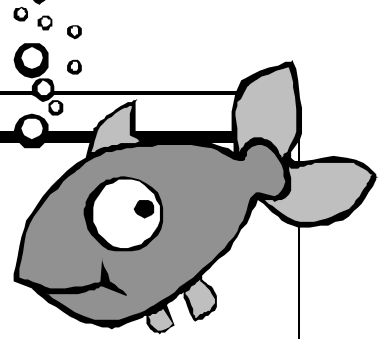


SNAPPETS



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

September, 2010

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As indicated in my report in August, the big issue I have been trying to deal with for the club is a financial one related to Venues West lane hire charge increases and the increased registration fee for Masters Swimming WA. At the MSWA Council of Clubs meeting on August 17 I opposed the increases (also an increased club affiliation fee) but, in a close vote, they were approved. This increase is, of course, reflected in our club's membership subscription, but does not assist club finances, as it has to be paid out. Although there has been no indication of an increase in the Masters Swimming National registration fee, the club has to expect that this, too, will occur at some time.

Community group lane hire charges at Venues West are scheduled to rise to \$16.00 per lane-hour over a period of 3 to 4 years. I have asked Venues West to consider that we hire lanes in off-peak times and that there should be a difference between summer and winter lane hire rates. Also I have requested that given our current low lane hire fees (\$5.30/lane-hour as part of Challenge's sponsorship of the club) the introduction of the higher fees be over 4 years. Challenge Stadium sponsorship of the club's BACC, the 1500 m and Swimathon appear to be preserved. In addition the lane hire fee increases were scheduled to start this September but will now start in January 2011.

The Management Committee has convened a Special General Meeting for September 25 to consider motions that will help deal with this financial situation. In particular it should set the 2011 membership fees. In any case, the Management Committee has agreed to reduce the number of lanes hired and will review this at its next meeting on September 20.

Now to swimming! The Club swim on August 21 went well: the Federal election did not seem to have any adverse effect on the swimmers. Snappers teams performed magnificently at the Relay Carnival on August 28, coming third and achieving 8 State records, more than any other club. September 19 was our own BACC! We look forward to our club swim on October 2 and a bowls day on October 10. After this is Mandurah's 1500 m on October 17 and Fremantle's BACC on October 24 where I hope that we will see a good Snappers representation!

The club has a new banner! Many thanks to Richard Diggins for his hard work in carrying out this project.

Barry Green

SOCIAL NEWS

A fun day is planned for the Bowls Afternoon coming up on Sunday October 10th at Dalkeith/Nedlands Bowling Club, Jutland Parade, Dalkeith. The time to gather is 1:00 pm and teams will be organised with a 'professional' to help you. Friends and relations are welcome – but do let me know. There will be afternoon tea to enjoy afterwards.

The charge is \$10.00, payable to me. Please remember to wear flat, rubber-soled shoes.

Marg Somes



Some of the day swimmers showing off our new banner at afternoon tea, 10/09/10

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BIRTHDAYS

October

Cas Brown	7 th	Arthur Jenkins	20 th
Malcolm Hay	16 th	Robyn Wilson	22 nd
Hazel Christie	19 th	Theresa Elliott	22 nd

Happy, happy birthday to all of these Snappers. And Robyn, you aren't really 60 - just 21 with 39 years' experience. Here's to another year of experience!

DIARY ENTRIES FOR OCTOBER AND BEYOND

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Saturday 25 September	Snappers Special General Meeting	3:00 pm	Crab Palace
Saturday 2 October	Club Swim	warm-up 1:00 pm	Challenge Stadium
Sunday 10 October	Bowls afternoon	1:00 pm	Dalkeith/Nedlands Bowling Club
Saturday 16 October	Club Captains' meeting	9:30 am	Sports Lotteries House
Sunday 17 October	Mandurah 1500 metre Swim (SC)	TBA (am)	Mandurah Aquatic Centre
Monday 18 October	Snappers Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Barry's place
Sunday 24 October	Fremantle Club Challenge (LC)	TBA (am)	Fremantle Leisure Centre
Sat 30/Sun 31 October	Level 1 Masters coaching course	8:30 am	Perth College, Mt Lawley
Sunday 7 November	Somerset Club Challenge (LC)	TBA (am)	Aqualife Centre, E Vic Pk
Sunday 14 November	Lake Leschenaultia OWS *	10:00 am start	Lake Leschenaultia
Monday 15 November	Snappers Committee meeting	7:00 pm	Barry's place
Tuesday 19 November	Council of Clubs meeting		Sports Lotteries House

* The 1.6 km Lake Leschenaultia swim, run by Maida Vale, is the first of the MSWA open water swims in the 2010-2011 series. The water is remarkably warm - or at least it was last year - and the picnic area is an ideal place to relax after the swim. Pick up your copy of the OWS calendar from the cage and plan your non-pool events for the summer.

GOGGLE SAW

- Snappers looking smart in their new Club shirts, vests and tracksuits and warm in their fleece-lined coats.
- Our new Snappers' banner, sans AUSSI, being unfurled at afternoon tea on Friday 10 September and on display at our Club Challenge carnival. The banner was funded by an Australian Government Grant.
- Day group swimmers wondering if they would ever reach the end of the pool on the first day of training in long course after 3 months in short course. So invigorating to be *al fresco* again.



AND HEARD

- Heated discussion in the changerooms recently on the topic of who stole the hot water in three of the six showers!

PROGRESS ON CLUB CLOTHING

Because the clothing order was not ready by the time I went on holidays I am most grateful to Pat Sugars for collecting, sorting and delivering it to everyone and to Elizabeth for helping with the payments and receipts. Thank you both.

I would like to follow-up with a report to Jeff at KC Sports, so if anyone has comments, complaints or suggestions please let me know by phone 9387 5463 or email to dmawatson@iinet.net.au.

Next ordering will be mid year 2011.

Margaret Watson

Ed: And thanks to Marg for researching the options, presenting them to members and placing the order.

Have you put your name on your new clothing? Boring, but it works!

IMPROVES LIKE FINE WINE AWARD

Congratulations to Hazel Christie, who is the worthy winner of this award for September. We are all thrilled to see Hazel swimming for the Club again and getting a great deal of pleasure out of it. She was part of our trophy-winning 320+ relay team at the Golden Groper carnival in August and achieved three firsts at our Snappers Club Challenge last Sunday.

SWIM TO THE NATIONALS 2011

Month	No of swimmers	Distance swum
May	44	654.1
June	31	504.1
July	27	482.6
August	25	457.0
Total		2,097.8

The table shows our progress. The 4-month total has reached just over the target of 2,000 km, ie 500 km per month. Please remember to send your monthly contribution of metres swum as soon after the end of the month as possible to barryjohnngreen@yahoo.com.au. Let's keep up our enthusiasm!

MASTERS SWIMMING WA MATTERS from Wendy Holtom

LEVEL 1 MASTERS COACHING COURSE

The next course is on Sat and Sun 30/31 October at Perth College, Mt Lawley. Please pass this info onto any Club members who might be keen to be a volunteer Coach at your Club. Clubs are encouraged to assist these members with payment of the registration fee if they are committing to coaching at your Club. Registration form and flyer are available on the website: www.mswa.asn.au.

Ed: Interested Snappers are advised that they need to seek endorsement from the Management Committee before signing up for the course.

MEMBERS BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We are collating a contact list of members who would like to advertise their business on our website in a very simple table. This free offer is for MSWA members only. Interested members should complete their required details in the advertising form below and send to:

- Masters Swimming WA via info@mswa.asn.au
- by Thursday 30th September 2010 (initial round)
- the Business Directory will be collated in October for website promotion from November 2010

The next round of advertising will be available in 2011.



MSWA MEMBERS BUSINESS DIRECTORY - ADVERTISING FORM

Member Name	Club	Business Name	Business Type	Phone	Email	Website
Samples G Bradley	Claremont	Smart Shapes	Education Supplies	0400 302232	smartshapesoffice@bigpond.com.au	www.smartshapes.com.au
G Bradley	Claremont	Soil City	Soil and Landscaping Supplies	9414 1888	soilcity@bigpond.com.au	



2011 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE

- The Welcome Function and Opening Ceremony, which is being coordinated by Stadium Snappers, will be held at the Dalkeith/Nedlands Bowling Club on Tuesday 26th April.
- The Presentation Luncheon, which is being coordinated by Melville, will be held at the Royal Perth Yacht Club overlooking Matilda Bay.
- Officials and volunteers will be called for in October by Technical Coordinator Peter Maloney. They will be outfitted through the DSR's "Hosting National Championships Grant".
- For logistical and risk management reasons, the OWS will be held in the Swan River at Matilda Bay.

ANOTHER NEW CLUB

We welcome nine members of Perth Maccabi Swimming Club, which recently affiliated with MSWA.

THINKING AHEAD TO 2011

The end of the year is approaching and with it comes the need to think about members to fill the ten positions on the Management Committee for 2011: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Captains (2), Social Organiser, PR and Membership, General Member (2).

At the AGM, to be held on a date yet to be fixed toward the end of January, all positions will become vacant. Some current officers are willing to stand again for election and some are reaching the end of their two-year terms.

Serving on the Committee brings you into closer touch with the operation of the Club and gives you a chance to use your energy (or what is left after all the rigorous training your coach puts you through!) to strengthen and improve the Club. President Barry is eager to hear from anyone interested in extending their involvement in Snappers by taking on a Committee position, so please talk to him soon.

OBE MEMBERS

Remember the party we had in 2007 to celebrate our 14 OBE (Over Blooming Eighty) members and how difficult it was to pick them from their baby photos? Three years on and we now have 15 OBEs, two of whom are Over Blooming Eighty-five! Amazingly, the male OBEs outnumber the females 8 to 7. We are at last a serious threat to Somerset in the 320+ relay stakes.

A GIFT FROM OUR LIFE MEMBER

Our sole Life Member, Lynda Joachim, is now living in Queensland so we don't see her very often. However Lynda is on the club's list for receiving messages via email and recently responded most generously to a request for \$4.00 from the night swimmers toward the lunch at our BACC. Lynda's donation came at a very opportune time, just as we're doing our best to think up ways of improving our bank balance to meet the increase in lane hire charges.

Thanks a mint for remembering us, Lynda.

MEMBER PROFILE: Corrie Lodder

I was born on a small island in the south of the Netherlands during the war. When I was four years old my parents decided it was time for me to learn to swim, as there was lots of open water around. The swimming teacher put two cork belts around my waist and hooked me up to a fishing rod like contraption. I was then lowered, kicking and screaming, into the freezing canal! I eventually learnt to swim and actually enjoyed it, in the short summer weeks.

When I was nine, my family emigrated to South Africa and there, in the warm climate, it was off to the local pool almost daily. I joined a swimming club where we trained four nights a week. Galas (club competitions) were held most Friday evenings in the surrounding towns.

I swam a lot until I left school at 17 and then never again for almost 50 years. I started working in the computer industry, where I worked for a large mining group as a Systems Analyst, married late and had two boys, now 25 and 28. I was widowed three years ago and decided to re-enter the work force. I landed a plum job as Receptionist, etc, at an over 55s village, working for three hours a day. Here I had the good fortune of meeting Audrey Bullough and Theresa Elliott. They persuaded me to start swimming again. I resisted for almost a year but took the plunge in January of this year. I am so glad I did.



ANY IDEAS ON FUND RAISING?

Given the Club's "interesting" financial future, any ideas for fund-raising events or sponsorship for the club would be gratefully received. Please send to them to Barry Green (barryjohngreen@yahoo.com.au)!

POOL SWIM RESULTS

Somerset Long Course 1500 Metre Swim 8 August 2010

Just three Snappers were there: Eleanor scored two State records (800 and 1500 Back) and Theresa (Back) and Sue Shilling (Breast) both swam PBs. Great effort!

Club Swim 21 August 2010 from Recorder Pamela Walter

Cas BROWN	BA50 (PB by 5 sec!); FR100 (PAB); BR200 (PAB)
Audrey BULLOUGH	BA200 (PAB); FR50 (PAB)
Julianne CROWLEY	BU50 (PB); BA50 (best '10)
William CURTIS	BA200 (best '10)
Theresa ELLIOTT	BA200 (PB by 4 sec); BR100 (PB by 1 sec); FR50 (PB)
David FAIRCLOUGH	IM200 (PAB50/CR50); BR50 (PAB50); FR50 (PAB50)
Barry GREEN	BR50 (best '10)
Helen GREEN	BR50 (best '10)
Geraldine KLUG	BR200 (PAB/CR50); BA50 (PAB); BR50 (PAB)
Deirdre STEPHENSON	BA50 (PAB); BA100 (PAB)
Pat SUGARS	BA200 (best '10)
Pamela WALTER	BU50 (best since '08); BA200 (best '10); BR50 (best '10)

Golden Groper State SC Relay Carnival 28 August 2010 from MSAW Records Officer Lillian Hadley

Snappers shone, gaining third place with 140 points! Westcoast won (194) followed by Claremont (182). Last year we also came third but this year we finished closer to the second-placed club. Of the 22 State records broken or set, Snappers broke seven and set one. Other clubs gaining records were Claremont (4), Riverton (4), Westcoast (4) and Bold Park (2). We may not have won on overall points but the records tally was great and we were ecstatic to come away with three iconic Golden Groper trophies for age groups 240+, 280+ and 320+. We did have a slight advantage: 75% of our team was aged 60 years or over!

Snappers' State records

200-239 4x50	Women's Freestyle
200-239 4x100	Women's Freestyle
240-279 4x25	Women's Freestyle
240-279 4x50	Women's Freestyle
280-319 4x50	Women's Freestyle
280-319 4x100	Women's Freestyle
320-359 4x100	Women's Freestyle (Inaugural)
240-279 4x50	Mixed Medley

320+ team: Hazel Christie, Pat Sugars, Marg Somes, Zee Marsland



Thanks to Cas for making sure our 28 swimmers (in approx 25 teams) were on time for their events, to Jeannine, Jackie and Peter for timekeeping and to Pamela and Theresa who were part of the MSAW team of officials.

Snappers BE ACTIVE Club Challenge Sunday 19 September 2010

Another coup at our Club Challenge on Sunday! Snappers came out on top, both in the pool and as organisers. We attracted entries from ten other clubs and our team of 6 men and 22 women scored 286 points, with Somerset second on 181 points. Bold Park had the highest handicap score. This was the first time Jackie Egan had swum in a meet since the age of 17 and she did herself and the Club proud! Thanks indeed to all who helped:

Meet Director	Kim Klug, supported by Robyn Wilson
Catering Organiser	Marg Somes, supported by June Maher and June Hough
Raffle Coordinator	Dee Stephenson
Ticket Sales Team	Brian Somes, Elizabeth Edmondson and Pat Byrne
Water Carrier	Doris Kimber
Announcer	Richard Diggins
Marshalling Team	Judith Lithgo, Jannette Ballantine, Jean Beaton and Patrick Cooney
Timekeepers	Jeannine Heinrichs, Hazel Spong, Merle Loukes, Geoff Barnard, Marg Watson, Trudy Vandewerdt
Recorders	Bernard Egan and Andrew Burbidge
MSWA Officials	Pamela Walter and Theresa Elliott in addition to those from other clubs

THREE WAYS TO CROSS A RIVER

Three men were hiking through a forest when they came upon a wide, raging river. Needing to get to the other side, the first man prayed, "God, please give me the strength to cross the river."

Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across in about two hours, having almost drowned twice.

Seeing that, the second man prayed, "God, please give me strength and the tools to cross the river."

Poof! God gave him a rowing boat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing once.

Seeing what happened to the first two men, the third man prayed, "God, please give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross the river."

Poof! He was turned into a woman. She checked the map, hiked one hundred metres upstream and walked across the bridge.

Ed: OK, instead of groaning and muttering that this is a sexist joke and you've heard it before, make a resolution to lift the standard of this segment by sending in your best jokes! Now!

DEADLINE

*Many thanks to Barry Green, Pamela Walter, Marg Somes, Marg Watson, Lillian Hadley and Corrie Lodder for providing material for this issue of Snappets. Please send your contributions for the next issue to amburbidge@westnet.com.au by **Monday 1 November**. As I will be away from 2 October until 2 November and will be unable to send out a reminder, it would help me if contributors could note the deadline in their diaries and send in their items before that date.*

Thanks, Marilyn



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