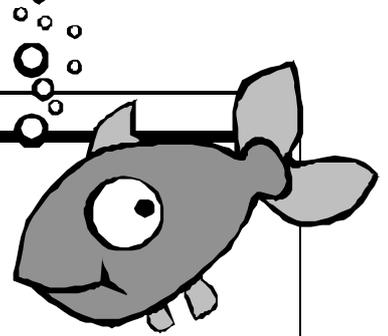


SNAPPETS



Stadium Snappers Masters Swimming Club Inc, PO Box 532, Claremont 6910

May 2010

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Club membership continues to grow – 83 at last count. Invite your friends to join and share the joy!

In the pool, after the successful Snapper representation at the National Short Course Championships in Launceston, Snappers were again prominent at the Osborne Park 400/800 on April 24 with seven age group winners. Snappers were also very competitive at the State Swim on May 1 and 2, coming a good second to Osborne Park and just nudging out Claremont. In brief: ten State records were achieved by seven swimmers. In the individual swims we scored 40 firsts and thirds, and 48 seconds!

The aerobics swim program continues apace but more swimmers are needed! Today, May 23, some Snappers have just swum a record distance for our Swimathon to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Remember to participate in the upcoming events: Snappers long course 1500 m Swim on June 12 and Westcoast Masters BE ACTIVE Club Challenge at Joondalup on June 27.

At the Committee meetings on April 19 and May 1, several items of importance were dealt with:

Membership and PR Representative Position on Committee

The Committee appointed Meryllyn Burbidge for 2010. Richard Diggins, the previous representative, was unable to continue in this position from 2008/9 by virtue of the Constitution regulation which limits the period of office to two years.

Founders Award Modification

The Committee agreed to change the wording of the Founders Award as given in the Handbook to add: "This shall be measured by allocating points for all timed pool swims as follows: personal best time (PB) – 2 points, personal age-group best (PAB) and inaugural swims – 1 point." The revised wording does not change anything but makes explicit the way this award is evaluated.

Fees Increase?

Venues West is contemplating an increase in fees for the club's use of Challenge Stadium as from September 1 this year. I am in discussion with the Venues West management on this.

Swim Records

The Committee confirmed the existence of the Information Management Sub-Committee comprising Sue Colyer, Eleanor Parsons (Information Manager), Pamela Walter (Recorder) and Julie Crowley. The sub-committee will propose policy and procedures for the collection and maintenance of Snappers' swim times data. The computerisation of the data and their manipulation to create records, personal bests, etc are important for the club and we are grateful that these volunteers are giving their time and energy to assist.

20th Anniversary of Snappers

In June 2012, Stadium Snappers will be 20 years old! A History Sub-Committee has been in existence for some time to prepare a document for this event. However, the question is: how should the club celebrate the event? There are really two options: (1) As we do now with an Annual Dinner for current members only or (2) An enlarged dinner for which an effort is made to invite as many of our past members as possible in addition to the current members. It would be valuable to have the opinions of club members on this matter. Please send me your views by email or note or just tell me.

Snappers' Swim to the Nationals 2011

At the end of May, please send your distance swum during May to me: barryjohngreen@yahoo.com.au. Remember our target is 5,000 km in the 10 months before the Nationals at Challenge Stadium in April.

Barry Green

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

11 John Christie
12 Corrie Lodder
18 David Fairclough
23 Wayne Davies
23 Brian Downing
24 Lillian Hadley
29 June Maher



Happy birthday wishes to all those Snappers born in June. Special greetings to David Fairclough who will soon be 40 and is NOT a tree! Also to Brian Downing as he counts down the days until his 70th.

Bring on the cake!

"Forty isn't old, if you're a tree"

DIARY ENTRIES FOR JUNE AND BEYOND

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<i>Saturday 12 June</i>	<i>Snappers 1500 Metre Swim (LC)</i>	<i>1:00 pm</i>	<i>Challenge Stadium</i>
<i>Saturday 19 June</i>	<i>Snappers Annual Dinner</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Ocean Gardens Village</i>
<i>Sunday 20 June</i>	<i>Club Swim (Handicap events)</i>	<i>warm-up 9:00 am</i>	<i>Challenge Stadium</i>
<i>Monday 21 June</i>	<i>Snappers Committee meeting</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Barry's place</i>
<i>Sunday 27 June</i>	<i>Westcoast Masters BACC (LC)</i>	<i>warm-up 8:15 am</i>	<i>Arena Joondalup</i>
<i>Monday 19 July</i>	<i>Snappers Committee meeting</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Barry's place</i>
<i>Sunday 25 July</i>	<i>Gosnells 400/800 Swim (SC)</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Gosnells Leisure World</i>
<i>Saturday 28 August</i>	<i>Claremont Masters SC Relay Carnival</i>	<i>12:30 pm</i>	<i>Challenge Stadium</i>

GOGGLE SAW

At the State Swim

- Three only swimmers, all Snappers and two of them at their first interclub meet, waiting on the boom for the start of the first heat of the 25m Freestyle. The hooter mal-functioned, emitting a piercing screech. Our most senior swimmer set off, not hearing loud whistle blasts and trying hard to disentangle herself from the false start rope. Finally she realised what had happened, swam back to the start and waited in the water for a further 10 minutes while the starting mechanism was encouraged to operate correctly. The delayed heat eventually got underway and the swimmers finished to a resounding cheer from the spectators.
- Two timekeepers forgetting to press their buttons in a 50m event when the same senior Snapper finished with a touch too gentle to activate the electronic recorder.
- Leon diving in for a relay with his goggles on top of his head while still scoring the highest number of points in his age group over the two days!
- One of the Brians dropping his marshalling disc into the pool.
- The same Brian receiving an inaugural Have a Go News Encouragement Award.
- The same Brian admitting he must have been on Mars all week as he had no idea that there was a significant football match being played on Sunday 2 May.
- The other Brian at home watching the significant football match.
- Tricia accomplishing the tricky feat of losing her cap from beneath her goggles while swimming and, like a true Snapper, completing the heat unperturbed.



At the Snappers' Swimathon

- A female Snapper, sans specs, disregarding the sign as she entered the changeroom after a record-breaking 3000m breaststroke swim, then stepping out of her bathers and wondering why the basins were a very funny shape. Such was the impact of her having rewritten the record book!
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IMPROVES LIKE FINE WINE AWARD

Dee Stephenson was the worthy winner of this award for May. At the Launceston Nationals, Dee gained a State record in the 400 Freestyle and also took 30 seconds off her best time in this event.

SOCIAL NEWS

Golf Day

Owing to the low numbers of names on the list to play golf, we regret we have had to cancel the golf afternoon.

*The old believe everything;
the middle aged suspect everything;
the young know everything.*

Oscar Wilde

Snappers' 1500 Metre Distance Swim Saturday 12 June

Would all those Snappers swimming in this event please bring a plate of afternoon tea "goodies"?

Annual Dinner 7:00 pm, Saturday 19 June at Ocean Gardens Retirement Village

Please make this 18th annual celebration a memorable night. Night swimmers, how about booking a table this year? Tickets are \$48.00 per head.

Marg Somes

A NEW ROLE FOR 'TRICIA

'Tricia Summerfield officially announced her retirement on Thursday 20 May as a coach of the evening swimmers after a long shift of 13 years! However, we are lucky that she will soon join Sue and Marilyn as a coach of the day swimmers. 'Tricia's record is impressive. She was the first Snapper to undertake the Level 1 Masters Coaching course and is currently Director of Coaching on the Masters Swimming WA Board. Age is no secret in Masters swimming - on her 60th birthday on 27 May, 'Tricia will also retire from her day job as Senior Policy Officer with the Department of Sport and Recreation. Thanks 'Tricia!

DID YOU KNOW? Ninth instalment

- A former Snappers president was once charged with disorderly conduct for chaining herself to a tree to prevent logging in an area near Manjimup. (See *Snappers* March/April 2004 to identify this miscreant!)
- Snappers won the McDonald Shield for 2003. This award recognises the club considered to be the most efficient in relation to branch business. "Stadium Snappers excelled in all areas of administration in 2003, especially with member registrations, Aerobics and Top 10 programs and general administration. Their willingness to volunteer, support and assist MSWA has been superb and most appreciated."
- In December 2004, Pamela Walter received her Three Million Metre award!
- The first HeartSwim, organised by the Heart Foundation and Masters Swimming WA, took place in November 2004. Snappers participated with 2 teams:
"Hearty Old Snappers": Marilyn Burbidge, William Curtis, Lillian Hadley, Geraldine Klug and Marg Somes. They were the oldest team, raised \$720 and won the prize for the best outfit.
"Four Belles and a Whistle": Eleanor Parsons, Gail Parsons, Robyn Wilson, 'Tricia Summerfield and David Corney. They won the prize for the best name!
- Arthur Jenkins played guitar for a dance band in Ballarat in the late 1940s!

Barry Green

JUSTICE?

In case you ever get these two environments mixed up, here's how to distinguish one from the other:

IN PRISON	AT WORK
Most of your time is spent in a 10 x 10 cell	Most of your time is spent in a 6 x 6 cubicle
You get three meals a day, fully paid for	You get a break for one meal that you supply
For good behaviour, you get time off	For good behaviour, you get more work
You can watch TV and play games	You could get fired for watching TV and playing games
You get your own toilet	You share a toilet with people who pee on the seat
They allow your family and friends to visit	You aren't even supposed to speak to your family
All expenses are paid by the taxpayers with no work required	You must pay all your expenses to go to work, then your salary is taxed to pay for prisoners
You spend most of your life inside bars wanting to get out	You spend most of your time wanting to get out and go inside bars
You must deal with sadistic wardens	They're called 'managers'

SNAPPERS' 2010 SWIMATHON

On Sunday 23 May, 20 Snappers swam distances ranging from 850 to 6300 metres in 7 hours. Two swimmers are still to swim so the interim total is 56.625 km, exceeding our previous longest distance of 55.95 km in 2007. We also exceeded the average number of swimmers (19) and will equal the greatest number of swimmers swimming for MND. This wonderful effort was achieved with twice the number of turns. Our lanes, generously given free of hire charge by Challenge Stadium, were in short course mode - another first for the Swimathon. Well done, Snappers. Just need to chase up all your sponsors!

Sue Colyer (Swimathon Organiser)

MASTERS SWIMMING WA MATTERS from Wendy Holtom

2010 BE ACTIVE State Swim - 1 and 2 May 2010

Thanks to those Clubs which submitted great nominations for the inaugural Have-A-Go News Encouragement Award. We received 12 all up. Congratulations to the following 4 winners for 2010: Lynne Power (Somerset), Jessica Baynes (Geraldton), Brian Downing (Stadium Snappers) and Liz Betteridge (Maida Vale).

Thanks to all Clubs and their wonderful volunteers for conducting such a great event last weekend.

"SWIM" NUMBER PLATES

We have discovered that the information provided by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure 12 months ago re our Plates Program being cancelled due to lack of purchases, was incorrect, or they forgot about us! In fact the program is still running and many numbers are available for purchase.

Ed: Wendy has asked clubs to provide the above information to any interested members. For those with email, a descriptive leaflet and order form have been sent with this issue of Snappets. For those not on email, Geraldine has the information.

MSWA 2009-2010 OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES LAST NEWS

Congratulations to the three Snappers who won their age groups in the 2009-2010 OWS series: Anja Messmer (18-24), Julianne Crowley (60-64) and Marilyn Burbidge (65-69).

A REALLY, REALLY BAD DAY

A man has been standing at the bar staring at his drink for half an hour. A big truckie standing next to him reaches across and skols the man's drink, whereupon the man bursts into tears.

The truckie says, "C'mon, I don't like to see a grown man cry. Let me get you another drink."

The man replies, "It's not that. This is the worst day of my life. First I overslept, so my boss sacked me. I got to my car, to find it had been stolen. I called a cab, then remembered my wallet was in my car, so I walked home and found my wife cavorting with the gardener. So I came into this bar determined to end my life, when you showed up and drank my poison!"

POOL SWIM RESULTS from Recorder Pamela Walter

Masters Swimming Australia National Swim Launceston 7 to 10 April 2010

As a post script to the results given in the last issue, Stadium Snappers' tiny team of eight women finished 12th of 90 clubs in Australia on points scored by women alone and 20th on combined points.

Osborne Park 400/800 Long Course Distance Swim April 2010

As well as seven age group wins, seven female Snappers scored five State records and a PB by 21 seconds.

Masters Swimming WA BE ACTIVE State Swim 1 and 2 May 2010

At this event last year, Snappers finished third. This year, although competing in a bigger field, our team of 30 Snappers achieved our best result ever at a State Swim: Osborne Park 1589, Snappers 1519, Claremont 1517.

Congratulations to all swimmers, especially to those who were swimming at the event for the first time: Steph Weston, Brian Downing, Anne Edmondson and Anja Messmer. Special mention must be made of our three age group winners: Leon Musca (35-39), Robyn Wilson (60-64) and Lillian Hadley (75-79).

Thanks to our Meet and Greet team of Barry, Helen, June Maher and John and Hazel Christie, our Timekeepers Jean, Trudy, Jeannine, Merle and Hazel Spong and our Officials Pamela, Theresa, Elizabeth and Andrew Burbidge.

Eleatha BEARE	FR25, BA25, BA50, BA100 (all inaug/CR25); FR50, FR100, FR200 (all inaug25)
Colin BEATON	FR25, FR50, BA25 (all best since '08)
Audrey BULLOUGH	BR25 (PB25); FR50, BA100 (both PAB25); FR100 (PAB25/best since '07)
Merilyn BURBIDGE	BA25 (inaug25); BA100 (PB by 2 sec); BA200 (PAB/0.32 sec outside PB)
Sue COLYER	BA25, IM200 (both inaug/CR25); BR25 (PB /CR); BR50 (PAB/CR25)
William CURTIS	FR25 (0.02 sec outside PB); FR200, BA25, BA100, BA200 (all best since '08)
Brian DOWNING	FR25, FR50 (both inaug25); BR25 (inaug/CR25)
Anne EDMONDSON	BR25 (inaug/CR25); FR25, FR50, FR100, FR200, BA25, BR50, BR100, BR200, BU25, IM100(all inaug25)
Eliz EDMONDSON	BA25 (PB /CR25); BA200 (PB25 by 14 sec); FR200 (PB25 by 12 sec); FR25, FR50, FR 100, BA100 (all PB25)
Theresa ELLIOTT	FR25, BA25, BR25, BR50, FR50 (all inaug25); BR100 (PB by 11 sec); BR200 (PB by 7 sec); FR100 (PB by 6 sec)
Helen GREEN	FR25, BA25 BR25 (all inaug25); BR50 (PB25); FR50 (PB by 2 sec)
Barry GREEN	BU25 (PB/CR25); BR25 (0.7 sec outside PB); BA25, BA50 (both 0.8 sec outside PB); FR25 best since '08
Lillian HADLEY	BA200 (PB/CR25 beating '05 time); BA25 (PB/CR25); BA50, BA100, BR200 (all PAB/CR25 best since '05); BR25 (best since '08)
June HOUGH	FR25 (PB25); FR50 (PAB/best since '06); BR50 (best since '07)
Kim KLUG	FR200 (inaug25); BR25, BR200, BU25 (all PB/CR25); BA25 (PB by 3 sec); IM100 (PB by 2 sec); FR100 (PB25)
Geraldine KLUG	BR25 (inaug/CR25); BA25, BR50, BR200 (all PB/CR25); BA50 (PAB/CR25 best since '05); BR100 (PAB/CR25 best since '06); BA100 (PAB/CR25 best since '07)
June MAHER	FR25 (inaug/CR25); FR100 (PAB/best since '00/CR25); FR50 (PAB/best since '04/CR25)
Warwick MAXTED	FR25, FR50, FR200, BA25, BA100 (all inaug/CR25); FR100 (inaug25)
Anja MESSMER	FR25, FR50, FR100, FR200, BR25, BR50, BU25, BU50, BU100, BU200 (all inaug/CR25)
Leon MUSCA	FR25, FR200, BR25 (all inaug/CR25); FR50 (PB/CR25 beating '05 time); BU50, IM100 (both PB/CR25); BU25 (PAB/CR25 best since '05); FR100 (inaug25)
Eleanor PARSONS	FR25, FR100, BA25, BA100, BU50, IM100 (all PB/CR25)
Gail PARSONS	BA50, BA100, BA200 (all PB/CR25); BA25 (PAB/CR)
Wyvern REES	BA25 (inaug25); BA200, BR25, BR50, BR100 (all PAB/CR25 best since '08); BA100 (PAB/best since '08)
Margaret SOMES	FR25, BR25, BR50, FR100, FR200 (all best since '08)
Dee STEPHENSON	BA50, FR200 (both PAB/best since '03); FR25 (PB25)
'Tricia SUMMERFIELD	FR50 (PAB25/best since '04); FR100 (PAB25/best since '06); FR25, BA200, BR25, BR50, BR100, BR200, BU25, IM100 (all PAB25)
Pamela WALTER	BA200, BR25, BR100 (all PB/CR25); BR50 (PAB/best since '00/CR25); BA25 (PB25); BA50 (PAB/best since '03); BA100 (PAB/best since '05)
Stephanie WESTON	FR25, BR25 (both inaug/CR25); BR100 (inaug25)
Peter WILLIAMS	FR25 (inaug25); FR50 (PB by 3 sec); BA50 (0.4 sec outside PB)
Robyn WILSON	BR25, BU25, BU100 (all PB/CR25); FR25, BR50, BU200, IM200 (all PAB/CR25); BU50 (PAB25)



Snappers also swam in 13 relays. Here's a happy snap of our winning team in the 240-279 women's freestyle relay: Helen Green, Theresa Elliott, Anne Edmondson and Audrey Bullough

DEADLINE

Many thanks to Barry Green, Sue Colyer, Marg Somes, Jeannine Heinrichs, Pamela Walter and Robyn Wilson for providing material for this issue of Snappets. Please send your contributions for the next issue to amburbidge@westnet.com.au by Friday 23 June.

Merilyn



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ROBYN TRAVELS TO WILD PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

Out of my comfort zone of Challenge Stadium and into the primitive islands of the Bismarck Archipelago on board the MV Orion. The passenger list was made up of those who had previously sailed on her. The itinerary was being 'tried out' on us to ascertain whether it would be part of Orion's regular sailings - a first for everyone on board including the captain and crew, with lots of flexibility and patience required of us all!

Alan and I had already spent a year living in the highlands of PNG in the Western Province, so exploring the coral islands of East New Britain would be something different and an excellent way to see places very few tourists have visited. Our charter flight from Cairns took us to Rabaul to board the MV Orion. Rabaul was completely covered in ash when Mt Tavurvur erupted in 2006 sending ash 25,000 feet into the atmosphere. The volcano has been active ever since and is still emitting huge amounts of smoke. A new airport and town centre is now situated at Kokopo – about 1½ hours drive from Rabaul on a very bumpy washed out road!



Our first port of call was Tingwan Island in the Bismarck Sea, a very neat and tidy island with a wonderful welcome – songs and traditional dancing. Before we landed on these islands, our expedition leader went ahead to make sure we were welcome and to discuss our arrival with the chief, usually involving a couple of bags of betel nuts and kina (PNG currency)! We saw boat-building (dug-out canoes), basket- and mat-making, sago-making and traditional fire-starting with coconut husks. We took the long walk into the main village, at least 5 km round trip. We hadn't been warned about that in hot sticky weather!



The next day we sailed to the island of Nauna (population 400) in the Manus Province - one of the very few islands with its own constitution. We had a wonderful welcome with traditional dancing. It was the first time tourists had been to this island so gifts were exchanged between the captain and the clan chief. There are seven clans on the island with a chief elected from one of the clans. Their English was not too bad if we used simple words. The men live in the men's huts and the women in their huts with their children. The islanders are self-sufficient, growing their own fruit and vegetables and fishing. They eat very little or no meat. Kite

fishing is interesting. Cobwebs are rolled into a ball and tied to a kite. The cobweb ball skims across the water. Long tong fish get their noses caught in the sticky ball and are pulled onto the boat! Island discipline involves tying the offender to the memorial for three days without food and water. They do not offend again!

Wuvulu, the westernmost island of the Western Islands of the Bismarck Archipelago, was our next stop, unannounced, so the villagers were completely unprepared for us! Because the island is surrounded by a reef, the zodiacs were not able to get in very far and we had to walk across the reef for about 150 metres and then on to the main village – about 2 hrs there and back and very hot and sticky. Probably more westernised than the other two islands with a lot of AusAid visible – water tanks, bikes, solar panels on the thatched roofs and a rusted-out tractor, abandoned because the villagers didn't know how to fix it!

The next day did not go according to plan so we detoured to the island of Tumleo. The 400-500 people had never had tourists on their island but were very entrepreneurial, setting up markets to sell artefacts by the time we had finished our walk around their village. Of particular interest was the WW2 barge/boat now completely covered with trees, vines and sand.

During the New Guinea campaign, Hansa Bay was a major Japanese naval base. The extensive marine and aircraft engagements in this area during WW2 resulted in approximately 35 wrecks. We landed in zodiacs on the beach and then had a short walk and a river crossing to the main village. Traditional dancing – snake, fish and ancestral dancing. We snorkelled over a couple of WW2 wrecks – a bit spooky swimming over a 60m long Japanese barge and a 150m long Japanese cargo ship. The final two islands to visit were Bagabag and Pigeon, very small coral atolls where the locals were surprised to see us.

Finally back to Rabaul, an area of significance in WW2. During the 1942 Japanese occupation, over 500 km of tunnels were dug underneath the town. Indian POWs captured in Singapore and local inhabitants were used as labour. Major actions including the Kokoda Trail, Milne Bay, Coral Sea Battle, Guadalcanal and Bougainville were all launched and supplied from Rabaul. We stayed in Port Douglas for the final three days to re-acclimatise ourselves to western civilisation. I don't know where our next trip will be but it will be a hard act to follow!

Robyn Wilson