

B.L.D.S.A. Wykeham Lakes swim 2010

This event was held at Wykeham Lakes in Scarborough on Sunday 13th June 2010.

I was delighted to invite the 2010 BLDSA president Mrs Pam Morgan to the event. Pam has been involved in Open water Swimming in Scarborough for many years and Pam and her late husband Trevor have been a huge help to myself since I started running the Wykeham swim in 2001. The first event at Wykeham was in 2000 during Pam's first presidential year for the association and was set up as a junior event. Pam has always been very keen to encourage new juniors and will have been delighted to see a team of junior swimmers from Scarborough taking part in this year's event. I hope this year's first BLDSA event of the year here at Wykeham will be the start of a great year for Pam.

The day began with the two mile and 5km events. 5 Junior swimmers and 15 Seniors participated in the 2 mile race and 33 Seniors in the 5 km race.

The first swimmer home was Jack Colley from Scarborough SC who stormed home in a time of 47 Mins 15 Secs. Although Jack was the only Junior boy in the event he managed to beat all the Junior and senior competitors. Charlotte Dickinson from Warrington put in an amazing performance to win the junior girls race in a time of 49 Mins 37 Secs (Charlotte then continued swimming in order to complete a 2 hour swim to enable her to take part in a channel relay swim with Warrington later this year- well done Charlotte and good luck with the channel). Rebecca Cox from Scarborough came in second place in 51 mins 29 secs after a close race with Clare Mack from Halifax who finished third in 51 mins 41 secs, with only 12 Secs separating them. Katie Mould from Scarborough finished fourth and at age 13 was the youngest competitor in the water. Katie finished in a time of 53 Mins 54 Secs beating most of the Senior competitors in this event and was rewarded with the Kendall Mellor trophy for her efforts.

Jack Colley, Rebecca Cox and Katie Mould from Scarborough SC were presented with the junior team trophy for the 2 mile event.

Scott Davison from the City of Sheffield took first place in the Senior gents 2 mile race in 55 mins 55 secs. David Cleghorn from Barrow came in second in 1 hour 2 mins 46 secs and took the trophy for being the first Veteran Male to finish. Mike Jackson from Wigan finished third in 1 hour 19 mins 44 secs.

The senior ladies 2 mile event was won by Eleanor Jackson from Wigan Best for the second year in a row in a time of 42 mins 48 secs. Second place went to Sally Chapman from Barrow who finished in 1 hour 0 mins 11 secs. Sally also won the trophy for being the first veteran to finish. Laura Goodyear from the City of Bradford SC finished third in 1 hour 3 mins 9 secs. Jade Gillott from Stocksbridge Pentaqua finished fourth in her first BLDSA event and took the trophy for being the fastest Breastroke swimmer.

David Cleghorn, Sally Chapman and Alex Anderson from Barrow were awarded with a special team trophy.

The 5km competitors were the next to arrive at the finish and I was delighted to see Nicola Fraser from Stocksbridge Pentaqua leading the way in a time of 1hr 16 12. Closely following Nicola was Lucy Burnside from the City of Bradford who finished second in 1hr 16 50. Third place in her first year as a senior was Eve Fellows from Warrington Dolphins in a time of 1 hr 17 55. Well done Eve

The mens 5km event was won by Peter May from Pennine Swimmers in a fantastic time of 1 hour 22 mins 19 secs. Second place went to Simon Lee from Solent who finished in a time of 1 hour 22 mins 19 secs. Simon won the trophy for being the first veteran finisher in what is his first year as a veteran. Mark Preston from Pennine Swimmers finished third being beaten only at the touch by Simon.

Bryn Dymott from St Neotts Swans was the fastest Breastroke finisher in a time of 1hour 45 mins 39secs.

The team trophy for the 5km event was won by the Pennine Swimmers team of Peter May, Mark Preston and Ryan Nuttall.

The final event of the day was the 1km event which was once again popular despite the weather being less favourable this year.

Jessica Millar from Thirsk White Horse won the event in 16 mins 26 secs, with Katie Mould from Scarborough second and Jo Clayton from Ryedale third. Derek Griffiths from Barrow was the first male finisher in 18 mins 28 secs. Thomas Preston came second and was followed by Andy Wright who finished third.

I hope everyone enjoyed the event as I did and I would like to express my thanks to:

- Sue Stroud and Wykeham Watersports for the use of the lake and changing facilities.
- Sandra Wright for assisting myself in providing first aid cover.
- Daniel and Matt Thomas on the BLDSA Swim Rescue boat and Vince and Jacky Classen for providing safety cover on the Geordie Dream Safety boat.
- All my officials Daniel Thomas (Referee), My Dad, and Jill and Keith Massey (My timekeepers who did a fantastic job). My sister Dee for acting as Race controller and ensuring all swimmers were checked and out of the water and for her invaluable help with certificate and programme design. My better half Chris Hickling for acting as safety officer. My Mum and Sue Coates for taking entries on the day, providing the hot dogs and generally multi- tasking as only ladies can do!. Pam Morgan for starting the race and for selling the merchandise and Natalie Keech for selling the raffle tickets.
- Spen Valley Scout Group for use of their catering equipment
- All the canoeists for their valuable safety cover especially those from Malton & Norton Canoe Club.
- And anyone I' ve forgotten to mention!

All in all it was a great day and I hope to see you all again next year.

Reporter: Miss Liane Llewellyn (Swim Secretary).