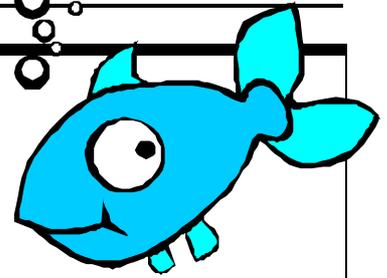


SNAPPETS



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

May 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Club membership still stands at 75 but there have been approaches from several people who wish to try "the Snappers experience", so I hope this number will continue to rise. Please encourage newcomers!

At Melville's Be Active Club Challenge on April 3, in spite of good swimming performances by Snappers, our team was under strength and finished fourth. Over the last year or so we have done much better than this so the lesson is clear: to perform well as a club, we have to have as many swimming competitors as possible.

I do not apologise for repeating a comment on the National aerobics swim results for 2010 – terrific! Snappers were second nationally and the top club in WA. Snappers women gained more points in the national competition than women from any other club! Aerobic swims for 2011 seem to be going well.

The National Masters Swimming Championships were held at Challenge Stadium from April 27 to 30 and the Open Water swim was held in the Swan River on May 1. The highlight is the performance of our senior coach, Eleanor Parsons, who seemed to win a medal every time she swam! Snappers rallied around to assist the organisers in many different ways – well done Snappers.

The final status of the Swim to the Nationals, over the 11 months from May 2010 to the end of March 2011 was that we made it, just managing to average more than 500 km/month. In fact the number was 516.13 km! A big thank-you to all those swimmers who kept track of their distances and supplied me with the information. I have more detailed statistics on this but I believe while it is clearly good for swimmers to record their own swim details, as a club we should now look for a new swim challenge.

The 2010-2011 Dale Alcock Open Water Swim series is over. The last swims were held in country areas: Geraldton, Albany Harbour and the Southern Ocean Classic in Denmark. Snappers swam in all three. Future events in the pool are Snappers' Swimathon on 15 May, Narrogin S/C 400/800/1500 on 21 May, Snappers' 1500 m swim on 11 June and a Club swim on 18 June.

Our next social event is the annual dinner to celebrate the club's 19th birthday to be held on June 25. Come along and enjoy a night out!

At their meeting on April 18 the Committee discussed fund-raising activities, agreed on the lane hire request for May and approved club Bylaws. It is proposed to ask for membership approval of these Bylaws at the next general meeting. Club finances continue to be a cause for concern as lane hire charges increase from 1 July by \$1.90/lane-hour to \$9.10/lane-hour. It may be necessary to further reduce lane hire in some way to reduce the club's expenditure.

Barry Green

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Many thanks to Barry Green, Pamela Walter, Marg Watson, Elizabeth Edmondson, Jackie Egan and Theresa Elliott for providing material for this issue of Snappets. Please send your items for the next issue to amburbidge@westnet.com.au by **Friday 17 June 2011**.

BIRTHDAYS

May

1st Sue Colyer
 4th Beng Hooi Chua
 6th Cathie Plowman
 7th June Hough
 16th Merle Loukes
 19th Richard Diggins
 27th Tricia Summerfield

June

11th John Christie
 12th Corrie Lodder
 18th David Fairclough
 23rd Brian Downing
 23rd Wayne Davies (50)
 24th Lillian Hadley
 29th June Maher

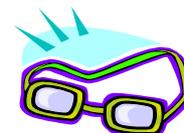


Wayne was heard to say:
 "50? I demand a recount!"

Happy birthday all! Some words of wisdom for your birthday: "Smile while you still have teeth!"

GOGGLE SAW

- Day swimmers delighting in snakes and Tim Tams at afternoon tea to celebrate Jackie's birthday.
- William, Bill, Colin and Barry marshalling for the last relay of the meet, the Mens 280+ Medley. Malvern Marlins' first swimmer created a scene because he felt that inserting the Branch relay before the advertised relays would cause him to miss his 5:00 pm flight. Finally pacified, he swam a very fast backstroke leg, but to no avail as his team was disqualified. This somehow seemed satisfactory to our team as they came in second and felt the gold medal was rightfully theirs, except they also were disqualified! So the remaining two teams in the age group swept the medals. Does this sound like the story of the hare and the tortoise?
- During the 50 m Butterfly an official going overboard in urging swimmers to leave the water rapidly so that the next heat could begin. Within milliseconds of finishing, before they had managed to find relief in actually breathing, swimmers were ordered to swim to the side of the pool and get out! Although some looked slightly "pooped" all obeyed and one even smiled as he commented that he had entered the 50 m fly, not the 55 m fly!



DIARY ENTRIES FOR MAY AND BEYOND

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Sunday 15 May	Snappers' Swimathon	8:00 am start	Challenge Stadium
Monday 16 May	Snappers Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Barry's place
Saturday 21 May	Narrogin short course 400/800/1500	11:00am warm-up	Narrogin Recreation Centre
Tuesday 31 May	Closing date for Club clothing		Order book in cage
Saturday 11 June	Snappers 1500 Metre Swim (LC)	12:30pm warm-up	Challenge Stadium, outdoors
Saturday 18 June	Club Swim	1:00 pm warm-up	Challenge Stadium
Monday 20 June	Snappers Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Merilyn's place
Saturday 25 June	Snappers' Annual Dinner	7:00 pm drinks	Ocean Gardens Retirement Village
Sunday 26 June	Annual MSWA Awards Function	TBA	Marmion Aquatic & Angling Club
Sunday 26 June	Riverton long course 400/800	TBA	Riverton Leisureplex
Sunday 3 July	Swan Hills short course BE ACTIVE Club Challenge	TBA	Swan Park Aquatic Centre

SOCIAL

The Golf Day planned for Monday 9th May has had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers. Sadly this is the second year in a row that the iconic Simpson Cup will make its way back into the display cabinet without being claimed. Many of us remember with affection the donors of the trophy, Marg and Terry Simpson, and will think of them even though the golfing contest isn't happening. With luck, it will be run again next year and more names will be added to the trophy.

Snappers' Annual Dinner and Presentation evening is on Saturday 25 June at Ocean Gardens Retirement Village, City Beach. Drinks are at 7:00 pm and the three-course meal, each course with a choice of two dishes, will be served at the tables. The cost will be advised soon.

A VERY BIG REMINDER FOR CLUB CLOTHING

If you intend to buy Club clothing this year, please remember the closing date for orders, via the order book in the cage, is creeping up - 31st May 2011. Prices are as they were last year:

- Long-sleeved fleece jacket, full zip and embroidered badge: Womens \$43.00; Mens \$47.00
- Track suit top with embroidered badge: \$45.00
- Track suit pants: \$25.50
- Short-sleeved polo shirt, navy or white, with embroidered badge: \$24.00
- Reversible sleeveless vest with embroidered badge: \$36.00
- Sleeveless fleece vest, with embroidered badge: \$28.00 - \$31.00 depending on size.

The long-sleeved polo shirt with badge is not available this year. You will need to check your correct size by comparing with items purchased last year.

Marg Watson

MILLIONS OF METRES SWUM

In the last issue of *Snappets* it was reported that Rob Shand had qualified for his One Million Metre Award. He started the ball rolling. Now Pamela has achieved Five Million, becoming the second Snapper to reach this milestone. Gail Parsons was the first, in April 2010, but she doesn't wear her shirt because it's way too big! Then on Friday 6 May 2011 Cas Brown swam the last 400 metres to complete her One Million, having conscientiously recorded every measured distance swum for nine years since joining Snappers. When Cas began her quest, Masters Swimming Australia was promoting the One Million Metres as being the distance from Sydney to Auckland as the crow flies so, on Friday, Cas beached in Auckland. Well done all!



Snappers' newest One Million Metre Award winners: Cas Brown and Rob Shand

FUND RAISING IDEA FOR SNAPPERS

Are you paying too much on your electricity bills and would like to save up to \$120 a year? Then you need an EcoSwitch[®] to eliminate 100% of standby energy on all connected appliances. The switch is easy to install, reduces fire risk and is easy to access - no more climbing under tables to turn off the power. This is a great way to 'turn it off at the wall'. You'll also get local support with a full 12 month warranty. EcoSwitch[®] was recently awarded four stars by Choice magazine.

In view of the sudden increase of lane hire charges, Snappers' Committee has been tossing about ideas to raise funds for the Club. I am very pleased with the three EcoSwitches[®] that I bought recently and would like to promote the product to members as a fundraiser. Each switch would cost around \$25.00, which is \$10.00 less than the cost of buying one via the internet. We would need to sell 35, the number in one carton. In order to gauge whether enough people are interested, can you please let me know if you would be prepared to support the scheme? For more information see <http://www.ecoswitch.com.au/> or contact me.

Elizabeth Edmondson

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SWIMATHON

Just a reminder that the Snappers Swimathon in support of the Motor Neurone Disease Association is on Sunday 15 May from 8:00 am in the indoor pool, which will be in long course mode that day only. Swims must be completed by 4:00 pm at which time the pool will be changed back to short course mode.

From Jackie Egan: Thank you to everyone for your thoughtful cards and emails that I received after my father's death in Sydney on Anzac Day. I appreciate your kindness and support.

36th NATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Masters Swimming Australia showpiece event for 2011 has been accomplished with loads of action throughout. Just over one third of Snappers members swam, achieving PBs, Club and State records and medals. Particularly admirable were those swimmers who took part even though their chances of winning medals were slim indeed. They can be satisfied that they trained hard, did their best and added points to our Club's tally to help us into sixth place in a field of 84 clubs.

Claremont (1813)
Blacktown City (1495)
Powerpoints (1461)
Osborne Park (1199)
Malvern Marlins (1090)
Stadium Snappers (888)

As always, alongside the swimmers was a strong band of volunteers. Some found time to swim as well while ten of these wonderful people came just to help and didn't swim. We acknowledge them all and thank them for their contributions to the smooth conduct of the five day event:



Welcome Function hospitality team



Four of our five officials

Safety Coordinator and member of the MSWA Organising Committee: *Kim Klug*

Welcome bag assembly team: *Geraldine, June Maher, Jackie, Audrey Bullough, Marg Somes, Jean and Jeannine*

Welcome Function hospitality team: *Geraldine, Marg Somes, Jeannine, Helen, Cas and Kim*

MSWA Officials team: *Elizabeth, Tricia, Pamela, Pat Sugars and Theresa*

Timekeepers: *Marg Watson, Jean, Jeannine, Merle, Hazel Spong, June Maher, Trudy and Audrey Bullough*

Recording team: *Andrew Burbidge*

Open Water Swim helpers: *Robyn and Kim*

POOL RESULTS from Recorder Pamela Walter

Masters Swimming Australia Championships 27 - 30 April 2011

Eleatha Beare	FR50 (PB50), BA50 (PB50/CR50), FR100 (PB50 by 16sec), BA100 (inaug.)	
Colin Beaton	FR50 (best for 2011)	
Cas Brown	FR50 (PAB50/ best since '08), FR200 (PAB50/best since '06), BR200 (PAB50/best since '09), FR400 (PAB50/best since '09), FR800 (PAB50/best since '08)	
Meryllyn Burbidge	BR100 (best for 2011), BA200 (PAB50/best since '06), FR800 (best since '09)	
Elizabeth Edmondson	BA50 (best for 2011)	
Anne Edmondson	BR100 (PB50 by 10 sec), FR200 (PB50 by 3 sec), BR200 (PB50), FR400 (PB50 by 14 sec), FR800 (PB50 by 33 sec)	
Theresa Elliott	FR50 (PB50), BA50 (PB50), FR100 (PB50 by 2 sec), FR200 (PB50), IM200 (inaugural), FR400 (PB50 by 13 sec), FR800 (PB50 by over 1 min)	
David Fairclough	FR50 (PB50), FR400 (PB50/CR50), FR800 (PB50/CR50)	
Helen Green	FR50 (best for 2011), BR50 (best for 2011)	
Barry Green	FR50 (PAB50), BA50 (PAB50), BR100 (PAB50/CR50), FR200 (PAB50/CR50/ best since '09), BA200 (PAB50/CR50), BR200 (PAB50/CR50/ best since '09), FR400 (PAB50/CR50/ best since '08), FR800 (PAB50/CR50/ best since '08)	

Twelve of the day swimmers who took part in the Nationals

Chris Johnston	(FR50 inaugural)
Geraldine Klug	BA50 (best for 2011), BA100 (PAB50/ best since '09), BR100 (PB50/CR50), BA200 (CR50), BR200 (PAB50/CR50/ best since '08)
Kim Klug	BR50 (PB50 by 2 sec/CR50), BR100 (PB50 by 2 sec/CR50), BR200 (PB50 by 2 sec/CR50), IM400 (PB50 by 7 sec)
Anja Messmer	BU50 (PB50/CR50), BR100 (inaugural/CR50), BU100 (PB50/CR50), BR200 (inaugural/CR50), IM400 (inaugural/CR50)
Leon Musca	BA50 (PAB50/CR50), BU50 (PAB50/CR50/ best since '08), BU100 (PB50 by 5 sec/CR50), IM200 (PB50 by 8 sec/CR50), FR400 (inaugural/CR50), IM400 (inaugural/CR50)
Eleanor Parsons	FR200 (PB50/CR50/ unofficial State Record)
Gail Parsons	BA200 (CR50)
Wyvern Rees	BA100 (PAB50/best since '09), BR100 (best for 2011)
Sue Shilling	FR50 (PB50), BA50 (PB50/CR50), BU50 (PB50/CR50), FR200 (PB by 8 sec), FR400 (PB by 44 sec), FR800 (PB by 38 sec), IM200 (PB by 15 sec), IM400 (PB by 53 sec)
Marg Somes	FR50 (best since '09), FR100 (best since '09)
Pat Sugars	BR50 (best for 2011), BA200 (best for 2011)
'Tricia Summerfield	BR100 (PAB50/best since '09/2nd best time ever), FR200 (PAB50/best since '08), BR200 (PAB50/best since '08), IM200 (PAB50/best since '05), FR400 (PAB50/best since '08)
Pamela Walter	BR50 (PAB50), BA100 (PAB50/best since '08), BA200 (PAB50/CR50/ best since '09), BR200 (PAB50/CR50/ best since '09), IM200 (PAB50/CR50), IM400 (PAB50/CR50/unofficial State Record)
Robyn Wilson	FR50 (PAB50/CR50), FR200 (PAB50/ best since '08), FR800 (PAB50), BR200 (PB by 4 sec), BU200 (PAB50), IM200 (PAB50)
Bill Woodhouse	BR50 (best since '09), BU50 (PB50/ first time under 50.00), FR200 (PB50 by 4 sec), BR200 (PB50 by 8 sec), IM200 (PB50 by 17 sec/CR50)

National Masters Swimming Championships

Analysis of Snappers entries by Barry Green

Age Group	Women					Men				
	Number	Individual Swims	OWS	Relay Swims	Total	Number	Individual Swims	OWS	Relay Swims	Total
18-24	1	7	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30-34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-39	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	4
40-44	1	4	0	0	4	3	15	2	11	28
45-49	2*	14	1	5	20	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	2	9	1	5	15	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	1	8	1	4	13	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	4	29	1	7	37	0	0	0	0	0
65-69	4	33	2	6	41	1	10	0	3	13
70-74	1	6	0	2	8	2	20	0	4	24
75-79	2	17	0	3	20	0	0	0	0	0
80-84	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	3	12
85-89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	18	127	7	32	166	9	55	2	24	81

* Unfortunately, one swimmer could not swim.

Relays: 14 teams were entered; those marked DNS did not swim

Mixed 4x50 m Medley: 160+ (DNS), 200+, 240+

Mixed 4x50 m Freestyle: 160+ (DNS), 200+ (DNS), 320+

Womens 4x50 m Freestyle: 200+, 240+, 280+

Mens 4x50 m Freestyle: 200+

Womens 4x50 m Medley: 200+, 240+

Mens 4x50 m Medley: 160+, 280+

RULES ARE MADE TO BE BROKEN by Marilyn

There's now a rule in Masters Swimming
Applying both to men and wimming.
(FINA made it just last year
And Masters bosses said, "Hear! Hear!")
New bathers tagged "Approved by FINA"
Are aimed at making contest cleaner.
"Swimwear," states the clause 4C,
"Must not extend below the knee."
There must not be a clasp or clip
And quite forbidden is a zip.

Now, at a recent National meet,
Where Masters swimmers would compete,
Inspectors, sharp and eagle-eyed,
Made sure that every suit complied.
Or so they thought but one slipped past.
Swimsuit Gestapo were outclassed!
Not long before the 50 Back
A Snapper found her straps were slack.
To guarantee her boobs stayed in,
She fixed the straps with a safety pin!

OPEN WATER SWIM RESULTS

Geraldton Toyota Ocean Mile Sunday 10 April 2011

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Posn
Sue Shilling	45-49	31:42	1
Eleanor Parsons	55-59	28:14	1
Theresa Elliott	65-69	38:11	1

Theresa reports:

The swim was challenging for the 55 entrants. The ENE had blown fiercely all night with a predicted speed of 37 km/h for 9 am. Although we were at the protected Town Beach within the port area, the water was very choppy with a strong current from the north. The wind was cold but the water was temperate. The course was twice around two pontoons anchored 400 m apart at each end of the bay.

My three cheerers were amazed. In an effort to track my progress, one of them asked a guy with binoculars which one was Theresa Elliott, adding helpfully that I was wearing a green cap. He took her on, going into great detail to explain which one I was in the sea of fifty-five green caps, even lending her his binoculars. Then he laughed. Of course he didn't have a clue!

Orange buoys providing links between the pontoons were helpful markers in the choppy swell and the paddlers kept a vigilant eye on us. When Sue tried to return to shore after only one lap, a paddler chased her and ordered her to return and do another lap! She considered ignoring him, then thought better of it, did as she was told and won her age group. Vic came in fourth overall and won his age group, as did Eleanor and I. One swimmer needed a rescue so everyone clapped the Nipper who paddled the swimmer in on his board. The paddler looked a seasoned 12 years of age.

Geraldton Masters did a great job and a lovely breakfast was included in the entrance fee.

Albany Harbour Swim Princess Royal Harbour 4 km Saturday 23 April 2011

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Posn
Leon Musca	35-39	56:23	1

On a sublime day Leon carried the flag for Snappers on his own, finishing 5th in a field of 94.

Southern Ocean Classic Ocean Beach, Denmark Sunday 24 April 2011

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Posn
Anja Messmer	18-24	27:26	2
Leon Musca	35-39	22:22	1
Pamela Walter	60-64	34:36	1
Marilyn Burbidge	65-69	36:00	1

The day after the Albany swim a moderate NW wind blew, but the bay was in the lee of the land so the waves were less daunting than usual at Ocean Beach, with just a bit of spray on the outer legs of the course. Leon excelled again, this time coming in 7th of 130. Pamela's navigation was awry – she took the scenic route. Marilyn was the oldest female to swim!

Masters Swimming National 2000m OWS Matilda Bay Sunday 1 May 2011

Swimmer	Age Group	Time	Age Group Posn
Messmer, Anja	18-24	41:02	2
Leon Musca	40-44	30:58	2
David Fairclough	40-44	33:41	6
Sue Shilling	45-49	38:14	4
Gail Parsons	50-54	39:15	5
Eleanor Parsons	55-59	35:45	2
Pamela Walter	60-64	44:23	5
Theresa Elliott	65-69	47:02	4
Burbidge, Merilyn	65-69	50:37	5



Perth's perfect weather on the day of the National open water swim was a bonus enjoyed by nine Snappers. For the first time at an OWS, swimmers were herded down a chute for a swimsuit inspection before being allowed into the water. As well as the swimmers, brown jellyfish must have thought Matilda Bay was the place to be, although some of them suffered severely at the hands of the swimmers.

ALL AT SEA

A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coast guard spokesman commented, 'This sort of thing is all too common.'
(*The Times*)

At the height of a gale, a harbourmaster radioed a coastguard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. The coastguard replied that he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff. (*Aberdeen Evening Express*)

PLAIN KNITTING

A traffic patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting! Realising that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the officer cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, 'PULL OVER!' 'NO!' the blonde yelled back. 'IT'S A SCARF!'

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