

**Channel Swimming Association Ltd. 1927-2011**  
**Newsletter 24**  
**December 2011**

## **Celebrating almost 85 years of serving Channel Swimmers**

Dear Member,

**Welcome to our December 2011 Newsletter.**

### **Chairman's Message**

Dear CSA friends,

**This newsletter comes to you with best wishes for Christmas from the Board members of the Channel Swimming Association.**

In spite of some awful weather in August and early September it still turned out to be our busiest season on record and we send our sincere congratulations to our successful swimmers and our commiserations to those who were unsuccessful on this occasion. In a nutshell, it was a cruel year with some swimmers (and the Observers) experiencing overnight and early morning air temperatures of only 8°C. But we would remind you of the saying “if at first you don't succeed, try and try again”, we are sure you will be back. “Nothing Great is Easy”.

The Channel Swimming Association wishes you great success and I do hope that we will meet someday, possibly at our next Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening on November 3rd 2012.

Peter Van Vooren

## Channel Update

Today, 5th December, as I start this Newsletter, the temperature mid channel at the Sandettie Buoy is still an incredible 54.9°F and blowing westerly at 30kts. It will be of little comfort when I tell you that the autumn this year as a whole has been a good 3-4C warmer than average years and here in East Anglia we are 9 months into drought conditions!!!

## Apologies

First for the long delay between newsletters, due to a combination of overwork and an upgrade to Windows Live Mail 2011, resulting in a loss of all the group contacts, so more apologies if you have been left off from this list. As with London buses, having waited a long time, please don't be surprised if 3 come along in close succession.

Secondly sincere apologies to Shelley Taylor-Smith of Champion Mindset, who pointed out that she was in fact the first person to have been inducted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame, the International Swimming Hall of Fame and receive the ISHOF Davids Wheeler award. She wins the all inclusive 3 night stay in Perth, Western Australia.

## Year end Summary

38 solo swim successes, 1 2-way relay by the first ever 4 person team and 32 one way relays.

We send special congratulations to the Travessia Balkis Canal da Mancha a 4 team who, coached by Igor de Souza, made the fastest ever 1way 4 person relay crossing as well as the first ever 2-way. We were delighted that Giuliana Braga was able to be with us and share her team's success at the Annual Dinner. And also to the Mustard Midlanders team, who became our first relay team in the "Special Swims" category. Although present at the dinner they were inadvertently not mentioned during the presentations.



Left to Right is: Angus Hodson, Jamie Drysdale, Justin Hess, Richard Hogg, Suzanne Gibson, James Herbertson, Peter Dobson (support). ZRSDP channel swim Team 2011  
Fastest team of the year.



**The Connaught Hall at 6.00pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011**



**Channel Swimming Association Trophies ready for presentation**

## Swim results

# Channel Swimming Association Swim List 2011

### Solo's

Number	Name	Nationality	Hrs	Mins
	<b>England - France</b>			
867	Pascal Vernaeve	Holland	13	25
868	Angus Macfadyen	Britain	18	42
869	Geoff Wilson	Australia	15	12
870	Chloe McCardel	Australia	9	03
871	Lisa Delaurentis	Australia	10	34
872	Paul Robinson	USA	11	31
873	Amol Adhav	India	10	56
874	Ceinwen Williams	Australia	12	55
875	Ranie Pearce	USA	18	40
876	Ludek Coufal	Czech Rep.	15	53
877	Cheyenne Boddicker	USA	15	39
878	Charlie Forrest	Britain	16	34
879	Stephen Sweetman	British	14	35
880	Tom Leeming	British	11	07
881	Jenny Birmelin	USA	11	21
882	Iain McGregor	Australia	15	14
883	Alister Stocks	British	15	34
884	Kim Owen	British	14	09
885	Mark Templeton	South Africa	14	10
886	Marilyn Korzekwa	Canada	16	40
887	Daniel Bryson	British	15	30
888	Pat Gallant-Charett	USA	15	57
889	Qing Li	USA	16	48
890	Paul Newsome	Britain	12	14
891	Mark Seal	British	12	48
892	Paul Downie	Australia	12	39
893	Caroline Thorn	British	13	30
894	Andrew Hunt	Australia	13	54
895	Javier Gutierrez	Mexico	9	40
896	Joe Hunter	British	14	11
897	Lucy Roper	British	14	30
898	Aurora Gore	USA	14	12
899	Davinia Latchana-Rees	British	17	11
900	Rebecca Lewis	British	9	24
901	Harriet Tuck	British	10	59
902	Victoria Hayles	British	11	25
903	Angela Lurssen	South Africa	17	01
904	Georgina Tuffin	British	11	54

### Relays

Number	Name	Nationality	Hrs	Mins
	<b>Special Swims Category</b>			
1	Mustard Midlanders	British	12	58
	<b>Relay England - France</b>			
	<b>6 Persons</b>			
330	Winter Swimming Council	International	13	51
331	The Intensive Swimming Team	British	16	43
332	Team Bluefin	International	13	33
333	TheYoung and the Rest	International	14	17
334	Big Ricks Swim Team	British	11	10
335	GB 2011	British	13	42
336	Just swim it	International	16	36
337	The Polar Bears	Slovakia	14	56
338	ZRSDP Channel swim 2011	British	10	13
339	Budgie Smugglers	British	11	30
340	City of Brno Ladies	Czech Rep	10	16
341	Jefferson Tide Riders	International	13	48
342	Channel Ramblers	International	12	23

	7 Persons			
5	Safe Hands Swimmers	British	16	20
	5 Persons			
	The Olympic Club of San			
22	Francisco	USA	10	17
23	The South End Sea Nymphs	USA	15	24
24	Queens University Belfast*	N. Ireland	12	01
25	Team Mexico 2011	Mexico	10	42
26	The Mean Machine	International	12	35
27	One Big Family Swim	British	12	40
28	Team Otter	British	15	06
	4 Persons 2 way EFE			
	Travessia Balkis Canal da			
1	Mancha a 4	Brazil	18	42
	4 Persons			
29	Mad Mac's	British	16	30
30	Waterproof	British	12	09
31	Italian Dolphins	Italy	12	39
32	The Four Seasons	British	13	00
33	Sutcliffe Channel Challenge	British	15	58
	3 Persons			
12	Fenland Swimmers	International	14	13
13	Stormin O'Gormans	Eire	18	32
	2 Persons			
11	Cunningham Walker relay *	British	12	30
12	SNC Channelling Positivity	British	9	58
13	Bland Brothers relay	Australia	13	22

**CHANNEL SWIMMING ASSOCIATION Ltd. TROPHIES and AWARDS 2011 Holders**

	Trophy	Achievement	Winner
a	C.S.A. Gold Medal	Fastest Swim of the Year	Chloe McCardel 09h03
b	C.S.A. Centenary Trophy	Fastest Swim by a British Person	Rebecca Lewis 09h24
c	The Sotiraki Trophy	Fastest Swim by a Lady	Chloe McCardel 09h03
d	King of the Channel Trophy	Most Successful Swims by a man	Michael Read 33 swims
e	The Van Audenaerde Trophy	Greatest Feat of Endurance	Marilyn Korzekwa 16h40
f	The Van Audenaerde Special Award	Special Award to a Disabled Swimmer	No Award
g	John Unicum Wood Cup	Fastest Swim by a man	Javier Gutierrez 09h40
h	The O'Clee Jubilee Trophy	Oldest Successful Swimmer	Pat Gallant-Charette 15h57 60
i	Ray and Audrey Scott Trophy	Most Successful Swims by a woman	Alison Streeter 39 swims
j	The Captain Webb Plate	Fastest 3-way Solo	Philip Rush
k	The Graeme Thompson Trophy	Youngest Successful Swimmer	Georgina Tuffin 11h54 17
l	The Sunny Lowry Trophy	Fastest British Lady	Rebecca Lewis 09h24
m	Observer of the Year Shield	Best Observer	Steve Franks
n	The Oldman Memorial Trophy	Most Meritorious B.L.D.S.A. Swimmer	Angus Macfadyen 18h42
o	The Rosemary George Trophy	Most Meritorious Swim of the Year	Pat Gallant-Charette 15h57 60
p	Mrs Garnet Martin Trophy	Fastest Relay	ZRDSP Channel Swim 10h13
pm	The Ray Scott Trophy	Fastest Mixed Relay	ZRDSP Channel Swim 10h13 5M 1F
q	The Lada Cross-Channel Trophy	Fastest Junior Relay	No Award
r	The John and Gwen Jacques Shield	Fastest Ladies Relay	City of Brno Ladies Team 10h16
s	The Stan Maycock Shield	Fastest Mens Relay	Big Ricks Swim Team 11h10
t	The John Bullett Trophy	Youngest Relay Team	City of Brno Ladies Team 10h16 21.25yrs
u	The Robert Lyle Memorial Trophy	Fastest American Swimmer	Jenny Birmelin /Paul Robinson 11h31
v	Miss Montserrat Tresserras Trophy	Swimmer from a New Country	No Award
w	Teresa Zarzeczanska Trophy	Fastest Ladies 2 way Relay	No Award
x	The Audrey Scott Award	Greatest Contribution to the CSA	Ghislaine Van Vooren
y	H.B.C.R.T. Award for Breaststroke	The Fastest Breaststroke Swimmer	No Award
z	Pierre Van Vooren Memorial Trophy	Best Swimmer in Arduous Conditions	Mark Seal 12h48
aa	The Julie Bradshaw Trophy	Best Butterfly swim	No Award
bb	The Julie Bradshaw Award	Greatest Feat of Endurance Ladies Relay	Cunningham Walker 2 Person Relay 19h00
cc	The Gertrude Ederle Trophy	World Record 2 way swim	No Award
dd	The Montserrat Tresserras Shield	Fastest Mens Relay Not 6 swimmers	The Olympic Club Of San Francisco (5M)10h17
ee	The Ray Cossum Shield	Fastest Mixed Relay Not 6 swimmers	Team Mexico 2011 (4M 1F) 10h42
ff	The Bill Pickering Shield	Fastest Ladies Relay Not 6 swimmers	Travessia Balkis Canal de la Mancha a 4 8h22*
gg	The Mark Rickhuss	The Fastest Solo 2 Way	No Award

	Memorial Trophy	Swim of the Year	
hh	Special Award	Open	SNC Channeling Positivity 2F 9h58
ii	Belhedi Trophy	Swim on the highest tide	Georgina Tuffin 11h54 6.98m
jj	Derek Turner Trophy	The earliest/latest swim	Georgina Tuffin 11h54 27 <sup>th</sup> September

\*Travessia Balkis Canal de la Mancha a 4 8h22 Made on the first leg of the first ever 4 person 2 way crossing in 18h42.

## Class of 2010 Honored at UN

The International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame is proud to announce the following honorees of its Class of 2010. The individuals and organizations were honored at the United Nations in New York City at the [2011 Global Open Water Swimming Conference](#) in a special celebration on June 19th. We send them many congratulations as we often have the privilege of helping their swimmers cross the Channel.

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### Dr. Harry Huffaker (USA) CSA Vice President



Dr. Harry Huffaker is a pioneer in swimming the dangerous channels in Hawaii. Throughout his illustrious career in the pre-GPS era, Dr. Huffaker has faced sharks, jellyfish, massive ocean swells and strong currents during unprecedented swims in the tropical waters of Hawaii.

During his 1967 Molokai Channel swim, Dr. Huffaker saw a large shark underneath him and immediately headed for his escort boat, but the shark then swam between him and his boat, which was too far away for an easy escape. He continued on and ultimately reached his goal after 16 hours.

Dr. Huffaker was the first person to cross the 30-mile Alenuihaha Channel in 20 hours between the Big Island of Hawaii and Maui in 1970 after his initial failure of 17 hours. He crossed from Molokai to Oahu in 1967 and was the first person to cross between Oahu to Molokai in 1972 after a failed 20-hour attempt when he ran into strong currents, a tiger shark and a brood of Portuguese Man-o-War.

At the age of 50 in 1989, he swam from Lanai to Maui, then Maui to Molokai, then attempted to complete his final Molokai-to-Maui leg before being pulled after 18 hours. He has swum the Maui Channel three times, is the first person to cross the 9.3-mile Kalohi Channel (1989) from Molokai to Lanai, has crossed the 8.5-mile Palilolo Channel from Maui to Molokai (1989). A lifetime of success that followed some dramatic failures has proven Dr. Huffaker to be a true pioneer of Hawaiian Islands channel swimming community.

### Dr. Thomas Hetzel (USA)

Tom Hetzel was the No.1 American Channel swimmer of the late 1960's and 1970's, successfully making eight crossings and then turning to assist others, most notable among whom was Doc James Councilman

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# Rottnest Channel Swim Association (Australia)



The [Rottnest Channel Swim Association](#) has conducted over two decades of 19.7K solo and relay crossings of the Rottnest Channel.

Formed in 1989, the [Rottnest Channel Swim Association](#) priorities are to observe and authenticate people who swim the Rottnest Channel, promote safety, advise and encourage swimmers wanting to make an attempt as well as gathering and preserving historical data from the crossings.

Nearly 25,000 individuals have been certified by the [Rottnest Channel Swim Association](#) to have swum the channel as solo and relay swimmers since 1956.

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## Catalina Channel Swimming Federation



The [Catalina Channel Swimming Federation](#) is the governing body in California's Catalina Channel.

The [Catalina Channel Swimming Federation](#)'s mission is to promote interest in Catalina Channel Swimming, furnish information to and advise those intending to make the swim, promote the safety and welfare of the swimmer, observe and authenticate persons who swim the Catalina Channel and gather and preserve historical Catalina Channel Swimming data.

Since the first crossing in 1927, the year that our own organisation was founded, there have been 199 successful solo swimmers and 70 successful relays.

### Anniversaries

First of all many congratulations to Vice President Bill Pickering and his wife Clarrie, who this year reached their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, if there was any doubt about the staying power of Channel swimmers, this has to be the ultimate proof.

And more congratulations to Vice President Ray Cossum and his wife Bridie, who this year reached their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He tells me that he will overtake Bill Pickering, if it is the last thing he does!!

More congratulations to Brenda Fisher of Grimsby celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her swim, who, in 1951 became the 23<sup>rd</sup> person to swim from France to England in 12 hours 42 minutes.



Brenda Fisher pictured in Cleethorpes with Peter Winchester and Mike Read in 2010

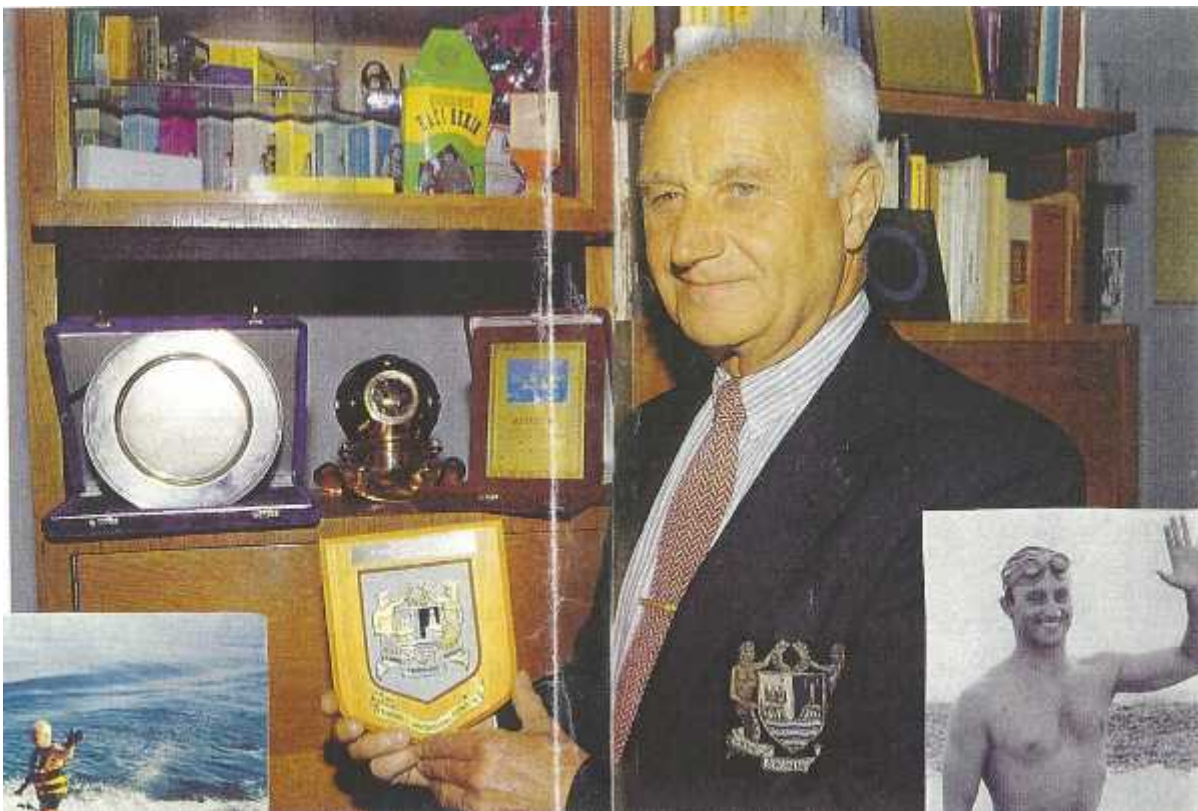
Congratulations to Dogan Sahin, the first swimmer from Turkey to swim the Channel, celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, F/E 14hrs 21 minutes. In his later years Dogan became a Turkish jet ski champion.







**Dogan completed the first ever jetski from Turkey to Cyprus.**





## 118.500 METERS REMAINING STANDING ON THE SEA

The crossing from Mersin (Tasucu) to (Girne) Cyprus on 28 October 1994 Friday, being a happy result of approximately 2000 hours training in Büyükada and at its vicinities by a water-ski which can only be used while remaining standing, which took 32 months no matter whether it was a summer or winter.

The technical evaluation of achievement:

The course to be followed while crossing from Tasucu to Girne is 0 - 205 and the distance to be travelled as the crow flies is 64 sea miles - 118.5 kilometers. However, it is a fact that this distance increased in small amount due to the unavoidable divergences (zigzags) and waves during the cruising. The YAMAHA SUPER JET 650 cc 50 HP used in this crossing is a kind of motor - cycle (JET SKI) which can only be used while remaining standing. It can make maximum 40 miles an hour and with 18 liters of gasoline it can cruise 1.5-2 hours at the speed of 20- 25 miles. Considering the difficulty in supplying gasoline and the probability of a mechanical, defect a second full Super Jet fuel was taken on board of the escort boat as a precaution. It was assumed that the crossing would take 3-4 hours.

### THE EVENTS DURING CROSSING

It was set out from the Customs Quay of Tasucu with the start given by the Governor of Silifke on 28 October 1994 Friday at 10:00 following the completion of formalities by Jozef MÜHLBAUER, pilot 1. captain and Coskun Kaplan his assistant, regarding Customs and Port Exit transactions in connection with crafts. The first 10-15 miles were cruised with a speed of 35 miles and Tasucu Bay was left. In the channel by using a compass, 20-25 miles were cruised without seeing the sea-shores through the waves and winds at the intensity of 2-3. The average speed was 20-25 miles, the waves became smaller when the silhouette of Cyprus appeared.

At this moment I made a signal that the jet which started to use the spare gasoline should be changed. Second Jet was launched to the sea in the working condition, I approached to it and jumped in. I left Jet first to the sea. The escort team fell behind and in 3-5 minutes took on to the boat, the jet which I had left.

While approaching Cyprus, the passenger ships FERGUN EXPRESS II and HYDROFOIL - which left Girne, made manifestations by making signal of our course. Afterwards, the catamaran FERGUN EXPRESS III which left Tasucu at 11:30 caught up with us. For a while I cruised side by side with them at the speed of 32 miles. However, I fell

behind as a result of my weariness and waves. I tried to catch them by following, however EXPRESS III entered to the new port 15-20 minutes before me.

At 13:30, at the entry of the previous port of Girne, while cruising at the side of escort boat I took the flag of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and by holding it in my left hand I made a tour in the port and landed to the embankment at 13:30 with the manifestations of welcomers. So I completed the crossing to Cyprus which took 3,5 hours remaining standing. Afterwards, upon the request of the press- people, I made demonstrations with Super Jet.

So the story of Doğan Sahin "118.000 meters on the sea" (Jul Verne) was written in this way. Next year let us meet at ALEXANDRIA. (.)

Written by Doğan ŞAHİN (65)

Civil Engineer M.S. - Marathon Swimmer of 1950's

The marathon swimming which are as follows are his recorded achievements:

- 1951 Büyükada tour by swimming
- 1952 Anadolu Kavağı - Kız Kulesi
- 1953 Anadolu Kavağı - Büyükada
- 1954 Dolmabahçe - Florya
- 1954 France-Loire-Ocean  
(Marathon of EUROPE, champion of amateurs)
- 1956 Egypt-Nile marathon
- 1956 France-Paris Marathon The Seine River
- 1956 France-The River of Loise-Van Gogh Marathon
- 1957 Italy-Capri-Napoli Marathon
- 1961 Swimming from France to England by crossing The English Channel (14 hours 21 minutes) Still the best performance among Turks in this direction.
- 1987 Sarayburnu-Kınalıada



Our thanks to Dogan for sending all these pictures.

Congratulations to CSA Vice President Montserrat Tresserras from Spain, the first female to swim the Channel E/F and F/E according to our records, celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, E/F 16hrs 25 minutes. Thanks to the Openwaterpedia and Steven Munatones for this article.



Montserrat Tresserras receiving the [Real Orden del Merito Deportivo](#) from H.R.A. Infanta Cristina.

Montserrat Tresserras is an Honor Swimmer from Spain who was inducted in 1970 into the [International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame](#). She was a pioneer of many marathon swims and was the first Spanish women to swim the [Strait of Gibraltar](#) in 1957 in 5 hours 18 minutes. In 1969, she swam the [Menorca Channel](#) from the island of Menorca to the island of Majorca in Spain in 21 hours and 10 minutes and across Lough Neagh in 16 hours and 13 minutes. She also swam from Santa Fe to Corronda in Argentina and from Concordia in Argentina to Columbus, Uruguay.

Montserrat serves on the Board of Directors of both the Channel Swimming Association and the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame and has acted as an official observer on many attempts to swim the English Channel and the Strait of Gibraltar.

She also was a 2011 recipient of the Real Orden del Merito Deportivo awarded to her by H.R.A. Infanta Cristina representing the Spanish Government.

She is also a long-time representative of the Channel Swimming Association.

She was the subject of *Montserrat Tresserras, la vencedora del canal*, a book published in 1959. She is also the namesake of the Montserrat Tresserras Shield, an award given by the Channel Swimming Association to the Fastest Men's Relay (not 6 swimmers) in the English Channel. She is also the author of *Nadando El Estrecho, Sus Orígenes Y Su Historia* (Swimming the Strait, Its Origin and History), an authoritative book on swimming the Strait of Gibraltar.

- [Channel Swims by Montserrat Tresserras](#)
- [Nadando El Estrecho, Sus Orígenes Y Su Historia](#)
- [Montserrat Tresserras Receives Real Orden del Merito Deportivo](#)
- [International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame](#)

Congratulations to Rosemary George from Dover, the first Dovorian to swim the Channel, celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, E/F 21hrs 35 minutes. She was only the 20<sup>th</sup> person to succeed E/F. In the late 1950's and 1960's Rosemary was one of the key players in helping young potential swimmers to achieve their dreams, she was instrumental in assisting both Jon Erikson and our President on their swims, along with a host of other swimmers.



Rosemary in the maroon dress pictured with Margaret White-Wrixon in black and Montserrat Tresserras in the blue at the Channel Swimming Association Dinner and presentation evening.

Congratulations to Margaret White, who, at the time became the youngest lady to swim the Channel, celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, F/E 15hrs 08 minutes. She swam the entire distance in thick fog, escorted by the legendary Capt. Len Hutchinson and was observed by Michael Jennings. We were delighted that Margaret was able to come over from Ontario, Canada to take part in this event.



Left: Margaret White-Wrixon in black and Montserrat Tresserras in the blue and Rosemary George in maroon at the Channel Swimming Association Dinner and presentation evening. The ladies had just been presented with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative plaques.

## **News from our Members**

### **News from Merv Sharp**

**Merv and Rosie Sharp** tell us that they are very happy and pleased to announce that they have become Grandparents for the very first time.

Their Eldest daughter Jenny gave birth to a Beautiful Daughter on WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE 2011 at 11.11pm at Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, Dorset. The baby is called BETHANY KATELYN DAWSON, and she weighed 7lbs 10oz and was 21 and a half inches long. BETHANY arrived safe and well, and both Jenny and Bethany left hospital the following afternoon.

Jenny, Chris and Bethany are all keeping very well and everyone is enjoying the 'New Addition' to the family.

### **News from Julie Bradshaw**

**Congratulations to Dr. Julie Bradshaw MBE** who was successful in the local elections and is now a Local Councillor and Member at Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire. Julie also swam around Manhattan doing butterfly the whole way in the annual event.

### **News from Andrea Gellan**

Andrea tells us that on the 24th August she swam across the Pentland Firth from South Ronaldsay in Orkney to Duncansby Head near John o'Groats on the North Coast of Scotland and covered the 7.5 km in 2 hours 40 mins, 2 hours faster than Coleen Blair's time ( 4hours 41 mins. She had an excellent boatman who used the tides to her advantage. However it was very rough and cold, at 12°C.

This means that she has now have swum from England to France in the South and Orkney to Scotland in the North. Something other channels swimmers may like to do as a challenge after the channel.

Also she raised £1500 (with gift aid) for the East Africa Drought Appeal. Her Just giving web page is no longer open, but if anyone would to donate to charity on behalf of her swim, she will happily pass it on.

### **2011 Membership.**

A gentle reminder, membership renewal is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please use the membership forms at the end of this newsletter or on the website, [www.channelswimmingassociation.com](http://www.channelswimmingassociation.com) This way you stay as a member and we stay in touch with you.

If you have not already completed the Standing Order form please take this opportunity to do it now. We do our best to keep membership fees as low as possible to encourage you to stay in membership. All you have to do is to complete the Standing Order Form, at the end of this newsletter return it to your bank and also let us know and your membership problems are solved.

## **A sad note**

In October the Board of the Channel Swimming Association learned with much sadness of the death of Dr. Tom Hetzel. A frequent and most popular visitor to Dover in the 1970-80's, at that time he was the USA's most successful Channel swimmer, succeeding on eight occasions. Not content with his own personal achievements he then turned his attentions to helping other aspiring swimmers to fulfil their dreams and he was always welcome on British shores. One of his prodigies was Doc James Counsilman, one of the USA's most famous coaches, who for a short time became the oldest successful Channel swimmer. Sad news indeed, the world has lost one of its great characters, a real sportsman and a phenomenal swimmer, who will always be remembered with great affection amongst his Channel swimming friends.

## **Would you like to become a CSA Observer in2012?**

Every year we need more Observers, if you think you would like to be one please contact us and gets the facts and any training, if necessary. Each year we have a meeting for existing and potential Observers at the Burstin Hotel in Folkestone. Please register your interest with Mike Read or Joan Metcalfe [joanmetcalfe@btopenworld.com](mailto:joanmetcalfe@btopenworld.com).

## **Light sticks/Nightlights:**

Wondering where you get your nightlights from, wonder no longer, just look on the web site under regalia and order from the secretary. Price £9 delivered to your home. You will need at least two, preferably three and after your swim you can use them for all sorts of things. I am sure you will have your own ideas, they come with replaceable batteries which last a long time and children love them.

## **Handbook**

Those of you who have taken the occasional glance at the web site will be aware that the CSA Handbook is available. A wonderful present, Why not stake a claim to your copy of the last of the 2009 edition whilst they are still available.

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**Over 100 photographs**

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## **Standing Order Form**

It is never too late to get your Standing Order form completed. A big thank you to all those of you, who this year, have filled in the membership standing order form. But we would still like many more of you to do it. It saves you time remembering to renew your membership each year and it ensures that we get your membership subscription in early January, which is greatly appreciated. Just take this opportunity to fill it in and send it to your bank, forget about it and let the bank do the rest. A Standing Order form is on the last page.

## **News cuttings and photos:**

We ask for your news and what you are doing and we are delighted to pass the information on. Please keep the news coming in. The more often we get news, the more often you will get a newsletter.

We are always pleased to receive copies of newspaper articles and photos. Please keep us up to date with your publicity. The more information you give us, the more we will have to pass to your grandchildren.

## **Member's Fund raising efforts:**

We know that many of you have been involved in raising very considerable amounts for good causes and we would like to keep your details up to date, in case we are asked. Please do not be shy in keeping us up to date with what you have raised and for whom.

## **Lapel pins:**

The CSA crest is again available, as an enamelled lapel pin, which is now available at only £2 inc. p&p...

## **We would like to keep in touch with you;**

People move, members even change email addresses, if you don't tell us where you have gone, we cannot keep in contact and that is a shame. We appreciate that this newsletter does not reach everyone, whilst others may receive two or more copies. If you get too many copies please let us know (we do not do it deliberately) and we will try to make sure that you only get one copy. If you know someone who has not received it and would like too, please let us know their email address and we will try and make sure that they are added to the list.

## **A message from the Secretary: To All Swimmers for 2011:**

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE RELAY AND SOLO SWIMMERS WHO GOT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN ON TIME. I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE CORRECTLY FILLED IN PAPERWORK. I AM HOPING THAT THE 2012 SWIMMERS WILL FOLLOW YOUR GOOD EXAMPLE.

JULIE

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Preferred communication is by email.

With our best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas,

CSA Board, December 2011.

## **Membership forms for 2012 below:**

No changes in membership fees at the moment.

Please remember that membership renewal is due by 15<sup>th</sup> January latest.

Why not fill in the Standing Order, return it to your bank and be sure to stay in membership?

If you'd rather we didn't keep  
in touch this way, feel free to unsubscribe by emailing me at  
[read.michael2@sky.com](mailto:read.michael2@sky.com)

**CHANNEL SWIMMING ASSOCIATION Ltd**

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**President: Michael Read King of the Channel®**

**Application for election to  
ANNUAL ASSOCIATE  
MEMBERSHIP**

**(For the period 1st January to 31st December 2012)**

**2012**

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(Please use **block letters**)

Name: ..... Nationality: .....

ADDRESS.....

POST CODE ..... Telephone number: .....

By providing my e-mail address below, I agree to receive Company business electronically;

E-mail: .....

Club/Relay team name: .....

I hereby make an application for/ wish to renew my Associate Membership;

**I enclose remittance of Annual Associate Membership Subscription Fee £21.00 (Junior: £15.00)**

Signature..... Date ...../...../2012

Only one mailing of information will be sent for a club's use. Members of a club, which has Associate membership can become individual associate members by paying the one year subscription fee. Associate membership has no voting rights.

Membership fees are due by the 15th January each year or on joining in the year of membership.

**NOTE: You only need to be proposed and seconded by Full Members of the Association on your initial application for Associate Membership.**

**1.Proposed by (Name) ..... Signature .....**

**2.Seconded by (Name) ..... Signature .....**

I/we wish to pay by Cheque/Credit Card. Please charge my/our account card no: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ expiry date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ security digits \_\_\_\_\_

Signature ..... Date ...../...../2012

For Association use only      Date received.      /      / Membership number ....

Application approved ..... Chairman/ Sec. ....

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E-mail: .....

Club/Relay team name / e-mail address: .....

Signature..... Date ...../...../2012

I hereby make an application for election to Full membership;

**One Year Full Membership (to expire 31st Dec 2012 and does not convey a right to renewal)**  
**I enclose remittance of £23.50 subscription.**

Membership fees are due by the 15th January each year or on joining in the year of membership.

I/we wish to pay by Cheque/Credit Card. Please charge my/our account card no:

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ expiry date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security digits \_\_\_\_\_

Signature ..... Date ...../...../2011

**For Association use only**      **Date received.**   /   /   .      **Membership number**  
**Application approved .....** **Chairman/ Sec. ....**

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Cannot remember if you are still a member, stop worrying, simply fill out this Standing Order Application Form, date it for early in January and forget about it.

## Standing Order Application Form

### Standing Order;

Should you wish to pay your membership by standing order, please find below a standing order form to complete and to take to your bank;

**PLEASE SET UP the following Standing order and debit my/our account accordingly;**

Account Name ..... Account Number .....

Account Holding Branch .....Sort Code .....

Name of Organisation you are paying: *Channel Swimming Association Ltd*

Sort Code: 5 2 4 1 4 2

Account Number of CSA Ltd: 5 0 8 2 7 4 2 1

Payments are to be made; *Yearly on the 15<sup>th</sup> January.*

Initial Payment **£23.50**

Date of First Payment: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please pay until further notice (*payments will be made until you cancel this instruction*)

*Confirmation: Customer Signature(s); .....*

*Date: .....*

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