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OTTER
SWIMMING CLUB
150TH ANNIVERSARY

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2019



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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Paul Hindle

2019 - AN AMAZING 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The highlights:

- A fantastic 150th Anniversary Swimming & Water Polo Festival.
- A superb medal haul at the World Championships in South Korea, including 2 gold medals for Hayley Davis.
- Medals and Records galore at the British Long Course Masters and the Swim England Short Course Championships.
- Otter Ladies continue as the premier ladies water polo team in London and the South East.
- Otter Men's Water Polo top their division in phase 1 one of the 2019/20 British Water Polo League, and hopefully set fair for promotion back to Division 2 for next year

You can read all the details in this excellent Annual Report.



150th Anniversary

It has been a great privilege and pleasure to be Otter President during the 150th Anniversary; it has been a fabulous year. My personal favourite was the Anniversary Swimming and Water Polo Festival held in the Olympic pools at the London Aquatic Centre in July. Having the whole club come together once again for one day, at one venue, doing what we all love best and every minute, was a dream come true. Sadly, multi disciplinary Otter "Club Nights" have not been possible for many many years.

On behalf of all Otters, I would like to thank everyone who gave a helping hand in organising the Anniversary events, and say an extra special "thank you" to two outstanding Otters:

- Gina Hobson, for managing all the Anniversary arrangements. The time, effort and dedication she gave to making it all happen was immense, and
- James Stewart, for updating the Club History; the time and effort involved was massive.

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

As I write this President's Foreword we are now in a Coronavirus nightmare, the country is in lockdown, all Otter training has been suspended for the foreseeable future, the 2020 Olympics have been postponed, and almost everyone other than essential services workers is at home with only very restricted ability to go outside. We are living in profoundly unusual and anxious times.

Please all look after yourselves and your families.

Otter will be back in action as soon as we are able.



OTTER COMMITTEE 2019-20

THE OTTER COMMITTEE 2019/20

The principal decision making body of the club is the Committee. Its key functions are to set the strategic direction, manage financial affairs and oversee the ongoing health and welfare of the Club. The Committee meets formally once every 2 months. The meetings are either face to face or by conference call, depending on the matters to be discussed. Urgent matters are usually dealt with via email.

The 2019/20 Committee was elected at the April 2019 Annual General Meeting.

President	Paul Hindle
Vice President	Lesley Davies (Health & Safety, Welfare and Coaching)
Hon. Treasurer	Chris Eden
Hon. Secretary	Lesley Davies
Hon. Handicapper	Dave Warren
Captains of Swimming	Pip Bennett, Camille Vrain
Captain of Water Polo (Men):	Leon Estrella
Captain of Water Polo (Women):	vacant
Committee members	James Williams (Water Polo) Abi Hucker (Swimming), Sarah-Jane Law (Swimming) Ben Phelps (Swimming)



Swimming Captains Pip & Camille

MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

During the year, Otter welcomed 105 new members (compared with 114 in 2018), 43 of whom were water polo players (2018: 39). 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 was:-

	2019	2018
Active swimmers	112	116
Country swimmers	25	21
Non-active swimmers	64	64
Life member swimmers	34	34
Junior swimmers	5	6
Total swimmers	240	241
Active polo	55	52
Country polo	6	4
Non-active polo	17	18
Life member polo	8	8
Junior polo	80	55
Total polo	164	137
Total members	404	379

Thanks to the considerable efforts of the following, for signing up new members, policing memberships and more:-

Sarah-Jane Law, Emma Cartwright and Lesley Davies for swimmers; Jill Dean, Jill Rogers, Daryl Nurthen, Tracey Allen and Peggy Etiebet for ladies' polo; Leon Estrella, Ivor Sokolic, Paolo Sirianni and Paul Hindle for men's polo.

Thank you also to Emma Cartwright and Lesley Davies for handling the Club's ASA registrations especially the annual renewal and making sure last minute requests for registration are processed to get you into meets or tournaments; Tony Ray for running the shop and managing swimming competition entries; Pauline Turner and Nick Corjon for sorting out water polo-specific kit; and Michelle Senecal, Wade Rimbach, Daryl Nurthen, Leon Estrella and Paul Hindle for managing the pool bookings.

The Club website continues to be a key factor in attracting new. Please get in touch throughout the year if you have any contributions, whatever it is relates to!

Finally, thanks as ever go to Tom Burkinshaw for serving as honorary Club auditor again, ensuring the numbers sent out are up to scratch!



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Chris Eden

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW

Overall, the Club showed an operating deficit of £22,628, compared to the operating deficit in the prior year of £4,331. Net of other movements in reserves (made up by donations received into the Memorial Fund and the annual increase to the Trophy Insurance fund) the net deficit for the year £18.9k (2018: deficit £0.5k, 2017: surplus £5.0k).

The story of the year was an increase in membership subscription income (net of bad debts, which increased by approximately £1.6k – more below), and while most costs held steady, pool hire costs reduced and coaching costs increased. The club also incurred exceptional costs of £12.3k related to the 150th anniversary celebrations.

Pool costs decreased due to a couple of pools being closed for a period of time for maintenance. This was offset by the usual annual inflationary rises in hourly rates. Coaching costs increased due to appointing a new head coach in the year.

Membership numbers, excluding those competing only in the water polo age group tournaments, grew slightly (105 joiners, 83 leavers) although our member retention worsened slightly as shown by the churn rate (the monetary effect of people joining and leaving, when comparing expected income for a full annual subscription to what was actually received) at 38%, compared to 34% in 2018.

The bad debt figure, also connected to the churn figure, relates to expected income that has not been received. Some of this relates to some members paying lower monthly subs than the current advertised rate, but the majority is a result of subscription income not yet received by a large number of individuals believed to be members, which we are following up on. We hope to recover a portion of this in the coming months.

The balance sheet remains strong despite the deficit in the year, and as a result we still have the base to invest in the future opportunities. The committee continues to consider options to expand the geographical and timing options of sessions available to the Club's members. The morning sessions at QMSC on Mondays and Fridays are an example of the expansion of timing options and these have proved successful to date.

Looking forward to 2020, the initial budgeted session offering is over 700 coached swimming hours and over 530 coached polo hours over the year. We continue to take regular time at top-class facilities across London. As evidenced in this 150th anniversary year, Otter is a great club to be part of!

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 capital base. In this anniversary year, a number of Otters also made generous donations of £150 which contributed to offset the cost of various events, such as the dinner subsidy and the gala. As such, we thank the following:

Michael Amos, Ed Buckley, Matt Burgham, Alan Chaney, Michael Downs, Charles Doxat, Martin Flash, Tim Fraser, Wilton Fry, John Goodbody, Mark Grundy, Victor Hardy, James Hearn, Fiona Marshall, Hamilton Milton, Andrew Morton, Doug Payne, Mike Reys, Elizabeth Shaw, David Skidmore, James Stewart, Cliff Stossel, Bob Thomas, Bernard Thornton, Liz Turner, Hugh Turner, Dennis Warnford-Davis, Dave Warren, Gerry Willetts, Thibault Williams and Barbara Woodward.





INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - £

Year ended 31 Dec 2019

	2019	2018
Members income	127,484	123,323
Subscriptions income	116,752	112,958
Special sessions	-	1,010
Match fees	9,046	7,522
Prizes and general fund	1,686	1,833
Other income	1,807	1,705
Capital income	1,579	1,522
Miscellaneous income	228	183

TOTAL INCOME 129,291 125,028

Pools & equipment	(82,652)	(86,308)
Pool hire costs	(82,413)	(86,291)
Equipment costs	(239)	(17)

Coaching	(22,423)	(16,631)
Coaching costs	(22,423)	(16,631)

Activity costs	(19,516)	(14,345)
Water polo expenses	(11,634)	(8,955)
Swimming expenses	(866)	(805)
Affiliation costs	(5,123)	(4,555)
Prizes and trophies	(1,893)	(20)

Club activities	(1,695)	(592)
Dinner	-	214
Open water races	(269)	(416)
Shop sales	(1,426)	(390)

Administration	(13,363)	(11,483)
Insurance	(2,000)	(2,000)
Post and printing	(2,865)	(2,546)
Bad debts	(7,688)	(6,018)
IT costs	(252)	(457)
Miscellaneous costs	(558)	(462)

150th Anniversary	(12,271)	-
Dinner	(3,095)	-
Gala	(6,846)	-
Kit and marketing	(2,316)	-
Sundry	(13)	-

Total expenditure (151,919) (129,359)

(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS (22,628) (4,331)

'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 2019.' Hon Auditor. Tom Burkinshaw



BALANCE SHEET - £

Year ended 31 Dec 2018

	2019	2018
Trophies	35,000	35,000
Tangible fixed assets	35,000	35,000
Investments at cost	30,142	30,142
Self insurance investment	32,159	32,095
Investments	62,301	60,211
Fixed assets	97,301	95,211
Stock	4,088	5,178
Debtors	4,310	10,100
Cash at bank and in hand	19,553	24,635
Current assets	27,951	39,913
Creditors falling due within one year	(21,639)	(14,595)

Net current assets 6,312 25,318

TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES 103,613 122,555

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	42,212	40,526
Trophy insurance fund	30,983	28,983
Capital funds	94,490	90,804

Balance brought forward 20,833 25,164

Capital income and reserves - -

Result for year (22,628) (4,331)

Reserve funds (1,795) 20,833

Reserves 92,695 111,637

RESERVES AND PROVISIONS 103,613 122,555

Investments # and value at 31 December 2019; Brunner Investment Trust 2,517 £22,930, Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust 7,465 £57,107, JP Morgan Claverhouse Investment Trust 1,530 £11,873, Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust 14,270 £82,623. Total market value of portfolio £174,533 (2018: £141,096); unrealised gain £144,391 (2018: £110,954).



"ALWAYS AN OTTER"

David Miller

'My name's Pratt. You were great, do you want to swim at my pool?' Not a bad pick-up line by the side of the large pool at Seymour Place in 1975. I had just swam the backstroke leg in the final of the Medley Relay on Bath Cup Day under the auspices of Otter Swimming Club. Seymour Place was old fashioned even then having been built in an era when 'real men' raced 220 yards and so five lengths of a 44 yard pool made some sense. For me as a backstroke sprinter who found it difficult to stay the distance when it came to racing 100 meters, 2 lengths was perfect. At the time I also knew everyone in the country who was faster than me at backstroke and with the arrogance of youth wasn't surprised to handover a lead or to be praised by someone I didn't know.

I knew about Otter not only because of the Bath Cup, but also because of the annual visit of a motley collection of undertrained, overweight swimmers masquerading as the Otter schools team. It never paid to underestimate the opposition because, aided by a sprinkling of ancient and unbeatable Olympians, we usually lost.

It turned out that Pratt was Derek Spratt and that he was the manager of the Potters Bar pool, near where I lived and that he was coaching the Otter junior squad. Derek opened his pool for us at 6am and closed it to the public for two hours on Sunday lunchtime so that we could train. We also joined Otter sessions at Shell and in the small pool at Seymour Place on weekday evenings. A mixed group of London teenagers stood out from the proper Otters which is probably why I have such clear memories of those I met during that long ago summer. Eric Kimber was President and Roger Sharpley Captain. Norman Fitzsimon was still active and Charles Doxat was between Captain and President. Martin Flash extracted my course subscription with great charm.

Thoughts that this might be a normal swimming club were banished on a beautiful summer evening at Wargrave for the open water half mile. Apart from swimming in the Thames for the first time, I remember that the Commodore wore an extremely smart blazer and the speeches were interrupted by awful singing. The winner was awarded a gold cup and the Dabchick book circulated for all to sign.

Back to school and A-levels might have been the end of my association with Otter, but Sundays at Potters Bar kept the youngsters together and in time many of us joined as proper members. A process aided by the acceptance of women members. Kim Llewelyn, Dawn Eva, Sonia Pheby and Christine Fletcher all came into the club through this route.

Otters loyalty strategy should be a business school case study. Just before my Cambridge interview I was invited to swim for Otter against the University and won. When the Pembroke admissions tutor alighted on my swimming interests during the interview, I was

able to hint that if he let me in a Blue was quite possible. I could almost sense my indifferent academic results being put to one side.

Student days which were, of course, dominated by study and parties, but Otter kept a loose grip because of the annual match between the Club and the Blues in Cambridge. When I introduced Dennis Warnford Davis to my girlfriend, he manoeuvred me out of the conversation and I am sure that I heard him suggest to her that it was about time for her to graduate to a more mature man. Then in the summer, although not strictly an Otter team there was the annual Blues against the Old Blues water polo match in the River Cam. The youngsters always won the first half, but later on the old heavies insulated from the cold, came into their own and cantered past us. At the core of the team was a strong Otter contingent. In particular David Craig and Mark Grundy who would stand on the bank before the match discussing how much brandy they needed to drink before dropping the bottle into the river for use during the match. It was most important that it floated.

The tentacles tightened further when I started working in London. President Doxat was in his prime, the Queen Mother Sports Centre was about to be opened and Roger Sharpley was in charge of the only Masters event in the UK. It was years before the ASA realised the importance of providing competitive events for the over 25s. As one too young to compete, I officiated at the Otter event which attracted competitors from all over the country. Unlike now, most of the swimmers had stopped training properly and yet quality shone through. Whether it was Ron Roberts (Helsinki 1952 and Melbourne 1956) from the Otter ranks or an overweight PC John Mills (Munich 1972 and Montreal 1976), if you were fast when young, you were still fast when older. Others such as Dr Wilson Mills (Royal Navy) just seemed to get faster with age. A good time was had by all and the bar did brilliantly throughout the day. There were no drug tests to fail in those days. Otter rode the tide of public demand for several years before the ASA bureaucrats took over, but during this time our reputation as a masters club was secured even though our best days at the top of swimming and water polo had been left behind in the 1960s and before.

As Captain in the early 1980s I didn't think that we could recapture past glories, but it would be fun to make us a really strong masters club, find new events to compete in and occasionally ambush the serious youngsters. Pre social media this meant networking by telephone. Anyone who came to London post-University that any of us knew received a call. If I start naming all those who joined the club at that time those omitted will take offence, but many are still active members today. The 1984 masters team had it all and won a sack full of national titles and the relays by a country mile. We also started competing



MEMBER NEWS

in Modern Pentathlon, biathlons and triathlons at about this time. My only regret is that when Guy Davis suggested that we go to Hawaii to do a new event called The Ironman, I failed to follow up. In those days anyone who entered could enter.

The closest we came to recapturing past glories was in Antwerp at the Van Scaldis event. Otter had won this unofficial club championship of Europe four years in a row in the early 1960s, but since then the swimming world had moved on and we hadn't. Having experimented a couple of times, we put together a team rich in quality if not completely dedicated. Marcus and Julian Plumley, Dave Pedder and Steve Allen were in the engine room. As the non-swimming captain I was in charge of logistics which whenever Otters are concerned is never simple. At that time Julian Plumley was still serious about swimming and was entered in an important event at Crystal Palace on the Saturday with the Van Scaldis event on Sunday. 'No problem,' was my immediate response, 'I have a colleague with a plane and a private pilot's license who needs to log in a few more hours. He will take you over.' About half an hour later a concerned Mrs Plumley rang me to say she was booking tickets with British Airways and Julian would be with us on Sunday at 10am.

The rest of us gathered at Bob Burn's house in Beckenham before driving down to Dover to catch the ferry. All seemed well until Steve Allen remembered that he'd left his passport in Luton. After a few minutes of brain storming Richard Burn offered to lend us his passport so that we could have the right number to wave out of the car window at the border guards. I don't remember any of us being concerned about being arrested and Steve seemed happy to try. His only question was, 'what happens if I can't get back into England' to which I answered 'well after the event I frankly don't give a damn'. As the team manager I was invited to the officials party on Saturday evening and so took all the others with me. We were the youngest in the room by 20 years, but the food was good and there was plenty of dark brown Belgium beer. We had a great time, but I do remember the look of shock when the event organiser realised that it was the Otter team and not the coaching staff that were enjoying his hospitality. The fairy-tale ending didn't quite happen, but it was a close run thing with the final relay acting as the decider. In the event we came third, but still the best result for a quarter of a century.

Chance made me an Otter, but having joined I have stayed. In fact, over the years the club has tightened its grip to the extent that I can't imagine not being an Otter. Money can't buy the unique combination of quality, history and friendship. One hundred and fifty years and counting.

NEW HEAD COACH

In the summer of 2019 we welcomed Martin Edwards as the swimming section new head coach.



Originally from Birmingham, Martin swam for Great Britain's Junior National Team 1971, was National Champion in 100m Butterfly in 1973, represented Great Britain at the Munich Olympic Games 1972, 1st World Championships Belgrade 1973 and England's Commonwealth Games Team Christchurch, N.Z. 1974.

He moved to the United States in 1975 and began his coaching career in Southern California in 1980 with CLASS Aquatics, moved to Curacao in 1984 to be the National Coach of the Netherland Antilles, and then returned to the United States coaching teams in California, Massachusetts, Maine and Virginia. Martin has had the opportunity to work alongside USA Olympic Coaches as well as having a coaching role in the development of Olympic swimmers and former World Record holders.

We are excited to see what the future brings with Martin leading team Otter!



OBITUARY - JOHN ILIFFE

As our 2019 Annual Report was being compiled, it was with great sadness that we learned that on Sunday 16th February 2020, one of Otter's past Presidents passed away in his 55th year of membership. He had been an Honorary Life Member since 2003.

John joined Otter in 1966. He was a strong breaststroke swimmer and with his huge arm wingspan, became a fantastic water polo goalkeeper, mostly for the third team but frequently standing in as needed also for the first and second teams. He served two terms as Hon Handicapper first in 1978-81 and again in 1983-87. He served as one of our Vice Presidents from 1982-89 before stepping up to take on the role of President for seven years in 1990-97. It was during this latter period, that John's major contribution to the Club was made and the Hon Treasurer of that period, acknowledges that under John's leadership, our membership records became coordinated with our accounts and this in turn expedited the expansion of Otter in subsequent years with increases in both swimming and water polo membership being accommodated with commensurate expansions in pool time. During this period, the production of our Annual Report also went electronic. What many of us at the time did not know, was that John had a distinguished pedigree in the world of Information Technology, with expertise in the development of operating systems and language design and implementation and particularly "dynamic memory allocation" - leading edge during the 1950's and 60's, when the rest of the world was only just awakening to the potential power of information technology. This role was acknowledged in an approach from Silicon Valley two years ago, to write a couple of chapters chronicling his role (with others in the UK) in a definitive history of computers, which is to be produced shortly.

After John stepped away from his role as President, he took on the quite difficult task of tracking down the location of all of the Club's trophies and cataloguing these. Some of these trophies are quite ancient, with no little value and importantly remain repositories of the results of past Club competitions over many years. This role extended to a strong relationship with the firm that for many years has engraved our trophies - updating record keeping that had slightly lapsed until John took it on. Latterly, he also found time to indulge in his love of long-distance open-water swimming, entering events at Torbay, Lake Windemere and Coniston Water well into his late 70's and these swims included Loch Ness where he may be one of the oldest swimmers ever to have completed that swim. Unfortunately, John's natural modesty intervened here and few of these results ever found their way into the Club's Annual Reports.

For many years John often attended Club events in company with his lovely wife Dorothy and the loss in 2015 of her elegant

presence alongside him was clearly devastating for him. John took an intense interest in the Club's activities right until the end, attending functions such as the Club's Annual Golf Day Lunch, accompanied by one of his daughters. He was an understated man who made a considerable contribution to Otter and his many friends in the Club will miss him very much.



Left to right - Charles Doxat Roger Sharpley and John Iliffe, at the pub after the One Mile swim.



John Iliffe and his late wife, Dorothy, at the Henley Half Mile.

NEW OTTER PUP

Paolo & Alkistis welcome Olysse Sirianni-Mitropoulos... hopefully you will exceed your father WaterPaolo's skill sets.





2019: OTTER TURNS 150!

1828

The first indoor swimming pool, St George's Baths, was opened to the public

1869

Formation of Otter Swimming Club, one of the oldest and most well-known swimming clubs in the UK

1875

The first man to swim the English Channel, Captain Matthew Webb, completes the 21.26 miles in 21 hours and 45 minutes, swimming breaststroke

1888

The first national club championships in England were played. Burton Amateur Club defeated Otter Swimming Club 3-0 in the Old Lambert Baths in London

1837

The National Swimming Society was holding regular swimming competitions in six artificial swimming pools, built around London



1873

One of the earliest recorded games of a sport called 'water polo' occurred at the Crystal Palace, London, on 15 September

1880

The first national governing body, the Amateur Swimming Association, was formed



150TH BIRTHDAY KICK-OFF

Friday 11th January

Around 50 Otters from the swimming and water polo teams congregated at the Reliance Pub to mark the beginning of our 150th year. We thanked James Stewart and Cat Hasnain for their work on producing the 150th anniversary "History of Otter" report, and heard from our current and recent ex-Presidents (Paul Hindle, John Iliffe, James Stewart and Charles Doxat) as they shared some of their highlights and reflections from their time with the club.

We reflected on how the success of Otter is built on an army of volunteers behind the scenes offering their time and expertise, and notably Mike Reys, Hayley Davis and Tracey Allen, who made the pleasant and merry launch event happen!



MATURE OTTERS CELEBRATE 1000 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

Friday 1st February

The annual post-Christmas dinner gathering of "Mature" Otters and their guests was upgraded for the sesquicentennial year to a black tie event at the Lansdowne Club, Mayfair.

A total of well over a thousand years of membership was present this evening, and was attended by all four past presidents and the widow of past president and club doyen Bob Burn; as well as Dennis Warnford-Davis, the longest serving Club member, having joined in 1946.

The main guest (Kelvin Juba, former Otter coach and swimming luminary) was stuck in deep snow in Somerset, but this did not inhibit a convivial evening in traditional Otter-style.





1900

Men's water polo was the among the first team sports introduced at the Olympic Games in Paris

1912

Women's swimming was introduced into the Olympic Games in Stockholm

2008

Open water swimming is contested for the first time at the Olympic Games in Beijing (10km)

2019

Otter Swimming Club marked their 150th anniversary with several events and celebrations:

1896

Men's swimming became part of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens

1908

The world swimming association, Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA), was formed

2000

Women's water polo became an Olympic sport at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games



OTTER 10TH GALA DINNER

Saturday 1st June

The Otter annual dinner, a long-standing event in the Otter social calendar, also received a glamorous upgrade for the 150th year.

Club members, partners, family & friends were treated to a 150th anniversary black tie gala dinner & dance in The Mountbatten Room at the Royal Automobile Club, on Pall Mall.

The club enjoyed speeches from our president Paul Hindle, esteemed member Dame Barbara Woodward & guest speaker Andy Jameson, Olympic bronze medallist & swimming commentator for the BBC, followed by music from our resident DJ's John and Dave.

An evening enjoyed by all disciplines and generations experiencing Otter at its finest and most glamorous!



Speakers Barbara & Andy



DJs John & Dave



OTTER 150TH SWIMMING & WATER POLO FESTIVAL

Sunday 14th July



After months of preparation with Swim England, also celebrating 150 years of the swimming governing body, Otter planned a unique swimming and water polo festival. We wanted to put on an event which was a bit different to the normal open meets. Something that brought together masters swimmers from across the country to celebrate all the best bits of masters swimming: the camaraderie, friendship, occasional athleticism, and perhaps a little competition. The programme paid homage to Otter and swimming's history, resurrecting the plunge and some old English backstroke for the day, alongside more recognisable events.

Around 300 masters swimmers and water polo players from all parts of the UK made their way to the fantastic London Aquatics Centre (LAC), home of the London 2012 Olympic swimming action.

Masters swim teams from Barnet Copthall, GB Police, Guildford, Mid Sussex Marlins, Spencer and Teddington, plus All Star teams from the North ('Rotters take on the Otters') and the South, took on around 80 Otters in the Otter All Stars and the Otter Big Guns teams. With so many Otters keen to take part, it was great that we were able to share some of our swimmers with the smaller visiting teams.

The programme was made up of 28 events, including 50m sprints across all four strokes, mystery medleys, old English backstroke, polo ball relays and handicap races. A crowd favourite was definitely the plunge, with swimmers diving and gliding as far as possible with no momentum allowed beyond the initial dive - perhaps it should be reintroduced at Nationals! Teddington and Team South took top honours in the women's and men's events, respectively. Swimmers enjoyed the opportunity to resurrect their old English backstroke skills, with Team South and Mid Sussex Marlins triumphing in the younger and older mixed relays, respectively. And the 'over arm' breaststroke relay (fly arms and breaststroke legs) proved an unusual coordination challenge in which Team South, again, were most adept! The referee's (Barnet's Ian Wollard), favourite race probably wasn't the 150m handicap race, where swimmers were set off in a staggered start with the aim of swimming as close to their handicap time as possible, but Teddington clearly relished the opportunity, coming in first.





Having totted up the points, it was clear that Team South (517 points) were the worthy winners of the anniversary team trophy, with Teddington second (386pts) and Spencer third (344pts). Congratulations to all the Team South swimmers, and the Veale family who gathered a top notch team.



The champions Team South

Following the swimming, competitors retired firstly to the pop up bar overlooking the LAC diving pit to enjoy some competitive water polo matches while we congratulated ourselves on swimming well done with a glass of something chilled.



Four games were played involving all parts of the Otter water polo family.

Game 1: Otter Men's 1st Team v Beckenham Men's 1st Team
(a London League Water Polo League Premier Division game)

Although Otter scored first, it was Beckenham that set the early pace. At half time the score was 4 goals to Otter and 7 goals to Beckenham. In the third quarter Otter steadily pulled the deficit back to just 1 goal. An exciting last quarter saw many scoring chances for both sides, each having the opportunity to win the game. The final score was 12-13 to Beckenham. The top scorers for Otter were Nick Corjon, Orion Ganase and Omi Pantazis, with 3 goals each. The top scorers for Beckenham were Pat Baker, Ben Tinkler-Davies and James Spencer-Boyce, also with 3 goals apiece. The referees were Paul Metcalfe and Nando Sorbello.

Game 2: Otter Ladies White Hats v Otter Ladies Black Hats

This Ladies game was an entirely internal affair involving a mix of players from across the Otter Ladies 1st Team, the Otter Ladies 2nd Team (aka Otter Lutra) and the Otter National Age Group teams. The final score was 10 goals to the white hats and 7 goals to the black hats. The top scorers with 4 goals apiece were Brooke Tafazolli and Rebecca Mulcahy for white and black, respectively.





Game 3: Otter Juniors under 16 v Penguin Hillingdon Juniors under 16.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the Otter Juniors to play on the same stage as the Otter senior sides. It was a hard fought game between two quickly developing teams. The final score was 8 goals to the Otter Juniors v 4 goals to the Penguin Hillingdon Juniors. The referees were Leon Estrella and Grant Monk.

Game 4: Otter Men's 2nd Team v Polytechnic Men's 2nd Team

Polytechnic, founded in 1874, is one of the oldest, possibly the oldest, of Otter's water polo rivals, and therefore appropriate for them to be invited along to our 150th Anniversary Festival. Both sides consisted of current players with a dash of experience from years gone by. The game was a robust but friendly and evenly matched affair. The final score was an honourable draw with 9 goals each. The game was refereed by Leon Estrella.

Over 80 water polo players took part, almost 50 of whom were Otters. It was a fantastic event thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

ANNIVERSARY TYR KIT & OTTER SPOONS

Besides an array of anniversary events, it was felt that such an occasion needed marking with some fresh new team kit! Stylish new shirts & jackets were designed by swimwear brand TYR, giving Otter a professional and showstopping look on deck.



In addition to the new kit, Otter were able to award each club championship and handicap event winner an Otter Spoon for the anniversary year. These solid silver teaspoons, embellished with the club's Otter logo on the head were regularly awarded in years gone by, but stopped being awarded several years ago, even though there is still a "spoon fund" listed as an item on the balance sheet.

Former President, Charles Doxat, kindly donated back to the club many of these spoons from his personally acquired collection, which have allowed all the 2019 event winners to be awarded a spoon. The spoons will be limited to one spoon per person per year, and thanks to Charles, and through additional contributions from Peter Vider and Martin Flash, we will be able to continue awarding spoons for the 2020 events.





CLUB PERFORMANCE: SWIMMING

THE MASTERS BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS, WELSH NATIONAL POOL, SWANSEA

14 - 16th June

69 MEDALS OVERALL:



**1 EUROPEAN RECORD, 5 BRITISH RECORDS,
34 OTTER CLUB RECORDS, 2ND OVERALL CLUB**

The long course British Masters Championships is a highlight of the masters summer race calendar, and is becoming more challenging to enter each year. This year's competition was held in the Welsh National Pool in Swansea, a fantastic facility many Otters are familiar with. A 28-strong team headed to southern Wales to compete.



Otter celebrated a very full on and successful weekend, and collected various medals for individual events and relays. Credit to both Jane McNenemy (W 50-55) & Derek Parr (M 75-79) who brought home gold medals for all of their races as well as 3x British records in the 400 IM, 200m & 100m butterfly, and to Hayley Davis (W 35-39), Rob Thomas (M 75-79), Steve Braine (M 65-69), Dave Adamson (M 30-34), Tony Ray (M 75-79) for achieving podium spots in all their events.

There were some near misses, with Camille Vrain (W 30-34) running from the train and changing into her suit on deck with seconds to spare for her 400 IM, whilst winning a bronze medal no less, to Oli Samy (M 25-29) arriving 2mins before diving in for a relay, but the strength of the team shone through nonetheless!

Mention must also be made of the 800m freestyle relay spot that

Otter chose not to fill and donated to the Trafford Metro team, who clinched an impressive British record time and were naturally very grateful for Otter's gesture and sportsmanship!



The crowning moment of the weekend was the Otter 120 A relay team (made up of Hayley Davis, Dave Adamson, Gina Hobson & Oli Samy) who broke the mixed 400m medley relay European record in a speedy time of 4:22.38. The same quad also took home a British record for their mixed 400m freestyle relay, with a time of 3:56.32. Well done team!



The 2020 competition is brought forward in the year to accommodate the European Championships, and will be held at the nation's favourite facility - Sheffield's Ponds Forge! We continue training hard in order to provide the renowned Otter-style performance once again!

THE 18TH FINA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA

10 - 17th August

Over 8 days of competition, 3,000 athletes from 84 countries competed in the World Masters Championships in Gwangju, South Korea. Overall, the meet has been a huge success & a fabulous experience.



12 MEDALS OVERALL:



6 OTTER CLUB RECORDS

The week began with the open water event, consisting of a choppy 3km course at the Yeosu EXPO Ocean Park, about 60 miles from Gwangju. This was then followed up by 7 days in the Nambu University International Aquatics Centre, a wonderful Olympic-level facility complete with both indoor & outdoor 50m warm-up pools.



Team GB had some outstanding results throughout the championships, with a significant contribution from Otter!

Hayley Davis (W 35-39) became very acquainted with the podium, totaling 4 silver medals & 2 gold medals overall, and 6 for 6 cuddly Otters! On top of that, she achieved 2 Otter club records in the 800m freestyle & 200m backstroke.

Pip Bennett (M 35-39) brought home 2 bronze medals (and more Otters!), as well as achieving 2 other top-20 placings.

Catherine Demont (W 25-29) brought home a medal for finishing 5th in the 400m freestyle (FINA award medals to top-6 placings at World Championships), along with top-10 places in all swims.

Fraser Peh (M 25-29) also took a 5th place medal in the 100m butterfly.

Wade Rimbach (M 35-39) broke 2 Otter club records in the 200m backstroke and the 400m IM, as well as 2 top-10 finishes.

Enrico Hahn (M 35-39) celebrated his final meet as an Otter before

returning to his native Germany, by achieving 3 top-20 finishes.

Dontony Gill-Nasadi (M 25-29) achieved a lifetime best in the 50m breaststroke, and Caspar Stops (M 30-34) also clocked a masters best time in the 200m IM.

Michael Amos (M 60-64) dusted off his goggles for his first World Masters Championships since 2014 in Montreal and swam the 800m freestyle.

Lastly, Steve Braine (M 65-69), racing under Mid-Sussex Marlins, took home a bronze in the 100m freestyle, silver in the 50m butterfly and bronze in the 100m butterfly.

All in all, an incredible racing & cultural experience, and there's no doubt that the Japanese will put on an incredible World Championships in Fukuoka in 2021!





NATIONAL MASTERS OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st September

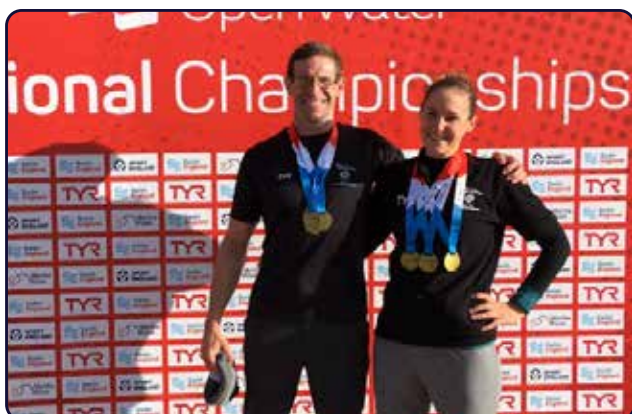
Congratulations to Hayley Davis (W 35-39) and Pip Bennett (M 35-39) who both took a clean sweep of the events at the National Masters Open Water Championships, held in Peterborough.

Both won all three events in their age group - 5km, 3km and 2km - and together, they were two of only eight swimmers who swam all three events.

Hayley, celebrating her 35th birthday was the fastest female in the 5km, winning her age group by over seven minutes. She then comfortably won her age group 3km and was again fastest female in the 2km, winning her age group by over five minutes.



Pip won the 5km in his age group by just two seconds in a sprint finish and followed up with more comfortable wins in the 3km and 2km.



SWIM ENGLAND SC NATIONALS, SHEFFIELD

25 - 27th October

88 MEDALS OVERALL:



**3 BRITISH RECORDS, 53 OTTER CLUB RECORDS
TOP CLUB**

Each year, the last weekend of October means one thing for the English masters swimmer - heading to Sheffield for the short-course nationals! The nation's highest attended masters meet, and the last big meet of the calendar year.

Otter was proudly represented by 33 swimmers over the 3-day event, the second largest club in attendance behind our friends at Out To Swim, and can boast several national champions. Nico Barber (M 35-39), Peter Dixon (M 50-54), Derek Parr (M 75-59), Amy Barton (W 18-24) all claimed the gold in the 800m freestyle, Wade Rimbach (M 35-39) & Peter Dixon in the 400 IM & Hayley Davis (W 35-39), Derek Parr & Peter Dixon again in the 200 IM. Charles Doxat (M 75-79) triumphed in the 200m breaststroke, as was Steve Braine (M 65-69) in the 50m & 100m freestyle, along with 10 of Otter's various relay team formations.



Congratulations go out to Roger Lloyd-Mostyn (M 75-79), David Miller (M 60-65), Pip Bennet (M 35-39), Derek Parr, Chalres Doxat, Hayley Davis & Peter Dixon who claimed medals in all events. On top of that, British records were set by Derek Parr, with a time of 3:13.98 in the 200m butterfly, and Peter Dixon who repeated his impressive



performance from 2018, in achieving British records in both the 800m freestyle, in a time of 9:10.04, and the 2500m freestyle, in 17:18.70.



To mark the club's 150th anniversary, Otter donated a trophy to the annual competition's 'top club', to which we were victorious, so ended up bringing the cup straight back home to display for the next 12 months! We look forward to seeing what next year's competition holds..



CLUB PERFORMANCE: LADIES' WATERPOLO

Peggy Etiebet

Otter Ladies Water Polo continues to be the best high performance and elite development club for women's water polo in the country.

In 2019 Otter were runners up in the Super Fives of the British Water Polo League and took bronze at the British Water Polo Championships. Our second team Lutra were third in Championship 2. The u19 and u15 teams won their National Age Group Championships while the u17 team came third ensuring that we will continue to be competitive at the highest level in the future.

Otters continue to represent England and Great Britain on the international stage and two more of our players took up water polo scholarships at US universities to further their water polo careers last September, while our coach Nick Buller and player and coach Peggy Etiebet were appointed as head coach and assistant coach for the England Senior Women.



We could not achieve all this without the significant support we get from the wider club as well as the parents and players that volunteer to help keep things running behind the scenes. A huge huge thank you to all who invest their time and energies into making our club the best it can be!

OTTER 1ST TEAM 2018/2019 SEASON

Brooke Tafazolli

Otter had an amazing run in the Super 5's in 2019. We had a small side this season and unfortunately, after a loss to Manchester on the final weekend of the competition, finished 2nd in the league. Otter came so close to defending their title on the BBC but it was not to be this year!

Otter have had to say farewell to 2 more players who are going to compete at the highest level at University in America. Lily Turner is jetting off to sunny California on a sports scholarship at UC Berkeley. Robyn Greenslade also has a scholarship and is going to be training and competing with Indiana University. They are joining the likes of Kathy Rogers and Mhairi Nurthern who have been in the States for a couple of years already.

Lily's hard work and success was recognised with one of the greatest honours in British Water Polo, as she was voted the British



Swimming Women's Water Polo Player of the Year. We are so proud and can't wait to see how you do in America!



Otter's BWPL Team 2018/19

Otter wanted to take their good form into the British Championships in June. We narrowly missed out on a place in the final with a loss to Coventry in the semis. Otter came back fighting on the Sunday and managed to beat Manchester in a hard-fought game to secure the Bronze medal. A big thanks to coach Nick Buller for his commitment to the team and belief throughout all competitions this season!

Otter has a very young new team for the 2019/2020 season. It has been challenging but the team has managed to grind out some amazing results in the second phase of the season. The team has come along massively since the start of the season and has managed to achieve some amazing results in the Super 5's. We are looking strong for future seasons to come and will take the draws and near wins into future weekends. We are very excited to progress as a team over the next few years.

The squad for this season consists of: Tracey Allen, Erin Andrew, Emily Campbell-Lamerton, Emma Cogni, Katy Cutler, Izzy Dean, Peggy Etiebet, Isobel Keith, Rebecca Mulcahy, Eve Poole, Imogen Smith, Brooke Tafazolli (C).

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Otter had a lot of success internationally in 2019. Erin Andrew, Emily Campbell-Lamerton, Emma Cogni, Eve Poole and Imogen Smith represented England at the EU Nations Junior Women's competition. The team finished with Bronze medals! The competition was a great competition for helping the girls and their teammates to prepare for the U17 European Championships in Volos in September. Eve, Emily, Erin and Imogen represented Great Britain at the Europeans. The GB team had tough draws throughout the competition but after many tough games the Otter girls and their teammates finished 12th in the competition, with Imogen Smith being GB's top goal scorer after converting all 9 penalties taken in the competition! Amazing to see

so many of Otter's juniors representing GB at such a high level. We are so excited for our future with these girls!



The England U17 team at the Junior EU Nations



Great Britain U17's at the European Championships in Volos

Otter also had senior representation from Izzy Dean and Mhairi Nurthern, who travelled to Brno, Czech Republic to compete for England at the Senior EU Nations. The team managed to get 4 wins in 5 to secure 5th place in the competition!



England Women's team at the Senior EU Nations



Another junior international competition took place, which saw a number of Otter players make their international debut for England. Lucy Bullock, Lucy Mai Heliwell and Sarah Mdaoukhi secured 3 wins in 3 games, beating Scotland Wales and Ireland to become champions of the North Sea Cup! An amazing start to their international careers and we hope to see more from the girls in the future!



England Juniors at the North Sea Cup

To kick off the 2019/2020 season Otter flew their newly-formed side out to Prague to compete in the club EU Nations. With only one loss by one goal in the whole competition, the team managed to finish third after beating an impressive Slovakian team.



Otter at the Club EU Nations in Prague

LUTRA TEAM

Helen Bullock

Otter Lutra's BWPL team for the 2018 / 2019 season saw several of the previous season's squad moving on allowing a number of new players to gain experience of the BWPL. The team comprised only a couple of Senior Ladies, with Lidia Toth taking captaincy and Sarah Rogers as Vice-Captain. The team was much younger than previous teams, with Lucy Bullock debuting at 13 yrs old (Team Junior), closely followed by Sarah Mdaoukhi at 14 yrs old.



The lack of experience showed in the early games with four losses on the trot to City of Bristol (2-11), Tyldesley (9-16), Mid Sussex Marlins (6-11) and Birmingham (2-10). However the experience gained in those early games, along with determination and training brought about our first win against Penguin Emperors (11-10), followed quickly by another win against English Roses Masters (9-7). With only one game remaining in the first half of the season we lost 9-11 to Liverpool Liver Birds in a hard fought match. The fact that Liverpool was top of the league showed how far the team had come in the season.

Imogen Smith made it into the Top Goal Scorers in 8th position, and we were pleased that we had no Major Queens.

Moving into Phase 2, we were placed in Championship 2. Our sole aim was to achieve a top three finish so that we remained in Division 2. We got off to a great start beating Rotherham 10-9, quickly followed by wins against Southampton (7-3), Sheffield Stingrays (7-4) and Liverpool Water Beetles (14-5). We drew against Penguin Emperors (4-4). Going into the last weekend of the BWPL, we had the top two teams in the league to play. Both games were incredibly close with us losing 7-8 to Welsh Wanderers and 12-13 to English Roses Masters. However, we still finished in 3rd place securing our place in the 2019/2020 Division 2 BWPL.

Imogen Smith again featured as a top scorer in 7th position, this time accompanied by Emily Campbell-Lamberton in 8th position.

Overall it was a very successful season for Lutra's 2019 team – Lidia Toth (C), Sarah Rogers (VC), Lindsey Williams, Faye Poole, Eve Poole, Macey O'Malia, Emily Campbell-Lamberton, Bob Toth, Imogen Smith, Ciara Nicholson, Emma Cogni, Rosie Hanrahan, Lucy Bullock and Sarah Mdaouki.

Moving into the 2019-2020 season saw a major upheaval of the Lutra Team. Several players from the previous season progressed to Otters 1st Team, which meant an influx of new players all keen to gain BWPL experience and aid their development in the 04 & 03 National Academies. Additionally we had a returning player, Avery Karich who returned from the USA to study Veterinary Science, adding an international element to the team. Lindsey Williams remained with



CLUB PERFORMANCE: MEN'S WATERPOLO

the team as Captain and acting as mentor to the younger players. As she said, the average age of the team was now nearer her daughters rather than her! Ciara Nicholson took on the role of Vice-Captain. The Team Junior mantle was passed to Pippa Danielson, much to Lucy Bullock's pleasure.



The team got off to a flying start in their first game beating Liverpool Liver Birds 21-5. This proved to be our highest scoring game and in fact, the highest score of the BWPL season. Sadly, the following day we lost 9-13 to Sheffield Stingrays with Lucy Bullock getting 3 majors within the first 10 minutes. Luckily, for the team, the only player in the first half of the season to have this happen.

The following BWPL again saw a loss to Tyldesley (13-10), followed by a win against English Roses Masters (9-13).

It was all to play for moving into the last weekend if we wanted to achieve a place in Champs 1. The team got off to a great start against Mid Sussex Marlins winning 13-10. This was followed by a closely contended game against Welsh Wanderers, which we lost 6-7. Going into the final game against City of Bristol, we needed a win, but sadly, we lost 7-4. This put us 6th in the league, missing out by 1 point to get a place in Champs 1.

We didn't make any appearances in the top goal scorers table, but this was more a reflection on the number of players we had scoring, Sarah Ellis-Keeler (14), Grace Turner (13), Lucy Bullock (11), Lucy-Mai Helliwell (11), Faye Poole (11), Lindsey Williams (6), Ciara Nicholson (3) and Pippa Danielson (3).

It has been an interesting start to Lutra's 2019-2020 BWPL season and one that the players hope to build on going into Champs 2 - Lindsey Williams (C), Ciara Nicholson (VC), Lucy Bullock, Pippa Danielson, Sarah Ellis-Keeler, Natasha Gerhardstein, Lucy-Mai Helliwell, Avery Karich, Isabella Kraft, Sarah Mdaoukhi, Macey O'Malia, Faye Poole, Bob Toth and Grace Turner.

Lastly a big thank-you must go to all those that coached us throughout the season, Peggy Etiebet, Nick Buller, Barry Danielson and Brian Poole.

MEN'S 1ST TEAM

Pier Luigi Spagna

A great year for the Otter Men's first team.

British Water Polo League (BWPL) - 2018/19 season Phase 2 - January through to March

After gaining the qualification to Championship 2 in the last minute of the last game of 2018, we started the year full of hopes of finally taking the team back up to Division 2. It didn't go as planned!

A poor start with a loss by a single goal to long time rivals Penguin, and then a debacle against Watford (a team made unbeatable by the last minute recruitment of the Olympic champion Miho Boskovic), gave us what we now call 'a typical Otter start of the year'.

We won 3 of the next 5 games, against Southampton, Croydon and Manchester Hawks, thanks in large part to the prowess of Nick Corjon, who finished the Championship 2 season as the divisions leading goal scorer. Sadly, this was not enough for a top 3 place finish required for promotion. We learned a lot and particularly that the top teams Watford, Bristol and Worthing were just too well organised and strong for us.

Another summer for coach Mario de Lera Calero to better prepare us before we once again face the misty waters of Division 3.

BWPL 2018/19 - Championship 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Watford	7	6	0	1	85	55	30	12
City of Bristol	7	6	0	1	107	70	37	12
Worthing	7	6	0	1	63	45	18	12
Penguin	7	4	0	3	78	71	7	8
Otter	7	3	0	4	86	92	-6	6
Croydon	7	2	0	5	72	85	-13	4
Southampton	7	1	0	6	69	84	-15	2
Manchester Hawks	7	0	0	7	51	109	-58	0

A great year for the Otter Men's first team.

Everyone back in the gym? Not everyone! Long time members Dan Shunn and Ivor Sokolic had other business to take care of. We all welcomed Henry & Oskar as new members of the Otter family and congratulate the new fathers.



British Water Polo League - 2019/20 season phase 1 - September through December

A consolidated team with great chemistry, a coach who now knows his team inside out and with a clear target: domination. And domination it was, 7 games, 6 wins. Mario's new drills, the addition of the New Zealand star Tim Chambers & the Greek wall, Konstantinos Gartaganis, gave Otter the perfect boost to dominate division 3 and take 1st position.

Mario gave the team the needed confidence to approach each game with the right spirit. No prisoners taken, every team member knew his role, what to do and when to do it. A 3 months long water polo class for all the other Division 3 teams. Needless to say, Nick Corjon helped the team with the usual sackful of goals. And our new team captain Omiros Pantazis provided the leadership and commitment. But, as every year, the true heart of this team, the man who always makes sure everyone gives 100% to the Otter cause, is our long time member Orion Ganase. None of these achievements could have been possible without his glorious screams and motivational speeches before and after every game. We salute you Orion.

A glorious second half of the year for Otter.

BWPL 2019/20 - Division 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Otter	7	6	0	1	88	57	31	13
Penguin	7	5	2	0	100	65	35	12
Birmingham	7	3	1	3	84	87	-3	7
Castleford	7	3	0	4	73	88	-15	6
Manchester Hawks	7	2	1	4	73	74	-1	5
Southampton	7	2	1	4	76	87	-11	5
Croydon	7	2	0	5	83	86	-3	4
Cheltenham Spartans	7	2	0	5	89	122	-33	4



LONDON WATER POLO LEAGUE SUMMER 2019, PREMIER DIVISION

Omiros Pantazis

The Otters Men's 1st team succeeded in staying, where it belongs, in the penthouse of London Water Polo for the 3rd consecutive year. We finished the London League season in 4th position, leaving our British League division 3 rivals, Penguin and Croydon behind. Sadly, losing by just one goal in four key matches killed any lingering hopes of becoming London champions, but it did give huge promise for the near future.

It is worthy of note that this was the first London League season for our talented 19 year old Greek, Nikos Zavitsanos. Nikos gained useful experience and some "constructive" red cards that we hope will help him acclimatise to UK water polo.

LWPL 2019 - Premier Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Sutton & Cheam 1	12	11	1	0	185	103	82	35
Watford 1	12	7	0	5	147	127	20	26
Bexley	12	7	0	5	177	171	6	26
Otter 1	12	4	1	7	135	138	-3	21
Penguin 1	12	4	0	8	131	139	-8	20
Beckenham 1	12	3	2	7	126	177	-51	20
Croydon 1	12	4	0	8	97	143	-46	19

MEN'S 2ND TEAM

Grant Monk

2019 was a challenging year for the 2nds, with our esteemed captain "WaterPaulo" Sirianni laid up on the beach (and to be fair, at times in hospital) for much of the season. Temporarily (he hopes) Grant Monk stepped in to lead in the water, with El Presidente, Paul Hindle, taking as ever a crucial behind the scenes organisational role. It was a year of keeping calm and carrying on.



In the Thameside Cup we went in as defending champions. This makes defending the title tricky, as it's a knockout handicap competition and we went in as favourites. Our starting position in each game was 0, other teams started with a goal advantage of up to 18 goals to even out the playing field. Our first game against Citizens started with them having a 6-0 lead for us to overcome, which we managed winning 12-4 on the night, 12-10 with the handicap. The next game had us against Croydon Amphibians. Despite winning 11-10 on the night, with the handicap we were knocked out 11-12, and Croydon went on to win the Cup.

We play in the Thameside League in the Winter/Spring to keep fixtures ticking over while the 1st team are involved in the BWPL competition. The pools aren't always the best, with one having a shallow end less than 1 metre deep, and the referees often have limited knowledge of the rules, which brings its own special challenges. We play it as a proper 2nd team squad, while some of our opposition field large numbers of first team players. As such it is sometimes a mismatched competition, but nevertheless worthwhile to keep playing regular games. This year we came third.

Thameside Water Polo League 2018/19 - Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Croydon 2	6	6	0	0	59	30	29	18
Poly Purples	6	4	0	2	55	43	12	13
Otter 2	6	1	0	5	50	72	-22	8
Citizens	6	1	0	5	29	48	-19	6

In the London League we started strongly, winning our first three games against Whitgift Trinity, Enfield and Avondale 2nds with ease. Then came a crunch. A midweek away game in Crawley that suddenly no-one was available to travel to. Funny how that happens for away games outside the M25. With Herculean effort we put a team of seven players out, thanks in no small part to Hugh Turner in making a 150 mile round trip for the night. Despite fielding a weakened team against a strong Crawley side we started well, ending the first quarter 3-3. Goals on the night from Hugh, Grant, Alex Bion and James Williams were a consolation as the lack of a bench and typical levels of second team fitness told, and we suffered a heavy defeat. We did however gain a point for fulfilling the fixture!

The next game against old foes Penguin was at home, just one day later. In a tightly fought game we were ahead at the end of the 3rd quarter. The previous night's exertions may not have helped our performance, or it may have been the exclusion in the 4th quarter without substitution leaving us playing man down for 4 minutes. Either way Penguin edged it 7-9, leaving Otter adrift of leaders Crawley and Penguin in the table. It was a gap that we were unable to make up, and despite some good wins and a last game home draw against eventual winners Crawley we finished a respectable third.

LWPL 2019 - Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Crawley 1	11	9	1	1	143	80	63	30
Penguin 2	12	9	0	3	171	98	73	29
Otter 2	12	6	2	4	121	131	-10	26
Avondale 2	12	5	1	6	111	144	-33	23
Enfield 1	12	4	1	7	118	130	-12	21
Whitgift Trinity	12	3	1	8	113	162	-49	19
Beckenham 2	11	2	0	9	105	137	-32	13

Throughout the campaign for the year we had strong contributions from Pier Luigi Spagna sharing goalkeeping duties with Ivor Sokolic. It was also pleasing to see junior Otters graduate to play with us including Miguel Rodriguez-Algaba and also Tibor Thursfield, son of Spencer, legend of Otter in the 90's, who was also tempted back into the water after a long hiatus. Old timer Sarpel Ustunel was welcomed back to the Otter fold after a spell (we'll charitably call it a loan) at Ealing, and has continued to make his impact. As ever we had a few transitory players, often from overseas, enriching the team in the water and out. Notable this year was Jorge Sanchez Navarro, from Mexico via Paris, and now sadly back to Paris. We have gained a number of players from Bath University who have strengthened the squad, and with Mario's coaching we should gel as a team. We wish those who've left well, and to keep in touch, as we welcome newcomers again for the coming season. And most of all we wish WaterPaulo Sirianni a speedy recovery from his latest ailment.

CROATIA TOUR 2020

Omiros Pantazis



In June Otter returned to Croatia for another summer weekend full of highly skilled water polo and fun.

On the first day, Otter played some friendly matches in the Olympic sized terrain of a beach bar located on a beautiful island near Zadar, offering some exciting water polo moments for those that were peacefully drinking their rakija.

On the following day, Otter, along with 7 other teams, participated in a memorial tournament in the city of Biograd na Moru. The addition of Atletico Madrid and the multinational spirit of Otter gave an international temperament to the matches and complemented ideally the traditionally strong Croatian squads.

After having one of their first acquaintances with sea water, Otter "pups" Oskar and Henry watched the water polo matches under the Croatian sun with great interest and gave promising signs for the future of the Club.



CLUB PERFORMANCE: OTTER JUNIORS

OTTER JUNIORS - MIXED

Paul Hindle

The Otter Junior Water Polo squad continues to develop and grow. We have weekly junior water polo training sessions on Friday evenings in the diving pit at QMSC (in a joint initiative with Chelsea and Westminster Swimming Club), on Tuesday evenings at the SPGS pool and a Sunday afternoons at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. Our junior water polo squad now totals almost 60 players ranging in age from 9 to 17.

During the year our junior teams competed in London League under 16, under 15, under 14 and under 13 competitions. We also participated in development tournaments for under 12's organised by the London Region of Swim England.

London Water Polo League - Winter 2018/19 under 16 Division 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Hythe	8	6	2	0	40	31	9	22
Watford B	8	5	1	2	51	28	23	19
Beckenham B	8	3	1	4	41	32	9	15
Otter	8	3	0	5	40	33	7	14
Haringey	8	1	0	7	24	72	-48	10

London Water Polo League - Summer 2019 under 15 Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Croydon	10	10	0	0	97	20	77	30
Otter	10	7	1	2	68	41	27	25
Worthing	10	6	1	3	71	38	33	23
Barnet	10	3	0	7	37	80	-43	16
Penguin Hillingdon	10	3	0	7	36	65	-29	13
Haringey	10	0	0	10	16	81	-65	7

London Waterpolo League - Summer 2019 under 13 Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Northampton	12	11	0	1	79	17	62	34
Otter	12	10	0	2	66	27	39	32
Croydon	12	3	1	8	33	59	-26	19
Haringey	12	2	2	8	27	53	-26	14
Barnet	12	2	1	9	13	62	-49	13

Many of our junior squad attend regional training sessions at Crystal Place, several going on to represent the London Region at UK inter-regional competitions. Worthy of special note are:

Isabella Kraft, who started her water polo journey with us at the QMSC Friday sessions. In 2019 Isabella played for the Otter 2nd team in the British Water Polo League, was a member of the ESSA team, and trained with Swim England National Academy Programme. In late 2019 Isabella was awarded the Ron Turner Trophy by the Middlesex County ASA for the most improved junior player of the year. **Joseph Norris, Freddie Cartwright and Mattia Spennato** played for the London Region in the UK under 14 (born 2006 and later) Inter-regional competition. The London Region team won Bronze medals.

My thanks go to Tim Kendall and Spencer Thursfield for their excellent coaching and other support throughout the year.



OTTER JUNIOR LADIES

Peggy Etiebet

Otter Junior Ladies has the most successful junior development programme in the country. We have won 8 of the 15 titles going over the last 5 years - more than every other club in the country put together. The juniors are an integral part of our BWPL squads but have their own National Age Group Championships at u19, u17 and u15 level.

The u19s, led by captain Lily Turner, reached their fifth consecutive final at this level and the pressure was on. Lily scored nine goals to help Otter successfully defend the title with a 14-8 win over Rotherham Metro. Great Britain juniors Katy Cutler, Sarah Rogers and Eve Poole also got on the scoresheet. Lily Turner won the prizes for Most Valuable Player and Top Goal Scorer. Head coach Nick Buller and assistant coach Peggy Etiebet wore their Otter blazers poolside during the game to commemorate the club's 150th anniversary.



The u17s, runners up last year, won the bronze medal with a 17-11 win over Cheltenham at their National Age Group Championships. Faye Poole finished with five goals, while captain Macey O'Malia and Sarah Ellis-Keeler added four each to seal the win.



The u15s, with captain Lucy Bullock had a smooth run to the semi finals winning all 4 of their matches at the group stage. The semi-final was against City of Manchester, a serious contender for the title, but the Otter girls pulled through 10 - 6 to set themselves up for the final against Liverpool. This was a tense affair - ending in a draw which meant a penalty shootout. Milly McDonagh sealed the win with her penalty and Otter were champions. A special mention to Juliet Lyons who won Most Valuable Player of the Championships.



We also enter in each championship a Futura team. This provides the opportunity for the younger and less experienced players to gain a taste of competition at the highest level and against quality opposition. These teams always put in a solid performance and the players' individual development is immeasurably enhanced.

A huge thanks go to all the parents who acted as team managers, chaperones, cake bakers and mascot holders and without whom we could not field teams.





CLUB PERFORMANCE: OTHER EVENTS



(Left to right) Fraser Peh, Wade Rimbach, Pip Bennet, Chris Morgan & Catherine Demont at the Swim Wales National Masters Championships in Swansea in March.



The fabulous London Aquatic Centre hosted the first London Regional Masters Championships in March. 20 Otters competed in an event that we hope becomes an annual affair!



At the London Region Open Water Championships, Pip Bennett and Will Ellis competed in glorious sunshine over 5km on a small, 500m loop in Surrey Quays. Pip became London Region Champion in the 30-39 category and the pair won gold and silver in the Middlesex competition.



Hayley Rigby won silver at the European Triathlon Championships held in Kazan, Russia, in July

Having been unable to enter the British Masters Championships in Swansea, James Stewart opted for racing in the Kent Masters in Erith in May. In the Mens 75-79 years 200m Backstroke, he set a new Kent County record of 3.38.20, which was the fastest time recorded in 2019 for this age group.



Alain Caignard completed a 13.5km marathon sea swim, starting in Tossa de Mar and finishing in Sant Faliu de Guixols in the Costa Brava. Whilst a gorgeous race course, temperatures were above 30degrees from 8am, making it particularly tough. He was delighted to finish in 3 hours 17 minutes; 17th position overall and 4th in the +30 male category.

At the Oxford and Cambridge Swimming and Waterpolo match the organizers wanted to include an Old Blues aspect in Masters Relay form. Otter was asked to supply both teams for the Old Blues 240+ Medley Relay, which was included in the programme for the 2019 Varsity Match held in Cambridge. Oxford Otter provided Mike Foxon, Ric Jones, Derek Parr and Peter Vider who all competed together for Oxford in the Sixties; for Cambridge Otters Roger Sharpley, Steve Braine and David Miller were joined by fellow alumnus and Olympian Geoff Thwaites.

Cambridge, with the combined advantage of youth(yes really!) and olympic pedigree took the honours.





CLUB EVENTS



Pip Bennett opened his open water season at Shepperton in May. In slightly chilly conditions he won the non-wetsuit race and finished 4th overall. Ex-Otter Chris Grey led for much of the race but was beaten on the water exit by Simon Griffiths.



Barbara Woodward won her age group at the Beijing International Sprint Triathlon in October



Small team of Otters compete at GLLAM 2019, organised By Out to Swim at the London Aquatics Centre in September



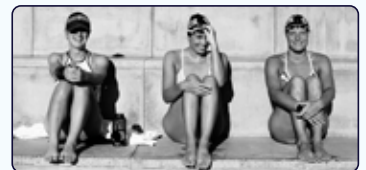
(Left to right) Otters Dave (21st), Rory (3rd) & Ed (3rd) in their respective age groups at the National Triathlon Championships in Leeds.

OTTER TRAINING CAMP - CLUB LA SANTA, LANZAROTE September - Sarah-Jane Law

Once again, Otter returned to Club La Santa for the annual training camp! It was the first time I had made it to the camp and I will definitely be going back. It was a complete highlight of the year for me.



The club itself is geared towards triathletes but you can make the most of any sport. As a swimming club we used two of the main 50 meter pools which were outside meaning we enjoyed the sun while training. We trained every morning and every afternoon and you could go to as many or as little as you liked. We could also take part in other activities such as tennis, squash, surfing, yoga, cycling and football to name but a few.



Otters would reunite most evenings to eat, drink and socialise. The week is a wonderful opportunity to relax, work out and train. I came back feeling fully refreshed and felt very fit. Just in time for Nationals.



OTTER GOLF AND SUMMER LUNCH

Friday 17th May - Matt W Staines

It was another fine and sunny day for the 2019 Otter Golf tournament and Summer Lunch. The Ealing golf course was its usual great condition and the greens unbelievably fast and true (nearly Augusta speed for those in the know.)



Char, Mike & Adam



Matt



Dave & Paul

Eight Otters took part in the golf tournament: Charles Doxat, Mike Reys, Ed Buckley, Matt Staines, Andy Craig, Peter Rae, Paul Hindle and Dave Gawler. To celebrate Otter's 150th year, special logo golf balls were presented to the golfers (a handful of which made it to the end of the round !!).

This year saw the Otters play a mix of excellent, good and 'interesting' golf and produce some good scores. The first challenge for Andy Craig was keeping the club head on the shaft. (see photo)



Andy...and his club head



The winner of the George Rope trophy (first awarded in 1923) was Paul Hindle (last year's winner), playing on his home course, with 35 stableford points. In second place with 31 points was Matt Staines.

In the "Longest Drive" competition, at the 7th hole, was Ed Buckley - one of the few balls that actually made it on the fairway.

In the "Nearest the Pin"(on the green, in one) competition, on the short 18th, the prize was awarded to Paul Hindle (much to the

chagrin of Peter Rae who watched Paul's ball finish up inches inside his)

The Summer Lunch was a well-attended affair. Starting with drinks on the grass terrace before moving inside for a carvery lunch prepared for us by the Ealing Golf Club's excellent catering staff. Additional Otters attending the lunch were: Sue Doxat, John & Maureen Fox, Martin Flash, Mark & Dru Grundy, Roger Sharpley, John & Jeannette Towers, Ric Jones, Karen Reys, DWD, Colin Ball & Debbie, Peter Vider, Jim McKenzie and Hugh Turner.

A superb day, enjoyed by everyone. The 2020 Otter Golf and Summer Lunch event will take place on Friday 5th June at the Ealing Golf Club.





CLUB EVENTS TROPHY WINNERS

CHAMPIONSHIP RACES (MEN)

EVENT	Trophy	Year	Winner
Championship Points Total	Buller C.C.	1905	A. LaJoie
50m Freestyle	Feddie Milton Cup	2019	D. Adamson
100m Freestyle	5th Humphrey's C.C.	1967	D. Adamson
400m Freestyle	Major Collis Browne	1899	F. Nugent
100m Backstroke	Brown C.C.	1889	A. LaJoie
100m Breaststroke	2nd Annison C.C. (shared)	2001	A. LaJoie
50m Butterfly	(No trophy)	-	A. LaJoie
100m Butterfly	Peters Tankard	1966	A. LaJoie
100m Medley	Ronald Edgar Salver (shared)	1952	J. Canlan-Shaw
200m Medley	Arthur Batt Trophy (shared)	1996	A. LaJoie
Mile Open Water	Dudley C.C.	1898	P. Bennett

CHAMPIONSHIP RACES (WOMEN)

EVENT	Trophy	Year	Winner
Championship Points Total	Jackson Trophy	1993	H. Davis
50m Freestyle	(No trophy)	-	C. Demont
100m Freestyle	J.R.G. Millner C.C.	1977	C. Demont
400m Freestyle	Club Trophy	2001	H. Davis
100m Backstroke	Club Trophy	2001	H. Davis
100m Breaststroke	2nd Annison C.C. (shared)	2001	J. Holland
50m Butterfly	(No trophy)	-	H. Davis
100m Butterfly	Club Trophy	2001	H. Davis
100m Medley	Irene Pirie Milton Cup	2019	H. Davis
200m Medley	Arthur Batt Trophy (shared)	1996	H. Davis
Mile Open Water	C.G. Forsberg Memorial	2000	H. Davis

HANDICAP 2019 TROPHY WINNERS

Amongst our club events, the Handicap races are an integral part of Otter, and have a fine history of tradition behind them. The handicap events were first contested in 1870 and provide an opportunity for every member to win one of the trophies donated by Otter alumni over the years. These are both open water and pool races and are mainly swum from a staggered start, with the winner being the person most inside or closest to their handicap time. The Hon. Handicapper sets the times, and being of inscrutable character cannot be bribed to ease the times!

EVENT	Trophy	Year	Winner
Handicap Overall	George Rope Averages	1911	E. Worthington
Open Water Handicap Overall	Frank Sachs C.C.	1923	J. Sandrin Gauer
10 Widths Handicap	Hodge C.C.	1970	-
50m Handicap	Macdonald C.C.	1893	E. Worthington
100m Handicap	Pyers Mostyn C.C.	1955	P. Mills
125m Handicap	Ladies' C.C.	1874	W. Wall
150m Handicap	Baldon C.C.	1934	A. Coomer
200m Handicap	Alfred Jonas C.C.	1935	T. Burkinshaw
400m IM Handicap	Alex Ferguson Trophy	2008	MJ. Matte
Sealed 100m Freestyle Handicap	David Craig Salver	2004	J. Sandrin Gauer
Veterans' 50m Handicap	Synge-Hutchinson C.C.	1931	M. H. Flash
Open Water Quarter Mile Handicap	2nd Tom Batt C.C.	1948	G. Hobson
Open Water Half Mile Handicap	J.W. Rope Memorial	1921	J. Goodbody
Open Water Mile Handicap	Cunningham Plate	1951	P. Kirk

WATER POLO 2019 TROPHY WINNERS

EVENT	Trophy	Year	Winner
Men's Player of the Year Season 2018/19	J.H.R. Haswell Trophy	1998	Nick Corjon
Men's Most Improved Player Season 2018/19	Doug Woo Award		Orion Ganase
Women's Player of the Year Season 2018/19	Water Polo Cup	2003	Lily Turner
Women's Captain's Trophy Season 2018/19		2014	Jill Rogers

GOLF 2019 TROPHY WINNER

EVENT	Trophy	Year	Winner
Otter Golf	G.H. Rope C.C.	1923	Paul Hindle



LIST OF MEMBERS 2019

Honorary Active Life Members

1966 Iliffe, Mr J.K.

Life Members

1946 Warnford-Davis, Mr D.M.
 1949 Millner, Mr J.R.
 1950 Cooper, Mr G.G.
 1951 Milton, Mr H.P.
 1952 Raw, Mr E.
 1953 Gill, Mr A.G.
 1953 Penny, Dr P.T.
 1953 Thorogood, Mr P.
 1953 Vandersteen, Mr M.H.
 1954 Dussek OBE, Mr I.J.
 1956 Doxat, Mr C.
 1959 Grundy, Mr M.D.
 1960 Downs, Mr M.C.
 1960 Goldberg, Mr M.D.
 1960 McLachlan, Mr M.L.
 1965 Thornton, Mr B.
 1966 Gawler, Mr D.
 1966 Thomas, Mr R.
 1967 Pointon, Mr G.H.
 1967 Wigginton, Mr A.B.
 1971 Craig, Mr A.R.
 1971 Goodbody, Mr J.B.
 1971 Jones, Mr R.H.
 1976 Mackenzie, Mr J.
 1976 Miller, Mr D.R.
 1979 Marshall, Mr F.
 1980 Redpath, Mrs E.M.
 1981 Courtney, Mr M.
 1981 Plumley, Mr J.
 1983 Woodward CMG.OBE, Ms B.
 1984 Goudie, Mr P.A.
 1985 Grace, Mr P.M.
 1990 Williamson, Mr P.K.
 1992 Hopkins, Mr R.
 1993 Levitz, Mr M.D.
 1997 Phillips, Mr R.
 1997 Wake, Mr M.
 1998 Gallagher, Mr N.R.
 1998 Vider, Mr P.A.

Active, Non-active, Country Members

1946 Payne, Mr D.B.
 1954 Morton, Mr A.J.
 1955 Chaney, Mr A.J.
 1955 Stossel, Mr C.A.
 1956 Harford, Mr R.S.
 1959 Kennedy, Dr W.J.
 1959 Towers, Mr J.F.
 1960 Lloyd-Mostyn, Dr R.H.
 1960 Parr, Mr D.R.
 1960 Skidmore OBE, Dr F.D.
 1962 Flash, Mr M.H.
 1962 Stewart, Mr C.J.
 1963 Gordon, Mr J.S.
 1964 Fox, Dr J.S.
 1966 Nalson, Mr J.K.
 1968 Palmer, Dr R.J.
 1972 Foxon, Dr M.
 1973 Musgrove, Mr N.
 1974 Sharpley, Mr R.F.

1975 Bedford, Mr J.
 1975 Turner, Mr H.
 1976 Hindle, Mr P.E.
 1979 Flash, Mr G.M.
 1979 Kirk, Mr P.G.
 1984 Flash, Mr A.M.
 1984 Fraser, Mr T.M.
 1985 Stewart, Mrs M.J.
 1987 Davies, Miss L.
 1987 Evans, Mr P.
 1988 Wain, Mrs A.L.
 1988 Willetts, Mr G.
 1991 Kendall, Mr T.H.
 1993 McMenemy, Ms E.J.
 1994 Amos, Dr M.J.
 1994 Rae, Mr P.J.
 1994 Ray, Mr A.A.
 1995 Fraser, Mr A.
 1995 Gallagher, Mr M.
 1997 Bree, Dr S.
 1997 Evans, Mr B.E.
 1997 Fry, Mr W.G.
 1997 Hardy, Mr V.
 1997 Powdrill, Mr G.
 1999 Buckley, Mr E.J.
 2000 Hindle, Mr J.E.
 2001 Marshall, Ms F.C.
 2001 Shaw, Miss E.A.
 2001 Parrish, Mr J.
 2002 Dean, Ms M.E.
 2002 Monk, Mr G.P.
 2002 Slater, Ms S.
 2003 Joyce, Miss R.
 2003 Hobson, Dr G.
 2003 Eden, Mr C.G.
 2003 Ward, Ms D.
 2003 Paynter, Miss D.
 2004 Boldon, Mr E.M.
 2004 Turner, Mrs E.A.
 2004 Williams, Mrs L.J.
 2004 Hudson, Mr A.M.
 2005 Russell, Mr A.
 2005 Miller, Miss A.T.
 2005 Miller, Miss K.A.
 2005 Miller, Mr R.G.
 2005 Etiebet, Miss P.E.
 2005 Buller, Mr N.
 2005 Lievesley, Miss A.
 2005 Miller, Mr L.A.
 2005 Miller, Mr B.Q.
 2005 Thomas, Mr B.
 2005 Comiskey, Mr G.M.
 2006 Senecal, Miss M.L.
 2006 Estrella, Mr L.
 2006 Adams, Mr C.J.
 2006 Walton, Mrs S.
 2007 Capon, Mr A.
 2007 Ochocinska, Ms A.
 2007 Hahn, Mr E.
 2007 Thomas, Ms H.
 2007 Hasnain, Dr C.A.
 2007 Cook, Mr L.
 2008 Mulcahy, Miss R.
 2008 Wall, Mr W.A.
 2008 Williams, Mr T.

2008 Sokolic, Mr I.
 2008 Shkurka, Miss E.
 2008 Wright, Mrs F.J.
 2009 Talbott, Mr J.R.
 2009 Burgham, Mr M.R.
 2009 Williams, Mr J.C.
 2009 Caldwell, Mr O.J.
 2009 Ganase, Mr O.A.
 2009 Sirianni, Mr P.
 2009 Prentice, Dr H.
 2009 Kruesmann, Dr M.
 2009 Warren, Mr D.
 2010 Burkinshaw, Mr T.
 2010 Moulson, Mr D.
 2010 Kerr, Miss K.
 2010 Bari, Mr F.
 2010 Tafazolli, Miss B.M.
 2010 Hannon, Miss F.A.
 2010 Bassey, Mr A.
 2011 Bond, Mr I.
 2011 Louw, Dr A.R.
 2011 Wright, Miss S.E.
 2011 Schuring, Mr B.
 2011 Glennie, Miss G.
 2011 Cockill, Mr M.
 2011 Shannon, Miss H.
 2011 Parra, Ms M.
 2011 Coomer, Miss A.
 2011 Csizsinszky, Mr D.
 2011 Thorpe, Miss V.
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 2012 Grey, Mr C.
 2012 Barber, Mr N.
 2012 Reys, Mr M.
 2012 Gillespie, Mr C.
 2012 Eckert, Mr J.
 2012 Gauer, Miss J.S.
 2012 Finlay, Mr T.
 2012 Nurthen, Ms M.L.
 2012 Amardeilh, Mr C.
 2012 Roussos, Mr N.
 2012 Nyaka, Mr M.J.
 2013 Goad, Miss E.
 2013 Reynolds, Miss O.
 2013 Bennett, Dr P.S.
 2013 Mattick, Mr J.
 2013 Woolley, Mr R.
 2013 Allen, Miss T.
 2013 Dean, Miss I.A.
 2013 Freeman, Miss C.
 2014 Brooks, Miss D.
 2014 Cartwright, Ms E.
 2014 Wharton, Miss A.
 2014 Bonavota, Mr G.
 2014 Jourdain, Mr M.
 2014 Nasadi-Gill, Mr D.
 2014 Sambrook-Smith, Mr J.
 2014 Rimbach, Mr W.
 2014 Williams, Mr S.B.
 2014 Szyzsko, Miss A.
 2014 Tinkler-Davies, Miss S.
 2014 Bion, Mr A.
 2014 Edelman, Mr N.
 2014 Shunn, Mr D.
 2014 Tatar, Mr D.

2015 Benoy, Ms A-M.
 2015 Demont, Miss C.
 2015 Taurite, Miss D.
 2015 Vrain, Miss C.
 2015 Braine, Mr S.
 2015 Cambier, Mr E.
 2015 Davis, Mr G.
 2015 Kuchinskiy, Mr V.
 2015 Masters, Mr N.
 2015 Paulson, Mr J.
 2015 Pisati, Mr M.
 2015 Schwartz, Mr Y.
 2015 Keith, Miss I.
 2015 Rogers, Miss K.
 2015 Bocsi, Mr G.
 2015 Cocksworth, Mr B.
 2015 Martinelli, Mr I.
 2015 Monahan, Mr N.
 2015 Turner, Miss C.
 2016 Adamson, Mr D.
 2016 Algar, Ms E.
 2016 Burkhart, Mr J.
 2016 Campbell-Lamerton, Miss E.
 2016 Corjon, Mr N.
 2016 Couquet, Mr A.
 2016 Davis, Ms H.
 2016 Dinsdale-Young, Ms A.
 2016 Filbey, Mr J.
 2016 Fincher, Mr H.
 2016 Gauer, Ms L.
 2016 Goff, Mr S.
 2016 Ho, Mr C.
 2016 Houghton, Mr M.
 2016 Hucker, Ms A.
 2016 Jancourtz, Ms K.
 2016 Law, Ms S-J.
 2016 Lonoce, Mr F.
 2016 Marnat, Ms E.
 2016 Manning, Mr J.
 2016 McNeill, Mr A.
 2016 Mills, Mr P.
 2016 Mohamed, Ms F.
 2016 Morten, Mr S.
 2016 Parsons, Mr M.
 2016 Pryke, Mr A.
 2016 Sartorius, Mr M.
 2016 Thibault, Mr A.
 2016 Wan, Mr M.
 2016 Webster, Mr G.
 2017 Batestini, Mr M.
 2017 Birmingham, Ms T.
 2017 Caignard, Mr A.
 2017 Canlan-Shaw, Mr J.
 2017 Clarke, Ms S.
 2017 Clarkson, Mr M.
 2017 Delahunty, Mr C.
 2017 Duff, Mr M.
 2017 Earl, Mr G.
 2017 Elsaadany, Mr R.
 2017 Grossett, Ms M.
 2017 Hall, Mr T.
 2017 Harfield, Ms A.
 2017 Holland, Ms M.
 2017 Hu, Mr A.
 2017 Jennings, Mr M.



2017 Klingenspor, Mr H.
 2017 Liston, Mr G.
 2017 Lowi, Ms D.
 2017 Mackay, Mr R.
 2017 Masters, Mr N.
 2017 McIntosh, Ms C.
 2017 Metsas, Mr A.
 2017 Moscatiello, Mr M.
 2017 Murphy, Mr A.
 2017 Muscato, Mr L.
 2017 Naseer, Ms Y.
 2017 Pantazis, Mr O.
 2017 Phelps, Mr B.
 2017 Pitt, Mr G.
 2017 Pryzwara, Ms S.
 2017 Roje, Mr L.
 2017 Ruiz Garcia, Mr L.
 2017 Sapsford, Ms J.
 2017 Siegel, Ms Y.
 2017 Stops, Mr C.
 2017 Sullivan, Ms S.
 2017 Tollefson, Ms S.
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 2017 Ward, Ms E.
 2018 Aguglia, Miss E.
 2018 Allen, Mr D.
 2018 Bander, Mr N.
 2018 Barton, Miss A.
 2018 Ball, Mr C.
 2018 Bauler, Mr J.
 2018 Beaufort, Mr M.
 2018 Browse, Mrs C.
 2018 Bryan, Mr R.
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 2018 Cane, Ms C.
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 2018 Chin, Miss A.
 2018 Coulter, Mr R.
 2018 Cox, Ms K.
 2018 Creager, Miss C.
 2018 Davies, Miss S.
 2018 Dickinson, Mr J.
 2018 Drew, Mr B.
 2018 Dunkley, Mr E.
 2018 Eckhof, Miss K.
 2018 Ellis, Mr W.
 2018 Fernandez, Mr P.
 2018 Gaafar, Miss L.
 2018 Harkins, Dr S.
 2018 Harvey, Miss I.
 2018 Hearn, Mr J.
 2018 Hewes, Miss C.
 2018 Hewitt, Mr C.
 2018 Hirst, Mr A.
 2018 Holland, Mrs M.
 2018 Illes, Mr G.T.
 2018 Jara-Charbonneau, Miss D.
 2018 Jennison, Miss A.
 2018 Juxon, Mr R.
 2018 Kemp, Mr J.
 2018 Kleymann, Mr D.
 2018 Lamo de Espinosa, Mr J.
 2018 LeFric, Ms R.
 2018 Le Loher, Mr G.
 2018 Licciardi, Mr M.
 2018 Lohse, Miss A.

2018 Marsh, Mr W.
 2018 Martinez del Pozo, Mr L.
 2018 Matthisdis, Mr A.
 2018 McLean, Mr T.
 2018 Morato, Mr J.
 2018 Morgan, Mr C.
 2018 Mulliez, Miss A.
 2018 Murphy, Mr A.
 2018 Narengy, Mr D.
 2018 Oriti, Miss S.
 2018 O'Shea, Mr L.
 2018 Posada Fishman, Mr S.
 2018 Puleggi, Mr L.
 2018 Rito Barbosa, Mr F.
 2018 Roncaioli, Mr V.
 2018 Selby, Ms E.
 2018 Snell, Ms E.
 2018 Stillman, Ms J.
 2018 Storonsky, Mr N.
 2018 Stoyel, Mr A.
 2018 Thompson, Mr W.
 2018 Ustunel, Mr S.
 2018 Vriend, Mr P.
 2018 Wingrove, Ms E.
 2018 Wilson, Miss H.
 2018 Wisdich, Miss S.
 2018 Woodhouse, Mr J.
 2018 Yetman, Miss J.
 2018 Zavitsanos, Mr N.
 2019 Agnell, Mr R.
 2019 Amaral, Ms J.
 2019 Ayres, Mr A.
 2019 Barton, Ms L.
 2019 Bashir, Mr C.
 2019 Bernard, Mr N.
 2019 Black, Ms. C.
 2019 Cabado Fernandez, Mr E.
 2019 Chaplin, Ms. J.
 2019 Czysewski, Mr A.
 2019 Davis, Mr D.
 2019 Davitt, Mr A.
 2019 De Giovanni, Mr C.
 2019 Duggan, Mr T.
 2019 Gallivan, Ms. L.
 2019 Gartaganis, Mr K.
 2019 Falvey, Ms. T.
 2019 Ferguson, Mr C.
 2019 Fleming, Mr M.
 2019 Gauld, Ms. R.
 2019 Gauld, Mr S.
 2019 Gerhardstein, Ms. N.
 2019 Gibbons, Mr C.
 2019 Gilbert, Mr G.
 2019 Gillespie, Mr T.
 2019 Gorokhovik, Mr F.
 2019 Goulding, Mr T.
 2019 Gray, Mr J.
 2019 Haf-Jones, Ms. C.
 2019 Harcourt, Mr F.
 2019 Haynes, Ms. A.
 2019 Henderson, Ms. K.
 2019 Howitt, Mr C.
 2019 Inverarity, Mr A.
 2019 Irwin, Ms. E.
 2019 James, Mr A.
 2019 Karich, Ms. A.

2019 Keir, Mr N.
 2019 Kelly, Mr A.
 2019 Lajoie, Mr A.
 2019 Lancee, Ms. K.
 2019 Lavery, Mr A.
 2019 Marriott, Mr W.
 2019 Matte, Ms. M.
 2019 McAteer, Mr O.
 2019 Mistry, Dr P.
 2019 Munns, Mr M.
 2019 Nicklin, Mr A.
 2019 Nugent, Mr F.
 2019 Pitt, Ms. H.
 2019 Polonara, Ms. A.
 2019 Porobic, Mr S.
 2019 Postlethwaite, Ms. I.
 2019 Potter, Mr E.
 2019 Powell, Ms. A.
 2019 Roberts, Mr T.
 2019 Rosenkvist, Ms. L.
 2019 Ryu, Mr S.
 2019 Samy, Mr O.
 2019 Sanchez Navarro, Mr J.
 2019 Sapuppo, Ms. A-M.
 2019 Scallan, Mr R.
 2019 Schirmer, Mr C.
 2019 Scott, Ms. C.
 2019 Spyropoulos, Mr A.
 2019 Stoychev, Mr V.
 2019 Taylor-Reid, Ms. S.
 2019 Thompson, Mr J.
 2019 Thornewell, Ms. C.
 2019 Troebinger, Ms. L.
 2019 Viapianni, Mr M.
 2019 Wallace, Mr I.
 2019 Waltzing, Ms. A.
 2019 Worthington, Ms. E.
 2019 Zepos, Mr J.

Junior Members

2011 Wain, Miss Z.F.
 2012 Wain, Mr E.V.
 2014 Wain, Miss S.
 2015 Andrew, Miss E.
 2015 Chisadza, Miss A.
 2015 Cogni, Miss E.
 2015 Cutler, Miss K.
 2015 Hanrahan, Miss R.
 2015 Nicholson, Miss C.
 2015 Poole, Miss E.
 2015 Smith, Miss I.
 2015 Stoner, Miss H.
 2015 Toth, Miss B.
 2015 Toth, Miss L.
 2016 Coulthard, Miss P.
 2016 Ellis-Keeler, Miss S.
 2016 Helliwell, Miss L M
 2016 Henderson, Miss L.
 2016 Poole, Miss F.
 2016 Turner, Miss G.
 2017 Alfe, Mr P.
 2017 Buckland, Mr K.
 2017 Buckland, Mr L.
 2017 Crooke, Mr M.
 2017 Danielson, Miss P.
 2017 Greenslade, Miss R.

2017 Hughes, Miss I.
 2017 Kraft, Miss I.
 2017 Lyons, Miss J.
 2017 McDonagh, Miss M.
 2017 Mdaoukhi, Miss S.
 2017 O'Malia, Miss M.
 2017 Onal, Miss A.
 2017 Shirvani, Mr K.
 2017 Spencer, Miss I.
 2017 Street, Miss J.
 2017 Tinkler-Davies, Miss A.
 2017 Thursfield, Mr J.
 2017 Thursfield, Mr T.
 2017 Trancas, Mr R.
 2017 Watt, Miss R.
 2018 Ball-Monto, Miss A.
 2018 Barnish, Miss M.
 2018 Boglione, Mr L.
 2018 Borrelli, Mr L.
 2018 Brady, Mr H.
 2018 Bullock, Miss L.
 2018 Cartwright, Mr F.
 2018 Sanchez Navarro, Mr T.
 2018 Cox, Mr E.
 2018 Cunliffe, Mr T.
 2018 Gerhardstein, Miss N.
 2018 Jackson, Miss S.
 2018 Larder, Miss I.
 2018 Palmer-Garr, Mr H.
 2018 Prasens, Mr A.
 2018 Rodriguez-Albaba, Mr M.
 2018 Rossiter, Mr J.
 2018 Schonfeld, Mr R.
 2018 Smeulders, Mr S.
 2018 Toth, Mr D.
 2018 Wain, Mr M.
 2018 Zhu, Mr K.
 2019 Ahmahdi, Mr Z.
 2019 Aiuto, Miss C.
 2019 Aiuto, Miss F.
 2019 Alvarez Battista, Mr F.
 2019 Baker, Mr G.
 2019 Bridge, Miss A.
 2019 Bridge, Miss H.
 2019 Cabrera Moreno, Mr A.
 2019 Chisholm, Mr S.
 2019 Correia, Mr R.
 2019 Danielson, Miss P.
 2019 Gvozd, Mr D.
 2019 Kaiser, Mr A.
 2019 Karagiannis, Mr N.
 2019 Norris, Mr J.
 2019 Pecce, Miss S.
 2019 Poole, Miss J.
 2019 Poole, Miss S.
 2019 Rolland-Cassina, Mr R.
 2019 Rosati, Mr A.
 2019 Sagiryan, Mr A.
 2019 Sagiryan, Mr I.
 2019 Sarda, Mr Y.
 2019 Schisano, Miss M.
 2019 Schonbach, Miss S.
 2019 Smeulders, Mr N.
 2019 Spennato, Mr M.
 2019 Useldinger, Mr L.

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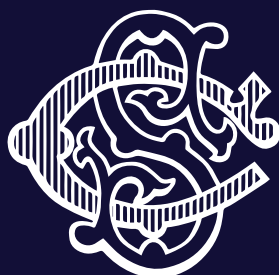
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And please do continue to share contributions to the club news throughout the year to Catherine Demont at cmdemont91@gmail.com

AND LASTLY, A BLAST FROM THE PAST:

Following the issuance in early January of an updated History of Otter Swimming Club, it is possible that members may have found items that are potentially incorrect or items that should have been recorded and were omitted. The author of that History, James Stewart, would very much like to be informed of such items. Although the History may not now be re-written, he will be placing a record of such corrections into the Club Archives, for possible use by a subsequent Historian in say 25 years time.

In this context, one item that has come to light, following email correspondence in recent weeks with a Professor based in France, was photographic proof of two Otter members who represented GB at the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam. They were both divers - A.R. (Reggie) Knight and W.G.T (Tommy) Burne. Tommy Burne was eliminated in the heats, while Reggie Knight came 8th out of 9 finalists. A team photo of the 1928 Olympic Swimming Team that includes these two divers, has been deposited in the Club Archives.



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