

The 30th World Bog Snorkelling Championship

Vocabulary:

hardy – выносливый

don – надевать bog -
болото, трясина

snorkel - дыхательная трубка (для подводного плавания) weed-infested
– полный водорослей

flippers – ласты

plunge – нырять peat
– торф

claim the honours - претендовать на награды are

declared - объявляются

Over 150 **hardy** competitors jumped into a **weed-infested** bog in the name of sport - as they took part in the World Bog Snorkelling Championships in Wales on Sunday.

Now in its 30th year, the championships are held in the small town of Llanwrtyd Wells, set among the Cambrian Mountains in Wales and this year's conditions were hardly ideal for top bog snorkelling with overcast, grey skies and chilly winds.



The event started as a charity event but has grown over the past three decades.

To enter the championships, competitors must pay a fee, **don** a **snorkel** and **flippers**, then **plunge** into the 55-metre channel cut into Waen Rhydd **peat** bog.

All swimmers must complete two lengths of the bog and the fastest in both ladies and mens categories **are declared** the winners.



Sweden's Eva Jonasson took the ladies prize with a time of one minute, 31 seconds while the men's event was won by England's Haydn Pitchforth, who also claimed the honours nine years ago.

His time of one minute 26 seconds was four seconds slower than the world record, set last year by England's Kirsty Johnson.

Источник:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsvideo/weirdnewsvideo/11835932/BizarreWorld-Bog-Snorkelling-Championship-takes-place-in-Wales.html> Answer the questions:

1. Where did the snorkelling championship take place?
2. How many competitors took part in the competition of 2015?
3. What was the weather like that day?
4. The event started as a charity event, didn't it?
5. What are the requirements for the competition?
6. What is the length of the channel?
7. Do men and women participate in separate categories?
8. What is the world's record in snorkelling?