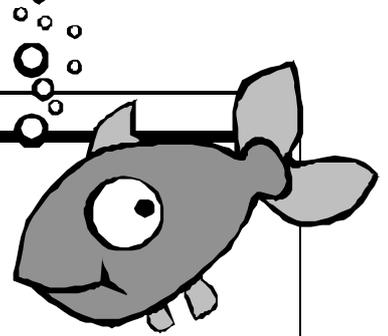


SNAPPETS



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

December 2010

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a bustle there is about the pool to complete the aerobic swim programs for this year! Thanks to Geraldine and her band of willing timers it seems to me as though the club is going to have a most impressive aerobic swimming performance this year. Will it be enough to be top WA club in the national competition?



As indicated in my last report, it is important for the club's finances that membership numbers remain strong. As membership renewal forms have been distributed, I urge you to complete them and pay your subscription NOW.

Bernard Egan has volunteered to help with the input of data at Club swims. This is of great assistance and will enhance Club swims by making swimmers' accomplishments available to them shortly after their swims.

We ended the pools competition year by coming a good second at Somerset on 7 November and we have made a start in the open water series with Snappers competing at Lake Leschenaultia, Bicton and Rottneest. On 4 December four Snappers travelled to Narrogin to compete there. We look forward to more open water swimming before the first BE ACTIVE Club Challenge for 2011 at Newman Churchlands on 20 February.

Helen and I were invited to the Christmas cocktail party of the MND Association WA at which they give out awards and recognise the efforts of their staff, carers, volunteers and supporters. Along with some other organisations, Stadium Snappers Masters Swimming Club was named as a 'platinum partner' for 2010 in recognition of its raising more than \$50,000 for MNDWA over the last 10 years. Sue Colyer, as CEO of MNDWA, acknowledged the Snappers' contribution. Elizabeth Edmondson, who provides some voluntary support for the MNDWA, was also there to bask in the general goodwill toward the club's efforts. Stadium Snappers should feel proud of this charitable performance!

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Swim to the Nationals 2011

Month	Distance	Month	Distance
May	654.1	September	467.0
June	504.1	October	527.2
July	492.4	November	224.4
August	517.8	Total	3,387.0
		(Target)	(3,500)

The latest figures I have for our swimming endeavours for the seven months are given in the table, showing that we are short of the target! This is mainly because I have not received November data from all swimmers. Hopefully with more swimmers in the water, and with more reporting to me the distances they have swum, we will achieve the target of 500 km every month between now and the end of March 2011.

From the Management Committee Meeting 15 November

The Management Committee looked ahead to its own membership for next year and there should be a good slate of candidates standing for election at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 16 February 2011.

A Merry Christmas 2010 (not too merry) and a Happy New Year 2011!

Barry Green

LANE HIRE OVER CHRISTMAS

- ★ Snappers will not hire lanes from Friday 24 December 2010 to Monday 10 January 2011. Members are free to swim in public lanes.
- ★ Challenge Stadium will be closed from Saturday 25 to Tuesday 28 December 2010 and again on Saturday 1 January 2011.

DIARY ENTRIES FOR DECEMBER AND BEYOND

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Monday 13 December	Snappers Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Barry's place
Saturday 18 December	Tower to Tower	8:30 am start	Scarborough Beach
Monday 10 January	Snappers Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Barry's place
Sunday 23 January	2011 Xstrata Nickel Swim Thru Perth 4 km solo; 1.6 km solo/teams	7:30 am rego	Swan River
Wednesday 26 January	Australia Day Swim 2 km	7:45 am briefing	Scarborough Beach
Sunday 13 February	Alcoa Cambria Island Swim 2400m	9:00 am start	Hall Park, Mandurah
Wednesday 16 February	Snappers AGM	TBA	St Cecilia's Church Hall, Grantham St, Floreat
Monday 21 February	Snappers Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Barry's place
Saturday 26 February	Rottnest Channel Swim	5:45 am start	Cottesloe Beach
27-30 April	National Masters Swimming Championships		Challenge Stadium
Sunday 1 May	National OWS		Matilda Bay

BIRTHDAYS

December

24 Kylie Leaman
27 Patrick Carden
31 Don Lane

January

2 Zee Marsland
7 Bill Woodhouse
8 Jil Mogyorosy
22 Pat Sugars
27 Alan Earnshaw

February

1 Jean Beaton
4 Dee Stephenson
21 William Curtis
25 Audrey Bullough



Happy birthday all!

ANNUAL CLUB AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up of the following Club awards for 2010 and to all the other swimmers for making for exciting competitions:

Lynda Joachim Award for the female Club champion:

Winner **Robyn Wilson**
Runner-up **Eleanor Parsons**

Kevin Wren Award for the male Club champion:

Winner **Wyvern Rees**
Runner-up **Colin Beaton**

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

Joint winners **Anja Messmer** and **Leon Musca**
Runner-up **Geraldine Klug**

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

Winner **Tricia Summerfield**
Runner-up **Anne Edmondson**

Participation Award

Elizabeth Edmondson For outstanding participation as a swimmer at all levels and in all areas, for doing more than her share of timekeeping and for helping out as marshal at Club and MSWA events.

President's Award

Julianne Crowley For her outstanding contribution to the administration of the Stadium Snappers Masters Swimming Club as Vice-President in 2010 and, in particular, for her pioneering role as Registrar since March 2009 assisting the Treasurer in the processing of member applications and renewals.

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."

Charles Schulz (1922-2000), American cartoonist

LAIENE MAXTED 1941 – 2010

Laiene joined Snappers in 2000 and, except for one year, remained a member until her death in November 2010. We will remember her as one whose keen interest in the Club led her to become involved in its behind-the-scenes activities. After being a member for only a few months, Laiene accepted the role of Captain of the day swimmers. During her captaincy the Club decided to change its colours to those of Challenge Stadium and Laiene used her graphic arts skills to design a new logo, still current today.

Laiene was quick to notice areas where our older swimmers could improve their technique and was generous in giving them helpful tips. Her generosity showed again when she opened her home at Stoneville to host a Melbourne Cup luncheon for Snappers.



As a teenager she had swum for WA and although more than forty years had elapsed until she resumed regular swimming, she had not lost the elements of good technique. Laiene's backstroke style was a joy to behold. She felt so comfortable swimming "eyes up" that one year she swam the entire 1.6 km of the Swim Thru Rottnest in backstroke and turned in a very respectable time.

Laiene loved to share a joke and when illness affected the distance she could manage in a session she continued to enjoy fun and friendship with Snappers. "Always look on the bright side of life" was her maxim.

Merilyn (helped by June Hough)

MOLLIE LALOR 1921 – 2010



Our dear friend Mollie passed away on 22 November and has now possibly taken up pole position in the heavens above, fluttering her wings and sharing her jokes with those who went before her.

My friendship with Mollie began more than 45 years ago while working on stalls at school fetes and at other school events. My first impression was that she was an elegantly presented woman and she remained that way for the rest of her life. In the 1970s we joined the Olympic Golf Club, giving us the chance to become better acquainted. You can do a lot of talking in 18 holes. In later years Mollie stuck to doing what she did best. She became a social member and never missed an event - any excuse to dress up and go out. Our friendship became

rock solid when Mollie joined the Snappers 18 years ago. She would swim 50 metres, stop, chat to the person in the next lane and to the person following her if they stopped. She considered tumble turns anti-social.

As well as having a great social life, for many years Mollie was a Red Cross volunteer - Blood Bank, delivery of books in Hollywood Hospital and all the other things Red Cross do. She also worked for the St Vincent de Paul Society. We hope you have a pretty halo, Mollie. You deserve it.

Audrey Wren

Ed: Audrey admitted that she bought lined paper specially to write this piece about her old friend. Mollie would have had a good laugh at that!

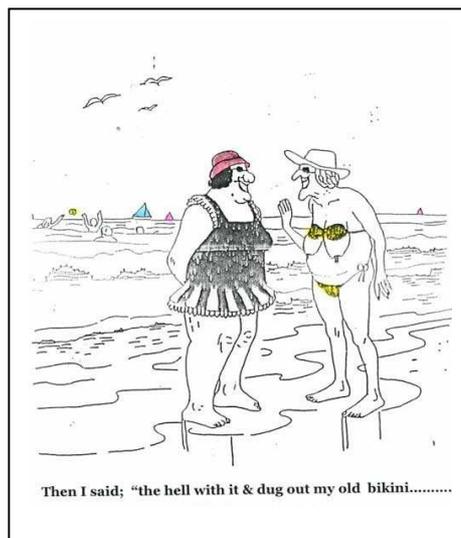
MASTERS SWIMMING WA MATTERS from Wendy Holtom

SWIMWEAR RULES FOR WA

We don't want to dampen our members' enthusiasm for participation in pool and open water events, so our experts have come up with additional guidelines (available on the Publications Page MSWA web site www.mswa.asn.au) for those wanting to participate under the advised FINA/Masters Swimming Australia rules but wish to have consideration from the Meet Referee for modesty, health or medical reasons. Any such members would not be eligible for prizes, records or FINA Top Ten program (pool).

2011 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

As advised on our website and on the National site, entry and information documents are now available. Individuals are asked to read the Instructions Sheet FIRST before attempting to enter the event. The event webpage is linked from the event logo on the front page of both websites and includes documents, all updates and the event brochure.



In December Clubs will be advised of draft allocations for volunteer roles, and we hope that Clubs will support this process, similar to our annual State Championships arrangement, although we need a few more volunteers for Nationals. Some Clubs have already taken on certain tasks eg. Claremont is conducting the OWS event, Stadium Snappers the Welcome Function, Melville the Presentation Luncheon. Once entries close on 18th March 2011, the timekeeping roster will be completed and distributed to Clubs. However if your Club has members who will not be swimming and who might like to volunteer, an expression of interest form for general volunteer roles eg. meet and greet, results runners, refreshments, etc will also be available from the website in December.

2010 MEMBER NUMBERS

Our ongoing and new 2010 promotional strategies have been successful in increasing membership by 50 on 2009 numbers. Congrats to Clubs for working hard to increase membership by welcoming and nurturing all new members. It is reassuring to know that most Clubs look after any potential new members until they feel part of the Club, and then they stay forever!

INAUGURAL NARROGIN MASTERS OPEN: Saturday 4 December 2010



Intrepid Snappers Audrey B, Elizabeth, Theresa and Pamela travelled to Narrogin, the home of the Narrogin Water Dragons, in Pamela's taxi. More than 70 swimmers from ten clubs competed, including Bunbury, Mandurah and Albany.

The carnival was to be held in the outdoor 50 metre pool but work on the pool surrounds was not completed in time and the meet was moved indoors to the 25 metre pool. This was fortunate as the weather turned out to be cool and the indoor pool was airy, pleasant and warm. The Narroginians were most hospitable and the meet was well run in a friendly way. Pamela and Theresa, wearing their new snug-fitting "official" shirts, were both rostered to mentor Narrogin trainees.

The relays were mixed so Snappers couldn't field a team. Instead we swam as an all-girls team not-for-points. Pamela had the pool to herself in the last leg of the 4 x 100 relay and finished to a standing ovation.

We went there and back on the same day but others stayed overnight to enjoy the barbecue and 'dragon' dance that Narrogin organised. We would encourage more Snappers, including some men, to make the trip next year.

Pamela Walter

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Thanks to those early birds who have already renewed their Club membership. Please hand your renewal form and payment to Pat Sugars so we can build up a large number registered by the 31st December. If you have not received a renewal form or have misplaced it please contact me at j.crowley@curt.edu.au or leave a message on 9284 2857.

Julie Crowley

OPEN WATER SWIM RESULTS

Lake Leschenaultia 1.6 km Sunday 14 November 2010

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Posn
Nick EGAN (possible future Snapper)	10-15	24:41.33	3
Warwick MAXTED	40-44	24:12.20	2
Jackie EGAN	45-49	29:59.65	6
Pamela WALTER	55-59	33:22.81	2
Julie CROWLEY	60-64	37:01.00	3
Barry GREEN	65-69	33:12.94	2
Sue COLYER	65-69	34:27.35	1
Theresa ELLIOTT	65-69	36:34.01	3

Barry reports: Over 130 swimmers entered the event, the 24th time Maida Vale Masters have held it. Among the participants were seven Snappers and Jackie's teenage son, Nick. The challenge for each swimmer was to achieve a swim time closest to his/her nominated time. Sue claimed an age group prize for swimming closest to her nominated time, as did ex-Snapper Phil Hoff.

The lake is not large and the circuitous course of five legs of varying lengths cleverly took the swimmers to water where the aquatic vegetation did not interfere with their swimming. The conditions were perfect (no waves or monsters of the deep) but one still had to follow a course without a helpful black line at the bottom and, of course, to stake one's claim to water space, in particular in rounding the buoys.

We all enjoyed a delightful picnic lunch with our supporters: Beatie Norris, Graeme Walter and Bernard Egan. This was the warm-up for more OWSs!

BBB River Swim 1.6 km Sunday 21 November 2010

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Posn
Theresa ELLIOTT	65-69	35:40	2

Theresa was our only rep at Bicton! However this, and the fact that she had never swum an OWS in the river before, didn't put her off. She finished very close to the winner of her age group.

34th Swim Thru Rottneest 1.6 km Saturday 4 December 2010

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Position
Kylie LEAMAN	40-44	28:44	6
Kim KLUG	40-44	31:55	11
Gail PARSONS	45-49	27:59	4
Sue SHILLING	45-49	29:21	8
Anne EDMONDSON	50-54	30:51	6
Eleanor PARSONS	55-59	25:29	2
Robyn WILSON	60-64	29:30	2
Vic PAUL	65-69	23:30	1

This year the date of the Swim Thru clashed with the inaugural Narrogin Open. Even so, there was a good turn out of Snappers with great results. Particularly well done to Kim and Sue (and perhaps Anne?) who are near-novices at open water swimming.

DEADLINE

Many thanks to Barry Green, Pamela Walter, Marg Watson, Audrey Wren, June Hough and Julie Crowley 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 2011 to amburbidge@westnet.com.au by **Friday 28 January 2011**.

Wishing everyone a really wonderful Christmas and great enjoyment in swimming in 2011,
Merilyn



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RESULTS FROM RECORDER Pamela Walter

Ed: Thanks to Pamela for making a special effort to prepare these reports from our two most recent carnivals.

Somerset BE ACTIVE Club Challenge 7 November 2010

Jackie Egan	FR50 (PB50)
Barry Green	BA100 (best since '08)
Helen Green	FR100 (PB50); BR50 (best since '08)
Lillian Hadley	BR50, BR100, BA100 (all best for '10)
Geraldine Klug	BA100 (best for '10)
Kim Klug	FR50 (PB50 by 0.01 sec)
June Maher	FR100 (best since '06)
Anja Messmer	IM200, FR100 (both inaug 50)
Leon Musca	IM200 (inaug 50)
Eleanor Parsons	IM200 (PB50); FR50 (best for '10)
Sue Shilling	IM200 (inaug50); FR100 and FR50 (both PB50)
Marg Somes	BA100 (best for '10)
Pamela Walter	BR50 (best for '10)
Peter Williams	FR100, BA100 (both inaug50)
Robyn Wilson	BR100 (PB50)
Bill Woodhouse	FR100 (PB50)

Inaugural Narrogin Masters Open (Short Course) 4 December 2010

Audrey Bullough	FR200 (PB25), FR50 (best since '08)
Teresa Elliott	FR200 (PB25 by 11 sec), BA100 (PB25 by 26 sec), BA50 (inaug25)

