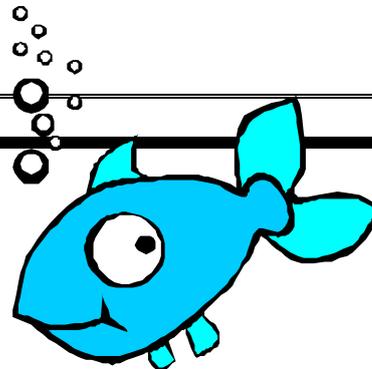


SNAPPETS



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PRESIDENT'S JOTTINGS

Recently, the Committee discussed and passed the following:

- 1) Second claim members are not eligible for any of our Club Awards.
- 2) There is no longer a three year limit on support positions. The Committee will appoint people to these positions at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Club records will continue.
- 4) Internal times will apply to butterfly only.
- 5) The Club will offer a 50% reduction of the club component of the annual fee for members joining between June 1st and August 31st.
- 6) Sue Bird is organising a sundowner in September, keep an eye out for your invitation.

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Snappers Live Lighter Club Challenge is coming up on Sunday September 14th. The sign-up sheet is in the cage. An email will go out requesting hamper items and all those swimming on September 14th are asked to bring a plate of fruit or slice as we have to provide lunch for our visiting swimmers.

The Special General meeting to vote on the name change will be held on Saturday September 20th. The notice of meeting will go out to all members.

Notes from the Council of Clubs meeting held on Tuesday 19th August:

2014-2015 Masters Swimming WA Open Water Swim series

- The matter of insurance was discussed
- The starting procedure for open water swims will be simplified
- HBF will continue to sponsor the series.

Other matters

- Masters Swimming WA finances are running to budget
- Clubs may still apply for grants of up to \$500.00 for projects (one per year) in their club
- The State Championships will be held in March next year and will be in short course
- The Club Captains meeting will be held at 9:30 am on Saturday September 20th.

Geraldine Klug

BIRTHDAYS

September

Vic Paul	6 th
Kim Klug	7 th
Audrey Wren	26 th



A very happy birthday to these three. Special congratulations to Audrey who, at 89, is our oldest member.

POOL SWIMS from Sue Bird (formerly Sue Shilling)

Leisurepark Distance Short Course 400/800, Sunday 27 July

Pamela, Eleanor and I travelled to Balga for their meet. Congratulations to Eleanor, who swam a 400 Butterfly and set a new State record as well as swimming an 800 Free. Victor Paul also swam for Snappers and broke State records in the 400 Back and 800 IM. His 800 IM was a National record! Vic is swimming particularly well at the moment in his new age group. Pam and I completed two swims each to tick another couple off the Endurance 1000.

Somerset Distance Long Course 1500, Sunday 3 August

Eleanor and I attended Somerset's event, both entering the 1500 Backstroke. This turned out to be not such a good idea as it was a bright sunny day (not what you want for backstroke outside!) and it was nearly impossible to keep our eyes open going one way. In fact I took to swimming down the lane rope with my eyes firmly shut, counting strokes until I neared the flags. Such a relief each time to turn and head the other way. The pool was also excessively hot which made it even more uncomfortable. Still – another E 1000 swim completed. Pamela attended Somerset too, but in an official capacity so did not swim.

2014 Claremont Groper State Relay Short Course Championships, Saturday 16 August

An intrepid group of Snappers converged on HBF Stadium (actually, arrived in dribs and drabs) last Saturday to take part in the Golden Groper Relay Carnival. 21 swimmers – 17 women and just 4 men completed 20 relays. The men must have slept well on Saturday night as they were all in nearly every event! Beng's butterfly talents were required in no less than four relays including the 100 fly! And he still managed to turn up for Sunday morning training. Well done, too, to Mary Gray, Lisa Dwyer and Joanna Kagi who were swimming at their first interclub and Mike Curtis displayed impressive style in his first all-relay event.

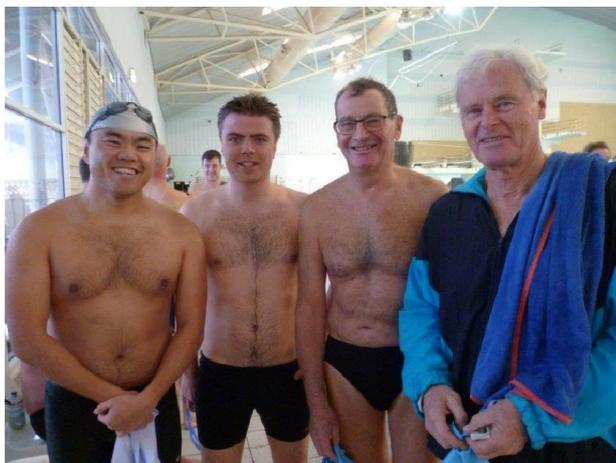
Snappers finished 8th, compared to our 5th placing last year, due mostly to our current scarcity of male members. Claremont won the day but Beatty Park was biting their heels, only 10 points behind.

Our women did very well in the 200-239 age group with Gail, Anne, Eleanor and Sue winning the 4 x 25 Medley relay and Eleanor, Jackie, Gail and Sue winning the 4 x 25 Freestyle.

Other notable efforts were:

- 2nd Women 240-279 4 x 50 Free: Sue, Marilyn, Robyn, Eleanor
- 3rd Women 280-319 4 x 50 Free: Pamela, Deirdre, Marg, Tricia
- 3rd Mixed 240-279 4 x 50 Medley: Pamela, Geraldine, Beng, Bill
- 3rd Women 280-319 4 x 25 Medley: Mary, Audrey, Pamela, Dee
- 3rd Women 280-319 4 x 25 Free: Marg, Audrey, Geraldine, Dee

The good news was that none of our teams was disqualified and we didn't lose any swimmers. It was like herding cats at times with all the teams milling around the marshalling table! It was all a lot of fun and congratulations must go to Claremont for a very well-run event in which a record number of 279 swimmers had entered.



Mixed 160-199 4 x 100 Medley team:
Eleanor, Beng, Mike and Gail

Our thanks for the constant efforts, once again, of timekeepers Cas and Helen and officials Pat, Elizabeth and Pamela.

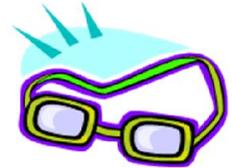
Mens 200-239 4 x 50 Freestyle team:
Beng, Mike, Barry and Bill

DIARY ENTRIES FOR AUGUST AND BEYOND

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Monday 18 August	Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Regent Park
Sunday 31 August	Riverton Distance LC 400/800	1:00 pm	Riverton Leisureplex
Sunday 14 September	Snappers LiveLighter LC Club Challenge	8:00 am warm-up	HBF Stadium
Saturday 20 September	Club Captains meeting	9:30 am	Sports Lotteries House
Saturday 20 September	Special General Meeting	pm	Crab Palace

GOGGLE SAW

- one of our female swimmers entering the male changeroom by mistake at a recent meet. Upon spotting one bare and obviously male bottom, she quietly backed out and made her way quickly to the female changeroom. The owner of the bare bottom was none the wiser!
- one of our male swimmers, also by mistake, entering the female changeroom at HBF Stadium. Less excitingly for him, the female he encountered had a towel wrapped around her so he backed out, too.



SNAPPERS' ENDURANCE 1000 PROGRESS IN 2014

From the data provided below by Eleanor it's clear that we are lagging in long distance swimming this year. But all is not lost! Now that every 400 and 800 metre swim counts for points, there is still time to make up the deficit. Remember that the elapsed time swims of ½ hour, ¾ hour and 1 hour score lots of points so how about getting ready for the Open Water Swim season by knocking off some of these? The "I time you and you time me" approach is a good one to take.

Year	Total points	Female points	Male points	Female participants	Male participants	Total participants	Total club members
2013	8316	7727	589	19	10	29	64
mid 2014	2853	2729	124	15	4	19	55

Please leave your Endurance 1000 recording sheets in the cage by 30 September for Recorder Kim to enter your latest times.

SUPERSNAPPER

Congratulations to Vic Paul, who is the Supersnapper for June for achieving a National long course record for 1500 m Backstroke at Snappers 1500 Metre Distance Swim on 7 June.

ON THE SUBJECT OF "DEATH"

- The Grim Reaper came for a young woman last night and she beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.
- A man went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on his wife's grave. As he was standing there he noticed four grave diggers walking about with a coffin. Three hours later they were still walking about with it. They must have lost the plot!
- Sam just got back from his mate's funeral, who died after being hit on the head with a tennis ball. It was a lovely service.



REFLECTIONS from Marg Watson

Snappers' role in community support

Ed: Marg has suggested this new segment. Her idea is that a topic is selected for each issue that is relevant to the time of year or to a current Club event and a little background information is given from the Club's historical record. Marg has chosen the Club's involvement in helping other organisations as the first topic.

Fifteen years ago our fledgling swimming club took on two new challenges. One was to help with the Annual September Alzheimer's Street Appeal by having our own team of collectors, chiefly those available on a weekday. And the other was to stage a yearly Swimathon, involving all club members.

Every year since then, about 15 Snappers have "rattled" collection tins at local shopping centres, raising around \$18,000 for Alzheimer's Australia. Sadly, we will not be collecting for Alzheimer's this year as the association will not be conducting a street appeal, due mainly to other demands on the organising staff.

All of the proceeds from the Swimathons went to charity. The first two, in 1999 and 2000, raised \$4,530 for the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Swim Team. Since 2001, our Swimathons have raised \$61,000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association WA in honour of two club members, Betty Rees and Heather MacGowan, who both succumbed to the disease. Also our swimmers benefited from this opportunity to clock up aerobic swims.

In addition to these two endeavours, Snappers have volunteered on several occasions as timekeepers at WA Disabled Sports Association swimming carnivals and in various roles for the Rottneest Channel Swim.

Over the years we have a proud record of achievement as volunteers supporting others. Times change and at present we are no longer involved in most of the areas described here. However, in keeping with the camaraderie ethos of Masters Swimming, maybe we'll find new challenges in the future.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND DEADLINE

Thanks to Geraldine Klug, Marg Watson, Sue Bird and Eleanor Parsons for contributing to this issue of *Snappets*. I look forward to receiving input from as many people as possible, so please send your items for the next issue to me at amburbidge@westnet.com.au by **Friday 19th September**.

Merilyn Burbidge