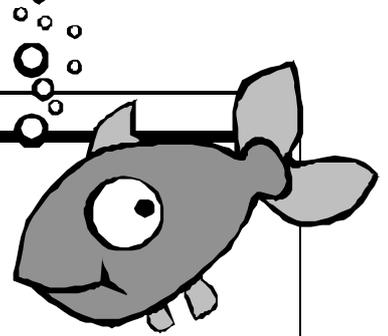


# SNAPPETS



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

July 2010

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Club membership has now reached 85. However, not all members are appearing in the pool! In particular, some who swam so well in the State Championships seem to have gone missing. We need you for the Club Challenge we are hosting on September 19. Come on in all of you, the water's wonderful!

Our Swimathon on May 23 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (WA) was a terrific success. Congratulations to all the swimmers, helpers, and sponsors! The aerobics swim program continues. In 2010 we hope to be the top WA club in this national competition, but more swimmers and swims are needed if we are to have a chance. If you haven't tried aerobic swimming, come along and give it a go!

The Snappers-hosted 1500 m on June 12 proved to be so popular that in the end four Snappers did not swim to make way for guest swimmers. Overall, 48 swam and, as yet unofficially, 1 national and 12 state records were set. Snappers set many PBs. Meet Director Robyn Wilson did a terrific job, as did Margaret Somes and her helpers in providing much appreciated food and drink after the event. After the successes of our club swim on June 20 and coming equal second at Westcoast's BACC at Joondalup on June 27, we are setting our sights on the State Relays at Challenge Stadium on August 28. In between there is a 400/800 m on July 25 at Leisure Park in Balga and Somerset's 1500 m on August 8.

### *Swim to the Nationals 2011*

The May total is 654 km, without contributions from the 21 who, according to the attendance book, swam in May, and in spite of my repeated requests still have not given me their distances. If we maintain this terrific rate, the 5,000 km target may have to be revised upwards. Please remember to send your monthly contribution of metres swum to me at [barryjohngreen@yahoo.com.au](mailto:barryjohngreen@yahoo.com.au) as soon after the end of the month as possible.

### *Annual Dinner*

The annual dinner was a most enjoyable evening thanks to Margaret Somes and her helpers. It provided the opportunity to donate the Swimathon proceeds to the MNDWA representatives. Pioneers from 1992, Hazel and John Christie, Nomai Jago, Doris Kimber and Audrey Wren, who are still members and who were present at the dinner, were acclaimed. Certificates were symbolically handed out to those Snappers who have reached a particular membership milestone. (The President had left the correct certificates at home!) Congratulations to these members:

- 5 years Jeannine Heinrichs and Kim Klug
- 10 years David Corney, Lillian Hadley, Rob Shand and Brian Somes
- 15 years Geoff Lane, June Maher, Beatie Norris and Robyn Wilson

Super Snapper awards were given to those members present whose swimming performances were ranked in the State and National Top Ten. Thanks to Recorder Pamela Walter these were all listed on beautifully prepared certificates. Overall, 51 members achieved state top tens, of whom 41 also achieved national top tens! Well done Snapper competitive swimmers. I noted the importance of those members who are not primarily interested in competition and highlighted the contributions made by those who "make the club function", for example, the coaches, captains, the management committee, social convenor and her helpers, the person in charge of ordering club apparel, the organisers of special social events, the contributors to and editor of the newsletter, those who perform Derek duty poolside for the day group, time-keepers, those managing the swim data, the maintainer of the club website and so on. Sometimes, while we enjoy what the club has to offer, we forget that a volunteer somewhere has laboured or is labouring to make it all happen. I finished with a quotation by Og Mandino, a self-help, positive-thinking guru and author of "The Greatest Salesman in the World". I think it is particularly appropriate to our endeavours: "To do anything truly worth doing, I must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger, but jump in with gusto and scramble through as well as I can."

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### ***From the Management Committee Meeting 21 June***

The information management sub-committee made a proposal to purchase a second laptop computer, appropriate Team Manager and Meet Manager software and a printer for the management and storage of club swim data. This was approved and will be covered by a Volunteers Grant from the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs obtained in 2009 by the previous club management committee led by immediate past President Sue Colyer. Some finger paddles have already been purchased using this grant.

Barry Green

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## **BIRTHDAYS**

### **July**

Elizabeth Edmondson 1  
Colin Beaton 4  
Alex Bogoni 4  
Eleatha Beare 6  
Paul Maj 17  
Meryllyn Burbidge 22  
Stephanie Weston 28

### **August**

Leanne Youngs 1  
Patrick Cooney 3  
Fen East 3  
Marg Watson 4  
Wyvern Rees 4  
Ken Bruce 14  
Neil Ross 23  
Pat Byrne 26

Best birthday wishes to these Snappers.  
Special greetings to Leanne (40), Elizabeth (60) and Wyvern (80) as they reach significant milestones.  
*The older the fiddle, the sweeter the tune* (Irish saying)



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## **DIARY ENTRIES FOR JULY AND BEYOND**

| <b>Date</b>         | <b>Event</b>                                | <b>Time</b>         | <b>Venue</b>               |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Monday 19 July      | Snappers Committee meeting                  | 7:00 pm             | Barry's place              |
| Sunday 25 July      | Gosnells and Leisure Park 400/800 Swim (SC) | 10.00 am to 1:00 pm | Leisure Park Centre, Balga |
| Sunday 8 August     | Somerset 1500 Swim (LC)                     | warm-up 8:30 am     | Somerset St pool           |
| Monday 16 August    | Snappers Committee meeting                  | 7:00 pm             | Barry's place              |
| Tuesday 17 August   | Council of Clubs meeting                    | 7:00 pm             | Sports House               |
| Saturday 21 August  | Club Swim                                   | 1:00 pm warm-up     | Challenge Stadium          |
| Saturday 21 August  | BE ACTIVE Coaches Workshop                  | 9.00 am to 1.00 pm  | Sports House               |
| Saturday 28 August  | Claremont Masters SC Relay Carnival         | 12:30 pm            | Challenge Stadium          |
| Sunday 19 September | Snappers Club Challenge (LC)                | morning             | Challenge Stadium          |
| Monday 20 September | Snappers Committee meeting                  | 7:00 pm             | Barry's place              |

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to two youngsters (well they are under 50!), Jackie Egan and Richard Ingleby. Jackie has been swimming with us for some time, although her transfer from Claremont took a while to be finalised. She enjoyed swimming competitively, for the first time since schooldays, at the June Club swim. Richard has joined as a second claim member - his first club is Malvern Marlins in Melbourne - and was delighted to record at least one PB at the Westcoast carnival.

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## **ANYONE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH MEET MANAGEMENT?**

The club is moving to computerise its swim data, to establish computerised team sheets with Team Manager software for meets, and to manage meets and their results via Meet Manager software. However, to manage the two meets which the club hosts per year, we require someone who is computer literate and trainable in the use of this specialist software, and someone who is prepared forego a swim at our meets. So far, we have been able to rely on the services of Andrew Burbidge who is prepared to train someone to take on this role. If any club member is interested or has a relation/friend who is interested please contact the club president, Barry Green (email address: barryjohnngreen@yahoo.com.au) immediately.

Barry Green

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## CLUB CLOTHING CHOICES

The method of managing club clothing has been changed. A comprehensive choice of items is on offer and will be ordered once a year in mid-winter.

This year's range is as illustrated in the leaflet recently emailed to members. A copy is also available in the cage. The colours are navy and white, with the club badge embroidered on the left breast. The garments cover both summer and winter needs and can be mixed 'n matched. There is a wide range of sizes and I'm hoping to get some samples for fitting.

Although not pictured in the leaflet, the current navy fleece jacket with full zip (possibly with contrasting blue collar) is still available for \$43.00 women's style and \$47.00 men's style.

The closing date for ordering is Friday 23rd July, 2010.

Marg Watson

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## SOCIAL NEWS

The Annual Dinner celebrating the Club's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday was held on Saturday 19th June and enjoyed by 49 Snappers and friends at the smartly refurbished Ocean Gardens Retirement Village. The evening commenced with a drink in the function room before moving into the dining room.

During the evening President Barry Green presented a cheque for \$7422 (the amount has now increased to \$7533) to our guests, President Ross Whiteman and Secretary Julie Touchell of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Ross expressed his appreciation of the efforts of the Snappers and the generosity of our sponsors. Barry spoke of the Snappers activities over the past year and presented 15, 10 and 5 year membership certificates. Pamela Walter presented Top Ten awards for State and National long and short course swims to 27 Snappers.

It was a very happy evening.

Marg Somes

*Ed: Marg omitted to mention the attractive citrus theme for the table decoration, giving everyone the bonus of a mandarin or lemon to take home. She was also careful to organise a deviation from the norm for the occasion - a night without rain!*

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## MASTERS SWIMMING WA MATTERS from Wendy Holtom

### Correct Names

Some Clubs are still referring to our organisation as AUSSI, as the title has a lot of traditional value to some members. However please encourage your Committee members to send cheques or any other documentation to Masters Swimming WA, not AUSSI WA – in fact I still receive some to 'Aussie WA'!

*Ed: It will help if we can all use correct names for our State body and our Club: Stadium Snappers Masters Swimming Club (Inc)*

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## BLONDE JOKES

### SPEEDING TICKET

*A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he can see her licence.*

*She replies in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you took away my licence and now today you expect me to show it to you!'*



### RIVER WALK

*There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank. 'Yoo-hoo!' she shouts. 'How can I get to the other side?' The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, 'You ARE on the other side!'*

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## GOGGLE SAW

- Goggle saw 'Tricia collecting jackets around Challenge Stadium on the shortest day of the year – Robyn left hers by the pool, Marilyn left hers in the change room and an unidentified patron left theirs in the coffee shop. First one was returned to owner, second one left at owner's home, third one (it didn't fit and advertised soft drink) left at lost property.
- Challenge Stadium referring to Snappers Swimathon as 'Snapathon' – quite apt.
- A senior, musically inclined Snapper accompanying his 101 year-old mother-in-law on an interstate flight and being upgraded to business class.
- Geoff Lane taking 209 steps one way in the 25 metre pool and 175 the other as he endures water-walking to run in his new knees. He claims it must be the tide affecting his progress.
- President Barry getting into aerobic swimming in an effort to help Snappers knock Somerset off the top of the table in WA, a position they have held for many years.



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## IMPROVES LIKE FINE WINE AWARD

Corrie Lodder enjoyed her first Club Challenge, hosted by Westcoast at Joondalup on 27 June. In her debut event Corrie faced the inconvenience of her goggles becoming dislodged but didn't falter as she swam 100 metres breaststroke and recorded a PB in this as well as in her two subsequent individual events. Three strokes and three PBs: a fine achievement! During the morning the twists and turns of the long water slide caught her eye so she tried this as well! Corrie now wears with pride the Improves Like Fine Wine award.

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## DID YOU KNOW? Tenth instalment

- 'Tricia Summerfield qualified for her Two Million Metres award in July 2008!
- When England won the Ashes in September 2005, for the first time in 16 years, Cliffe Webb donated the Mini Ashes trophy for a Snappers 25 metre sculling contest. Geraldine Klug won the inaugural event in January 2006.
- At the FINA World Masters Championships held at Challenge Stadium in April 2008, Stadium Snappers was represented by 26 individual swimmers, 15 relay teams and 38 volunteers (of whom 15 swam).
- Elizabeth Edmondson was inducted into the Swimming WA Hall of Fame in June 2008.
- At the young age of 82, Beatie Norris gained her One Million Metres award in June 2006!

Barry Green

### Correction

In this segment in the last issue of *Snappets* the following appeared:

“A former Snappers president was once charged with disorderly conduct for chaining herself to a tree to prevent logging in an area near Manjimup. (See *Snappets* March/April 2004 to identify this miscreant!)”

Pamela wants it known that Committee members were asked by the *Snappets* editor at the time to submit three statements, two true and one false, to make interesting reading. That was her false statement!

*Ed: While I am happy to set the record straight on this, I have a strong suspicion that Pamela's alter ego would have had no qualms about chaining herself to the tree.*

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## RULE OF THREE

Swimmers are reminded that at a Club Swim they may enter a maximum of three events. The result is manageable organisation, fairness to all, agreement with the number of individual swims allowable at BE ACTIVE Club Challenges and protection from "overswimming".

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## MORE ON SNAPPERS' 2010 SWIMATHON

This year we raised the unprecedented sum of \$7533 from our Swimathon held in honour of two club members, Betty Rees and Heather MacGowan who died from motor neurone disease. This takes the amount raised for MNDAWA to more than \$50,000 in the past ten years. Other records achieved in 2010: 23 swimmers equals the highest number of participants in the MND Swimathon and 62.35 km is the greatest distance swum. Challenge Stadium again sponsored the lanes in the indoor pool, which was in 25 metre mode. This was the first Snappers Swimathon conducted in short course and involved thousands of turns. A great effort!

A special thank you to timekeepers Helen Green, June Maher, Geraldine Klug and Pat Sugars, who gave their Sunday to support the swimmers.

Sue Colyer  
Swimathon Organiser

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### POOL SWIM RESULTS from Recorder Pamela Walter

#### Snappers 1500 Metre Distance Swim (LC) Saturday 12 June

We had a record entry of 56 swimmers although only 48 swam, 14 of them Snappers. Unofficially two Snappers broke state records. The meet was smoothly run with the organisers Robyn Wilson (Meet Director), Elizabeth Edmondson and 'Tricia Summerfield (Marshals), Pamela Walter (various roles) and other MSWA officials juggling swimmers and timekeepers. Timekeepers were on hand to occupy the 18 seats needed for the first heat, setting the pattern for the rest of the meet.

The indoor pool was in short course mode, so the swim was held in the outdoor 8 lane pool. We were relying on the gods to smile on us. And they did. Even though it was nearly the middle of June, the sunny afternoon was more like one in the middle of summer.

#### Club Swim Sunday 20 June

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|---------------------|--|
| Colin BEATON        | FR100 (best '10)   |
| Marilyn BURBIDGE    | FR100 (=PAB50)   |
| Beng CHUA           | BA50 (PB50); BR50 and BU50 (both best '10)                                   |
| Sue COLYER          | FR50 and BU50 (both best '10)  |
| Julie CROWLEY       | BU50 (best '10)  |
| Wayne DAVIES        | FR100 (best '10); FR50 (best since '08)                                      |
| Anne EDMONDSON      | FR100 (PB50); BU50 (inaug50)   |
| Elizabeth EDMONDSON | FR100 and BR50 (both PAB50)  |
| Jackie EGAN         | FR100, BR50 and FR50 (all inaug50)   |
| Theresa ELLIOTT     | FR100 (PB50); BA50 (PB50 by 10 sec)  |
| Barry GREEN         | BR50 (best '10)  |
| Kim KLUG            | BR50 and FR50 (both best '10)  |
| Eleanor PARSONS     | BA100 and BR50 (both PAB50)  |
| Gail PARSONS        | BA50, BR50 and BU50 (all best '10)   |
| Sue SHILLING        | FR100 and BR50 (both PB50)   |
| Pat SUGARS          | BA50 and BR50 (both best '10)  |
| 'Tricia SUMMERFIELD | BA50 (best since '07); FR50 (best since '08)                                 |
| Pamela WALTER       | FR100, BA50 and BR50 (all best '10)  |
| Robyn WILSON        | FR100 (PAB50); BA50 (PAB50, best since '05);<br>BR50 (PAB50, best since '08) |
| Bill WOODHOUSE      | BA50 (PB50 by 5 sec)   |

Originally this meet was to have been handicapped so that swimmers in each heat finished at the same time. In the end the usual format was followed to allow swimmers to have a crack at PBs and Club records. Although 22 took part, the swim was finished in less than an hour. It represented a challenge to the day swimmers who had become accustomed to short course and found the wall a long way off! As this was Jackie Egan's first Club swim, she recorded 3 inaugural times; Sue Shilling and Theresa both swam two PBs. Thanks to Geraldine, Brian Downing and Cas who acted as timekeepers. Well done all!

#### Westcoast BE ACTIVE Club Challenge (LC) Sunday 27 June

We thought we'd beaten Osborne Park by one point to come second to Westcoast, but a re-count has us tying with Osborne Park: Westcoast 285, Snappers and Osborne Park 218. The results analysis will appear in the next issue of *Snappets*. Thanks to Marg Watson and June Hough for timekeeping for the entire carnival.

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## THE FINAL WISH

A sales rep, an admin clerk and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a genie comes out.

The genie says, "I'll give each of you just one wish."

"Me first! Me first!" says the admin clerk. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Puff! She's gone.

"Me next! Me next!" says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of pina coladas and the love of my life." Puff! He's gone.

"OK, you're up," the genie says to the manager. The manager says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch!"

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### Swimming Factoids from President Barry Green

1. The Titanic was the first ocean liner to have a swimming pool and a gym.
2. Elephants are capable of swimming 20 km/day. They use their trunks as snorkels.
3. Captain Matthew Webb of England was the first to swim the English Channel using breaststroke.
4. Sharks gills can't take in water by themselves. This means that sharks can neither sleep nor stop swimming. (Correction: some sharks can actually stop swimming and still breathe by opening and closing their mouths to pump water over the gills).
5. A fierce gust of wind blew 45 year-old Vittorio Luise's car into a river near Naples, Italy in 1983. He managed to break a window, climb out, and swim to shore – where a tree blew over and killed him.
6. Esther Williams did not win any Olympic medals for swimming or diving. The year she was to compete (1940) the Olympics were suspended due to WWII.
7. Kangaroos are excellent swimmers.
8. African black-footed penguins, although they cannot fly, can swim up to 25 miles per hour, which is faster than the Atlantic bottle-nosed dolphin, which can attain speeds of 18-23 mph.
9. Right now as you are reading this, more than 100,000,000 micro-creatures are swimming, feeding, reproducing, and depositing waste in that area behind your lips.

### DEADLINE

Many thanks to Barry Green, Sue Colyer, Marg Watson, Marg Somes, Pamela Walter, Richard Diggins, Tricia Summerfield and Elizabeth Edmondson for providing material for this issue of *Snappets*. Please send your contributions for the next issue to [amburbidge@westnet.com.au](mailto:amburbidge@westnet.com.au) by ..... fill in your own date as I have given mythical dates in both of the last two issues! Somewhere around the end of July would be good.

Merilyn



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