

MASTERS SWIMMING NSW – BRANCH UPDATE

Hawaiian night with Wett Ones at the Nationals

Wett Ones hosted Happy Hour at the Brewery on Friday, April 19 during this year's Nationals with customary style. The theme of the evening was Hawaiian with punters asked to wear Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts or whatever else suggested the South Pacific. Some picked Viking helmets, after their extensive research showed Oahu is the Norse word for tumble-turn said backwards.

The theme has special significance for the club as founding member, the late Ian Davis, had a magnificent collection of flamboyant shirts. Each year at the Wett Ones Carnival he is remembered by the Hawaiian shirt award. It is presented to the swimmer whose nominated time is closest to the actual time in the 100 metres breast stroke, which was Ian's favourite event.

Guests at the happy hour were presented with a lei - yes, lei, the flowery garlands sold at 2-dollar shops - when they arrived. There were grass skirts galore and some even sported coconut bras. The guests were showered with not lollies but condoms - another Wett Ones tradition.

The highlight of the evening was the trivia quiz. Nick Westaway dazzled everyone with his debut as quizmaster. The questions were about Hawaii and swimming. There were prizes galore including a few litre-bottles of lube – yet another Wett Ones tradition.

The final swimming question posed this challenge: "Who's hottest? Ryan Lochte or Michael Phelps?"

There was live music and dancing to warm up a cold night and blot out the jingle-jangle of the poker machines.



The NSW winner of the Female Swimmer of the Year for 2012 was announced at Masters Swimming NSW AGM and it is . . .

Liz Wallis, of Blue Mountains Phoenix! Liz wasn't able to attend the meeting but her award will make its way to her soon.



Congratulations, Liz, what a great achievement.

Liz's name is now engraved on that trophy along with NBM's Kathy Dobson from 2008. An extraordinary achievement for a club of twelve members!

Also . . . Blue Mountains Phoenix won Division 2 highest average point score for 2012.



Sue Wiles and Nerida Murray from Blue Mountains Phoenix accept their club's certificate from MSNSW Board member Stuart Meares

Blue Mountains Phoenix happy with branch and national championship results

Blue Mountains Phoenix Masters is a small regional club and only a few of our swimmers compete regularly at local carnivals. However, the recent Masters Swimming national championships held at SOPAC in Sydney seemed to be too good an opportunity to resist for the rest of the club. For a moment it looked like we'd have an almost full complement (in the teens) of members participating but then someone seriously twisted a knee and an elbow, someone else broke her heel and another two realised they needed to rest their sore shoulders. The swimmers left standing did incredibly well, bagging eight silver and six bronze individual medals plus a silver in the 200+ women's freestyle relay and a bronze in the 200+ women's medley relay.

In the photo Sue Wiles is hogging the point score trophy Phoenix swimmers won at the branch championships held at Blacktown pool two weeks before the national carnival.

Photo (L to R): Nerida Murray, Jenny Dooley, Lisa Manning, Sue Wiles, Melanie Holdsworth, Michelle Varker (other team members Russell Merrick, Jillian Pateman and Liz Wallis were busy elsewhere)





Barbara Briggs, Secretary of Campbelltown Collegians AUSSI Masters Swimming Club, won the MSNSW Administrator of the Year award for 2012.

It would be easy to say that Barbara has made an enormous contribution to Campbelltown Collegians throughout 2012 but, in reality, she has made *all* the difference to Campbelltown Collegians. It is difficult to quantify everything that a club secretary does but one thing is clear; Barbara is the key to almost everything that happens within Campbelltown Masters Swimming Club.

History

Barbara Briggs has been a swimmer almost all her life. She often talks quite fondly of having trained with and raced against Dawn Fraser.

Barbara joined Campbelltown Masters Swimming Club in 1998 and has been club secretary for 13 years. She organises monthly meetings, club social events, keeps the club president well informed and, most importantly, organises almost all of our annual swimming carnival.

Barbara has competed at numerous BPS meets over the years and has represented Campbelltown with distinction at state events, most notably the long distance championships and state relay meets.

2013

As you would expect from an efficient club secretary, all correspondence from the NSW state office is emailed to club members, regular updates and queries are emailed to the club treasurer and the club president is kept extremely well-informed with weekly (and sometimes daily) questions, suggestions, reminders and words of encouragement.

In 2012, Barbara was the Campbelltown Club's meet-director-in-disguise. She began organising officials for our 2013 meet in June 2012 (for reasons which will become obvious). All officials were organised by Barbara; all liaison with Bradbury Pool was conducted by Barbara; all correspondence with Campbelltown Council was conducted by Barbara, all contact with our 'parent' club (Campbelltown Catholic Club) regarding sponsorship and raffle prizes was organised by Barbara; the meet program was suggested by Barbara; the flyer was designed/prepared by Barbara.

The "early" start to organising the 2013 Campbelltown meet was precipitated by the rapidly-declining health of Barbara's father. Barbara was determined not to let the club down and worked relentlessly to organise the carnival before the inevitable loss of her father, who passed away on 15th August.

During 2012, Barbara contributed considerably towards Campbelltown's endurance program, despite suffering from arthritis, a debilitating knee injury and diabetics. It was club members like Barbara Briggs who pushed our club endurance swimming points tally to the point where Campbelltown won the 2012 National Endurance Award for highest points-per-swimmer in Australia.

Barbara also organised club social events, the most memorable being to Picton Golf Club to witness one of the first live singing performances of her granddaughter.

Club Spirit Award 2012

In 2012, Barbara Briggs was voted as the Campbelltown club member who most exemplified the “fun, fitness, friendship” motto of Masters Swimming and, in recognition of her efforts, was awarded the Campbelltown Masters Swimming ‘Club Spirit Award’.

Barbara Briggs typifies the effort, generosity, workload and outstanding administration that the NSW Administration Award was created to acknowledge.



Barbara Briggs – The name behind the administration that runs Campbelltown Masters Swimming Club



Barbara accepting her award from MSNSW Board member Stuart Meares Administrator of the Year



Two Prestigious Awards for Tuggeranong Masters

At the recent Masters Swimming NSW Annual General Meeting held on May 18 at Sydney Olympic Park, Tuggeranong Masters Swimming Club ACT was named the Club of the Year. This topped off a great year for Tuggeranong who have competed in many Branch and State meets as well as the 2012 National Championships in Adelaide.

Tuggeranong are currently the model club in NSW and have a 'can do, will do' committee who work hard behind the scenes ensuring that all facets of the club runs as smoothly as possible for their members under the leadership of their president.

In addition, Roger Dietrich was announced as the winner of the Gary Stutsel award which is recognition of his work in promoting Masters Swimming in NSW. Roger planned, set up and now monitors and administers the Social Media platforms for MSNSW and is also currently the Publicity Officer for the Tuggeranong Club.

These awards have not yet been presented to the club and to Roger, but a presentation is planned at the upcoming relay meet at SOPAC in July.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full story

38th National Masters Swimming Championships

Tuggeranong Masters Swimming Club had a great National Championship meet in April at Sydney Olympic Park taking home truckloads of Gold, Silver and Bronze as well as many personal best times. Tuggeranong finished 5th out of 96 clubs nationally and 3rd out of 47 clubs from NSW with only nine points separating them and rival clubs, Warringah and Seaside Pirates.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about the National Championships

Below are a couple of other links that are worth having a read –

<http://www.juneesoutherncross.com.au/story/1536977/stroke-of-recognition-for-humble-swimmer/?cs=2135>

http://blogs.abc.net.au/nsw/2013/05/master-swimmer.html?site=riverina&program=riverina_mornings