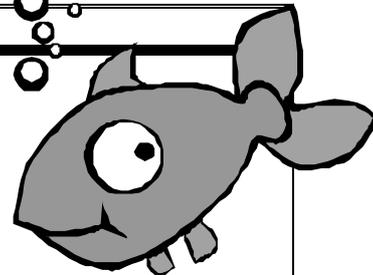


SNAPPETS



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March 2009

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

We are off into another year of swimming for fun, fitness and friendship. Everyone was surprised by the collective enthusiasm at the start of the new year, especially for aerobic swims. Just as well, for we have a busy year ahead.

This year's swim calendar has plenty of opportunities, in which there will be something for everyone. Already we have enjoyed Newman/Churchlands BACC on 1 March. Well done to everyone who took part in that carnival and helped us to finish in second place. Coming up is the option of the Nationals and the States in April and May. Our invitation 1500m and our Swimathon are also in May! The first semester ends with a trip to Mandurah for our second BACC in June.

In addition, we have run two workshops, injury prevention in January and first aid in February. Our Beach Picnic in February gave us a friendly introduction to ocean swimming. This year it was a little choppy, even for the stronger swimmers. For those who enjoy the open water swims, that program runs through to April – sharks permitting. A small contingent of Snappers usually participates in a range of OWS events.

Special congratulations to our five members who completed the Rottneest Channel Swim in relatively good conditions this year: Mike Kane (solo), Warwick Maxted (solo), Richard Devlin (team) and Eleanor and Gail Parsons (duo), who won their age group.

The club has many projects on the go at the moment, some of which I listed in the November issue of *Snappets*. These will be the focus of 2009:

- Continue the development of the Club 20 year history that Barry Green and his working party initiated during 2008
- Finalise the review of our Healthy Club policy to comply with the conditions of our Healthway Grant
- Investigate strategies for attracting new and young members
- Continue to pursue the matter of a Snappers' clubroom with Rob Verboon
- Award Certificates of Appreciation to acknowledge extraordinary contributions to the club's activities
- Finalise the use of the Team Manager software to manage club results, so that we will be operating from the laptop, with an extended information management system for much of club business, not only swim results.

That is no small agenda, but I am sure that with the dedicated committee and club members we can achieve much of what is in our control on these issues.

On the subject of computerising our results and club management, my thanks go to Eleanor Parsons for getting the software up and running. You will have seen at the club swims at the end of last year how quickly we can process results, even with a few small glitches. And to Pamela Walter, many thanks for taking up the challenge of changing her "true and tried" system to embrace the new technology. Members probably won't notice much change, but behind the scenes the tasks of recording your results will become easier and more reliable as the manual handling is reduced.

Sue Colyer
President

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FROM THE DAY CAPTAIN

Well done to all our swimmers at the Newman Churchlands BACC! We were abreast of Osborne Park through most of the individual events but unfortunately we didn't have the numbers to field enough relay teams to take out first place. Many thanks to those who weren't swimming in the carnival and came to help the Club by timekeeping: Marg Watson, Pat Byrne, Laiene Maxted, Merle Loukes and new member, Hazel Spong.

It is good to see the aerobic lanes being well used on Wednesdays and Fridays and all swims finished by 1.30 pm in time for the start of the normal training sessions.

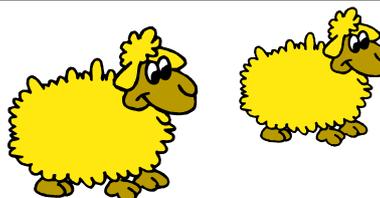
Pat Sugars and Theresa Elliott have signed up for the next MSWA officials training course on 21 March for Timekeepers, Chief Timekeepers and Inspectors of Turns.

Geraldine Klug

EARLY AUTUMN BIRTHDAYS

April

1 st Jeannine Heinrichs	18 th Julianne Crowley
8 th Eleanor Parsons	22 nd Margaret Somes
9 th Brendah Tamberlin	25 th Geoffrey Lane
18 th Barbara Fentiman	30 th Carmen Harrison
18 th Geraldine Klug	



Mini hoppy returns two ewes!

DIARY ENTRIES FOR MARCH AND BEYOND

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Saturday 28 March	MSWA State OWS 1 km/2 km	8:00 am	Coogee Beach
Saturday 4 April	Club Swim	1:00 pm	Challenge Stadium
Saturday 18 April	Osborne Park 400/800 LC	TBA	Beatty Park
Monday 20 April	Snappers' Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Geraldine's
30 April - 4 May	34th Masters Swimming Australia National Swim		Brisbane, Qld
May (date TBA)	Snappers' Golf Day		Wembley Golf Course
Sat 16 and Sun 17 May	MSWA State Swim LC	10:30/9:00	Challenge Stadium
Sunday 24 May	Snappers' Swimathon	8:00 am	Challenge Stadium
Saturday 30 May	Snappers' 1500 m invitation swim	early pm	Challenge Stadium
Saturday 6 June	Club Swim	1:00 pm	Challenge Stadium
Sunday 14 June	Mandurah BACC SC	TBA	Mandurah Aquatic Centre
Saturday 20 June	Snappers' Annual Dinner and Awards	TBA	Ocean Gardens Retirement Village
18,19 July	2nd Oceania Masters Swimming Championships		Hobart Aquatic Centre

REQUEST FROM OUR ARCHIVIST

Barry Green, Richard Diggins and Marg Watson are working together to gather material for inclusion in a book covering the history of the first 20 years of the Club. To expand the Club's photographic record, and add interest to the book, archivist Marg is asking for photos (especially annotated ones) of members taken at swimming events (especially open water), social occasions, etc. So please turn out your collections and give Marg any prints that you find, either permanently or for copy and return, or send your photos by email to her at dmawatson@iinet.net.au.

ARISING FROM COUNCIL OF CLUBS AGM 17 Feb 2009

Snappers are now extremely well represented at the State Branch:

- Director of Finance – David Corney
- Director of Swimming – Tricia Summerfield
- Swim Meet Coordinator – Robyn Wilson
- Records Officer – Lillian Hadley

Lillian and Eleanor were mentioned in dispatches by Sandra Mutch for their contributions to results and records management during 2008.

Newly elected President of MSWA Ivan Martinovich (Melville) takes over from Jack Busch after 5½ years.

MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

This is a friendly reminder of the process of becoming and staying a Snappers' member. As we had a glitch in our membership renewals for 2009, I need to explain the process and the impact of new technology now available to allow you to maintain your personal details and renew membership.

The Masters Swimming membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December. Snappers' membership also is for the calendar year. I think there is some confusion about the latest date by which we can renew our Snappers' membership. This year some did not renew until well into January, maybe in the belief that we didn't have to renew until the AGM, which is usually held in the last week of January! You do have one month's grace and are entitled to vote at the AGM if you have been a member in the previous year. However, if you do not pay your membership and are not registered by 31 December, you are not eligible to swim as a Masters Swimmer and may not accrue points in whatever events you participate in, including open water swims.

Timetable

August	4 month or 16 month membership forms are available (for new members only)
November	12 month membership forms are available and members are advised to renew
December	Individual 12 month membership renewals to be completed by 20 December

To prevent any anxiety about membership renewals at the end of 2009, here are three options to make sure that your membership continues into the next year, especially if you want to swim in the OWS.

OPTION 1 Direct to club

- Collect a membership renewal form
- Complete form and submit to Club Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer with your membership fee
- You may pay by direct deposit as explained on the membership form – please add your name in the transaction so that we know who is paying!

OPTION 2 Clubs on-line registration only

- Go on-line to register and/or update your personal details
- Complete form and submit to Club Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer with your membership fee
- Again you may pay by direct deposit – as in (1) above, please add your name in the transaction.

OPTION 3 Clubs on-line registration and payment

- Go on-line to register and or update your personal details
- Pay on-line. The club will be charged a small fee for processing the transaction and may not prefer this option!
- You will still need to submit a completed membership form for the club records.

I hope this explanation clarifies the membership renewal procedures.

Sue Colyer
March 2009

NEW MEMBERS

Snappers welcome new members Warwick Maxted, Hazel Spong and Natasha Stone. Warwick, Laiene Maxted's son, has already distinguished himself by completing a solo crossing in the Rottneest Channel Swim this year. Hazel volunteered as a timekeeper at the FINA World Masters Swimming Championships in Perth last year and was also a timekeeper at the recent Newman Churchlands BACC. Natasha has a background in art. We wish them all happy swimming.

CONUNDRUM

(sent in by Derek Fentiman, who says he really has nothing better to do!)

Think of a number between 1 and 10. Multiply it by 9. If your answer is two digits, add the digits together¹. Subtract 5. Work out the letter of the alphabet that corresponds to your answer, ie 1 = A, 2 = B etc. Think of a country beginning with that letter². Using the last letter of that country's name think of an animal³. Using the last letter of that animal's name think of a fruit. (Solution on page 4)

NON-MEMBERS SWIMMING WITH SNAPPERS

Under the rules of Masters Swimming, a potential member may join in regular club swimming sessions for up to four weeks without payment, and be covered as a guest under the Masters Swimming insurance. This is a “try before you buy” strategy to introduce new members to clubs without the pressure of initial commitment to pay membership fees. Snappers attracts many new members this way.

Other non-member swimmers may include guests who are friends or family, who come along for a social swim with a member at a club swim session. Technically such swimmers could swim as a guest, but not have any intention of joining the club, and therefore are not covered by Masters Swimming insurance. Sometimes when such guests are brought to club swim sessions we have a big roll up of members and there is the potential for additional crowding in our hired lanes.

At its meeting in March 2009, Snappers committee resolved that, due to liability concerns, guest swimmers of members are welcome to come to the pool and join in any social activities, but will be asked to swim in the public lanes to avoid any liability issues and overcrowding. Your committee hopes that all members will appreciate the need to manage our club swim sessions safely and compliant with our insurance requirements, and that members will explain this arrangement to their guests to avoid any upset at the pool.

Sue Colyer, President

BEACH BREAKFAST PICNIC

Snappers' Annual Beach Breakfast Picnic was held on Sunday 22nd February at City Beach in sunny although slightly windy conditions. Thirty-five members enjoyed socialising and many took part in the swim. According some viewers it was more of a 'float' to the marker due to the current. Well done to those brave persons!

As usual delicious burgers, hash browns and onions were cooked to perfection by David Watson and Colin Beaton, supervised by Brian Somes, and enjoyed by all. Thank you gentlemen! To Geoff Marsland, one of the club chefs: We missed you and wish you well for the future.

Sincere thanks to the ladies who prepared salads for the burgers and fruit platters to cleanse the palate. A sum of \$286.50 has been added to club funds as a result of the morning.

Jeannine Heinrichs

Please make a note in your diaries for the following events.

- GOLF DAY in May: Date and details to be finalised. Just watch this space and listen to your Captains
- ANNUAL CLUB DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT
DATE 20th JUNE
VENUE Ocean Gardens Retirement Village, City Beach

We look for a large attendance as this is a great opportunity for Day and Night swimmers to socialise together AND not be wearing bathers, swimmers, or togs depending which part of Australia you hail from!

Solution to Conundrum

Are you by chance thinking of a kangaroo in Denmark eating an orange? 98% of the world will be thinking the same when posed with this conundrum. Or are you one of the remaining 2%?

Some reasons for the apparent similarity of answer:

¹ The sum of the digits is invariably 9, so when 5 is subtracted the result is always 4.

² Denmark is the only well-known country beginning with letter D.

³ Not many animals begin with letter K, but perhaps you thought of 'koala' and 'apple' or 'apricot'?

GOGGLE SAW

- ◆ Lots of happy Snappers trying on their new long-sleeved sun-smart Club polo shirts. If you missed out this time, make sure you get your order in to your Captain very soon as a follow-up order is soon to be placed for polo shirts and polar fleeces.
- ◆ 40 swimmers in the water on more than one occasion in the afternoon in February.
- ◆ June Maher wearing her Timekeeper's hat again after hip replacement surgery. The walk from carpark to pool put the new hip to the test: we were in the 10-lane that day.
- ◆ A Snapper in the 200 metres Free at the Newman carnival - a truly mammoth effort for this member. His wife was there to watch. At the finish, the swimmer was utterly exhausted and just glad to have made the distance. His proud wife congratulated him, saying "Well done, dear! That's a very long distance to do, especially at pace."



DIARY OF DELIGHTS

You may remember that Audrey Bullough won first prize in the 2009 HeartSwim raffle – two nights for four at Bunker Bay Resort. This is her story of a memorable few days.

DAY 1

On Monday 16th February the much anticipated day arrived. Four Lucky Ladies jumped into the car to head off to Bunker Bay Resort. We pulled in around 6 pm, having slotted in a touch of retail therapy in Bunbury en route. There were lots of “oohs” and “aahs” as we orientated ourselves in our magnificent apartment before devouring nibbles, bubbles and wine after our long afternoon in the car. Then off to the bar for beautifully prepared snacks of steak sandwiches and fish and chips. Back to our luxurious apartment to relax in front of telly and bed.

DAY 2

Fortified ourselves with a delicious breaky of fresh fruit, yoghurts, smoked salmon, baguettes, bacon, chipolatas, hash browns and eggs while overlooking the spectacular views of Bunker Bay. So much scrumptious food! So little time! What to do next?

A very interesting tour of Cape Naturaliste lighthouse – extremely well kept by a group of dedicated volunteers. A fascinating look at some of our state history. We four shared a minibus with six others for a “Taste the South” wine tour taking in Windance Winery and Outdoor Ceramics, Swings and Roundabouts Winery, Bootleg Brewery (lunch), Flying Fish Cove Winery, Juniper and Margaret River Chocolate Factory. We were delivered back to the resort and went for a head-clearing walk along the beach.

A soirée of very civilised G and Ts with nibbles before dinner in the restaurant. We all tried something different on the menu and the chicken linguine and the butter chicken were absolutely superb. The very relaxed Four Lucky Ladies slept well indeed!

DAY 3

Another magnificent breakfast before reluctantly leaving beautiful Bunker Bay Resort. On the trip back to Perth, the Four Lucky Ladies were very subdued, knowing that their fantastic getaway was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Thanks so much to the Heart Foundation and Masters Swimming WA for organising this raffle and to Bunker Bay Resort for donating such a generous prize for a worthy cause. We had a wonderful time and thank everyone involved for making it possible.

Audrey Bullough

FIRST AID WORKSHOP

On 28 February, 19 Snappers attended the second of two workshops funded by a Healthway grant. This one, presented by Jackie from Sports Medicine Australia, was on basic first aid.

On an afternoon when the temperature in Crab Palace must have been close to 40C, it was comical to be listening to William relating his experience of treatment for hypothermia on Rottneest. Hot towels had been used to gradually restore his core temperature to normal – correct procedure, but the last thing we needed that day!



NEW STOCK MARKET TERMS

Here are some old trading desk terms given new meanings as an informal measure of current economic sentiment.

CEO	Chief Embezzlement Officer
CFO	Corporate Fraud Officer
Bull market	A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius
Bear market	A 6 to 18 month period when the kids get no allowance, the wife gets no jewellery, and the husband gets no sex
Value investing	The art of buying low and selling lower
P/E Ratio	The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing
Broker	What my broker has made me
Standard and Poor	Your life in a nut shell
Stock analyst	Idiot who just downgraded your stock
Stock split	When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves
Financial planner	A guy whose phone has been disconnected
Market correction	The day after you buy stocks

RESULTS from Recorder Pamela Walter

Club Swim 1/2/09

Gary Steenkamp	100 FR (PB50), 200 IM (inaug50, CR50)
Geraldine Klug	50 BA (best since '07)
Helen Green	100 FR (inaug50), 50 BR (PAB50)
Jil Mogyorosy	50 FR (PAB50 best since '06), 50 BA (PAB50), 200 BR (PAB50)
Julianne Crowley	100 FR (PAB50), 50 FR (PAB50)
Patrick Carden	50 BR (PAB50), 50 BU (PB50)
Sue Colyer	200 FR (PAB50), 50 FR (PAB50), 50 BU (PAB50)
Theresa Elliott	100 FR (inaug50), 50 BA (inaug50), 50 BR (inaug50)
'Tricia Summerfield	100 BR (best since '06)
Wayne Davies	200 FR (inaug50)

Newman Churchlands BE ACTIVE Club Challenge 1/3/09

Elizabeth Edmondson	50 FR (PB50)
Gary Steenkamp	200 FR (PAB50, CR), 100 BR (PAB50, CR), 50 BU (inaug50)
Geraldine Klug	50 FR (best since '05)
Jil Mogyorosy	50 BA (PAB50), 100 BR (best since '06)
Kim Klug	200 FR (PB by 10 sec!)
Patrick Carden	100 BR (PB50)
Patrick Cooney	50 FR (PB by 3 sec!)
Robyn Wilson	50 FR (best since '06)
Sue Colyer	200 FR (PAB50), 50 FR (PAB50)
Theresa Elliott	200 FR (inaug50), 50 BA (PB50 by 11 sec!), 100 BR (inaug50)
Zee Marsland	50 FR (best since '04)

Relays: All three women's relays came 1st and the men's came 2nd and set a club record.

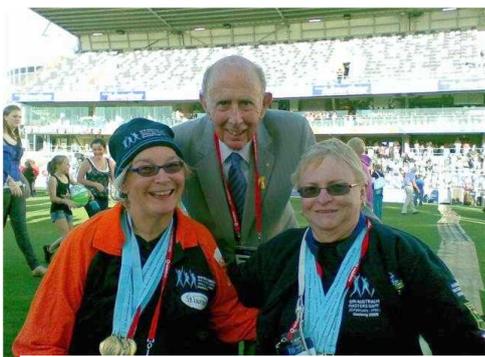
Newman Churchlands has only 24 members. Every one of them was involved in helping to make their carnival the success it was.

“Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses and some don’t turn up at all.” Sam Ewig

FOR GOLFERS

A man came home to be greeted by his wife in a very sexy nightie.
“Tie me up”, she purred, “and you can do anything you want.”
So he tied her up and went golfing.

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES GEELONG 2009



Kris Apps and Elizabeth with John Landy

Cas and Elizabeth flew out on 18th February and caught a bus from Melbourne to Geelong. It was still very hazy from the fires, but the haze had cleared once we arrived in Geelong. Cas stayed with a friend and Elizabeth shared a room with Kris Apps, a SWAD (swimmer with a disability) from Tasmania.

We were both in seven individual events, the maximum, and Elizabeth also swam in two relays with three other SWADs. Kris and Elizabeth went to the opening ceremony held on the Geelong football oval (for all those Cats supporters!) and were lucky enough to meet John Landy. John is the Games patron and was also involved in collecting money for fire victims. A highlight of Sunday was a surprise visit by Grant Hackett, who

came to interview Margo Bates. Channel 9 is making a documentary about Margo (98) who is the oldest Australian Masters swimmer.

An enjoyable time was had by all, with Cas catching up on several of her school friends and Elizabeth renewing acquaintances from previous games. It was good to have some competition in preparation for the Masters Swimming Australia Nationals to be held in Brisbane in May 2009.

Elizabeth Edmondson and Cas Brown

OPEN WATER SWIM RESULTS from Gail Parsons

Cott to Swannie 7th February 2009 2.2km

Age Group	Swimmer	Time	Age Place	Gender Place	Overall Place
50-59	Eleanor PARSONS	28:06	1	15	49
18-29	Richard DEVLIN	32:12	24	123	157
50-59	Robyn WILSON	36:09	3	58	259
60-69	Merilyn BURBIDGE	42:58	5	122	398

Great conditions for the swim with approximately 450 swimmers. The Blue Chip timing system results now feature minutes per kilometre which adds a new dimension. Sue missed the start but was there to watch the finish and was surprisingly able to identify us (ex Richard) by our strokes, beginning with Eleanor's trademark and exemplary high elbow.

Background Nonsense...

This OWS is made more challenging with 10 year age groups - hence Robyn and Eleanor shared the same age group much to Robyn's abhorrence. However she does hold bragging rights for 3rd position.

Busselton Jetty Swim 8th February 2009 3.6km

Age Group	Swimmer	Time	Age Place	Gender Place
50-54	Eleanor PARSONS	55:37	2	24
45-49	Gail PARSONS	59:07	6	40
55-59	Philip HOFF	1:13:51	31	349
55-59	Julianne CROWLEY	1:20:17	8	199

This is one of the most popular swims on the calendar. They had a record crowd this year with 1200 swimmers participating from solos, duos and teams. The conditions could not have been better. Well done Phil and Julie, this being their first trip around the jetty.

Background Nonsense

Heading home we were detoured which ended up turning into a tour of the unknown.

All together everyone, we are having a sing-along to "I've Been Everywhere Man"

We've been everywhere man
We've been everywhere man
Across the deserts bare man
We've breathed the mountain air man.
Of travel we've had our share man
We've been everywhere.

We've been to Brunswick, Benger, Wokalup, Harvey,
Yarloop, Wagerup, Waroona, Pinjarra, North
Dandalup. Keysbrook, Serpentine, Byford, Armadale.
I'm a killer.
We've been everywhere.

We've been on Tonkin Highway, Albany Highway,
Kenwick Bypass, back on Albany Highway, Manning
Road, Freeway. For Pete's sake.

We've seen everything man

We've seen everything man

Across the deserts bare man

We've breathed the mountain air man.

Of travel we've had our share man

We've seen everything

We've seen a freight train crossing, red lights

a-stopping, car accident, body roll from a movin' car,
domestic argument happenin', hoons a-revving

...ahhhhhh we're finally home.

Swim Thru Leighton 14th February 2009 400m/1600m

Event	Age Group	Swimmer	Time	Gender Place	Age Place
400	Novice	Audrey BULLOUGH	12:40	10	1
400	Novice	Theresa ELLIOTT	12:52	11	2
400	Novice	Pat SUGARS	14:59	14	1
1600	65-69	Barry GREEN	30:27	107	2
1600	60-64	Sue COLYER	31:57	81	5
1600	55-59	Julianne CROWLEY	33:33	96	3
1600	65-69	Marilyn BURBIDGE	33:59	102	2

Rottneest Channel Swim 21st February 2009 19.2 km

Category	Name	Team Name	Time	Category Place	Overall Category Place
Solo	Mike KANE		6:02:44	17	26
Solo	Warwick MAXTED		6:16:00	23	32
Duo 100+	Eleanor PARSONS Gail PARSONS	REG	6:39:57	1	53
Team 100+	Richard DEVLIN Damon Fleay John Foss Jeremy Brown	The Chia Co	07:08:06	42	180

Coogee Jetty to Jetty 8th March 2009 750m/1500m

Event	Age Group	Swimmer	Time	Gender Place	Overall Place
750	65-74	Audrey BULLOUGH	16:32	1	97
750	65-74	Marg SOMES	16:36	2	99
750	65-74	Theresa ELLIOTT	17:22	4	113
750	75+	Pat SUGARS	19:31	1	136
750	75+	Brian SOMES	24:34	1	247
1500	55-59	Sue COLYER	27:39	6	180
1500	65-69	Marilyn BURBIDGE	30:02	5	234



Photos taken at Coogee
Jetty to Jetty swim
courtesy of
Seng Mah
www.thesnapshooter.net

Brian Somes
finishing his
fastest of three
Coogee Jetty
to Jetty Swims



Audrey B, Pat S, Marg S and Theresa (back, arms akimbo)

TEAM REG CROSSES TO ROTTO – AGAIN!

Conditions - The breeze was a north easterly, the sea was calm at the start and end but quite sloppy in the shipping channel. A first for the event was a ship anchored in the middle of the race - broke the trip up. Both Eleanor and Gail swam fairly consistently maintaining an average stroke rate around 65 strokes per minute. Robyn was on board ensuring everything was in order: drinks ready, towel ready, count the stroke rate, record the stroke rate, time the splits, hand out jelly beans and chat to the crew. Team REG was going along really well until we found ourselves south, too far south, way too far south, but Skipper Curly ensured that all was in hand. Did you know Garden Island is lovely this time of year? We finally spotted Phillip Rock and had to swim north against the current. Unfortunately being too far south cost us a bit of time. There was a fair amount of congestion at the boundary markers as other boats were being pushed south as well. Overall times were slower this year, especially if you followed a southerly path. Of those who took this route, some soloists vowed never to swim the channel again after struggling against the current.



The Swim - Eleanor started on the beach with paddlers Alistair and Ryan. Gail waited in the boat with Skipper Curly and Manager Robyn Jane Wilson. David had phoned earlier and said that the swimmers and paddlers were all heading south and that our strategy was to head straight out which meant the boat needed to be on the north side of the course. All the best plans sometimes just don't work out.....that one didn't. Our wave did the same thing by all heading south which meant we needed to get to the other side and find Eleanor. Next thing the boat was in the swimming channel with a referee's megaphone announcing, "BOAT 247 PLEASE EXIT THE SWIMMING CHANNEL IMMEDIATELY OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!" Gail gasped. Robyn gasped. Both yelled at Curly to move his boat quickly. We made it to the south side, found Eleanor and all was calm on the boat again. After 30 minutes of swimming it was time to change over. Gail hit the water into a group of stingers.....OUCH!!! But that was the worst of it for the day, suffering only small stingers here and there. The water was crystal clear, just beautiful. So off we headed to Rottneest. Ryan had a shark shield attached to his ski and was working hard and having to paddle constantly while Alistair was just cruising and being pushed by the easterly. Finally Ryan couldn't take much more, pulled over to the boat and off-loaded the shark shield which had collected huge clumps of seaweed. No wonder he was working so hard. As we got closer to Rottneest the wind died off and the water became calm. Eleanor sprinted the last 400 metres to the finish line to get team REG an official time of 6:39:57.

Did You Know?

- Registered entrants - 2298 swimmers made up of 171 Solos, 140 as Duos and 1,987 in Teams.
- 14 Official boats from the Fremantle Volunteer Sea Rescue and approx. 70 volunteers made this event the most successful yet.

Our Thanks - We would not have made it without the support of Curly our skipper, Ryan and Alistair our paddlers who both paddled the whole distance and Robyn our ever so reliable Manager. Thank you so much team.

Gail and Eleanor Parsons

Congratulations to

- Mike Kane on completing his 2nd solo crossing in an excellent time of 6:02:44. So Mike, that sub 6:00 hours is now within reach?
- Warwick Maxted who completed his first solo crossing.
- Richard Devlin and his team. They must still be celebrating as we haven't seen Richard since!

DEADLINE

Many thanks to Sue Colyer, Pamela Walter, Marg Watson, Audrey Bullough, Gail Parsons, Don Lane, Elizabeth Edmondson, Geraldine Klug, Brian Downing and Jeannine Heinrichs for providing material for this issue. Please help to keep the newsletter relevant by sending your contributions for the next issue by Friday 17 April to amburbidge@westnet.com.au.

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