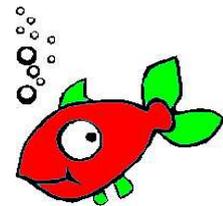


# SNAPPETS



Stadium Snappers Masters Swimming Club Inc [www.stadiumsnappers.net.au](http://www.stadiumsnappers.net.au) December 2011

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer is here and it is great to see more swimmers at training sessions.

Our last BE ACTIVE Club Challenge for the year was Fremantle's in October where, in spite of some good swimming by Snappers, the home team proved to be too strong, pushing us into second place. For 2012, Masters Swimming WA has reduced the number of BACCs which clubs may enter from 5 to 4. The 2012 Pool Events Calendar will be published shortly.

Club training lanes will cease to be booked from 17/12/11 (Day Group) and 25/12/11 (Night Group). Lane bookings for the club start again in the week beginning Monday 9/1/12.

The open water swimming season has already started and Snappers are participating strongly.

The 2011 aerobics swimming results should now be almost completed and given to Recorder Pamela Walter or Assistant Recorder Elizabeth Edmondson for processing. It is essential that these results are made available by mid-December, as previously notified, because there is a lot of work to be done so that the processed data can be sent off in early January for the National Aerobics competition as well as for the Top Ten times listing. Hopefully, Snappers will have done more than enough to retain the club's 2010 standing in the aerobics competition: second nationally and first in WA.

The club's web site <http://www.stadiumsnappers.net.au/> goes from strength to strength. It now has beautiful photos! A big thank you to our "webmaster", Elizabeth Edmondson.

At the Committee meeting on 21 November the Committee set several important dates for 2012: The Annual General Meeting on 25 January, the 20<sup>th</sup> annual dinner on 2 June and the Swimathon on 20 May. Snappers' 1500 m Distance Swim is on 9 June and our BE ACTIVE Club Challenge is on 16 September.

Barry Green



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### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of Stadium Snappers Masters Swimming Club Inc will be held on Wednesday 25 January 2012, at 7.30 pm at St Cecilia's Church Hall, corner of Grantham St and Kenmore Cresc, Floreat

The main purpose of this meeting, at which all Committee positions will be declared vacant, is to elect Committee members and appoint other Club officials for 2012. In addition, Aerobic Star awards and Club Aerobic awards will be presented.

Everyone is welcome and a small plate of supper would be much appreciated.

Jackie Egan, Secretary

Three phrases that sum up Christmas:

*Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men, and Batteries not Included*

Author Unknown

## WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome our first new member for 2012! Ann-Maree Lynch has decided to add water-based exercise to her current gym routine and Snappers is her club of choice. Ann-Maree has been swimming with the night group for only a few weeks and she is already feeling more comfortable at the end of a session and has improved her swim fitness.

### ANNUAL CLUB AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up of these Club awards for 2011 and to all the other swimmers for making for exciting competitions.

**Lynda Joachim Award** for the female Club champion:

Winner **Eleanor Parsons**

Runner-up **Margaret Somes**

**Kevin Wren Award** for the male Club champion:

Winner **Wyvern Rees**

Runner-up **Barry Green**

**Cliffe Webb Award** for outstanding performance at the MSA State Swim and Snappers' BACC:

Winner **Margaret Somes**

Runner-up **Robyn Wilson**

**Founders' Award** for commitment to and improvement of swimming over the year:

Winner **Sue Shilling**

Runner-up **Anne Edmondson**

#### Participation Award

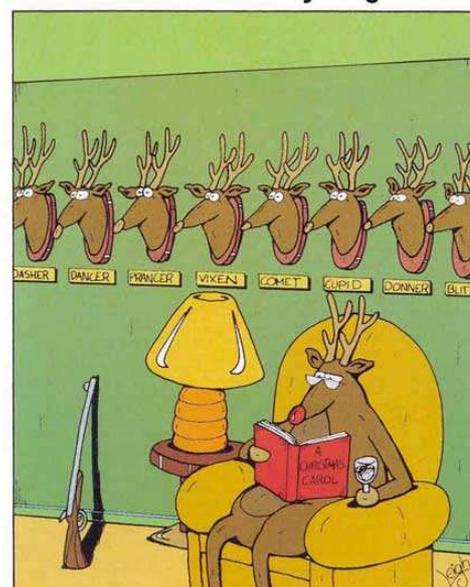
**Geraldine Klug** for her reliability in attending training sessions and interclub carnivals, for supporting the Club in various Committee roles, particularly as Captain, for organising day swimmers in the aerobic program and for liaising effectively with Challenge Stadium staff.

#### President's Award

**Pat Byrne** for her outstanding contribution over ten years as a careful and diligent Assistant Treasurer.

Rubes®

By Leigh Rubin



All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.

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## DIARY ENTRIES FOR DECEMBER AND BEYOND

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Sunday 11 December	Christmas Picnic	from 11:00 am	Beaton Park, Nedlands foreshore
Monday 19 December	Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Barry's place
Approx 7 to 14 January	Individual times for 2011 available for checking		Snappers cage, Challenge Stadium
Sunday 22 January	Xstrata Nickel Swim Thru Perth 4 km solo; 1.6 km solo or teams	7:30 am rego	Matilda Bay, Swan River
Monday 23 January	Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Barry's place
Wednesday 25 January	Snappers AGM	7:30 pm	St Cecilia's hall, Grantham St, Floreat
Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Swim 2km	6:45 am rego	Scarborough Beach
Sunday 12 February	Newman Churchlands Club Challenge	am	Newman College pool
Sunday 19 February	Alcoa Mandurah Masters Ocean Swim 1500m or 3000m solo	9.00 am Start	Henson St Beach, Mandurah
Saturday 25 February	Rottnest Channel Swim	from 5:45 am	Cottesloe Beach
Sun 4 - Mon 5 March	MSWA State Swim		Bunbury
Sat 14 - Tue 17 April	37th National Masters Championships		SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Marion, Adelaide



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## BIRTHDAYS

### December

8<sup>th</sup> Gail Parsons  
8<sup>th</sup> Peter Williams  
24<sup>th</sup> Kylie Leaman  
27<sup>th</sup> Andrew Wilson  
31<sup>st</sup> Don Lane

### January

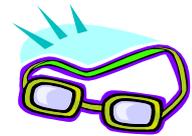
2<sup>nd</sup> Zee Marsland  
7<sup>th</sup> Bill Woodhouse  
8<sup>th</sup> Jil Mogyorosy  
22<sup>nd</sup> Pat Sugars  
27<sup>th</sup> Alan Earnshaw

Best wishes to these birthday people, especially the very senior ones who soon will progress to the next age group: Zee (85), Alan (85) and Pat S (80). Don also moves into the next age group although he doesn't turn 85 until New Year's Eve next year! "Old farts, young hearts."

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## GOGGLE SAW

- Some swimmers displaying communal grooming behaviour as they picked leeches off each other after the Lake Leschenaultia swim. Snappers had a close look later but found none.



## AND HEARD

- A Snapper complaining that her rashie slowed her down, whereupon a burly fellow in the next lane pointed to his excessively hairy chest indicating that was why he was not swimming in the fast lane.
  - Gail saying she enjoyed swimming 1.9 km in the Southern Ocean, running 1 km, waiting for the rest of her team and then running with them a further 2.5 km at the Anaconda Adventure Race in Augusta in November and that she would do it again!
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## SOCIAL NEWS

### Bowls Day Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October

The weather was a little hot, but otherwise nearly perfect, for the 18 players and three onlookers. Geraldine worked out six teams playing in a Round Robin. John Vandewerdt, June H and Zee won and the runners-up were Ken, Barry and Pat S. George Klug gave us valuable tuition and many players improved over the afternoon. Thanks to George, Geraldine and to all who brought the very nice afternoon tea to make the day most enjoyable, raising \$138.

### Melbourne Cup Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Six of us had fun at The Round House in Balcatta. Much betting on the TAB was tried and Corrie was the big winner as she had a knack for choosing the right horses. Marg Watson once again organised \$1 and \$2 sweeps for the afternoon tea group. Many people won a prize of some sort and June H did particularly well. Thank you Marg for your efforts.

Pat Sugars

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## THE LAST REINDEER

A reindeer walked into a pub, strolled up to the bar and ordered a pint of lager. Completely unfazed, the barman poured out the lager and passed it to the reindeer, who handed over a ten pound note.

As he handed over the change of a few coins, the barman said, "I have to say, you're first reindeer I've seen in here."

The reindeer studied the change very carefully and said, "Tell you what, sunshine, at these prices I'm also the last reindeer you're going to see in here."



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## IMPROVES LIKE FINE WINE AWARD

Do you remember that in the last issue of *Snappets* the question was asked as to whether a fifth Snapper would reach one million metres before the end of the year? June Maher did! June submitted her application for her One Million Metre award weeks ago and was clearly surprised when Bill presented her with the ILFWA in recognition of her efforts. An incredible 16 years of data went towards this achievement. Bravo June!

*Moral: Never, never, never give up.*



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## BRING AND BUY IN THE GREEN GARAGE

Barry and Helen were pleased with the success of their inaugural Bring and Buy held on Sunday 27 November. They had promoted the event well and CDs, DVDs and books were all in prime condition. Bargains were assured with paperbacks at \$1 and hardcovers at \$2. Colin was the first of about 15 Snappers to arrive and several neighbours and friends also came. Bringers and buyers were very generous, with some buyers requesting no change for their purchases, and a lot of books changed hands. Elizabeth's Secondhand Books bought some of the remainder and the rest went to another cause or charity, resulting in a clear garage for the Greens. Barry describes the sale as "a most interesting exercise, adding \$280 to the Club's finances and serving as a pleasant social function." He thanks all those day group members who contributed by bringing and/or buying.

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## MASSAGE OFFER ENDS

Pamela's massage promotional offer has ended for this year. Eleven Snappers took up the offer, bringing in \$137.50 for the Club. Thanks to all those Snappers for their contributions. A portion of each payment was also donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the massaged Snappers will receive tax receipts in the post.

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## FEES DUE BY 31 DECEMBER 2011

Membership renewal fees for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012 are due for payment by 31 December 2011.

Individual aged under 80 years	\$165.00
Individual aged 80 years or over	\$160.00
Second claim membership (individual of any age)	\$100.00

Membership may be renewed by following the procedure given on the Masters Swimming WA web site [www.mswa.asn.au](http://www.mswa.asn.au) or via a link from Snappers' web site [www.stadiumsnappers.net.au](http://www.stadiumsnappers.net.au). To avoid paying the \$6 levy charged on the Club component of \$100, it is suggested that you pay only \$65 online to Masters Swimming and pay the remaining \$100 by bank transfer to Snappers' Westpac Bank account, BSB: 036-063; Account no: 16-2984; Account name: Stadium Snappers Masters Swimming Club Inc. Please include your name with your deposit and inform the Treasurer or Registrar if you have chosen this option.

If you have no access to the internet, you may pay by cheque or cash as in the past, facilitated by Elizabeth or Julie after swimming on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### Reminder to Open Water Swimmers re eligibility to score points

Members wishing to gain points in the annual MSWA OWS Series must renew their membership by 31<sup>st</sup> January to gain points in January, otherwise their points-scoring will not start again until the month of renewal, eg, as a 2011 member your points accrue from your first OWS event swum in 2011 but, if your membership is not renewed for 2012 until mid-February, points for January swims will not be counted. Complete criteria are given on the MSWA web site.



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## Shirley Murfitt

We were saddened in November at the death of a past Club member, Shirley Murfitt. Shirley, who suffered from arthritis, came to Snappers about 15 years ago when a doctor recommended swimming to her as a safe form of exercise. Swimming was new to Shirley and proved difficult for her, but she did her best. She was happier joining in and supporting Snappers' social activities. Shirley didn't drive a car so her husband Don brought her to the pool, although he didn't want to swim. However he had coached swimming and instead of just sitting poolside, watching, he motivated himself to take the Masters Coaching Course. This was at a time when the day group had no regular coach. Don became the first accredited coach of the day group who was also a Club member. Don predeceased Shirley by quite a few years and, as Shirley didn't feel happy in the Club when he was no longer there, her membership lapsed.

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## ALZHEIMER'S STREET APPEAL 2011

On Friday 25 November Snappers helped collect for the eleventh time in the annual Alzheimer's Association street appeal. Marg Watson and Geoff Lane organised teams located at Floreat Forum and Wembley IGA. Thanks to Geoff Lane, Marg Watson, June Maher, Marg Somes, Pat Sugars, Cas, Helen and Barry Green, Patrick Cooney, Jeannine, Hazel Christie, Audrey Wren, Zee and Geoff Marsland, Merle and Marilyn for taking shifts. The amount raised is yet to be advised. We felt that our allocated position at the Forum was not the best and the Cat Haven was also collecting there that day! The Herdsman used to be a good spot but no longer allows collections on Fridays.

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## LAST CALL FROM RECORDER FOR AEROBIC SHEETS

Pamela and Elizabeth will be entering aerobic data on 26 December so, as soon as possible before then, please give them your correctly completed Aerobic Recording sheets, Aerobic Cover sheet and Best Internal Times sheet.

Lists of Snappers' individual swim times for 2011 will be available in the cage from 7 January for a week for those who want to check them.

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## NARROGIN OPEN

A Snappers' foursome travelled to Narrogin on Saturday 3 December for their long course carnival, which was open to all Masters clubs. As happened last year, this event clashed with the Swim Thru Rottneest. However only two Snappers took part in the Rottneest swim so where was everyone else?

Narrogin Masters (Water Dragons), one of the newest clubs, did very well to organise an enjoyable meet outdoors on a day when it was 38° in Perth and 32° in Narrogin. Unfortunately only 38 swimmers took part, which was quite a drop from the 70 who were at the inaugural carnival in Narrogin last year, so there wasn't much time between events and the program was over quickly. Theresa, Elizabeth and Pamela helped with official duties. Narrogin was trialling new hand-held timing devices on loan from Swimming WA that were synchronised to start when the Starter pressed the hooter. Timekeepers had only to press a button when the swimmer in their lane touched and the time was registered in the computer. These will be used at the 2012 State Swim in Bunbury in March.

The four Snappers finished fourth behind Narrogin, Mandurah and Somerset. Pamela, Elizabeth, Theresa and Marilyn were allowed to swim in the two relay events, not-for-points as the events were both mixed, and have set a club record (240-279) in the 4 x 100 Freestyle relay. Narrogin chose the longer distance because one end of the pool was too shallow for safe diving and 4 x 100 allowed all four swimmers in a team to dive.



## OPEN WATER SWIM RESULTS

### Lake Leschenaultia Open Water Swim, Chidlow 1.6 km Sunday 6 November 2011

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Position
Jackie EGAN	45-49	32:24	4
Pamela WALTER	60-64	33:53	2
Theresa ELLIOTT	65-69	33:58	2
Merilyn BURBIDGE	65-69	37:43	3
Barry GREEN	70-74	35:46	1



A small field of 88 swimmers contested the first swim of the 2011-2012 season there. The water temperature was OK at 18°, although Jackie and Pamela still found it cold. Barry and Merilyn were both lucky to win stripey towels for recording times closest to the times they had nominated. Pamela's blue glove wasn't just a fashion accessory to



match her cap - she had sliced a bit off her finger and the glove was meant to keep the water out. It didn't work! The lake's reputation for having no sharks held good. Maybe the tannin-stained water puts them off. We didn't notice the aroma of eau de Lake Leschenaultia but Helen certainly did. She shooed Barry off to the shower as soon as he walked in the door at home!

### Cocos Islands Lagoon Swim 8.5 km Saturday 19 November 2011



Well done to Leon, who was our only representative in this year's event. He says:

"Cocos is one of my favourite places in the world! I have done the lagoon swim once before and this time I did it as a duo with one of my best friends, Jeff Vidler. We swam alternate 10 minute intervals and then both sprinted into shore for the last few hundred metres to finish outright winners in a time of 1hr 57 mins over the new 8.5 km course.

The south east trade winds which blow almost all year round gave us some assistance and, as the lagoon is protected by some 27 islands, there isn't a lot of swell. No stingers either and I didn't see any tiger sharks! The water is warm (28°) so you definitely need to stay hydrated but I would describe it as

'pleasant'. It is like swimming in an aquarium in terms of the clarity of the water and abundance of marine life. At one stage I looked down and saw three massive turtles right below me. I also saw lots of beautiful coral, colourful fish and some friendly reef sharks. It is easy to forget you are in a race!

Cocos is like a small country town on a beautiful, pristine tropical island. The Lagoon Swim is well worth doing, probably one of the most fun OWSs in the world! What other events are there where you get washed down by a fire truck after your swim? I'll hopefully do it again next year and it would be great to see a group of Snappers going over for it! As well as solos, duos and teams, there are also novelty teams which adds to the fun of the event."



### **Hella BBB River Swim, Bicton 1.6 km Sunday 20 November 2011**

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Position
Theresa ELLIOTT	65-69	38:07	1
Merilyn BURBIDGE	65-69	42:34	3

In a fresh easterly breeze, about 40 swimmers entered the 1.6 km event, a fair few getting caught up amongst the moored pleasure boats on the return leg as there were insufficient course markers. However there were no stingers and the water was a comfortable 20°. Former member, Warwick Maxted, was announced as the overall first place-getter but, after Vic Paul produced evidence that his swimsuit was legal, the final placings were Vic first and Warwick second. The party is at Theresa's. She won a pack of alcoholic cider!

### **Swimming WA OW Series Round 4: Champion Lakes 10 km 26 November 2011**

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Position
Leon MUSCA	35-49	2:28:18	2

A PB for Leon!

### **35th Swim Thru Rottnest 1.6 km Saturday 3 December 2011**

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Position
Sue SHILLING	45-49	29:17	2
Eleanor PARSONS	55-59	25:58	1

Eleanor says:

"It was a tough race for me as the swimmer I wanted to beat was right next to me from the 800m buoy until about 1500m, so it was only strategy that won the day in the end. Sue did very well in her age group. The conditions were rough on the first leg. Numbers were down with just over 600 swimmers. Most of them appeared to be in the first wave!"

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND DEADLINE**

Many thanks to Barry Green, Pat Sugars, Pamela Walter, Marg Watson, Eleanor Parsons and Leon Musca for providing material for this issue of *Snappets* and to everyone who has contributed throughout the year. Please send your items for the first issue for 2012 to [amburbidge@westnet.com.au](mailto:amburbidge@westnet.com.au) by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January**.

Wishing everyone a really wonderful Christmas and great swimming in 2012,  
Merilyn



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