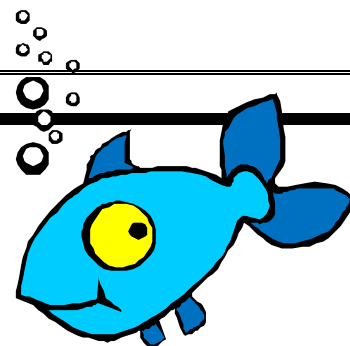


SNAPPETS



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FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

On a hot Saturday, 23 January, 24 members attended the Annual General Meeting of the Club in the Claremont Masters Club Rooms, popularly called Crab Palace. The two main items of business were:

1. To vote on the motion *That the club component of Stadium Masters membership fee for full membership be raised by \$60 for the 2017 calendar year.*
2. To declare elected those nominated to serve this year on the Management Committee and to endorse the appointments of coaches Eleanor Parsons, 'Tricia Summerfield, Stuart Gray and Barry Green.



The proposed substantial fee rise was actively discussed and finally approved by a significant majority. The discussion emphasised the need for the club to increase its fund-raising efforts to help cover the costs of lane hire which is the club's main expense. In 2009 lane hire charges amounted to \$4400; in 2015 the charges were \$9930 and would have been even higher if the pump hadn't broken down resulting in two weeks of no lane hire!

The loyal members at the meeting enjoyed a fine spread for afternoon tea afterwards - a good start to the new year. Luckily the favoured drink on such a hot day was water because the power failed, ruling out tea and coffee!

Stadium Masters Management Committee for 2016

President	Barry Green	PR/Membership	Barry Green	General Members	Robyn Wilson
Vice President	Merilyn Burbidge	Social Organiser	Helen Green		Peter Lyster
Treasurer	Bill Woodhouse	Captains: SOT	Jackie Egan		
Secretary	Jackie Egan	Day	Pamela Walter		

Endurance Star Awards 2015

Endurance Star Awards, initiated in 2000, are an incentive to swim longer distances. A One Star Award is given for completing the Endurance 1000 program in any one stroke, a Two Star Award for any two strokes, etc. Certificates were presented at the AGM to the nine swimmers who achieved these in 2015:

- ★ William Curtis: Backstroke
- ★★ Cas Brown: Freestyle and Breaststroke; Pat Sugars: Freestyle and Backstroke
- ★★★ Anne Edmondson, Elizabeth Edmondson, Pamela Walter, 'Tricia Summerfield and Merilyn Burbidge: Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke; Eleanor Parsons: Freestyle, Backstroke, and Individual Medley.

Support Team for 2016

At the first Management Committee meeting, the following were confirmed in the Support Positions so essential for the efficient running of the club:

Recorder	Anne Edmondson	Clothing Officer	Pat Sugars
Information Manager	Anne Edmondson	Safety Officer	Stuart Gray
Registrar	Elizabeth Edmondson	Social Member Liaison Officer	Margaret Watson
Webmaster	Elizabeth Edmondson		

As incoming President I want to thank the members of last year's Management Committee, and the members who acted in the support positions (above) as well as all those who actively supported the running of the club. It is now up to this year's membership to ensure that we build on the success of the past and also enjoy our swimming! The present open water season has seen a good turn-out of club swimmers and I'm hoping we will field a strong team of swimmers and timekeepers for the first LiveLighter club challenge of the year run by Newman Churchlands on February 21.

Barry Green

YOUR HELP NEEDED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CLUB Barry Green

As was made clear at the Annual General Meeting, fund-raising is essential for the club because the current membership fees do not cover the costs of lane hire. Even with the expected fee rise a significant fund-raising effort will be needed. So I urge all members to be prepared to help in the fund-raising opportunities that will be negotiated e.g. triathlons, sausage sizzles, cake stalls, perhaps a raffle, and so on. If you have other ideas to raise money please let your Captain know! Before we book a sausage sizzle at Bunnings we need to have a firm commitment from 16 people (four teams of four) to run the stall.

Two confirmed activities to raise revenue are to act as marshals at triathlons at Hillarys on Sunday 13th March and 10th April. If you are able to help at the triathlons and/or at future Bunnings sausage sizzles, **Peter Lyster** will be delighted to receive your email: phjl@westnet.com.au.

Message from Bob Welch, TriEvents

"Just a note to say extreme thanks to you and your crew for your volunteer service at our City of Joondalup Triathlon on Sunday 13th December. Great job by all and great feedback from the athletes on your collective contribution."

Audrey, Cas, Pamela, Barry, Helen, Peter Lyster, Pat, Bill, Wanda and Marilyn helped at this event, earning \$450 for the Club.

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PAST PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Stadium Masters has enjoyed another successful year of participation and competition swimming with a fifth placing (of 25) in the All Club Challenge, the attraction of 120 swimmers to our LiveLighter Club Challenge and a high number of swims completed in the Vorgee Endurance 1000 program. There was also good participation and results at the Newman Churchlands, Melville and Swan Hills meets.

Two major innovations eventuated in 2015:

- The introduction of social members, most of whom are former members. These members participate in club activities, excluding swimming, and fulfil the important goal of "friendship and fun" that is part of Masters Swimming.
- The Beatie Norris Endurance Award sponsored by Beatie's family which encourages swimmers to complete the Vorgee E 1000 program. I am privileged to be the inaugural winner.

Thanks to the generous contribution and hard work of Geoff Barnard, Marilyn Burbidge and Pamela Walter the club now has a fully renovated and more tailored cage which will soon have new signage.

The year ended with 60 full club members, 6 second claim members and 7 social members. We need to continue to attract and retain members as the cost of lane hire is the club's major expense and its key offering to members.

The club is fortunate to have the ongoing sponsorship of VenuesWest which includes lane hire for the annual Swimathon, the 1500m Distance Swim and the LiveLighter Club Challenge as well as four lane-hours per week for the swimming of E 1000 events.

My thanks to all members of the committee and the support team for their dedicated contribution to the running of the club during 2015. A special thanks to all the coaches for their hard work. I wish the incoming committee all the best for a successful 2016.

'Tricia Summerfield, President 2015



'Tricia Summerfield and the 'Norris' sisters

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome four new full members for 2016. Ann Ritchie is the first Associate member to upgrade to full membership, Stuart Gray has made Stadium Masters his first claim club and Peter Gray and Jenny Kohan are new to the club. We're also very pleased that past member Rob Shand has joined as an Associate member.

From Peter Gray:



Hello fellow Stadium Masters swimmers!

I'm a son of Stadium Masters members Mary and Stuart Gray. As teenagers we were always in the water, swim training in the Brian Blanksby squad, Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club and surfing.

After a long break from swimming training due to working in isolated areas, my passion for swimming was reignited while undergoing rehab for a recurring shoulder injury that involved surgery. Over the past ten years I have been living and working in the mining town of Leinster. I get to Perth as much as I can to do open water events and Cott SLSC swims. Leinster has a free 50m pool, open for half the year. Winter months I spend running, hiking, prospecting and working out in the gym. But I must start doing more winter swimming if I'm to catch up to Jon Haines of Perth City, who's in my age category. I'll be trying to get to as many of the pool events as I can.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

From Jenny Kohan:

I came along to Stadium Masters as I wanted to make friends, feel part of a group and do something I enjoy. Everybody was so friendly and welcoming. From the start, I enjoyed the swimming challenges and appreciated how well the group was organised. I decided I definitely wanted to join.

I work part time as a Registered Nurse on a surgical ward at Bethesda Hospital. I have an old dog and I have fun taking him to the beach.

I took to swimming from a young age. I was usually in my school swim team though not the champion swimmer. I have only ever swum for pleasure and one of my favourite things to do is go for a swim with one of my daughters or husband and have a coffee afterwards. I like swimming at different venues and when travelling I get a buzz from taking public transport on my own to swim at the local aquatic centre.

I look forward to many years of membership with the club.



BIRTHDAYS

February

4th Dee Stephenson
21st William Curtis
25th Audrey Bullough

March

6th Pamela Walter
14th Nomai Jago
20th Rob Shand
21st Anne Edmondson
21st Richard Ingleby



MEMBERSHIP Elizabeth Edmondson

At 10 February 2016, Stadium Masters membership stood at 63, made up as:

Ordinary members	44	Associate members	12
Second claim members	5	Life members	2

Interestingly the average age of our members has fallen from 69.5 years in 2015 to 66 years in 2016!

AWARD WINNERS 2015

Pat Sugars: Cliffe Webb Award



Barry Green: Kevin Wren Award



Mary Gray: Founders' Award



Anne Edmondson: President's Award
 Anne has capably taken on the role of Recorder. She performed her duties at the club's LiveLighter Club Challenge as well as being Meet Director. Anne swam one individual event in order to qualify to support the club's relay teams. She has been a great support for the Wednesday squad. I have benefitted greatly by her wise counsel.

Absent
 Eleanor Parsons:
 Lynda Joachim Award



Jackie Egan: Participation Award
 Jackie has been a supportive Vice President and Captain who is not afraid to put her point of view. She has worked hard to build attendance at Tuesday and Thursday evening and weekend training sessions. Jackie is a vigorous and commendable champion of the SOTs (those who Swim at Other Times).

DIARY ENTRIES FOR FEBRUARY AND BEYOND

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Wednesday 17 February	Council of Clubs and MSWA AGM	7:00pm	DSR Leederville
Sunday 21 February	Newman Churchlands LiveLighter Club Challenge Long Course	Warm-up 8:15am	Newman College
Saturday 27 February	2016 Karma Resorts Rottnest Channel Swim	from 5:45 am	Cottesloe Beach
Sunday 13 March	Hillarys Triathlon club fundraiser	TBA	Hillarys
Sunday 13 March	20th Anniversary Jetty to Jetty Swim	Rego 6:45am Start 8:30am	John Graham Reserve, Woodman Point, Coogee
Friday 18 March	Beatty Park Open LC 50s meet	Warm-up 6:15pm	Beatty Park
Wednesday 23 March	Committee meeting	6:30pm	Regent Park
Saturday 26 March	Albany Masters 4km Harbour Swim	Check-in: from 6.30am	Princess Royal Harbour Sailing Club, Albany
Sunday 27 March	SunSmart Southern Ocean Classic Mile	Start 10:00am	Ocean Beach, Denmark
Saturday 2 April	2016 LiveLighter Masters State OWS	Rego 7:30am	Coogee Beach
Sunday 10 April	Hillarys Triathlon club fundraiser	TBA	Hillarys

SUPERSNAPPER from Jackie Egan

Our first SuperSnapper award for 2016 goes to our youngest member, Kathryn Fortnum, affectionately known in the group as Kat 2! Kat, like Kat 1 and Mat, is a Superfins coach and joined Stadium Masters towards the end of last year to improve her own swimming. Although of course she was a very competent swimmer from the beginning she has gone from strength to strength since joining, quickly taking over leading the lane and making the others at the back of the lane feel a little slow!

Under Eleanor's guidance, Kat 2 decided to take a dip in the river at the Swim Thru Perth in January. Feeling a little nervous (NOT! Confident as!) Kat swam her first ever open water event, keeping the buoys on the course perfectly in line - I know this as I took to just following her! Despite carrying a nagging shoulder injury, Kat managed not only do a great time but bag 3rd prize overall. In her first open water swim! Ever!

Congratulations Kat 2 on being SuperSnapper for January, for all the hard work you put in at training, gritting your teeth when your shoulder hurts, and doing so well in your first open water swim. Go you girl! Keep it up! Well done!



GOGGLE SAW



- 'Tricia being presented with her Five Million Metre award. Cheers for 'Tricia!
- Geoff Barnard receiving the 10th Certificate of Appreciation for rejuvenating our tired cage
- In January, Bill Woodhouse swimming his first ever 400 IM incorporating his first ever 100 fly. Then he did it again in February!
- Peter Gray joining Stadium Masters and bringing the total number of Peters in the Club to six: more than a quarter of the men!



Fiona Wilkins, Director of Swimming MSWA, presenting 'Tricia's Five Million Metre Award

A RIDDLE

Q: Three sailors each had a cigarette, but no matches. How were they able to smoke their cigarettes?
A: They threw one cigarette overboard and made the boat a cigarette lighter.

FROM THE RECORDER Anne Edmondson

The Top Ten for 2015 can be viewed on the Masters Swimming Australia results portal. Congratulations to those who made the list! Stadium Masters came third in WA in the 2015 Endurance 1000 competition (see below), which considering our falling numbers, is quite good.

The 2015 club records will be available to view on our website in the not too distant future.

Please leave your Endurance 1000 file in the cage during the last weekend in March for me to collect.

SNAPPERS' ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ENDURANCE 1000 PROGRAM IN 2015 Pamela Walter

The Vorgee Endurance 1000 Champion Club is a national award given each year to the club scoring the highest number of points, using the national point score tables. Last year, with 7627 points, we came tenth in Australia and, in WA, we came third to Melville (8382) and Somerset (10365) just as we did in 2014. Of our total membership of 61, 27 participated in the Endurance 1000 program last year, 18 women and nine men. The best news is that our women scored the highest number of points of all WA clubs!

The Vorgee Endurance 1000 Award is presented to the club that scores the highest average points per registered member each year. In 2015 we finished 20th in Australia and sixth in WA.

Hoping to improve our standing in 2016, an energetic band of Snappers has already begun their E 1000 swims! You can record swims at any time at HBF Stadium as long as you have a competent timekeeper with two watches.



SOCIAL Helen Green

Stadium Masters Christmas Picnic

On Sunday, 6th December, 2015 the club held its annual Christmas picnic at Lake Jualbup in Shenton Park. The weather forecast was not at all good but we decided to go ahead regardless. Everyone who had signed up came fully prepared with sweaters and umbrellas, and a determination to make it an enjoyable occasion.

Despite one rather heavy shower of rain we were very fortunate that it stayed fairly dry, and not too windy. We ended up with 38 attendees and the food provided by everyone was, as always, delicious; the sausages expertly cooked by David Watson with help from Bill Woodhouse and Colin Beaton, and the traditional trifle prepared by June Maher disappeared in record time!

FROM MASTERS SWIMMING WA

Just before she retired after 14 years as Executive Officer of MSWA, Wendy Holtom sent this message:

"On behalf of MSWA's President Gary Bradley and the Board I am pleased to announce that Samantha Noall has been appointed to the Executive Officer position. Sam is currently Swimming Australia's Senior Event Coordinator for the upcoming Aquatic Super Series here in Perth and will commence with MSWA after that event. Sam will bring to the role her extensive experience and expertise from working within the WA sport and recreation industry for nearly 20 years. Exciting times ahead for MSWA!"

TOWEL FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Swimmer extraordinaire, Vic Paul, generously gave the club one of his vast collection of towels won at open water swims on condition that it be raffled and the proceeds go to a charity chosen by the club. The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund for the victims of the Waroona and Districts bushfires was named as the beneficiary and the \$70 raised has been donated to the appeal. Geoff Barnard bought the lucky number!

*Never go anywhere without your towel.
Douglas Adams, 'The Hitchhiker's Guide
to the Galaxy'*

STADIUM MASTERS IN THE POOL AT HBF STADIUM 2015

Data are collated from the club attendance diary and relate to swims in booked lanes at HBF Stadium only. Figures do not include our club's LiveLighter Club Challenge or the All Club Challenge or the State Relay.

The total attendance of 2688 in 2015 is down from 2934 in 2014 by a difference of 246 swims or 8%.

Several members swim regularly outside the times when the club reserves lanes, e.g. as second claim members of Claremont. These figures are not included this year but were included up to 2013.

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<i>Membership</i>	81	71	59	65 (Incl 2 nd claim)	66 (Incl 2 nd claim)
Annual total attendance	3790	3868	3300	2934	2688
Average monthly (12)	316	322	275	245	224
Average weekly (52)	73	74	63	56	52
Average daily (365)	10	11	9	8	7
Average per member	47	54	56	45	41
Highest at one session	35 (Wed)	31 (Wed)	24 (Wed)	19 (Fri)	16 (Wed pm & Fri)
Monthly Averages					
Tuesday	26	34	29	18	29
Wednesday am				40	37
Wednesday pm	107	91	65	56	49
Thursday	20	26	20	15	24
Friday	99	89	65	57	44
Saturday	39	44	35	28	28
Sunday	32	34	30	28	32
Session Averages					
Tuesday				4	7
Wednesday am				10	9
Wednesday pm				14	11
Thursday				4	6
Friday				14	10
Saturday				8	7
Sunday				8	7

'Tricia Summerfield
Coach, January 2016

ROTTNEST STARTERS

Excitement is building for those of our members in the 2016 Karma Resorts Rottnest Channel Swim. How about coming to Cottesloe Beach before sunrise on Saturday 27th February to wave them off!

Carmen Harrison and Jil Mogyorosy are in a team, *Skirt Club* (Female 200+), with two from other clubs. Carmen says: "This is a first for Jil and me and it would not have happened without our champion team member, Sally Bell from Claremont, offering to swim with us and encouraging us through our challenging training. We also have the support of two paddlers who have done the crossing before and are very experienced.

Gail Parsons is also in a team, *Wonder Women* (Female 200+), with three friends. Gail says: "I've done the event every year since 2000 except in 2007 when it was cancelled due to extreme weather: Team (4 times), Duo (9 times) and Solo (twice)." She admits to asking herself why not just catch the ferry?

Gabi Diaz is in a team, *Basking Snarks* (Mixed 150+), with three non-Snappers. Gabi says: "We are all first timers to RCS and our aim is to have fun and finish the swim!"

Kat Fortnum is in a team, *Superfins WA* (Mixed 100+), with three members of the Superfins. This is a first for her.

Leon Musca has entered as a solo in the Champions of the Channel, an inaugural event being held concurrently with the Rottnest Channel Swim. He has an impressive record of about 13 crossings, many of them solo!

Good swimming, all!

COACHING TIP

Question

Should you use an S- or an I-pull in your freestyle stroke?

For a long time it has been a matter of debate in the world of competitive swimming as to which path of the hand in the underwater pull phase of the freestyle stroke is more effective: the 'S'-stroke when the hand draws a curve in the water or the 'I'-stroke when the hand draws a straight line.

Answer from Coach Stuart

Whichever, the catch starts immediately after the glide and continues to the hip.

REFLECTIONS Marg Watson

"We're getting on in years, a bit faded, but still well loved. We do like to feel needed and part of the action. We've had many places to call home and many carers. Our current hosts are wonderful people."

Such is the memory of real club treasures - our three yellowy-gold club tablecloths! They are every Social Organiser's nightmare: made from sturdy, stain-absorbent material, they are beasts to iron but are still in use, unchallenged, in these spendthrift times.

"We were made in the club's infancy in 1994 by Audrey Wren, when the club colours were gold and black. We've been seen draped over tables on auspicious occasions in all sort of places. Club champions, club stalwarts and perhaps even wannabees have been photographed with us. We've sampled yummy salads, scrumptious desserts, and beautifully arranged fruit platters. We've been friendly with Pat Byrne's trestles for about 20 years, and the Stadium's trestles at our self-catering interclubs until 2005; and more recently, the Crab Palace tables. We've been taken to umpteen neighbourhood venues – City Beach, Floreat Beach, Lawler Park, Jabe Dodd Park, Beaton Park, Perry Lakes, Lake Jualbup and Mabel Talbot Park for Beach breakfasts since 2003 and Christmas picnics since 1996. At our outdoor parties we have enjoyed balmy weather, as well as suffering awful heat and disruptive rain!

And, oh, the friends we've made and supported! First was the Snappers Interclub Award donated by Barbara and Derek Fentiman in 1995, then the Club Champion Awards, in 1996, named for Kevin Wren and Lynda Joachim. There were certificates for runners-up and for the President's and Participation Awards, until these were upgraded to trophy status in 2006. We were still there when the Founders' and the Cliffe Webb Awards both arrived in 2002. And now we have a new friend in the Beatie Norris Award, who joined us just last year. Long may we all flourish together!



To be invited to a Committee meeting is a rare treat

OPEN WATER SWIM SCENE

LiveLighter MSWA Series #3: Fremantle Ports Swim, 1.6km South Beach, Saturday 12 December 2015

Name	Age group	Time	Age group place
Jackie Egan	50-54	32:23	2 nd
Pamela Walter	60-64	36:54	4 th
Barry Green	70-74	38:11	4 th
Merilyn Burbidge	70-74	43:48	4 th

Despite the fact that conditions at South Beach looked to be quite good, and the first leg of the swim to the north was current-assisted, we met a difficult chop on the return leg. At least, that's an excuse for some of our slower times! However our team did well to finish fourth.



Tower to Tower Swim Thru, 1.8km Scarborough to Trigg, Saturday 19 December 2015

Name	Age Group	Time	Age group place
Anja Messmer	18-29	27:57	16 th
Leon Musca	40-49	23:24	4 th
Peter Gray	50-59	25:12	3 rd
Barry Green	70-74	36:07	3 rd

This course runs in one direction: north and is usually current-assisted. Getting out to the deep-water start is always a challenge in the strong surf.

Cottesloe Classic Mile 1.6km Cottesloe Beach Saturday 2 January 2016

Name	Event	Age Group	Time	Age group place
Peter Gray	3km	50-54	43:18.7	1 st
Jackie Egan	1.6km	50-54	28:17.6	5 th
Eleanor Parsons	1.6km	60-64	24:05.5	1 st
Stuart Gray	1.6km	75-79	30:38.9	1 st
Barry Green	1.6km	70-74	33:56.5	3 rd

One way to overcome the indulgences of Christmas is to enter a competitive OWS. The club was well represented at the Cottesloe Classic in near perfect conditions. The only jarring note was the shark alarm, which went off near the end of the swim. Fortunately, this didn't affect any of our swimmers, but others were removed from the water before completing the course.

LiveLighter MSWA Series #4: Minara Resources Swim Thru Perth, Matilda Bay, Sunday 17 January 2016

	Distance	Age group	Time	Age group place
Leon Musca	4km	40-44	58:12.7	1 st
Beng Hooi Chua	4km	40-44	1:11:02.3	10 th
Peter Gray	4km	50-54	1:00:36.8	2 nd
Eleanor Parsons	4km	60-64	1:03:10.7	1 st
Kat Fortnum	1.6km	18-24	27:47.1	1 st
Gabi Diaz	1.6km	30-34	26:59.5	1 st
Jackie Egan	1.6km	50-54	28:03.5	4 th
Pamela Walter	1.6km	60-64	35:01.0	2 nd
Jil Mogyorosy	1.6km	60-64	37:37.5	4 th
Carmen Harrison	1.6km	65-69	37:46.5	2 nd
Barry Green	1.6km	70-74	35:31.0	1 st
Merilyn Burbidge	1.6km	70-74	40:56.8	2 nd

It's been a long time since such good numbers of Snappers have turned out for an OWS, especially in the Swan with its big population of juicy brown jellyfish! Calm conditions made the buoys easy to spot. We were assured that the water quality had tested good but wipes were welcome at finish to remove the green slime! Barry won another spot prize. Well done to Kat Fortnum! In her first open water swim she took third place overall for women in the 1.6 km event.



At the Swim Thru Perth. Back – Marilyn, Carmen, Jil, Jackie, Pamela, Peter G, Barry, Eleanor
 Front – Kat F, Beng, Gabi. Missing – Leon

LiveLighter MSWA Series #5: Mandurah Masters Australia Day Swim 2 km Tuesday 26 January 2016

Name	Age group	Time	Age group place
Eleanor Parsons	60-64	29:51	1 st
Pamela Walter	65-69	41:21	2 nd
Merilyn Burbidge	70-74	49:48	2 nd

Swimmers could have been saving their breath for the course because they sang *Advance Australia Fair* pretty half-heartedly! To reach Doddi’s Beach we drove past towering mansions covering Halls Head, a far cry from the sleepy rise dotted with asbestos-clad holiday shacks of the 1960s. The beach hadn’t changed much, though, and the water was fine. Having won her age group, Eleanor didn’t waste much time selecting a bottle of wine. Like Vic, she has towels galore! Well done, Eleanor.

Swannie Ocean Classic 2.2 km Cottesloe to Swanbourne Saturday 6 February 2016

Name	Age group	Time	Age group place
Anja Messmer	20-29	28:54	6 th
Leon Musca	40-49	27:00	3 rd
Pamela Walter	60-69	41:47	3 rd
Stuart Gray	70+	37: 02	2 nd
Barry Green	70+	44:24	7 th
Merilyn Burbidge	70+	47:08	2 nd

The huge roll-up of 840 swimmers must have caught the organisers on the hop: at the briefing swimmers were told ad nauseam to drink water and suck on watermelon after the swim but supplies of these both ran out long before all swimmers had reached the beach!

OPEN WATER SWIM OFFICIALS

Masters Swimming WA is asking for more people to train as officials for open water events. If you are interested in taking on this challenge Pamela Walter will answer your questions.

GOING CHEAP!

It's a fact that Barry wins more spot prizes at OWS events than anyone else! His last win was a WA Parks and Wildlife Annual All Parks Pass providing unlimited entry into any of WA parks for one year, valued at \$88. Barry doesn't think he'll be able to use the pass and is offering it to the highest bidder with the proceeds going to the club. Anyone interested can place a bid before Monday 29th February by emailing the amount of the bid to the editor of this newsletter: mburbidge@westnet.com.au. How's that for a bargain?

A WORTHY VOLUNTEER

In December, Pamela Walter was one of five guests chosen by Masters Swimming WA to attend the Dept of Sport and Recreation 2015 Volunteers Recognition Breakfast. She received an award of excellence recognising her dedication to volunteering as a swimming official. Well done, Pamela!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND DEADLINE

One minute I was dreaming about all the extra time I would have to swim, ride my bike, sew, daydream, get my hands dirty in the garden, and the next minute I woke to find myself wearing the hat of editor of *Snappets* for another year. Please help! You can do this by sending me material to make the newsletter more interesting, entertaining and relevant to our club. The deadline for the next issue is **Friday 11 March 2016**.

Thanks to 'Tricia Summerfield, Pamela Walter, Jackie Egan, Elizabeth Edmondson, Helen Green, Barry Green, Marg Watson, Anne Edmondson, Stuart Gray, Peter Gray, Jenny Kohan, Carmen Harrison, Gail Parsons, Gabi Diaz and Kat Fortnum for their contributions used in this issue of *Snappets*.

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