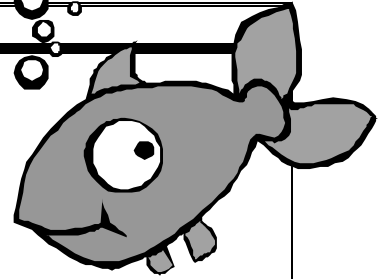

SNAPPETS



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

September 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the past month we have experienced lots of change: new carnivals, records, results management, anticipated new membership fees for 2010 and weather!

Congratulations to all Snappers who swam in the inaugural Relay Carnival conducted by Claremont. It was a really interesting experience and a lesson in how to run a smooth event. And, of course, Snappers did well to come third. I noticed that the times of our swimmers gradually became slower – well mine did, for every event swum, providing practical evidence of the decline in performance as energy systems are depleted in sprint events. Snappers committee decided at its last meeting, if there is a similar carnival in future years, that we will permit swimmers to enter only five events (the usual convention of swimming carnivals) – and I mentioned this at the Council of Clubs meeting. This decision will give the opportunity for more swimmers to participate and to prevent fatigue for those entered in more than five events. The results of the Relay Carnival were available on Sunday night – and as I was checking my email at about 10pm, I was able to give Claremont congratulations from Snappers on a very well run event. You will see in the results that we achieved some State Records – so well swum to those teams. Special thanks to our full time timekeepers for the day, and to Geraldine for organising the teams and keeping us on track for all our events – a real challenge given the pace of the carnival.

On the issue of records, finally the 2008 club records are completed and available in hard copy from the cage or in an electronic version from the club web page. I thank both Eleanor Parsons, who had to rebuild the database of Team Manager on the replacement laptop, and Pamela Walter for her work with me to complete the checking, cross-checking and more checking to make sure that we had the most accurate evidence of swimmers' times for the last couple of years.

While rebuilding the database, we devised a process to streamline the management of club results from entries, results and ultimately records. Such change always takes time as we break down the old systems and build up new processes that should, in the long term, be less time-consuming and more accurate. We are also putting in place substantial backup practices to protect against loss of hardware or software failure. MSWA has contributed to the replacement cost of Team Manager as part of the FINA Worlds Legacy funding project, and we thank the State Branch for its support. I believe the cheque is in the post!

Recently your committee also reviewed the new charges imposed Masters Swimming Australia and MSWA. As a consequence we have decided to increase our fees by a small margin for 2010 – to \$98 for an individual. We always offer a slight discount for couples and for our octogenarians. You will appreciate that we have not had a fee increase for a couple of years to give some relief for members who have contributed to the sound financial standing of the club, but the time has come now for a small increase in anticipation of other costs increasing. Registrar Julie Crowley and I will provide details in the next newsletter in time for you to renew your membership.

As always, lots of swimming, and lots of behind the scenes administration. One other outcome to mention is the Snap Shot electronic update that Gail Parsons has created to keep the night swimmers informed – great idea, Gail. Our next challenges are deciding on constitutional review to change the name by removing AUSSI, and changing the first age group to 18-24 years (currently 20-24). But more of that next time.

And the weather? Well, I guess we are waiting for it to change and warm up a bit. Don't let the cold and wet weather deter you. Come on in. The water's fine!

Sue Colyer
President

I believe that everyone else my age is an adult, whereas I am merely in disguise
Margaret Atwood

LEVEL 1 MASTERS COACHING COURSE

Snappers everywhere!

Snappers coach and Masters Swimming WA Director of Swimming, 'Tricia Summerfield, ran her first Level 1 Masters Coaching Course on the weekend of 22/23 August 2009 at Perth College in Mt Lawley, a great venue with its own 50m pool. The course was a resounding success with 32 participants, including Snapper Trainee Coach Kim Klug, plus 14 current Club Coaches, including Snappers Eleanor Parsons, Gail Parsons and David Corney, who completed update sessions for re-accreditation.

Of particular success was the number of MSWA members, many of whom are Snappers, who stepped up to present the course modules for the first time: Sue Colyer (Stadium Snappers), Kim Tyler (Freo Fins), 'Tricia Summerfield (Stadium Snappers) and Caryn Kiellor (Westcoast Masters), who unfortunately did all the preparation but was too ill to present so 'Tricia substituted for her. There were also the experienced hands: Kay Cox (Carine) and Peter Maloney (Melville).

Our Perth College connection Fiona Njirich, President of Australian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association WA, ran a great demonstration session with eight volunteers in the water including Snappers Robyn Wilson, Eleanor Parsons, Theresa Elliott, Patrick Cooney and Richard Diggins. MSWA Swim Meet Coordinator Robyn Wilson (Snappers) did an outstanding job in coordinating the whole course from start to finish with aplomb!

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SNAPPERS BE ACTIVE CLUB CHALLENGE 20 SEPTEMBER

The Club Challenge hosted by Snappers is just around the corner, on Sunday morning 20 September. Please sign up to swim on the sheet in the cage. Our club has a very good name among WA clubs for the quality of its raffle prizes. There is a box in the cage for your contributions of non-perishable food and drink items to be made up into hampers. Everyone is asked to provide at least one item, please.

DIARY ENTRIES FOR SEPTEMBER AND BEYOND

Date	Event	Time	Venue
<i>Sunday 6 September</i>	<i>Maida Vale Short Course 1500</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Darling Range Sport College</i>
<i>Sunday 20 September</i>	<i>Snappers BACC</i>	<i>8:00 am w-u</i>	<i>Challenge Stadium</i>
<i>Monday 21 September</i>	<i>Committee meeting</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Sunday 4 October</i>	<i>Bowls Day</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Dalkeith Nedlands Bowling Club</i>
<i>10 - 17 October</i>	<i>2009 World Masters Games</i>		<i>Sydney, NSW</i>
<i>Saturday 10 October</i>	<i>Club Swim</i>	<i>1:00 pm</i>	<i>Challenge Stadium</i>
<i>Saturday 17 October</i>	<i>Club Captains meeting</i>		<i>WA Sports Lotteries House</i>
<i>Sunday 18 October</i>	<i>Mandurah Short Course 400/800</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Mandurah Aquatic Centre</i>
<i>Sunday 25 October</i>	<i>Fremantle BACC</i>		<i>Fremantle Leisure Centre</i>
<i>Sunday 15 November</i>	<i>Somerset BACC</i>		<i>Aqualife Centre</i>
<i>7 to 10 April 2010</i>	<i>MSA National Championships</i>		<i>Launceston Aquatic</i>

WEB PAGE UPDATE

Results of Club swims held in 2009 as well as Club Records to 31 December 2008 are now on the Snappers web page www.stadiumsnappers.org.au.
Gail Parsons

CAR TROUBLE

A blonde pushes her BMW into a service station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly.
She says, 'What's the story?'
He replies, 'Just crap in the carburettor.'
She asks, 'How often do I have to do that?'

DID YOU KNOW? Snippets about Snappers' history: second instalment

- The initial club membership was 40
- The first AUSSI (AAustralian Union of Senior Swimmers International) events the club competed in were the State Swim in October 1992 and the Newman Churchlands Interclub in March 1993
- The club name was changed to Stadium Snappers in November 1996, when the venue name changed
- The club has had members from Norway, the Netherlands, the UK (including Guernsey), the US, Rhodesia, Canada, Italy, Yugoslavia, and?
- John Christie was the banner bearer for Nicaragua at the World Swimming Championships held at Challenge Stadium in January 1998. At the World Championships, thirteen Snappers worked as volunteers, donating 997 hours of their time.

Barry Green

GOGGLE SAW

- ◆ A male day group Snapper swimming with the Bold Park Yummy Mummy set on a Tuesday morning. And not just once! Any idea who it was?
- ◆ Ex-President Christine Ryan at a local shopping centre. Christine has discovered triathlons and is putting those drop-dead gorgeous legs to good use pedalling the bike. She says getting re-acquainted with open water wasn't easy.
- ◆ A big bunch of Snappers timekeeping at the WA Disabled Sports Association swimming carnival.
- ◆ Two swimmers (both 76!), new to open water swimming, choosing events from the 2009 / 2010 OWS calendar. Ask your Captain for a calendar if you haven't received one yet.



Marg W, Marg S, Merle, Pat S and Dee helping at the WA Disabled Sports Assn swimming carnival

AND HEARD

- ◆ At the Golden Groper relay carnival:
Youngest Team Snappers member: I'm starving!
Geraldine: Right! You've got 14 minutes to find something to eat and make it to marshalling.
No Snapper teams missed their call!
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CLUB CLOTHING REPORT

It is time to consider your summer clothing needs. An Order Book is in the cage, with explanations as to how it works. Please enter your request and an order will be placed when there are ten or more. I have two second-time-around aqua polo shirts for sale (1 L; 1 XL) in good condition for \$15 each. The money will be donated to the club.

Marg Watson

MASTERS SWIMMING AUSTRALIA NATIONALS LAUNCESTON 2010

The 2010 Masters Swimming Australia National Championships will be held as a short course event at the new aquatic venue in Launceston from 7 to 10 April. About eight of the day swimmers have expressed interest in attending. Pat Sugars has investigated some accommodation options within easy walking distance of the pool, which is close to the heart of the city. A meeting of members interested in attending will be arranged soon to decide on the most suitable type of accommodation so that a booking can be made. Please give your name to Pat if you want to be included.

SOCIAL NOTES

Simpson Cup Golf Day

Sixteen payers gathered at Wembley Golf Course on Monday 24 August for Snappers annual Ambrose-style Golf Day. Thanks to Don Lane's spot-on team allocation, the four teams came in only a few points apart - lots of fun. There were two walkers and another four Snappers joined us for an enjoyable afternoon tea. Thank you Elizabeth for those very smart tees. All players enjoyed their share!

Simpson Cup winners: George Klug, Patrick Cooney, Audrey Wren and Marg Somes

Runners up: Wyvern Rees, Geoff Barnard, Judy Noone and Audrey Bullough

Longest drive: Judy Noone; George Klug

Closest to pin: Geraldine Klug; Don Lane

Bowls Day

Please note our bowls day in your diary: Sunday 4 October. A sign up sheet and flyer will be out soon.

Marg Somes

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday wishes to lots of Snappers. May the sun shine again for your celebrations!



September

6 Vic Paul
7 Kim Klug
17 Robin Barnes
21 Doris Kimber
24 Michael Kane
26 Audrey Wren

October

7 Cas Brown
8 Cliffe Webb
13 Vivienne Edwards
16 Malcolm Hay
19 Hazel Christie
20 Arthur Jenkins
22 Robyn Wilson
22 Theresa Elliott

FROM MASTERS SWIMMING WA

Accreditation as MSA Officials

Well done to these Snappers who were presented at the August Council of Clubs meeting with accreditation certificates as follows:

Pat Sugars: Chief Timekeeper;
Inspector of Turns

Theresa Elliott: Inspector of Turns

2009/2010 Open Water Swim series

The Dale Alcock Series is now open to members only and includes all events, eg 750m and 1500m at Coogee Jetty to Jetty; 1km and 2km at the State OWS. This hopefully will encourage members to participate in events conducted by Masters Swimming WA Clubs FIRST!

BOOKS WANTED! BOOKS WANTED! BOOKS WANTED!

Jeannine Heinrichs is involved in the Catherine McAuley Centre annual second-hand book sale to be held on 19, 20 and 21 February 2010. The sale raises funds to aid the many Community Services undertaken by MercyCare, including:

- Community Outreach to aged persons living at home but unable to get to shops or who are just very lonely elderly people
- Assisting migrant families to assimilate into the community by providing short term accommodation, furniture, clothes etc
- Day care for dementia sufferers

Books of all categories, except school text books or encyclopaedias, are gratefully accepted. Please contact Jeannine on 9447 2412 or 0421 961 763 to arrange collection. Books can also be dropped off at Catherine McAuley Centre Volunteer House, 18 Barrett St, Wembley, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm or phone 9442 3454 to arrange collection from home.

ENGLISH FROM SIGNS SEEN AROUND THE WORLD

Bangkok temple: **IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER A WOMAN, EVEN A FOREIGNER, IF DRESSED AS A MAN**

Cocktail bar, Norway: **LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR**

Drycleaners, Bangkok: **DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS**

Nairobi restaurant: **CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER**

RESULTS from Recorder Pamela Walter

Club Swim Sunday 19 July 2009

Everyone who showed up to swim or timekeep on such a cold, wet day deserves a medal!

Merylyn BURBIDGE	FR 50 (best since '07), FR 200 (best '09)
Beng CHUA	BA 50 (inaug 50), BR 50 (inaug 50), BR 200 (inaug 50), BR 100 (inaug 50 * internal time)
David CORNEY	BR 50 (best '09)
Julie CROWLEY	BR 200 (best '09)
Theresa ELLIOTT	BR 50 (PB50 by 4 sec), FR 50 (PB50 by 2 sec), FR 200 (PB50 by 25 sec)
David FAIRCLOUGH	FR 200 (PAB50, CR50)
Barry GREEN	FR 50 (best '09)
Helen GREEN	FR 200 (PB50 by 4 sec)
Kim KLUG	IM 200 (PB50 by 21 sec)
Eleanor PARSONS	BR 200 (PB50, CR50 by 2 sec), BR 50 (best '09)
Margaret SOMES	BR 50 (PAB50), BA 200 (PAB50)
Robyn WILSON	BR 200 (PB50 beating '05 time)
Bill WOODHOUSE	BA 50 (inaug 50), FR 50 (PB50 by 2 sec), FR 200 (inaug 50)

Golden Groper SC Relay Carnival 16 August 2009

With around 40 teams made up from a 'pool' of 30 swimmers, Snappers excelled at this carnival to finish third (160 points) behind Claremont (230) and Westcoast (176) and ahead of Osborne Park (154). Each Snapper was included in at least two teams and some were in as many as seven. Seventeen Snappers swam in events in the 240-279 age group, which the Club won. Our 80 year-old swimmers (with a little help from a couple of just-under-eighty-year-olds) were represented in three teams in the 320-359 age group, a first for Snappers. Well done to our very senior swimmers, Hazel Christie, Zee Marsland, June Maher, Beatie Norris and Colin Beaton.

We are grateful to our dedicated timekeepers: Jean Beaton, Trudy Vandewerdt, June Hough and Jeannine Heinrichs and to Geraldine for getting swimmers to their marks on time given the very tight schedule.

Many Club records were broken during the carnival. Congratulations to the members of the following teams who gained State Records:

240-279 Women's Free 4x25:	Elizabeth Edmondson, Julie Crowley, Sue Colyer, Pamela Walter
320-359 Women's Freestyle 4x25:	Pat Sugars, Hazel Christie, Zee Marsland, June Maher
240-279 Women's Medley 4x25:	Pamela Walter, Theresa Elliott, Tricia Summerfield, Julie Crowley
320-359 Women's Freestyle 4x50:	Hazel Christie, Zee Marsland, Pat Sugars, June Maher
240-279 Women's Freestyle 4x100:	Sue Colyer, Pamela Walter, Julie Crowley, Robyn Wilson
280-319 Women's Freestyle 4x100:	Margaret Somes, Cas Brown, Lillian Hadley, Theresa Elliott



Cas, Pamela and Marg S with the prize won by our 240-279ers

A COUPLE OF TRIVIA

- In the 15th century in England, a law was made stating that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have the "rule of thumb"!
- How beautiful is this? $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$.

I am always doing that which I can not do, in order that I may learn how to do it. PABLO PICASSO

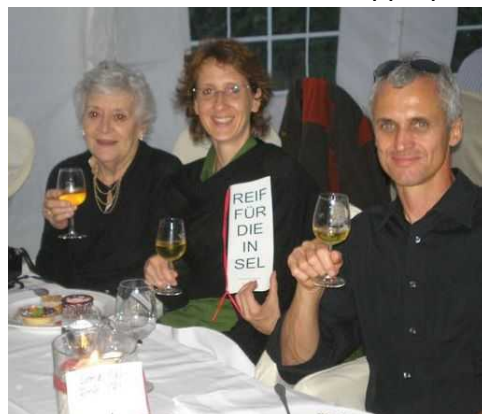
A DINNER WITH A DIFFERENCE!

During my recent holiday in Germany, I was a guest at an unusual dinner party in July. In the River Rhine at Bacharach there is a privately owned island, Insel–Heyles in Werth, which has been in the Bastian family since 1797. The current owner is wine-maker and baritone singer Friedrich Bastian. Guests were transported to the island by barge, greeted by Friedrich and served wine from the Bastian cellars and hors d'oeuvres created by the two chefs for the evening.

The dinner party was held in the beautiful setting of a 2 hectare vineyard. At four sites throughout the vineyard marquees were set up and a selection of entrees were served with the appropriate wines, also from the Bastian cellars.

Before the main course we were entertained by our host singing German lieder and operatic arias. The dinner, prepared by Andreas Stuber – an experienced master chef who owns the Rhein Hotel in Bacharach was a truly gourmet experience accompanied by red and white wines from the Bastian cellars.

Between dinner and dessert we were invited to visit the southern end of the island nearby. It was here so I am told a ship once ran aground. It was loaded with barrels of cement powder some of which were salvaged and set up along the bank. With time the barrels have disappeared and there remain what look like grey stools but are actually hardened cement blocks with markings of the barrel rings.



Jeannine am links in Deutschland

We were entertained by the mezzo-soprano Henriette Meyer-Ravenstein, an experienced opera singer, before desserts which were created by Klaus Weiler proprietor and chef of Weinhaus Weiler Hotel in Oberwesel – the next town downriver from Bacharach and which, incidentally is my home town when I visit Germany. A 2003 dessert Riesling Beerenauslese from the Bastian cellars was served with these delicious delights!

The evening concluded about 10.00pm in the soft twilight. I came away thinking how wonderful the evening had been, how fortunate I was to have been a guest and if only such an evening could take place here in WA. Unfortunately, with the rejection of daylight saving, we will no longer experience a beautiful sunset and twilight in which it could be held.

A quotation on the menu reads: "In the evening twilight on the southern end of the island in the middle of the river enjoy a romantic respite." It was indeed just that!

Jeannine Heinrichs

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday 3 November 2009
The Round House Tavern
Cnr Main and Amelia Sts, Balcatta
\$55.00 per head

Expressions of interest to
June Maher 9383 4629 or
Elizabeth Edmondson 9345 3330

DEADLINE

Many thanks to Sue Colyer, Pamela Walter, Marg Watson, Jeannine Heinrichs, Geraldine Klug, Tricia Summerfield, Pat Sugars, Elizabeth Edmondson, Gail Parsons, Barry Green, Lillian Hadley, June Maher and Marg Somes for providing material for this issue of Snappets. Please send your contributions for the next issue to amburbidge@westnet.com.au by Fri 2 Oct.

Marilyn Burbidge

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