

Great North Swim – Windermere June 12th 2015

The Great North Swim is becoming a mecca for the ever increasing open water swimming fraternity as many Masters Club 'indoor' swimmers are beginning to dip a toe into the odd lake or river – even those who swore they would never be tempted away from the 'black line'.

Windermere is an iconic swim in a beautiful location. Over the past 5 years additional distances have been added to the original standard one mile – and now the event runs over 3 days with half a mile, one mile, two mile and 5k events to choose from.

Either through bravery or madness myself (Penny) and Alison Millward opted for the 5k this year and Kay Arkinstall entered the 2 mile event for her first ever open water competition.

Friday June 12th dawned with brilliant sunshine and perfect calm swimming conditions. All were pleased with their times:

Alison: 1hr.42.20 – overall place 315 / 463

Penny: 1hr.32.36 – overall place 212/463

Kay: 58mins. 02 – overall place 147/950

Windermere is an ideal venue for a first time open water event for swimmers of any ability. It is brilliantly organised and there is a very upbeat, friendly and supportive atmosphere. Although it often clashes with British Nationals it would be great to get a bigger group from GMSC to come up next year. Dates will be published on GMSC website once entries open.