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Summer Edition - Different Strokes

Masters Swimming Western Australia E-NEWS

Hi Member

Welcome to the final online edition of the MSWA E-News for 2010. This email has been forwarded to all members with valid email addresses and MSWA stakeholders. A PDF version of the E-News will be available on the website. Club Contacts please print copies of this off for members without internet access. Anyone having difficulty viewing the E-News should try opening the [PDF version](#) on the MSWA website. Articles/information for the Autumn E-News need to be emailed to info@mswa.asn.au by 24th February 2011.



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Presidents Piece

Welcome to the festive season and I would like to wish all our members a very merry and safe Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

As we start to plan for the coming year it is timely that I mention a few items that Master Swimming WA has been working on that will make your life easier out there in club land.

The 2011 Pool Events Calendar is at the printers now and should be in your Club's hands by the New Year. I wish to thank all those Clubs which are conducting events again and to the Clubs that are first-timers, I think you will enjoy the experience and the opportunity to showcase your Club and venue. So keep a look out for the "POOL EVENTS CALENDAR" at your Club in January or chase your Secretary or Captain up for your's!

Planning for the Masters Swimming National Championships being held in Perth during April 2011 is well under way and all is looking good with some fantastic venues lined up for functions. Your Club could use the up coming Nationals as a tool to try and encourage new members, talk to the local Tri club or the eighteen year olds at your local junior club and round up some new members, who may want to swim at a "fun" national championship.

I would like to encourage all members and Clubs to use the "Clubs On-Line" method of doing your membership registrations for next year. I know that some Clubs think it is expensive and hard to use, however those Clubs that have been using Clubs On-Line are now being rewarded with greater efficiencies in volunteer time and

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resources, including better tracking of funds and members information. We will help you get started if need be.

Finally, hopefully all members have in their swim bag a copy of the Open Water Swims Calendar and are making the most of some of the fantastic swims that are on offer. Next time you have your calendar out have a look at the sponsor's offer from Dale Alcock Homes. If you are in the market for a new home or renovations contact the Alcock team it could bring funds back into Masters Swimming WA and you will be very well looked after.

Merry Christmas to all and happy swimming.

Ivan Martinovich
President

From the Front Desk

1. 2011 Pool Events Calendar

Last month Clubs selected BE ACTIVE Club Challenge meets for next year and allocations have been made according to preferences, with most being met. The calendar is being produced this month and will be distributed to Clubs for members hopefully before the festive season starts in earnest!

2. Members Business Directory

The first edition is available on the website now for member use. In 2011 we will request any other interested members to submit advertising applications to update the directory. The directory is available on the Publications page of the website. To access the directory directly [click here](#).

3. Promote your Club

Masters Swimming is all about Clubs and what they provide to members and the local community, as the 2009 Member Survey reported. Members join our Clubs for fitness, health and friendship. A few members also like some competition but it is not the focus – it is all about participation, so spread the word to your friends, family and workmates. The misconception in the public arena is that one has to be a good swimmer to belong to Masters – which is far from the truth!

4. Project Coordinator Position Vacant

An advertisement for this vacant position is included in the Western Suburbs Reporter this week with the following details:

- P/time 8–10 hrs per week
- An opportunity to use your marketing skills
- Job description: info@mswa.asn.au or ph 9387 4400

5. New Officials Shirts

This initiative of providing new gear from MSWA through Healthway sponsorship is being implemented now. Referees are receiving 2 new shirts and newer Technical Officials will receive a short sleeve shirt



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after accreditation is completed and appropriate deck-time. Most will be presented at the annual Technical Officials workshop on 29th January being organized by our wonderful Technical Officer Judith Crawford once again. Plastic pouches with lanyard have also been produced for all Officials to hold their DQ cards, pen etc.

6. Coaches Shirts

From the same funding avenue we have provided new shirts for Coaches who have been accredited from the 2009 Level 1 Masters Coaching Course. We have also purchased spares to entice those L1M participants from the recent 2010 course to accredit and receive their shirt!

Merry Christmas to everyone and I hope you all have a safe and healthy New Year.

Wendy Holtom
Executive Officer

Masters Members nominated for more Awards

Masters Swimming WA has 4 nominees for the 2010 ANZ Sports Star Awards, WA's premier sports awards. To see who we have nominated across the categories [click here](#).



Pictured: Persis Rae receiving World Record Certificates from MSWA President Ivan Martinovich

Clubs Joint Forces to Fundraise

In a joint effort, members of Bold Park Power and Stadium Snappers (with some contributors from Claremont Gropers) have recently contributed \$1,600 to assist cancer research. The money has been donated to the Australian Cancer Research Foundation.

The fundraising drive was originally instituted by Vic Paul in seeking sponsors for his 5km "swim for cancer research". His rationale was to raise funds to assist a cause that had helped him and which continues important research to help others.

Congratulations to Vic and all involved for helping such a great cause.

2011 Masters Swimming National Championships Update

All members should have received the National ENews via email this week which included notification that entry and information documents for this event to be held next April here in Perth are now available from [our website](#) and the [National site](#).

To read the latest updates please [click here](#).

Officiating Update

A very busy 2010 is fast concluding with some positive outcomes...

Nationally we have

- Adopted protocol for Swimmers needing Assistance,
- Accepted the proposed swimwear rules (Pool & OWS) as per FINA,
- MSWA's review of Open Water Swim Rules was received and to be actioned 2011 In the West
- Swimwear guidelines have been adopted to meet the needs of swimmers in our conditions (for Open Water, Pool - Interclub and State swims). These guidelines can be checked out at www.mswa.asn.au.
- Introduction of the four-yearly re-accreditation of technical officials program, has had many members with their Club's support, pursuing technical update and training courses. Well done Mandurah, Osborne Park, Snappers, Carine, Leisurepark, Belmont, Melville clubs in particular - more Starters, IOT's and Judge of Strokes in the team.
- With the National Championships in Perth 2011, again members have put their hands up to become technically accredited in readiness. Praise goes to Narrogin Water Dragons, who had 12 members attend courses in August, who in turn ran an excellent Open carnival last weekend ~ trainee officials (12) bringing it together! Three non-swimming Officials guided them... Thank you Brian, Des and Don (over from Tassie) and Ivan Wingate did the required assessing. An Absolute superb effort by all who stepped up to support Narrogin's inaugural event.

My gratitude to the Referees, Technical Officials and Club representatives who have given valuable input to these projects throughout 2010.... especially the Technical Course presenters. We have a great Officiating Team due in no small way, to the expertise and passing on of technical knowledge by our Referees - first class!

Technical courses planned for 2011

Referee & Officials Update (29 January); Marshal, Clerk Course/Check Starter (12 February); General Principles, Timekeeper to Inspector of Turns (5 March); National Swim needs courses (2 April); Open Water Swim debrief (14 May); Referee and OWS Referee course (18 June).

Keep building Fitness and Friendships, whilst having Fun... Enjoy the challenge! Swimmngly Technical...



Pictured: MSWA Officials at the DSR Officials Dinner

Jude Crawford
Technical Officer

Club News

Osborne Park Masters

The club is very proud of our National and State Record recipients gained earlier in this period. They are Bryce Jones, Heather Whitehead, Delise Griffiths, Ian Jennison and John Fussell with State records, along with Penny Green, Helen Bird, Dave Cuzens and John F. who received one for mixed medley relay. John F. also received a National Record.

John F. was the only club rep at the Worlds in Sweden and came home with a handful of medals.

Our captains - Geraldine P and Jeff M - have been busy with our participation in recent BACC's and the Golden Groper Relays. We enjoyed coming 2nd at the Belmont Oasis Pool at the BACC hosted by Belmont and Maida Vale clubs - and also the lovely lunch in the great function room!

Ian Jennison, a new member this year is swimming very well with State Records and now is doing the Level 1 coaching course. He also figured in the social scene with his recent house-warming party, enjoyed by many Occies, held on Guy Fawkes Night!!



Pictured: Osborne Park Members after the Lake Leschenaultia Swim

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Masters Swimming WA has a Facebook page, which we will upload photos to and relevant information as another contact point. Click on the Facebook icon below to go to the MSWA page. You will need to be signed up to Facebook in order to see all the information. However we will also provide public links to new photo albums, to enable you to see photos without being a Facebook member.



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