

Club News – Autumn Edition 2011 Different Strokes

Stadium Snappers

Two months of the New Year have passed and, with a membership of 70, Snappers have so far survived the massive hike in lane hire charges at our venue. In order to stay afloat, we had to increase our Club fees as well as decreasing the number of lanes hired. The more dedicated of us are now using all available lane hours to train for the Nationals and begin the Aerobic Swim program for this year. The rest are enjoying more leisurely swimming and social events such as a Beach Picnic.

Snappers had fun at the first BE ACTIVE Club Challenge for 2011 which was very well run by Newman Churchlands. This is our favourite carnival and each year we are impressed with the club's efficient organisation. They even arranged for a spell of hot weather to warm their normally unheated pool. Their trick of including two Butterfly events in the program was not enough to stop our team of mostly over 60s from bringing home the bacon. Thanks Newman Churchlands! As there were only six men in our team of 23, we're seeking advice on two counts: firstly, how to increase the number of men in our club and, secondly, how to entice them to swim in carnivals. All suggestions gratefully received!

As is everyone, we Snappers are pretty fed up with the hot weather and the easterlies. Even so we hope the easterly is blowing on Saturday 26 Feb to speed our duo and two solo swimmers on their way in the Rottneest Channel Swim. Best wishes for a smooth crossing to swimmers from other clubs too.

Meryl Burbidge

Carine Masters Swimming

Congratulations to all who worked on Australia Day to help us present the biggest, and arguably the best, Australia Day Swim ever!

With a total of four hundred and forty one swimmers, it exceeded the number of participants in all previous swims by well over one hundred. We have received a number of very kind verbal compliments from swimmers and sponsors.

Behind the scenes there were some very anxious moments when the delivery of caps and prizes for swimmers was delayed by the floods in the East. It was touch and go as to whether they would arrive on time. Thirty –six hours prior to the event, they arrived. Big lesson learnt! In future all caps will be delivered into WA in November!

Volunteers provided some very valuable feedback and constructive comments which will assist us to improve the event in future.

Well done to our club members, Vanessa and Nigel who took part in the swim.



Carine Members at the Australia Day Swim

At the first pool carnival of the year hosted by Newman Churchlands Swimming Club we had 12 members, including a few new members participate. With the weather being overcast it made conditions much more pleasant for all concerned.

For some of our members, Carol-Ann, Denise, Joan and Wendy, it was their first meet with our club and they enjoyed their day. It was great to meet the families of Grant, Carol-Ann and Joan who came along to give spectator support.

Lois and Maureen were lucky prize winners in the raffle.

Thanks to the Newman Churchlands Swimming Club and officials for a well organised and run event and for our lunch afterwards. After the carnival the focus of our conversations turned to the upcoming National Swimming Championships to be held in Perth.

Osborne Park Masters Swimming Club

The club had two big events since last news - our BACC held at the Tuart College pool in late November. Under our Meet Director, John Lockley, and with the help of all club members and State officials it was a most enjoyable day. Weather was getting into practice for what it is now - only a few degrees cooler!! The host club won - surprise! - and Maida Vale Masters won the Handicap Trophy.

In mid - December we had our Christmas and Presentation Function at Rosehill Country Club in Guildford and that went well - especially for our Secretary, Mary Heath, who went home with TWO trophies!!

Also in December, several members went to the Narrogin Masters Meet for their inaugural swim meet and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Others were over at Rottneest enjoying the sea!

Several members are participating in the OWS Series and winning their age groups and raffles. We have a solo and duo entering the Rottneest Channel Swim this Saturday. We wish them all well.

The club is gearing up for the Nationals which will be here before we know it. Our Vice-President, Heather Whitehead, is the Volunteers Coordinator for this event and busy getting everybody organised.

The club's AGM was held last Wednesday night and it is pleasing to see two newish members on the Committee. All the best for the coming year.

Toni Morris
Former President

Mandurah Mannas

On the 4th December we accepted Narrogin's invitation to come for the weekend to compete and celebrate. The swim was well organized, followed by a lively dinner dance on Saturday night. Lovely grub, great music. Thankyou Narrogin. We are looking forward to next year.

We must have been really good wee "Crabs", 'cause Santa dropped into our Christmas B.B.Q. and gave us all a chance to sit on his knee to whisper in his ear. Playing "Thieving Santa" is fun. May we never grow up - or is it just the bubbly?

On 28th December we got in an early celebration with an evening swim at Avalon Beach. The keen ones swam the 1.6km twice, but were still in time to toast a pre- New Year at sunset.

More members of our club are gaining an interest in O.W.S., with a stronger team going to each event. This was probably awakened by the regular S.I.C.(S***It's Cold) meet each Saturday morning swimming at Doddis Beach, where 20 or more take up the challenge then

relax with coffee at the Dome. On Australia Day we expanded this to a swim across the bay, then B.B.Q. brekkie and bubbly under Graeme's 'blue marquee'.

A team of 15 enjoyed the Busselton Jetty Swim and celebrations. They are proud of the "Old Jetty Trophies". A special memento of this historic site.

A couple of O.W.S. have been cancelled due to Australia's weird weather, but our Alcoa Cambria Isle Swim is in protected waters and on 13th February this went thru smoothly. Slightly choppy conditions, but 109 competitors enjoyed the swim. Thank you to all who came down, especially to Judith Crawford.



Santa rings his Bell



Alcoa Cambria Isle Swim Start – 1st Wave

*Keep Splashing,
Lyn McPhail (Photographer)*

Westcoast

The New Year started with our AGM being held after training on a Saturday morning at Craigie Leisure centre. Everyone enjoyed an egg and bacon roll before the serious business got under way. We have started the year with approximately 70 registered swimmers, with a regular trickle of registrations being received each week. Looks like another bumper year ahead.

The annual award presentation took place as part of this meeting with lane awards going to Julie Willdigg, Peta Batorfi, Lynette Telfer and Chris Kerman. Swimmer of the Year went to Paula Hill for her fine effort and bunch of national records. Club Person of the Year was our trusty treasurer, John Bryan, who is still working on getting enough funds for a round the world cruise.



Training has started in earnest for both our club carnival and nationals. We have some members focusing on the Rottneest crossing (teams and duos) and there are still a number of very keen open water swimmers braving the stingers. Pool focus is on our club carnival in March and Nationals at the end of April.

To all Club swimmers take the opportunity to prepare for Nationals by entering in to our club carnival – great preparation opportunity!

A BYO brunch was held at Mullaloo after a morning swim on 20 February. Although the weather was not the best, the cool breeze was a pleasant change.



The social committee is busy organizing a fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings, the coordination of the sundowners at Nationals and a Tapas evening to celebrate the first quarter.

Wishing all a very successful year of the Rabbit! The Rabbit, stands for affectionate, gentle, serene and family oriented beings – they are all into fitness, friendship and fun.

Viki Shelver
President