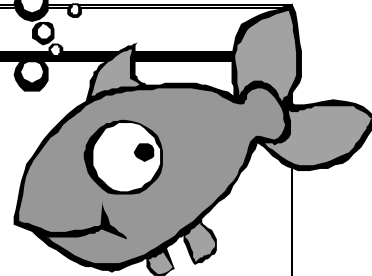


SNAPPETS



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

June 2008

DAY CAPTAIN'S REPORT - SECOND TERM 2008

Winter has arrived with the departure of our overseas visitors it seems. The day group has been relegated to the 10-lane pool. It's OK there when the sun is shining! In spite of reduced numbers, down from the mid-thirties to mid-twenties most training days, some good things have been achieved. Having set dates for timing aerobic swims (every third session) is proving successful, with plenty of participation from both swimmers and timekeepers.

The Swimathon, held so close after 'the Worlds' finished, was surprisingly well attended. It was great to see the sponsor sheets circulating around the coffee table after swimming and keenly adopted. The exact amount raised will be known at the annual dinner. The call for caterers and timekeepers for our club's hosted 1500m swim was another chest-swelling moment. We can feel justly proud of the well-organised event. Now we will have to do it all again as we couldn't accommodate our own swimmers! Our own club 1500m swim will be held on 7th June.

To finish, here's a little story to gee you up for the next interclub on our calendar.

"Strength in Numbers"

A hunter walking through the jungle was surprised to find a pygmy standing beside a large dead beast. Amazed, he asked, "Did you kill that?"

The pygmy answered, "Yes."

The hunter then asked, "How could a little bloke like you kill a huge beast like that?"

Said the pygmy, "I killed it with my club."

The astonished hunter asked, "How big is your club?"

The pygmy replied, "There's about 60 of us."

So come on now and sign up for a swim at Swan Hills!

Marg Watson
Day Group Captain

FROM THE ENGINE ROOM

Here is information or advice of actions arising from the May meeting of the Management Committee and previous meetings:

- 1500 swim for Club members: booked for Saturday 7 June and promoted to members. Sign up sheet in cage.
- BACC templates sent to Barry Green, Meet Director for our event on Sunday 21 September.
- Annual dinner promoted from today - sign up sheet in cage. MND President invited. Tickets being prepared.
- Social member category - National office is considering allowing a range of categories of membership and only concerning itself with swimming members. Clarification will arrive eventually.
- Aerobic swims - completing less than five 400s or 800s will be acceptable and manageable once the new database is operational; probably will come into force for next year.
- Club records have been printed and copies are available for reference in the cage.

Sue Colyer, President

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BIRTHDAYS

June

1 Murray McDonald
 9 Bernard West
 11 John Christie
 12 Jack Jago
 13 Philip Hoff
 23 Wayne Davies
 24 Lillian Hadley
 29 June Maher

July

1 Elizabeth Edmondson
 4 Colin Beaton
 16 Leon Musca
 22 Merilyn Burbidge
 28 Steph Weston

Congratulations to Colin on his 80th!

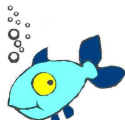
BRISBANE IN 2009

A group of about ten Snappers is looking into accommodation for the 2009 Masters Swimming Australia National Swim at the Chandler Pool in Brisbane from 30 April to 4 May. If you're interested in joining them, please contact Geraldine 9284 3229 or Brian briansomes@bigpond.com 9385 5334

DIARY ENTRIES FOR JUNE, JULY AND BEYOND

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Saturday 7 June	Club distance swim: 1500 m long course	Warm-up ready for 1.00 pm start	Outdoor 8 lane pool Challenge Stadium
Monday 16 June	Committee meeting	7.00 pm	11 Penryn Ave, City Beach
Saturday 21 June	Snappers Annual Dinner and presentations	Drinks 7.00 pm Meal 7.30 pm	Ocean Gardens Village 60 Kalinda Drive, City Beach
Saturday 28 June	Club Swim: 50s and 100s	1.00 pm warm-up for 1.30 pm start	Challenge Stadium
Sunday 29 June	Gosnells Distance Swim: 400/800 m short course	Watch for flyer	Thornlie Leisure Centre
Monday 30 June	Coaches breakfast	7.00 am to 8.30 am	Subiaco Oval
Sunday 6 July	Swan Hills BACC	Watch for flyer	Swan Park Leisure Centre
Monday 21 July	Committee meeting	7.00 pm	TBA
Saturday 2 August	Club Swim: 50s and 200s	1.00 pm warm-up for 1.30 pm start	Challenge Stadium
Sunday 10 August	Somerset Distance Swim: 1500 m long course	Watch for flyer	Aqualife Centre Somerset St, Victoria Park
Sat 23 and Sun 24 August	Masters Swimming WA State Swim (short course)	TBA	Challenge Stadium
Sunday 21 Sept	Snappers BACC	Mark the date in your diary!	Challenge Stadium probably indoors

SNAPPERS' ANNUAL DINNER and PRESENTATIONS



Saturday 21 June 2008
 Ocean Gardens Retirement Village
 60 Kalinda Drive, City Beach
 7.00 pm Complimentary drinks
 7.30 pm Buffet meal
 \$40 per person
 BYO wine, soft drinks
 RSVP TO Geraldine or Pat Byrne by
 Friday 13 June 2008

IMPROVES LIKE FINE WINE AWARD

Congratulations to Lillian who won the ILFWA in May. Lillian made an early, strong start to the 2008 Aerobic Program, including a one hour swim in the Swimathon. She stepped up and kept up her training for the World Masters Championships, resulting in medals in three individual events.

DEADLINE

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of Snappets. I look forward to receiving your items by Friday 18 July for the next issue.

Merilyn amburbidge@westnet.com.au

MASTERS SWIMMING WA AWARDS PRESENTATION

On Sunday 18 May, about ten Snappers attended the annual Masters Swimming WA awards presentations, augmented this year by presentations of medals to some of the volunteers at the Worlds. Amongst the Snappers recognised were three members of the Swimming Committee: David Corney (Chair), Kim Klug (Non-Technical Volunteers Coordinator) and Marilyn Burbidge (Minute Secretary); Marg Watson (outstanding Customer Service provider); Pamela Walter (Chief Timekeeper and OWS official); Elizabeth Edmondson (outstanding Marshal). The additional generous team of Snappers who also served as volunteers at the Championships will be presented with their medals at the Snappers' Dinner.

Gail and Eleanor received prizes for winning their age groups in the 2007/2008 Dale Alcock Open Water Swim series.

The following annual tributes were awarded to:

Hilary Arber (Belmont)	Official of the Year
Robin Eattel (Whitford)	Coach of the year
Peter Maloney (Melville)	Service to Masters Swimming WA
Claremont	McDonald Shield for efficient administrative liaison with MSWA.

SNAPPERS 1500 METRE DISTANCE SWIM 17th May

Perhaps because enthusiasm was still at fever pitch after the Worlds and perhaps because Snappers' 1500 was the first on the MSWA 2008 calendar, we received an overwhelming 52 entries for the event, 35 from other clubs and 17 Snappers. This was a few too many to handle in the 5 lanes and 3 hours available, so it was decided to allow only those Snappers who were attempting a State record to swim and to hold a special Club 1500 for those who missed out.

Meet Director Robyn did lots of ground work beforehand but couldn't be there on the day and left the conduct of the event in 'Tricia's capable hands. The result was a flawless meet. The Masters Swimming WA officials, including Pamela, were treasures; Elizabeth, calling on experience gained at Worlds and with help from Barbara S, marshalled the swimmers most effectively; Gail, Kim and Sue C served as inspectors of turns; Andrew was busy as recorder; timekeepers Marg W, Trudy, Merle, Jeannine, Marg S, Lillian, Cas, June M, Michael C, Phil, Sue P, Pat S, Dee, Barry, Helen and Marilyn were allocated two per swimmer and, with two swimmers per lane, the program was through in just over 2.5 hours. Geraldine served a banquet in Crab Palace to crown the afternoon.

Helen Bird, backstroker par excellence, of Osborne Park was disappointed that the event was indoors! She likes to see the sky as she swims. Even so, she took 3 minutes off the State record for the 70-74 age group and appreciated Snappers' contribution so much that she asked if she could be a timekeeper at the Club event.

Special mention was made at the May Council of Clubs meeting of Snappers superb effort, indicating that our club is more than a mutual admiration society.

INDUCTION OF A SNAPPER INTO SWIMMING WA HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to Elizabeth Edmondson, who will be achieving a first for a Snappers' member.

An extract from a letter that Elizabeth received recently from Swimming WA President Jeanette Bailey reads: "Swimming WA would like to both inform and congratulate you on your selection for induction as an inaugural recipient into the Swimming WA Hall of Fame. ... presentations will be made on June 21st at the 2008 Vorgee Swimmer of the Year Awards..."

We look forward to the details of Elizabeth's citation when they come to hand.

SIMPSON CLASSIC GOLF DAY

The weather dawned warm and sunny on Monday 26 May for the annual Simpson Classic Golf Day. There were 16 golfers, two walkers and eight others came for afternoon tea.

Neil organised himself with a cart as he wanted to have a hit of golf but his wonky knees would not allow him to walk the distance. The writer of these notes played with Neil and he was continually talking about his "fade". Well that "fade" usually ended up in the bush or close to the adjoining fairway! I am sure he enjoyed the day.

The winning team, after a very close finish, was made up of Geoff Barnard (again), Margaret Watson, Margaret Somes and Murray McDonald and after a countback the runners up were Wyvern Rees, Judy Noone, Zee Marsland and Geoff Lane. Don Lane hit the men's longest drive Geraldine hit the ladies' longest drive. Marg Somes was nearest after second shot and John Christie for the men. A big thank you to Don for his effort in working out teams and results.

Geraldine Klug

MORE FROM THE FINA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Richard Diggins loved every minute of volunteering at Worlds. He adds this story to our collection:

As he pulled into the carpark for his shift, Richard saw a Canadian woman looking frantic. She couldn't find her car and had to be somewhere else soon. Customer Service was Richard's role at the Worlds, so he was well equipped to help. The woman was very agitated and could recall neither colour nor make of the car. But she had an immobiliser which enabled Richard to find the car easily. Clearly relieved, the woman wanted to give him something in appreciation for his trouble. All she had to offer was her supermarket-style swimming bag, like the ones that are nearly always green. Hers was red. Richard gladly accepted the bag and now brings it to swimming. How could he be sure the woman was Canadian? The bag has a big, white maple leaf printed on it.

And from Cas and Jeannine:

When checking the identity tags of swimmers in the lane in which they were timekeeping, Cas and Jeannine found one with the unlikely name of Dona WHO!



GOGGLE SAW

- Four day swimmers creeping indoors on a wet Friday when we were relegated to the 10-lane. Numbers were depleted that day – some must have had inside knowledge that there would be no water at all in the women's changerooms and only cold showers in men's!
- A leaner, swimmer, lighter by 17 kg since joining Snappers at the end of last year. Lost anything, Neil?!

TEST FOR INTELLIGENT PEOPLE

The following short quiz consists of four questions. Your answers will tell you if you are qualified to be a professional. The questions are NOT difficult. Answer each question, and then turn to page 6 to see how you rated.

1. *How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?*



2. *How do you put an elephant into the refrigerator?*



3. *The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend....except one. Which animal does not attend?*



You still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

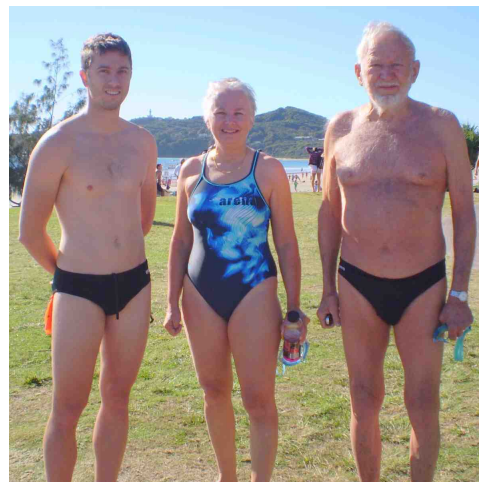
4. *There is a river you must cross but it is inhabited by crocodiles and you do not have a boat. How do you manage*



BYRON BAY OCEAN CLASSIC

The 20th Byron Bay Ocean Classic was held as usual on the first Sunday in May. This was the first and only open water swim in which I competed till a couple of years ago. My parents live at the back of Bangalow, inland from Byron Bay, and I was introduced to open water swimming by my father, Bill Ringland. For several decades he has swum across the bay three times a week with the Winter Whales and Byron Stingrays. He has also swum the classic every year since its inauguration. Nowadays I do the 8 am daily Bay swim every time I visit Byron and time visits east to fit in the Ocean Classic. This year my son Stewart was back in Australia and he agreed to join us, which was a bonus, although not the only time we have had three generations swimming.

The triangular course is 2.2 km: last year changed buoys increased it to about 2.6 km. I have swum the Classic in all sorts of conditions, from white-outs due to torrential rain where people were heading out to sea, to large swells to smooth conditions. This year was magnificent, a typical late summer's morning, with warm water, flat sea, almost no swell, no wind and blue sky. But the tide was against us and many people found the swim slow. I saw stingrays and other fish during the swim. Two turtles were seen as well.



Stewart, Julie and Bill

The Byron Bay swim has become very popular. When I first did it there were about 500 swimmers. In 2008 there were over 2,000. The logistics of starting and finishing have seen several permutations. This year the older swimmers went first and the elite swimmers last. It meant a wait of about an hour for the stronger swimmers, but we all finished to a crowd of spectators. I did my fastest time ever and was very pleased to break 50 mins with a 47 min swim. The extra swimming for the Worlds was still having an effect! My father was one of three swimmers over 80 and he was once again beaten by his old rival Jack who did 62 mins. Dad did 64 mins and was quietly proud of his achievement. His comment prior to the swim that he thought this would be his last was forgotten. He was interviewed by the local Channel 9 and appeared on the local news that night saying he felt like he was only 35. Stewart was disappointed with his 35 mins, but he has not been in the water for a month and was not prepared for the long wait! Young men need food to keep the furnaces fired. He is now anxious to improve his time next year and is looking for open water swims in Sydney.

Phil Hoff keeps saying he will come. Perhaps next year several Snappers will add this swim to their repertoire?

Julianne Crowley

PRECIOUS HYMNS

A preacher decided to do something a little different one Sunday morning. He announced, 'Today, in church, I am going to say a single word and you are going to help me preach. Whatever word I say, I want you to sing the hymn that comes to your mind.'

He began by shouting, 'CROSS!'

Immediately the congregation started singing in unison, 'The Old Rugged Cross'. The minister hollered, 'GRACE!'

The congregation began to sing, 'Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound'.

He called out, 'POWER!'

The congregation sang, 'There Is Power In The Blood'.

Finally, he yelled, 'SEX!'

The congregation fell into total silence. Everyone was in shock. They all nervously looked around at each other, afraid to say anything. Then all of a sudden, from way back in the church, a little 87 year-old great-grandmother stood up and began to sing, 'Memories'.

(Thanks to Robyn for the above item.)



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Front page news in 'Different Strokes' of August 1992 stated that a new club had been formed at the Superdrome, following a public meeting on 23 June. Forty people signed up to make the dream a reality. That was our birth, and we are now a precocious 16 years old!

Our parties have been reminiscent of any traditional family group. The first celebration was held at the Superdrome with plenty of fun but no formal presentations. The next year was comfortably casual at Holtens in Onslow Rd with a Christmas in July theme. Growing in confidence, we celebrated 1996 with an Olympics Casserole Night at Tricia's place. It was friendly and relaxed but difficult to concentrate on the televised Olympics! State Swim Certificates were presented and everyone brought food. The years from 1998 to 2001 were all celebrated at the Ocean Gardens venue. We had reached a purple patch in our development and 1999 was the start of annual formalities with the presentation of National/State Top Ten certificates, acknowledgements, invited guests, etc. A visually-impaired Paralympian swimmer accepted our first swimathon cheque and David Cummins from AUSSI WA spoke to us about hosting the Pan Pacs.

Each year saw a new innovation in entertainment. Don Murfitt played background piano music, Bernie West led sing-alongs, and table trivia questionnaires had a go. Even a club song was written by Zee Marsland and sung with great gusto. With age and sophistication we moved on to such venues as the Arbour Cafe in Cambridge St, Floreat Bowling Club and the Victoria League in Shenton Park (where tiaras made a regal showing). In 2001 we began our partnership with The Motor Neurone Disease Association, and they have been our special guest ever since.

We may be sixteen-going-on-twentyone with the Annual Dinner and Presentations but it's still our very own family BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Marg Watson, Club Archivist

CLUB SWIM RESULTS 31 May 2008 from Pamela Walter, Recorder

BARRY GREEN	200 BA (inaug50), 50 BU (PB50, CR50)
ELEANOR PARSONS	200 BA (PB50, CR50), 50 BU (PAB50, CR50)
ELIZABETH EDMONDSON	50 BA (missed PB by 0.13 sec)
HELEN GREEN	200 BR (inaug50)
PAMELA WALTER	50 BR (PAB50, CR50)
PAT SUGARS	200 BA (PB50, CR50), 50 BR (inaug50)
PATRICK COONEY	200 FR (PB50)
PHILIP HOFF	200 BA (inaug50, CR50), 50 BR (PB50, CR50)
ROBYN WILSON	50 BR (PB50), 200 IM (PB50, CR50)
TRICIA SUMMERFIELD	200 BA (PAB50, best time since 2001)

INTELLIGENCE TEST ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS

The correct answers are:

Q1. *Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe and close the refrigerator.*

This question tested whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

Q2. Did you say: *Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator?*

Wrong answer. The correct answer is: *Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the refrigerator.*

This tested your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

Q3. *The elephant.*

The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tested your memory.

Q4. *You jump into the river and swim across.*

Have you not been listening? All the crocodiles are attending the animal conference.

This tested whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all the questions wrong, but many pre-schoolers gave several correct answers. Are you a "professional" or still at pre-school?

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