

Champion league

Unusual Sports

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Bog Snorkelling

Bog snorkelling dates back to the mid-70s, so quite young in comparison to other interests. The World Bog Snorkelling Championship takes place every August, in a small peat bog area just outside of Llanwrtyd Wells, Mid Wales. Other bog snorkelling events take place around the UK, at a variety of different venues.

Bog snorkelling involves working your way along a 55m muddy trench, without using regular swimming strokes. Competitors race to navigate the course, wearing a snorkel and flippers. Although a wetsuit is not compulsory, many wear them, others opt for fancy dress as an added challenge!

The world record for bog snorkelling is an impressive 1 minute 18 seconds for men and 1 minute 48 seconds for women. At the Junior World Championships, the winner completed this in a record time of 1 minute 53 seconds.

Welly Wanging

Welly wanging is thought to date back to the late 1800s. Starting after a disagreement between two farmers over spilt beer, it is alleged one farmer threw his wellington boot at another, after the beer had been spilt into it. Following this, the locals decided to create a game of throwing their welly at a running target.

Welly wanging has evolved into a sport played at a variety of fetes and fairs across the country. With little equipment needed, it is no wonder it is a popular and attractive event.

The world record for wanging a welly is over 60 metres, with the current record holders for both men and women, coming from Finland.

Cheese Rolling

The annual cheese rolling event is held in a Gloucestershire village, starting at the top of Coopers Hill. A 4kg round of Double Gloucester cheese, is sent rolling down the 200m steep hill, before the competitors chase the cheese down the hill, at top speed. The winner of the race is the one who catches the cheese. Due to the weight of the cheese and the speeds it can get up to (70mph), the cheese has recently been replaced with a foam replica, for safety reasons. It is no surprise a lot of people get injured during this event. I think I will give this one a miss and keep the cheese for crackers.

Egg Throwing

Egg throwing has events recorded as early as the 1300s. The World Egg Throwing Championship takes place in Swaton, Lincolnshire each year. It attracts competitors from all over the world, who complete a number of challenges to find out who will be crowned champion. The egg throwing competition includes target and accuracy throwing events, as well as egg roulette and a trebuchet challenge. The locals take it very seriously and although no formal training is required, it is very competitive. Anyone can enter on the day, to make a bid for the championship trophy. It sounds like a cracking day out! Truly eggscellent.