at the main break the scores were 6-5. Lutra couldn't quite close the gap and Sheffield took the game 15-10. A few hours later and Lutra were back in action against a strong Leeds side. There was nothing between the teams for most of the game. Leeds led the 1st quarter (4-3), the 3rd was a tight (1-0) and the 4th locked at 3-3. But it was the Leeds 2nd quarter, with 4 goals to Lutra's 1, which proved the difference, allowing Leeds a 12-7 win. The 3rd game of the weekend was against a more familiar opponent, Tyldesley. Lutra took the game by the scruff of the neck from the beginning, winning 21-7. Seven Otters scored, with Rebecca Mulchay and Lindsey Williams claiming 5 goals each.

The penultimate weekend was over 30-31 January in Liverpool. In the weekend's first match Lutra started strongly against Hucknall, with only 1 goal between the teams at half time. Unfortunately, Hucknall proved too strong, eventually winning 9-5. The final match of the weekend was an extremely frustrating affair. Lutra created all the opportunities, including 14 man up situations, but were unable to capitalise and despite a late comeback, 2 goals in the final 2 minutes of the match, Lutra lost 5-6.

Following the disappointment of the previous matches, Lutra had something to prove, and faced their two London rivals, Penguin and Marlins. Lutra started strongly against Penguin and went into the 2nd half of the match with a 2 goal lead. Penguin made an unexpected rally and brought the score back to 9-8 late in the final quarter. However, Lutra's fitness proved too much for Penguin and 2 counter-attack goals secured an 11-8 victory. Sarah Benett led the scoring with 4 goals and there were hat tricks for both Sarah Tollefson and Emma Shkurka. Lutra went into Sunday's match with renewed confidence; however, a win for Marlins would secure them promotion to division 1. As anticipated it was a tough match and the teams were tied 2-2 at the main break. The patience and determination paid off and 3 goals from Rebecca in the 3rd quarter gave Lutra the lead. However, Marlins were not ready to accept defeat and brought the scores level at 6-6 with 5 minutes to play.



Otter Lutra team with Nick Buller



Otter Lutra dug deep and found the back of the net twice to win 8-6. It was not the 3rd Championship 1 title the team had hoped for, however the season had been thoroughly enjoyable and finished on a high with 2 fantastic wins, firmly securing Otter as the top ladies polo club in London. A special mention must go to Rebecca who finished 3rd on the Championships Hot Shot list with 22 goals.

NATIONAL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lex Higlett

2015 was another brilliant year for our Otter female juniors, who won both the U/15 and U/17 nationals titles, and finished runners up in the U/19 age group.

The **Otter U/19s** cruised through the qualification games of this year's National Age Group Water Polo Championship with strong performances vs Liverpool (7-7), City of Leeds (24-1), Crawley (11-7) and a loss to Manchester (4-11).

In April, Otter U19s went one better than last year at the National Age Group finals, finishing 2nd. They beat Crawley 10-8 in the semi final, before losing a tense battle with Manchester in the final, 10-8. Captain, Hannah Patchett, was Otter's top scorer for the weekend.

Otter U17s retained the National Age Group Youth Championship title. Led by captain, Sasha Tinkler Davies, Otter, City of Liverpool and Exeter all defeated each other to tie the group stage. Otter then went on to beat Liverpool (13-7) in the semi final before overcoming tournament favourites, Manchester (9-7). Otter's Dani Brazier was the team's top scorer and Most Valuable Player of the tournament.



The **Otter 2001/2002** girls enjoyed a very successful Under 15s National Age Group tournament in Manchester in October 2015. Otter fielded two teams in the competition, an older 2001 team containing many England Talent players and a younger team of up and coming 2002 players. Coached by Nick Buller and Peggy Etiebet, both teams played exceptionally well.

The Otter '01s opened their 2015 campaign with an immediate display of strength, posting emphatic wins in their group games over last year's champions, City of Manchester (21-1), Cheltenham (23-2), Rotherham Metro (7-2), and Tyldesley (13-2). In the semi final they beat Welsh Wanderers (12-5) before defeating City of Liverpool (7-3) in the final. Otter '01 captain, Lily Turner, was named Most Valuable player of the tournament, with Barbola Toth named best goal keeper.

The Otter '02s had hard fought wins against Manchester and Cheltenham, finishing 3rd in the Plate competition. A brilliant result from a very young team with lots of promise, which is well placed to defend Otters U/15s National Age Group title next year.



LONDON LEAGUE

After a year's absence from local competition, Otter ladies returned to London League action in the summer of 2015. Otter won Division 1 Ladies League after finishing the season undefeated. The win was a great squad effort with 16 different players from Otter, Lutra and the U/17 Otter National Age Group team combining over three weekends to take the title. Despite the number of players and people playing together for the first time Otter was consistent throughout. The team beat West London Penguin 7-0 and 7-1, Mid Sussex Marlins 6-2 and 6-1, Beckenham 8-3 and 8-0 and Chelmsford 12-2.



INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION AND AWARDS

Lex Higlett

Izzy Dean, Kathy Rogers, Mhairi Nurthen, Dani Brazier and Coach Nick Buller were all selected to represent GB U/17s at the **2015 European Games in Baku**, where more than 6,000 athletes from 50 nations took part across 20 sports. Anna Syzyko was named as a reserve for the tournament. The water polo competition was an U/17s tournament, which the GB team qualified for with wins over Portugal and Switzerland.

After an opening day 20-2 loss to pre-tournament favourite Greece, GB responded strongly in their 2nd game against Germany. GB was on top for large periods of the game, with Otter's Izzy Dean (joint top scorer for the Brits) a constant threat in attack. But Germany finished with steely resolve closing the game out 10-8. The 3rd game saw GB go down (19-6) to a tough and aggressive Netherlands side. But the GB players picked themselves up and in the next game held on and recorded their first victory of the Games against Israel (13-9). The final group game of the saw GB take on Hungary. Two goals to Kathy Rogers and another to Dani Brazier saw GB trailing by one at the half way point. But Hungary then piled on the pressure and ran away with the game (16-4).

After finishing fifth in Group A the team set their sights on the first classification match against Serbia. But playing 6 grueling games on 6 consecutive days proved too much, and GB's hopes of a top 10 finish were dashed as they fell 11-3 to Serbia. The team bounced back again to secure 11th place and finish the tournament on a high with a 10-5 win over Israel.

GB Captain, Izzy Dean, was adamant the team would only take positives from their experience in Baku, having played 3 of the top 6 European water polo nations (Greece, the Netherlands and Hungary), for the first time in the careers of all but one of the squad. "We learned so much," said Dean. "It was just an invaluable experience for us all. It was our first time competing in such a high profile multi-sport event... So it was definitely a great start for our water polo careers."

Brooke Tafazolli and Kathy Rogers were both selected to compete for GB U/20s at the **2015 FINA World Women's Junior Water Polo Championships**. Brooke, a member of the Otter first team, was also named Vice Captain for the championships which took place from 17-23 August. Hannah Patchett and Matilda Williams narrowly missed out on selection after being part of the team for the qualification tournament in 2014.

The preliminary group matches were tough for the GB team, who went down to bronze medalists and hosts Greece (27-4), Japan (22-8) and Russia (22-6). But GB bounced back with a mature 10-4 victory over South Africa in the classification round. GB finished 14th in the competition, meeting their target for the competition.

Three Otters were selected to represent Scotland in 2015. Holly Campbell continued her stellar form for the Scottish women's team at the **8 Nations tournament** held in Dublin (15-17 May), where the team finished 5th. Otter Lutra and National Age Group players, Isobel Keith and Heather Keith, also got the call up for Scotland in 2015. Heather and Isobel represented the Scottish U/18s at the EU 10 Nations in Prague, where the team finished 7th, and at the North Sea Cup in Denmark, where Scotland finished 3rd.



Water polo ladies enjoying the Otter training camp



Otter's continued to excel in and out of the pool in 2015, winning various awards. Otter first team member, Hannah Patchett, was awarded the 2015 AASE (Athlete Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence) Water Polo Apprentice of the Year. The AASE is a government-funded initiative that's designed to help young people (16-18 years) combine education and sport. It's aimed at athletes who have the potential of achieving excellence in their sport – and want to make a career of performing at the highest level – but who also want to continue their education.

Meanwhile, Izzy Dean was awarded the Middlesex ASA A.Van Beets Memorial Trophy for outstanding achievement in water polo and the Middlesex ASA Ron Turner Memorial Trophy for the most improved junior water polo player. Izzy is the first girl to have ever been awarded the Ron Turner Memorial Trophy. Izzy, along with team mates Mhairi Nurthen, Kathy Rogers, Brooke Tafazolli and Coach Nick Buller, were also awarded certificates to congratulate them on their international representation at the European Games and Junior World Championships on behalf of Middlesex ASA.



Holly Campbell



CLUB PERFORMANCE:

WATER POLO - Men

OTTER FIRST TEAM

Leon Estrella

British Water Polo League (BWPL)

The BWPL Division 3 kicked off in mid September in Sheffield. Otter started the campaign against University of Bristol. With a full squad and 4 goals from Daniel Shunn, Otter were 8-3 winners. However, the winning streak did not last long as the team fell to Hucknall (12-7).

Otter's misfortune remained for the duration of the first phase of the BWPL season. The team went to Lancaster at the beginning of October and came back without a victory against Watford, Birmingham and Exeter.

Division 3 culminated in Watford at the end of October. Otter managed another mixed bag of results, losing to Southampton (9-6) but netting a couple of points against the City of York. Otter fire power was led by our Hungarian duo, Mate Nyaka and Denes Csizsinszky, with 7 goals between them.

Otter was back in action at the end of November in Liverpool to start the second phase of the BWPL (Championship 3). Sadly, Otter were not able to convert time invested in training into winning results with negative results against Ealing, Castleford and Bridgefield.

In Grantham in January, Otter was able to secure a couple of points against Cheltenham Spartans. Brian Whitlock, who flew across the Atlantic especially for the occasion, led Otter's attack during the match contributing 5 goals. In the other match of the weekend, Otter went down against Cambridge by a single goal. Unfortunately, that result buried all hopes to qualify for Division 3 for next season.

As a result, the Otter first team will need to rebuild during the year and be ready to start BWPL in Division 4 in September 2016.

LONDON LEAGUE

The Otter first team also competed in the London League - Division 1. The division was dominated by an exceptionally strong Bexley team, led by 3 members of the GB men's water polo side from the London Olympics. By finishing 2nd Otter were able to challenge the last but one



placed team in the Premier division, Sutton & Cheam, to a promotion/relegation playoff game. The game, played in mid December in Croydon, was an intense, evenly matched affair throughout. A Sutton goal in the very last minute of the final quarter saw them come through as winners. The Otter first team will again compete division 1 next season, but with every expectation that promotion to the premier division is there for the taking.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Points
1 Bexley	12	12	0	0	235	90	145	36
2 Otter 1s	12	9	0	3	141	110	31	30
3 Croydon Amphibians 2s	12	8	0	4	124	126	-2	28
4 Avondale 1s	12	5	0	7	132	127	5	22
5 Kingston 1s	12	4	2	6	91	123	-32	22
6 Guildford 1s	12	1	1	10	74	169	-95	13
7 Basildon 1s	12	1	1	10	52	104	-52	11

OTTER SECOND TEAM

Paul Hindle

The Otter II team competed in the London League - Division 3, finishing in 4th position.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Points
1 Ealing 2s	10	9	0	1	110	64	46	27
2 BDAC Eastern Otter 1	10	7	0	3	92	77	15	24
3 Enfield 2s	10	6	0	4	129	104	25	22
4 Otter 2s	10	5	0	5	105	88	17	19
5 Blue Marlins 1s	10	3	0	7	57	101	-44	15
6 Central London Orcas 1s	10	0	0	10	50	109	-59	9
7 Basildon 1s	12	1	1	10	52	104	-52	11

In the Middlesex Water Polo League Otter II finished the season in 2nd position.

	P	W	D	L	Points
1 Penguin 2	8	8	0	0	16
2 Otter II	8	4	3	1	9
3 Ealing	8	3	5	0	6
4 Poly Purples	8	2	5	1	5
5 Enfield	8	2	6	0	4

In the Thameside Water Polo Association - Division 1, Otter II finished mid table.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Points
1 Avondale	8	7	0	1	105	59	46	22
2 Croydon Amphibians 2s	8	5	0	3	78	66	12	17
3 Citizens 1s	8	3	1	4	69	77	-8	15
4 Otter 2s	8	3	0	5	50	77	-27	14
5 Polytechnic Purples	8	1	1	6	54	77	-23	10



CLUB PERFORMANCE:

OTHER EVENTS

The range of Otters' activities and achievements outside of the pool continues to grow apace. A selection of these successes follows.

OPEN WATER



In addition to the Club's own open water events, an increasing number of Otters are taking part in other open water swims over the summer months, and 2015 was no different. Some more detailed accounts follow, but other highlights, in brief, include Michelle Senecal competing in the infamous 6.5km Bosphorus cross continental swim (finishing 2nd in her age group), and Peter Rae completing the Bonifacio Strait swim in a time of 4hrs 8mins (a record for a non-wetsuit swim) and enjoying the accompanying Sardinian hospitality, food and wine.

OPEN WATER MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, ROTHER VALLEY

Pip Bennett



Michelle Senecal, Dan Bullock, Pip Bennett and Jess Trelvellick, Rother Valley

On 2nd August, the Otters went to a sunny and blustery Rother Valley Country Park near Sheffield for the ASA Open Water National Championships. It is a pleasing indicator about the way the sport is going that there were so many entries there had to be split waves in the men's



3km race. Despite the warm water and hints of sun through threatening clouds, one half of the course was quite taxing with rough water blown up by the wind.

Not to be deterred, Pip Bennett (30-34) and Dan Bullock (45-49) went on to become national champions in their age groups and also were second and fourth overall, respectively, only beaten by a 20 year old who had recently represented the UK. In the women's race, the weather had continued to deteriorate but Jess Trevellick (25-29) and Michelle Senecal (35-39) dealt with the conditions well to finish 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in their own age-groups.

Next year we hope even more Otters will be tempted to try this event.

ANNUAL 'DOG'S BIRTHDAY SWIM', SHOREHAM

Chris 'Ginger Babies' Sutton

In August a group of around 20 Otters took part in the River Adur 2.5k and 3.5k swims in Shoreham. There was a strong Otter performance in the men's 2.5k with Otters taking the first 6 places, led home by James 'Foxcatcher' Third, closely followed by John Talbott and Greg Comiskey. In the women's



Otters at the River Adur swim

2.5k Otter took 6 of the first 7 places, with Madeline Parra winning the event and Gina Hobson coming home 2nd. After the exertions of the swim, a great BBQ and a few drinks were had at the Sutton household, where we were joined by the infamous dog, Barney, who was celebrating one of his regular birthdays.

TRIATHLON

Several Otters use the swim training sessions to help them to prepare for a variety of triathlon and other multi-sport events over the year. Amongst others, Anne Eden, Jason Parrish and Chris Owens have competed in various triathlons in 2015; including representing GB in their respective age groups at events such as the Middle Distance European Championships and the World ITU finals in Chicago (where Chris made the podium, coming 3rd in his age).

In October, Rachel Joyce (a member of Otter for over ten years) lined up against the rest of the world's top Ironman pro triathletes in Kona. She produced her 3rd podium finish at the World Championships, coming 2nd. Rachel has proven to be one of the world's most consistent top female Ironman athletes over the last few years.



Rachel Joyce, Kona





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2015 CHAMPIONSHIP RACES [MEN]	YEAR DONATED	EVENT	WINNER
(No trophy)		50m Freestyle	J. Sambrook-Smith
5th Humphrey's C.C.	1911	100m Freestyle	J. Sambrook-Smith
Major Collis Browne	1899	400m Freestyle	D. Warren
Brown C.C.	1889	100m Backstroke	D. Warren
2nd Annison C.C. (shared)	1914	100m Breaststroke	D. Warren
(No trophy)		50m Butterfly	D. Warren
Peters Tankard	1966	100m Butterfly	D. Warren
Ronald Edgar Salver (shared)	1952	100m Medley	D. Warren
Arthur Batt Trophy (shared)	1996	200m Medley	D. Warren
Dudley C.C.	1898	Mile Open Water	D. Warren
Buller C.C.	1905	Points Total	D. Warren

2015 CHAMPIONSHIP RACES [WOMEN]	YEAR DONATED	EVENT	WINNER
(No trophy)		50m Freestyle	L. Higlett
J.R.G. Millner C.C.	1977	100m Freestyle	L. Higlett
Club Trophy	2001	400m Freestyle	L. Higlett
Club Trophy	2001	100m Backstroke	L. Higlett
2nd Annison C.C. (shared)	1914	100m Breaststroke	C. Vrain
(No trophy)		50m Butterfly	L. Higlett
Club Trophy	2001	100m Butterfly	G. Hobson
Ronald Edgar Salver (shared)	1952	100m Medley	L. Higlett
Arthur Batt Trophy (shared)	1996	200m Medley	L. Higlett
C.G. Forsberg Memorial	2001	Mile Open Water	L. Higlett
Jackson Trophy	1993	Points Total	L. Higlett



2015 HANDICAP RACES	YEAR DONATED	EVENT	WINNER
Hodge C.C.	1970	10 Widths Handicap	(not swum)
Macdonald C.C.	1893	50m Handicap	G. Bonavota
Pyers Mostyn C.C.	1955	100m Handicap	M. Kruesmann
David Craig Salver	2004	100m Sealed Handicap	A. Coomer
Ladies' C.C.	1874	125m Handicap	M. Lawes
Baldon C.C.	1934	150m Handicap	A. Brown
Alfred Jonas C.C.	1935	200m Handicap	M. Kruesmann
Alex Ferguson Trophy	2008	400m IM Handicap	M. Kruesmann
Synge-Hutchinson C.C.	1931	Veterans' 50m Handicap	S. Williams
2nd Tom Batt C.C.	1948	Open Water Quarter Mile	J. Third
J.W. Rope Memorial	1921	Open Water Half Mile	N. Barber
Cunningham Plate	1951	Open Water Mile	J. Trevellick
Frank Sachs C.C.	1923	Open Water Points total	P. Bennett
George Rope Averages	1911	Handicap Points Total	M. Kruesmann

WATER POLO	YEAR DONATED	EVENT	WINNER
J.H.R. Haswell Trophy	1998	Men's Player of the Year	D. Csizinszky
Doug Woo award (men's)	2004	Most Improved Player	S. Brown
Water Polo Cup	2003	Women's Player of the Year	K. Rogers
Captain's trophy (ladies)	2014		E. Shkurka & T. Allen

2015 OTTER GOLF	YEAR DONATED	EVENT	WINNER
G.H. Rope C.C.	1923	Otter Golf	C. Doxat



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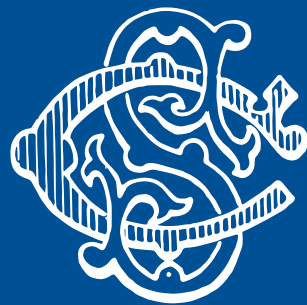
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