

19th Annual Hobbs Pond Swim

Some New Twists

Hope. Sunday August 8th. In beautiful, cool, clear weather, 49 swimmers from 7 to 76 left Hope town beach, swam around the submerged truck axle and back. Some relaxed; some raced. Robert Spencer, 17, from Chevy Chase MD and Warren, the '06, '07 & '08 winner, was the first back. Local star Lianne McCluskey, last year's winner, was next. Her brothers were 3rd and 7th.

Wind and waves slowed times. Spencer was 15 seconds off his 2008 record time. In the Hans Wendel breaststroke challenge – 5 took it this year - Record-holder Son Nguyen of Scarborough won but was 43 seconds off his 2008 record time.

The spectacular achievement belongs to the 47th finisher. Dolly Slater, 76 of Owl's Head, swam the ca. 800-yard course completely in butterfly – an amazing feat for any age, let alone the senior-most swimmer. So now the Hobbs Pond swim has the Dolly Slater butterfly challenge.

And the Adam Scott individual medley challenge. He and Drew Darling completed the course alternating butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and crawl. Darling won narrowly.

The relaxed event kept its tradition of no registration, no fees, no money-raising, no prizes and no T-shirts. Families were prominent among swimmers, helpers, spotter & crowd. The second-biggest cheer was for the youngest finisher, Audrey Scott, and her mom. Average swimmer age was 37. Though youth are increasingly dominating the race results, 14 of the swimmers were from Maine's "masters'" swim club, the Blue Lobsters. Eighteen

swimmers, including Dennison-bound Lianne McCluskey, were from Hope itself.

Swimmers are grateful to those who helped preserve this tradition: meet officials Judith Jones, John & Mary McCluskey & Karen Furlong(Hope), Margaret Wendel (Dover-Foxcroft) & Jean Shaw (Lansdale PA & Orr's Island) and spotters (Aaron Annis, Charlie, Chuck & Liam Benjamin, Bob Dupont, Chuck Giurtino, Ed Laudano & Marie), and to the PenBay Masters Swim Club that provided the marker buoys.

Swimmers, spotters, helpers, relatives and friends shared a potluck lunch at Hope Volunteer Library.

Results follow:

1	Robert Spencer	17	Chevy Chase MD	7:40	Freestyle
2	Lianna McCluskey	18	Hope	9:00	Freestyle
3	Eddie McCluskey	15	Hope	9:13	Freestyle
4	Hodding Carter	47	Camden	9:14	Freestyle
5	Chloe Squibb	20	Camden	9:25	Freedstyle
6	Douglas Roth	48	Union	9:34	Freestyle
7	Mark McCluskey	13	Hope	9:50	Freestyle
8	Kristin Nelson	37	Camden	9:56	Freestyle
9	Valentine DeGiovanni	11	Antibes, France	9:58	Freestyle
10 T	Margaux Scott	14	Hope	10:38	Freestyle
10 T	Anabel Carter	14	Camden	10:38	Freestyle
12	Elizabeth Spencer	44	Chevy Chase MD	10:59	Freestyle
13	Donna Elston	30	Philadelphia PA	11:20	Freestyle
14	Son Nguyen	30	Scarborough	11:31	Breast
15	Robin Nye	39	Fairfield CT	11:40	Freestyle

16	Drew Darling	57	Camden	11:42	IM
17	Mary Berry	40	Hope	11:48	Freestyle
18	Helen Carter	12	Camden	12:10	Freestyle
19	Adam Scott	41	Hope	12:10	IM
20	Bill Jones	73	Hope	12:10	Freestyle
21	Gretchen Ostherr	41	Camden	12:11	Freestyle
22 T	Ella Scott	13	Hope	12:20	Freestyle
22 T	Alaina Garrigan	20	Hope	12:20	Freestyle
24	Chris Matava	43	Bath	12:28	Freestyle
25	Bill Rupert	67	Turner	12:36	Freestyle
26	Christine Waldron	40	South Thomaston	12:41	Freestyle
27	Lucy Carr	42	Antibes, France	13:07	Freestyle
28 T	Kristi Panayotoff	61	Lincolntonville	13:47	Freestyle
28 T	Harry Schmitke	72	FL	13:47	Breast
28 T	Sara Gagan	60	Hope	13:47	Freestyle
31	Langley Willauer	47	Hope	14:23	Freestyle
32	Johnny Kosnow	55	Thomaston	14:51	Breast
33	Hans Wendel	74	Dover-Foxcroft	14:52	Breast
34	Isabel Lyndon	70	Wayland MA	15:39	Freestyle
35	Samuel Conlan	8	Camden	15:52	Freestyle
36	Susan Longley	54	Liberty	16:08	Freestyle
37	Dan Dalrymple	39	Hope	16:12	Breast
38	Jory Squibb	69	Camden	16:23	Freestyle
39 T	Audrey Scott	7	Hope	16:56	Freestyle
39 T	Maureen Scott	40	Hope	16:56	Freestyle
41	Sunny Conlan	10	Camden	17:12	Freestyle
42	Deb Peabody	53	Lincolntonville	19:33	Freestyle
43	Anna Mason	16	Hope	20:23	Freestyle
44	Emily Benjamin	16	Rigdewood NJ	20:48	Freestyle
45	Maureen Ostensen	50	Hope	23:55	Freestyle
46	Elizabeth Benjamin	9	Rigdewood NJ	26:12	Freestyle
47	Dolly Slater	76	Owl's Head	31:00	Butterfly
48	Joergen Ostenson	11	Hope	31:35	Freestyle
49	Frances Ostensen	8	Hope	32:19	Flotation-aided