

Worthing Swimming Club Press Release 24/07/2010

"Sea swim produces classic finish"

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The Worthing swimming club sea swim was held on Saturday 24th July. The event has been held for more than 40 years with the ladies swimming one quarter mile and the men one half mile (from the Beach house/Lido to the Beach hotel).

The ladies race produced a classic finish with 2009 winner Debbie Willit (26) winning by just a meter (less than a body length) over Karen Chan (14) who was racing the event for the first time.

The mens race was won by Steve Hirst (48) in his debut year. The undoubted star of the mens race was however John Matthews who in his 70th year finished in 4th place. John used all his experience and technique, he won the event in 1967, to battle the head wind and choppy sea conditions.

Deputy major councillor Ann Barlow presented the awards, assisted by WSC president Mr John Dommen and Mr Rowland Gibson.

Final placings were

Ladies D.Willit 1st, K.Chan 2nd, K.Wardley 3rd, B.Willit 4th

Men S.Hirst 1st, N.Hart 2nd, D.McDavitt 3rd, J.Mathews 4th, C.McLellan 5th

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