



Channel Swimming Association Ltd.
Newsletter 9
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Celebrating 80 years of serving Channel Swimmers

Dear Member,

Welcome to our August 2007 Newsletter.

We apologise to those of you who do not receive the newsletter, sometimes it is returned address not known (in which case we may not have your most recent email address) and some of you may not receive the newsletter because it's receipt is blocked by a firewall. If you know of any member who should be receiving it, but is not, just let us know their email address and we will at least try to make contact.

Each year we hope for a good swim season and judging by the fact that our pilots are almost full for 2007 it promises to be another busy year. However, so far the weather has not been very kind to our swimmers, August was particularly disappointing and some have already had to return home. The forecast seems to be permanently stuck in a groove, Dover: Cyclonic, south-west 4 veering north-west 5 or 6. Slight or moderate. Rain then fair. In spite of this mid channel is 64°F, which is some good news for our swimmers.

Results 2007

Many congratulations to those who have already succeeded so early in the season and our commiseration's to those who have been unsuccessful.

The unratified results to 27th August (and subject to change and additions) are shown in the table below:

Solo Swimmers	Nationality	Time		Pilot
			Mins	
Jeryl Wiens	USA	14	56	Andy King
Paul Hopfensberger	Britain	13	52	Andy King
Steve Whyte	Britain	14	11	Andy King
Rebecca Lewis	British	9	35	Reg Brickell
Enrico Flores	Mexico	14	20	Andy King
Anne Steele	Tasmania	10	58	Andy King
Jaime Minter-Green	Britain	14	32	Andy King
Collie Kinsella	Australia	16	28	Andy King
Julian Green	Australia	10	35	Reg Brickell
Alexander Wilson	Scotland	12	40	Reg Brickell
Jaime Caballero	Spain	10	35	Ray Cooper

Ritu Kedia	India	15	50	Fred Mardle
Anne Steele	Tasmania	10	58	Andy King
Filip Pytel	Czech Rep.	11	03	Reg Brickell
Rebecca Lewis	British	9	35	Reg Brickell

**Unsuccessful
Solo swimmers**

Michael Ventre	Britain
Anna Wardley	Britain
Jessica Sullivan	USA
Michelle Deasy	USA
David Randall	British
Will Newbern	USA
Rik Porters	Belgium
Geoffrey Evans	Australia
Scott Cavanagh	Australia

Successful Relays

Army Aviation		11	42	Andy King
Army Boat 1		14	42	Fred Mardle
Royal Navy		11	6	Ray Cooper
RAF		12	5	Reg Brickell
Xpenta Force (5 Persons)	International	13	15	Ray Cooper
Petrie Pair (2 Persons)	British	12	21	Reg Brickell
BBV Channel swim		11	17	Reg Brickell
Masters Channel Team		11	4	Fred Mardle

Unsuccessful Relays

Scottish Swimming Relay	Scotland
Crossing Summit Challenge	British

Trevor Morgan:

It is with much sadness that we have to tell you that Trevor Morgan, husband of Pam and father of David, died in the early hours of the 3rd June after a long battle. Our deepest sympathy goes to Pam and David.

We ask for your news and what you are doing and we are delighted to pass the information on.

Elaine Blower (Gray):

Many of you will remember Elaine Blower (Gray) for her distinguished Long distance swimming career in the 1960-70's and her 1967 Channel swim on the perfect day. Today she continues to go from strength to strength and she recently set new European Masters records. Many congratulations Elaine.

Subject: ITV looking for health-conscious man

A request from ITV,

I'm working on a new ITV dating series, which brings together people with differing views or lifestyles – and I wondered if you might be able to help, as we're looking for someone very sporty and active to take part.

The programme is all about two 'opposites' going on a date together. We're looking for a single, health-conscious man aged 30 – 45 who is passionate about being active, sporty and clean living. He also needs to be interested in trying something completely different and showing an attractive single woman how he lives his life.

He would get to spend 4 days with an attractive single girl who has a completely different lifestyle. They would each have 2 days to show the other how they live – the idea being that they each experience a different way of living and then see if romance blooms! As well as addressing important lifestyle issues, it will also be lots of fun. We'd like to talk to anyone who's interested as soon as possible.

I know it's a random one but it would be great if we found a swimmer to take part – it's a prime time programme so would be a good way to promote the sport. Thanks and don't hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or know anyone personally who might like to find out more.

I would be really grateful if you could pass this information on to your members. Over to you, eligible bachelors. Anyone interested should contact:

Isabel Cook 020 7261819 isabel.cook@itv.com or

Sarah Rubin 020 76332801 sarah.rubin@itv.com

Best wishes,

Isabel

Lorraine Verghese

Once again, many of our swimmers are taking on the Channel challenge and raising money for good causes and Lorraine writes asking for your support. Please help her, if you are able.

The charity I am swimming for is for Jack Brown (www.jackbrownappeal.org) who is suffering from a rare form of Cancer of the nervous tissue called NEUROBLASTOMA.

Being a police officer and single parent myself I hope that this will help the parents of Jack, my colleagues, as he is currently receiving treatment in USA. I am collecting online at www.justgiving.com/swimforjack. Lorraine and her friends have also been working hard in Dover seizing every opportunity to raise funds.

Anna Wardley

Anna Wardley has progressed from being an occasional swimmer to being ready for the challenge of crossing the Channel. Log on to www.annaschannelchallenge.moonfruit.com to follow her journey and www.justgiving.com/swimtofrance to support her chosen charities, the Samaritans and the Philip Green Memorial Trust, which helps severely ill and disabled children. With her London Marathon success and her channel attempt, Anna has raised over £10,000 for her chosen causes, well done Anna.

Enrique Flores writes:

Thanks for the newsletter. It is the first time I have seen it and it's nice to receive it electronically.

I am raising money for two institutions dedicated to looking after children who are far less fortunate than mine both in England and in Mexico where I come from; to me that is an inspiring thought. If I can do something extraordinary in my life, it is worth doing it for them. Having a good cause shall see me through the temptation to stop. Let me to have your generosity and trust as my good cause; allow me to have you in my mind when I swim the English Channel.

<http://enriqueswimchannel.mysite.orange.co.uk/>

Have a look at the information and the link; if you can promote my cause, I will really appreciate it. Enrique, a great swim, well done.

From Tina Neill.

Congratulations to Tina Neill who recently swam the Catalina Channel in an excellent time.

Inter-Service Cross Channel Team Relay Race :

Rob Healey writes:

This is your once in a lifetime chance to follow the progress of the FIRST EVER CHANNEL EAGLE Inter-Service Cross Channel Team Relay Race (31 Jul - 04 Aug 07) and a Solo Cross Channel Swim Attempt (04 - 10 Sep 07). Why? Well, apart from the obvious tiny bit of Inter-Service competition and personal challenge we're raising money for two charities close to our hearts. British Legion and Diabetes UK.

The Channel Eagle Challenge was a gargantuan struggle in which the Royal Navy came out on top (owing to the fact, so I am told, that that they had some good swimmers) from Army Aviation. Well done to all 4 teams, a really fantastic effort for the teams and the pilots.

Jacques Tuset writes:

My daughter, a sister for William, was born the 26 May, she is a lovely girl who will be called Lilou. All the family are happy. Jacques, Fabienne, we send you both our warmest congratulations, with the prospect of 2 more swimmers for the future!!

Congratulations to David Čech:

It has been a good couple of weeks for David, at the end of July he won the 26 km swim across the Gulf of Toroneos and a few weeks later he set a new 2 way Windermere record.

Lewis Gordon Pugh rises to Arctic challenge:

An endurance swimmer has completed a 1km swim at the North Pole to highlight the effects of climate change.

Briton astounds the world by becoming the first person to swim to North Pole

Lewis Gordon Pugh, 37, who swam the Channel in 1992, swam for 18 minutes and 50 seconds in temperatures of -1.8C (28.7F), the coldest waters a human has swum in.

The City lawyer said the swim was a triumph but it was "a tragedy that it's possible to swim at the North Pole".

" He said, I hope my swim will inspire world leaders to take climate change seriously,".

The challenge was conducted in accordance with Channel Swimming Association Rules.

He took the plunge at 0200 BST and swam along a crack in the ice to the geographic North Pole.

Describing the moment he jumped in, he said: "The water was absolutely black. It was like jumping into a dark black hole. It was frightening.

'Excruciating pain' "The pain was immediate and felt like my body was on fire. I was in excruciating pain from beginning to end and I nearly quit on a few occasions."

Lewis said he hoped it would influence the decisions made by world leaders over the next few years to determine the biodiversity of our world.

Lewis's swim made the front page of the Daily Telegraph accompanied by a very large picture, well done Lewis

News from Frederic Jacques:

In the summer of 2005 Frederic Jacques, from Belgium, swam the English Channel and his swim has been made into a film. With documentary footage of this event as the starting point, Metamorphosis, gradually transforms itself into a journey through all four elements. A celebration of the English Landscape and all its undercurrents, Metamorphosis is a companion piece to The Old Man of the Sea, Newby's short film made in 1990.

The link below is a listing of the movie in which his swim is featured.

It is due to be featured at festivals in the next coming months.

<http://flamin.filmlondon.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=1036&ArticleID=1264>

Morag Hughes writes:

Hello,

I'm taking part in the Solo Channel Swim Attempt on 19/09/2007 to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Trust and would really welcome your support. Please take a moment to sponsor me. It's really easy - you can donate online by credit or debit card at the following address:

<http://www.justgiving.com/moraghughes>

All donations are secure and sent electronically to Cystic Fibrosis Trust. If you are a UK taxpayer, Justgiving will automatically reclaim 28% Gift Aid on your behalf, so your donation is worth even more. Please join me in supporting Cystic Fibrosis Trust and a fabulous cause.

Paul Hopfensperger:

Congratulations to Paul Hopfensperger, a Suffolk County Councillor, who successfully got across in July. He is raising funds for the CLIC Sargent organisation, which raises money for Children with Cancer. Please take a look at his web site and support him if you can.

www.hoffyschannelswim.org.uk

Congratulations to Anne Steele:

Congratulations to Anne Steele who becomes the first Tasmanian lady to swim the Channel.

Terri Godfrey asks:

Subject: channel swimming tournament 1935

Message: I have a museum quality painted mannequin on a wooden and wrought iron stand that has on it: Women's Channel Crossing Tournament 1935. It must be an advertising piece from that year. I would like to know its value and if there is an interest. Could you point me in the right direction?? Any ideas?

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Date & Time: Friday 29th of June 2007 02:30:10 PM

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Channel relay team for Loch Ness:

At the end of July, accompanied by CSA Vice President Montserrat Tresserras, the members of the 2006 successful 4 Person team from De La Mancha, the first Channel relay team from Spain, swam the length of Loch Ness in a little over 8 hours, we send them our congratulations.

News from Australia:

Jan Jensen tells us that Gemma successfully completed her local 46 km swim, as a fund-raiser for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. Judging by the photos of her after the swim it was clearly quite an ordeal. Well done Gemma. Gemma tells us that she is now working at Whitsundays Laguna Resort.

Kate Bennett from Fiji:

Looking for something different? Kate Bennett invites members to the Fiji Swims, ocean swimming events held in August in the tropical waters of Fiji each year. I am afraid we are a little late for 2007 but you have plenty of time to get ready for 2008, although the competition looks quite tough. The role out of high profile swimmers this year, included Olympic stars Natalie Coughlin, Shane Gould, Dan Loader and John Konrads.

Please go to www.fjiswims.com where you can find all the information on the event or contact kate@bathtubproductions.com

Thursday 2 August 2007 - 18km relay/solo/duo Fiji Swim - Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa to Beachcomber Island Relay

Saturday 4 August 2007- 2.6km Fiji Swim - Beachcomber Island

Saturday 4 August 2007-1km Treasure Island to Beachcomber Island

Tethys Challenge 2007:

An International team of 4 Channel swimmers, plus Aditya Raut from India and 2 swimmers from Tunisia took part in the inaugural 10 day Tethys Challenge at the beginning of June. It was an inaugural challenge and the team faced many hurdles and the swims certainly did not go to plan, the jellyfish proving to be as great a challenge as the swims in some cases.

Nevertheless the very fact that most of the team have already expressed a wish to go to Tunis again confirms the fact that, in spite of the jellyfish and the teething problems encountered in this inaugural event, they all had a wonderful time.

The camaraderie, friendships made with Tunisia and the team building with the Tunisian Swimming Federation and swimmers, and not forgetting lunch at the British Embassy, are a testimony to a successful trip. I understand that the members are already thinking about a Scotland, Norway and India challenge/reunion.

Bosphorus swim

Sønnøve Cirotzki and “King of the Channel[®]” Mike Read were invited to the Turkish IOC Asia to Europe, Bosphorus swim. This was a really enjoyable 6 km swim and wonderfully organised,

the Bosphorus is closed to traffic for 3 hours whilst the swim takes place. Amongst the 471 competitors there were 4 channel swimmers. We were delighted to see both Ted Erikson (2 way Channel 1965) and Sophia Psilolignou also competing. With apologies to Sophia as we do not know where she came, but Sønnøve, Mike and Ted all won their respective age groups. It was great to be welcomed and entertained at the finish by Dogan Sahin F/E 1961. This is a most enjoyable swim and Channel swimmers are encouraged to add this to their list of crossings.

Gulf of Toroneos

The 26 km swim across the Gulf of Toroneos is perhaps one of the best kept secrets in long distance swimming. This year was the 37th crossing, the hospitality was wonderful and the water warm and crystal clear, although the swimmers had to fight against a force 4 for 4-5 hours. It was good to see David Čech, Ioannis Kotsiopoulos and Mike Read competing and George Mathas and Aris Polizos supporting the swim. On the Friday morning before the event there was a 1500 m swim for youngsters and George Mathas had brought a strong team of swimmers with disabilities from all over Greece. The organisers of this event would welcome the participation of more Channel swimmers, it is a lovely swim, well worth adding to your swim calendar.

English Channel Emblem:

In newsletter 8 we asked a question, but no-one replied!! Perhaps someone can help us, we had a request from Forrest Nelson for the origins of this emblem? He also asks:

Who made it, How many might have been produced and who else received them? Why the number 20 in the centre? That may be the biggest mystery....

We look forward to receiving the answer from someone.



Dinner and AGM:

Everything takes time and planning and yes, we are already thinking about the Annual Dinner and AGM. The dates for your diary, 3rd and 4th November at the Dover Town Hall. Please start making your plans now. For those of you from Overseas, please get those cheap flights booked whilst they are still cheap, we really do appreciate your presence and it makes the dinner such a fantastic International gathering.

Vellums:

If you are wishing to have your vellum presented to you at the Annual Dinner please order them soon and remember that there is a 20% reduction if all the members of a team order one and they can be presented on 3rd November, or sent to one address.

Dover Regatta 2007:

It does not seem possible that the regatta weekend has passed. Once again we had a stall and it was a great success. Our thanks to all those who came down to help, especially our President. We were delighted to have a visit from a relation of Capt. Webb and another from a relation of 1930's pilot Pop Burwell. It was great to welcome Dave Clark and his wife, Dave is the secretary for the Catalina Channel swim and he brought greetings from Penny Lee Dean, Tina Neill and Tom Hetzel. Our President was particularly pleased to have the opportunity to meet the two groups of Indian swimmers, one group led by Vipin Sharma and the other by Arti Pradhan, E/F 1987, who are busily acclimatising in time for their respective swims. We wish them all great success when they get the opportunity to make their crossings.

Lapel pins:

The CSA crest is again available, as an enamelled lapel pin, which will be available at the dinner, or in pure silver or gold.

Six Hour Swim:

There is some more good news for UK based swimmers looking to get a 6-hour swim completed before the end of the year. Dan Earthquake, the lifeguard at the Swan Pool, Sandwell, near Birmingham, with the co-operation of the local authority, Sandwell Lifeguard/Channel Swimming Club and Birmingham Lifeguard Club is again making the lake available to prospective Channel swimmers.

The final opportunity this year will be on September 16th .

Dan is also looking into the possibility of starting the last swim later so that some of the event will be in the dark for night swimming experience. The cost will be £20/swimmer. The RLSS Birmingham lifeguards will provide cover. Sandwell MBC is keen to promote the safe use of the Swan Pool, 0.5 miles/circuit for open water use to organised groups. The lake is conveniently situated just off the M5 at Junction 1, the West Bromwich Junction, close to West Bromwich Football Club. It offers toilet facilities, showers, changing rooms and a car park. Dan can be contacted via his website email: dan@danearthquake.com, or you can leave him a message at Sandwell Park Farm on 0121 5530220 and he will call you back. Alternatively, write to Dan Earthquake, Sandwell Park Farm, Salters Lane, West Bromwich, West Mids, B71 4BG. Sandwell Lifeguard/Channel Swimming Club (formally Sandwell Long Distance Swimming Club) has a website, which details the constitution and requirements of club membership: www.myspace.com/slsc

News cuttings and photos:

We are always pleased to receive copies of newspaper articles and photos. Please keep us up to date with your publicity.

Handbook:

The Handbook, complete with all the swims up to the end of 2006 is available, more pages and many more pictures, in fact there is a good chance you are in it. Please contact Julie; swimsecretary@ntlworld.com The price will be the same as last year, £11 and £13.50 outside the UK. It lists all the swimmers who have registered their swims with the Channel Swimming Association and successfully swum the Channel and all the relays. It is packed with useful information. If you have not already bought a copy, please do so and if you have, then please buy one for a friend. In this way we spread the success of the Association.

Membership 2007:

Can we take this opportunity to remind those of you, who have still not renewed your membership for 2007, that it should of course have been done by the 15th January. Remember that as an Associate member last year you are entitled to become a full member this year. Please do it NOW whilst it is fresh in your mind. Please don't allow your membership to lapse. As existing members you will also lose your right to vote and your opportunity to express your views at the Annual General Meeting. Please use the membership forms on the website, www.channelswimmingassociation.com or below.

Your news:

The Newsletters are for you and about you. If you have news that you would like to share with other members, please let us have it. More news please from old members.

We appreciate that this newsletter may not reach everyone, whilst others may receive two or more copies. If you get too many copies please let us know. If you know someone who has not received it and would like too, please let us know their email address and we will make sure that they are added to the list.

A message from the Secretary: To All Swimmers for 2007:

It does not seem possible that we are half way through the swim season. My thanks to all of you who have made the registration process as easy as possible.

Please don't forget to make a note of the Annual dinner date in your diary, 3rd/4th November 2007. We really do look forward to seeing you all and most importantly, it is for you.

Please get those outstanding membership forms returned quickly.

Please make sure that we have your correct email address, if we have your incorrect address, an old address or no address, you will not get the newsletter or any other correspondence.

To all our swimmers this year, we send you our best wishes for good training and success.

With our continued best wishes to you all for a wonderful and successful 2007,

CSA Board, Sept 2007.

Memberships forms below:

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Name : Nationality:

ADDRESS

POST CODE Telephone number:

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

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 of £17.50 (Junior: £12:50)

Signature.....

Date/...../2007

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

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:

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expiry date ____/____

Signature

Date/...../2007

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

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Signature..... Date/...../2007

I hereby make an application for election to Full membership;

One Year Full Membership (to expire 31st Dec 2007 and does not convey a right to renewal)
 I enclose remittance of **£20:00** subscription.

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

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

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Signature Date/...../2007

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Application approvedChairman/ Sec.