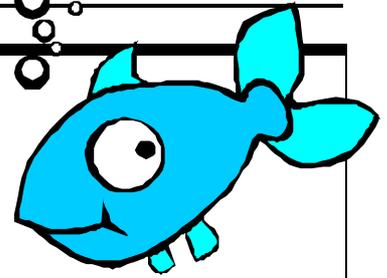


SNAPPETS



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

March 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On February 16, the club's Annual General Meeting saw the election of the 2011 Management Committee. I welcome all new Management Committee members and I thank outgoing Committee members for their service to the club: Robyn Wilson (Secretary), Pat Sugars (Treasurer), Gail Parsons (Night Captain), Geraldine Klug (Day Captain), Margaret Somes (Social Organiser) and Jil Mogyorosy and Bill Woodhouse (General Members). At the AGM a record number of Snappers received Aerobic Awards for 2010. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Marilyn Burbidge "in recognition of her coaching services to Stadium Snappers since 2004 and her active support in so many different ways since joining in 1998". As Marilyn is taking a break from coaching, this was an appropriate time to recognise her exceptional services to the club.

The 2011 club calendar has been finalised and all members should have a copy. If not please contact the Secretary, Jackie Egan, or me. The 2011 Club Handbook is being prepared and should appear in the not too distant future. The club web site is in a state of flux but it is hoped that it will be online and updated shortly.

To date, club membership stands at 70. Some slowcoaches have still to rejoin (membership for 2010 was 86). We have people interested in joining but guests may swim with us for NO MORE than 1 month before they must make a decision to join (we hope) or not.

Following a club swim 'tune-up' for our competitive swimmers on February 6, Newman Churchlands BACC was held on Sunday February 20 and Snappers won convincingly! Well done all those who swam or helped as timekeepers.

At the February Committee Meeting a proposal was discussed for club by-laws prepared by Sue Colyer and 'Tricia Summerfield. Before the by-laws can become official, they must be approved by a General Meeting of members. It is hoped to do this in 2011. New arrangements for aerobic swims were also discussed. Aerobic swims for 2011 seem to have started well, but swimmers should plan their swims more carefully this year because all results will have to be handed to the Recorder by December 14, 2011. Preliminary results for the 2010 aerobic swims indicate that Snappers performed well nationally, but results have yet to be ratified. The 2010/11 Open Water Swim Series is well under way.

In our quest to swim 5000 km to the Nationals, we succeeded in maintaining our average of 500 km per month from May to November 2010. Then people forgot to hand in their distances and the average per month dropped to 467 km. Clearly, more information is required for December (currently 300 km) and January (240 km). It would be very cooperative if **EVERYONE who swims** would quickly pass me their distances swum at the end of each month, then I wouldn't have to chase people! All contributions are welcome.

To conclude, spare a thought for our members who are somewhat under the weather, such as John Christie, Brian Downing, Beatie Norris, Lillian Hadley and others who may not have come to my notice. See you at the Club Swim on March 19.

Barry Green

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We welcome Kylie Leaman as a full member of Snappers in 2011: last year she was a second claim member.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2011

Stadium Snappers Management Committee

These officers were elected to the Management Committee at the AGM on Wednesday 16 February 2011.

President	Barry Green	Social Organiser	Pat Sugars
Vice President	Julianne Crowley	Captains: Night	Kim Klug and Robyn Wilson
Treasurer	Anne Edmondson	Day	Bill Woodhouse
Secretary	Jackie Egan	General Members	Elizabeth Edmondson
PR and Membership	Merilyn Burbidge		Patrick Cooney

Appointments were also made at the AGM to fill the positions listed below.

Coaches

Senior Coach (Level 2)	Eleanor Parsons
Level 1 Coaches	'Tricia Summerfield
	Gail Parsons
	Sue Colyer
	Kim Klug

Ancillary Positions

Assistant Treasurer	Pat Byrne
Recorder	Pamela Walter
Registrar	Julianne Crowley
Safety Officer	Geraldine Klug
Information Manager	Eleanor Parsons

Honorary Auditor	Mandy Guo
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AEROBIC SWIM AWARDS FOR 2010 from Pamela Walter and Lillian Hadley

At the AGM on 16 February, a record number of aerobic awards for 2010 were presented to members. These were Club Aerobic and Aerobic Star awards.

Club Aerobic Awards 2010

The Club Aerobic Award was introduced in 1995 to encourage members to participate in the National Aerobic Program. It is presented annually at the AGM to the night swimmer(s) and the day swimmer(s) who have gained the most points. Points are given for each aerobic swim completed regardless of the time taken by the swimmer: 2 points for each 400m swim; 4 points for each 800m; 10 points for each of the longer swims. The maximum number of points for each major stroke is 70. Swimmers achieving the Club Aerobic Award in 2010 are:

Night swimmers (250 points)

Gail Parsons, Eleanor Parsons, Tricia Summerfield and Robyn Wilson.

Day swimmers (210 points)

Elizabeth Edmondson, Theresa Elliott, Marg Somes and Merilyn Burbidge.

Aerobic Star Awards 2010

Aerobic Star Awards, initiated in 2000, are another incentive to swim aerobics. A One Star Award is given for the completion of the Aerobic Program in any one stroke, a Two Star Award for any two strokes, etc. In 2010 swimmers achieved 19 certificates and 57 completed strokes, compared with 15 certificates and 30 completed strokes in 2009.

★★★★★ Gail Parsons, Eleanor Parsons, 'Tricia Summerfield and Robyn Wilson all completed the entire Aerobic Swims program of 62 swims in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley.

★★★★★ Pamela Walter and Anne Edmondson completed all 52 swims in the four strokes of Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Individual Medley.

★★★ Marg Somes, Elizabeth Edmondson, Theresa Elliott and Merilyn Burbidge completed all 42 swims in the three strokes of Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Kim Klug completed all 38 swims in the three strokes of Freestyle, Backstroke and Individual Medley.

★★ Dee Stephenson, Pat Sugars, Audrey Bullough, Lillian Hadley and William Curtis completed all 28 swims in the two strokes of Freestyle and Backstroke and Cas Brown completed all 28 swims in the two strokes of Freestyle and Breaststroke.

★ Sue Colyer and Barry Green completed all 14 swims in Freestyle.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

Pamela Walter	6
Nomai Jago	14
Beatie Norris	16
Brian Somes	17
Rob Shand	20
Richard Ingleby	21
Anne Edmondson	21
Sue Shilling	21
Geoffrey Barnard	23
Trudy Vandewerdt	27

April

Jeannine Heinrichs	1
Eleanor Parsons	8



'Some people reach the age of sixty before others' Lord Hood

Although the calendar shows that Pamela has been an earthling for six decades, we all know she has a long way to go before she reaches the age of sixty!

Anne Edmondson, Richard Ingleby and Sue Shilling share birthdays on 21st March. Richard and Sue were born on the same day of the same year, although continents apart.

DIARY ENTRIES FOR MARCH AND BEYOND

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Sunday 13 March	Coogee Jetty to Jetty 750m/1500m	8:30 am start	Nyerbup Circle, Coogee
Saturday 19 March	Club Swim	1:00 pm warm-up	Challenge Stadium
Monday 21 March	Snappers Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Barry's place
Sunday 27 March	Dale Alcock State OWS 1km/2km	8:30 am briefing	Coogee Beach
Sunday 3 April	Melville BE ACTIVE Club Challenge	TBA	Melville
Sunday 10 April	Geraldton Toyota Ocean Mile	9:00 am start	Town Beach, Geraldton
Monday 18 April	Snappers Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Barry's place
Saturday 23 April	Albany 4km Harbour Swim	8:00 am start	Princess Royal Harbour, Albany
Tuesday 26 April	National Masters Welcome Function	5:30 – 7:30 pm	Dalkeith-Nedlands Bowling Club
27-30 April	National Masters Swimming Ch'ships	8:00 warm-up	Challenge Stadium
Sunday 1 May	2011 National Masters OWS	9:00 am start	Matilda Bay, Swan River
Sunday 1 May	Nationals Presentation Luncheon	TBA	Royal Perth Yacht Club

SOCIAL

The Picnic at City Beach on Sunday 27 February was a great success. A last minute decision by Hazel and John Christie meant they were there in addition to 30 others. The weather was kind - not too hot and the cool, fresh easterly was welcome. The gales at last year's picnic taught us a lesson and we were much better at anchoring things this time so there were no flying onions or plates! As happened at the Christmas Picnic, we lost our usual place to a very large party but found a better spot further north, where we had lots of shade, seats and a barbecue.

The calm, warm water (25°C) with few stingers was great for the eight or so who swam. Some are now considering entering the Coogee Jetty to Jetty for the first time. Pamela was there early building a sandcastle near the water. Our challenge was to bring something back from our swim to put on the sandcastle. Pat won with a brown jellyfish that was floating in the shallows!

Pat Sugars and Marg Somes

CPR COURSE

Ten Snappers recently undertook a half day cardio-pulmonary resuscitation course run by Surf Life Saving WA and subsidised by Masters Swimming WA. The group was also instructed in the use of a defibrillator. All passed the practical and theoretical tests. Some felt disturbed when the instructor mentioned the possibility of litigation against first aiders who have encountered complications. Sadly, that is the way of things these days. The instructor reassured them that it is far better to do what you can in an emergency rather than doing nothing and risk losing a life. Thanks to the Club's Safety Officer, Geraldine, for arranging this course.

IMPROVES LIKE FINE WINE AWARD

Patrick Cooney has received this award for February for working very hard at swimming. He has advanced to consistently swimming 1500 metres in a session. Maintain the rage, Patrick!

GOGGLE SAW

- Former member Angela (nee Allsopp) at a local shopping centre with two blond curly-headed angels in her shopping trolley.
- Geoff Lane cavorting with garden gnomes on a front lawn in Caithness St, Floreat.



AND HEARD

- The swimmer drinking Red Bull (see February 2011 *Snappets*) telling the editor that she won the Founders' Award at the Christmas picnic, not the Cliffe Webb Award!
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CLUB CLOTHING

Last year the Management Committee decided that it would be best to place a single annual order for Club clothing, covering the full range of clothing, both summer and winter, enabling us

- a) to maintain continuity with our suppliers, and
- b) to keep the club members familiar with the routine.

Over the next few weeks, I will be checking the availability of the current clothing with suppliers and looking for alternatives for any lines that are no longer available. Members will then be advised of the choice of clothing items and the procedure for ordering. I will place the order in June.

Marg Watson

CERTIFICATES TO SNAPPERS

At the Council of Clubs meeting on 15 February, Pamela and Theresa were presented with more certificates to expand their qualifications as MSWA officials. Theresa's were for Judge of Strokes and Starter and Pamela's was for Judge of Strokes. We appreciate the time our officials give to make it possible for MSWA to run carnivals.

MASTERS SWIMMING WA MATTERS from Wendy Holtom

Life Members

At the February AGM Masters Swimming WA gained three new Life Members: Jack Busch (Fremantle), Judith Crawford (Somerset) and Sandra Mutch (Swan Hills). We congratulate them on being rewarded for their outstanding achievements and work for our sport.

2011 National Swim Champs Nearly Here

The closing date with MSWA for entries to the Nationals is Friday 18 March so Clubs should be gathering entries from members. (*Closing date for Snappers entries is Friday 4 March.*)

2011 National Swim Champs Volunteers Roster

The Timekeeping Roster will be sent to Clubs after entries are received on 18th March. In the meantime if any of your members are keen to volunteer please take their details and coordinate them when required. Note that Timekeepers will be wearing MSWA volunteer vests at the event.

2011 Dale Alcock State OWS Events

Our annual State open water events (2 km championship and 1 km non-championship) will be held on Sunday 27 March at Coogee Beach, again conducted by Somerset on behalf of MSWA. Individual entry forms are on the web site. The 2010 entry process will be used again: members complete the entry form and submit to Club Captains who send the Club summary sheet with payment to me and email the Team Manager file to Director of Recording Sandra Mutch.

2010 Annual Report

The 2010 State Annual Report is now on the web site. With all the photos, it is huge. However Clubs have their hard copy for reference by any interested members who cannot view or download from the web site. (*There is a copy in Snappers' cage.*)

Anne Edmondson

I became interested in swimming early in life, when I was lucky enough to go to a primary school in England with a swimming pool, which was unusual in the 1960s. I remember we had a very inspiring sports teacher who had been a successful swimmer herself and when I was 9 years old she suggested I join a local swimming club.

I have always chosen to swim for exercise whenever I have felt fat or unfit, but until I came to live in Perth in 2000, my swimming had never been a strict part of my weekly routine. I joined Bold Park in 2007 and last year moved to Snappers.



Anne in Queenstown, New Zealand

My first competitive swim since I was 16 was at Joondalup in 2008, and I remember being extremely nervous, which obviously was a good thing as I have found it hard to beat the times I recorded that day! My first ever open water swim was at Leighton Beach in 2008, and once again I had a severe case of the 'butterflies', but I did it and felt very good!

I have two school-aged children, which sometimes makes it hard to take part in events, as at the moment their sport has to come before mine. So on Sunday mornings I am at City Beach taking care of the Nippers in the Under 12 age group, and as a result of my younger son taking up Surf Lifesaving three years ago, I have joined City of Perth and even got my Surf Rescue Certificate.

I don't work now, but when I did, I worked for Nokia in Sydney in their Finance Department. At that time my elder son was just a baby and my husband was working for AMP. In November 1996 my husband was offered a job with AMP in London and I gave up my job with Nokia and moved with my family to London, which I did very happily as my own family were in England. We came to Perth in 2000, something which we had always planned to do, as my husband is originally from Northam and all his family are based in WA.

Ed: Anne is the Club's Treasurer for 2011. In swimming, she says she prefers longer distances to sprints: she scored a Four Star Aerobic award in 2010, but says she doesn't think she'll ever conquer 400 or 800 metres Butterfly. We hope she does!

OPEN WATER SWIM RESULTS

Cottesloe to Swanbourne Ocean Classic 2.2 km Saturday 5 February 2011

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Posn	Gender Posn
Sue SHILLING	40-49	33:00	9	53
Eleanor PARSONS	50-59	29:03	1	22
Robyn WILSON	60-69	35:13	2	84
Merilyn BURBIDGE	60-69	43:34	5	170

A stand-up paddling event, also finishing at Swanbourne, was started before the swim event. Each competitor stands on a surf board and propels it using a paddle with a very long handle. The swimmers were amused to see that one paddler had a dog, just like the one in Footrot Flats, looking quite at home sitting alert in front of him on his board.

Busselton Jetty Swim 3.6 km Sunday 6 February 2011

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Posn	Gender Posn
Sue SHILLING	45-49	1:13:38	11	82
Eleanor PARSONS	55-59	1:01:52	1	26
Julie CROWLEY	65-69	1:35:00	9	245

A record field of 1344 swimmers registered for this event. Eleanor finished only 4½ mins behind Shelley Taylor-Smith who is six years younger. Julie said the strong wind made the swim more tedious than difficult. She didn't get sea sick. Other less lucky swimmers did!

Leighton Swim Thru 1.6 km Saturday 12 February 2011

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Posn	Gender Posn
Anja MESSMER	20-24	28:19	3	21
Leon MUSCA	35-39	22:18	1	3

Alcoa Cambria Island Swim 2.4 km Sunday 13 February 2011

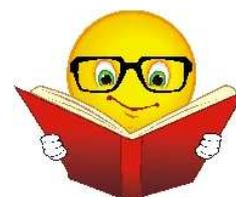
Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Posn
Anja MESSMER	18-24	48:42	2
Leon MUSCA	40-44	37:57	1
Sue SHILLING	45-49	52:02	1
Jackie EGAN	45-49	58:48	3
Eleanor PARSONS	55-59	44:22	1
Robyn WILSON	60-64	52:43	2
Pamela WALTER	60-64	1:01:24	3
Theresa ELLIOTT	65-69	1:07:25	1

Theresa reports:

It was a lovely morning with a cool stiff easterly blowing. At the start the out-going tide helped us but by the time we were almost around Cambria Island the tide was flowing in and we didn't make much headway. I kept seeing the same house every time I breathed! The last six people who were still caught on the fourth side of Cambria Island were removed from the water because they weren't making any progress and the canals were due to be opened for boating. The fastest swimmers were sent off last so the canals could be opened for boats asap, which is the reverse of the usual arrangements. It was a challenge and a struggle and everybody's time was way outside their nominated time. Jackie was happy to be in the second of three waves with Robyn. They had pink caps and pink is Jackie's favourite colour! I was thrilled to be one of five Snappers to come home with a bottle of wine and a towel - black and pink, matching Jackie's bag and outfit. I feel a bit guilty. Next year, Jackie!

MANNA FOR LEXOPHILES

- A will is a dead giveaway
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds
- You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it
- With her marriage she got a new name and a dress
- Local Area Network in Australia : The LAN down under.
- A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France and resulted in Linoleum Blownapart



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Merilyn

RESULTS from Recorder Pamela Walter

Snappers Club Swim Saturday 6 February 2011

Thirteen swam at this year's first Club swim, in the indoor pool - pretty good as it was held at short notice. Chocolate frogs were awarded to Stephanie for her first Club Swim and for dive starts in both her events after learning to dive towards the end of last year and Audrey Bullough who excelled as Chief Timekeeper at her first appearance in the role. Marg Somes and Elizabeth managed the only perfect timekeeping result of the meet. At the next Club Swim on Saturday 19 March, let's have more people entering so swimmers have longer rests between events.

Wayne Davies	FR50 (PAB50, missing PB by 0.06 sec); FR100 (equalled PB set in '08)
Pamela Walter	FR100, BR50 and BU50 (all PAB)
Kim Klug	BA50 and BR100 (both PAB); BR50 (PAB, missing PB by 0.39 sec)
Stephanie Weston	FR50 and BR50 (both inaugural 50)
Jackie Egan	BR50 (PB50); BU50 (inaugural 50)

Newman Churchlands BE ACTIVE Club Challenge Sunday 20 February 2011

We enjoyed a great carnival last weekend at Newman College in water warmed by the recent spell of hot weather. Newman Churchlands is a very small club, yet they always run a well-organised meet. With a team of 23, Snappers scored 214 points to win from Claremont (150 points) and Armadale (100 points) – a wonderful way for Captain Bill to begin his tour of duty. In our team at this carnival there were three women to every one man! Bill is doing his best to encourage more men to swim in future meets. Many thanks to Marg Watson, Merle Loukes, June Hough, Pat Byrne and Audrey Bullough who gave up their morning to timekeep.

Cas Brown	FR200 (PAB50, best since '08)
Beng Hooi Chua	FR50 (PB50), BA50 (PB50 by 3 sec)
Sue Colyer	FR50 (best '11), BR100 (best '11)
Elizabeth Edmonson	FR50 (best '11), FR200 (PAB50, best since '09 not counting internal times)
Jackie Egan	BR100 (PB50), FR200 (PB50)
Theresa Elliott	BA50 (best '11), BR100 (best '11), FR200 (PB50)
Helen Green	FR50 (0.4 sec outside PB)
Barry Green	FR50 (PAB50), BU50 (PAB50 best since'09), FR200 (PAB50 best since'09)
Geraldine Klug	BA50 (best '11), BR100 (best '11)
Kim Klug	BA50 (PAB50), (BR100 PAB50 (0.03 sec better than time swum at NC in '06), FR200 (PAB50 exactly the same time swum at NC in '09)
Leon Musca	FR50 (PAB50), BU50 (PAB50), FR200 (inaugural 50)
Sue Shilling	BA50 (PB50), BU50 (PB50 by 0.3 sec), FR200 (PB50)
Margaret Somes	BA50 (best '11)
Dee Stephenson	FR50 (PAB50 best since'09)
'Tricia Summerfield	FR50 (PAB50 best since '07), FR200 (PAB50 by 5 sec, best since '08)
Pamela Walter	BA50 (PAB50), BU50 (PAB50), BR100 (PAB50)
Bill Woodhouse	BU50 (best '11), FR200 (PB50)

Explanation: In order to have achieved a 'best '11' the swimmer must have beaten a time recorded this year, ie, they swam at the Club Swim on 6 February and improved on that time at Newman Churchlands.



Barbecue bites after the Newman Churchlands carnival
Marg Watson, extreme right, can rarely be seen in a photo because she's nearly always behind the camera. Thanks to Marg for the beaut photos on the next page.

Newman Churchlands Carnival in pictures



Anja



Bill



Colin



Eleanor



Jackie



Leon



Sue Shilling



The semi-submerged Womens 240+ Relay Team: Merilyn, Tricia, Geraldine and Theresa

A few funnies

- Police arrested two kids yesterday. One was drinking battery acid and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.
- Someone actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen saying, 'Parking Fine'. So that was nice, wasn't it?
- Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other, 'Does this taste funny to you?'

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