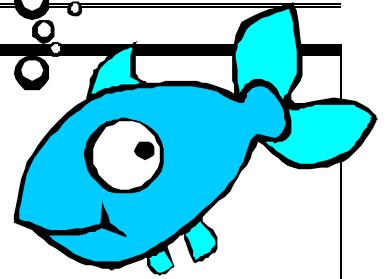


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Stadium Snappers Masters Swimming Club Inc www.stadiumsnappers.net.au June 2012

Presidents Report

Snappers have had a busy month once again.

On 26th May we had a very successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Subiaco and our bank balance has an extra \$700 from the event. Thank you to Richard Diggins for his background information and to Jackie Egan and the Sausage Sizzle Team for their wonderful organization and for all those who helped on the day. We hope to repeat the experience next year.



On the next day, 27th May, we had our Swimathon which was well organized by Sue Colyer and helped by the donation of the lanes by Challenge Stadium. Pamela added to the total funds by offering short massages to participants after their swim. The total raised for the Motor Neurone Disease Association was in excess of \$3000. A wonderful result.

Our 1500m event was on 9th June and while numbers were down on last year it was still well patronized and we thank Bill Woodhouse for his organization, as well as Jackie Egan and Robyn Wilson for their contribution to the success of this event.

Our 20th Anniversary Dinner, organized by Pat Sugars and her team, was on 16th June and by the time you read this you will have enjoyed the event, read about it in Snappets and hopefully purchased a copy of Snappers' Score, produced by the history committee under the guidance of Barry Green. Thank you to Sue Colyer for her final editing and to Pamela Walter for her cover design. We were fortunate in obtaining a special grant from MSWA that covered the printing of this publication, which was launched at the Dinner. Further copies are available from Barry Green.

Lynda Joachim, our inaugural President and Life Member, flew from the Gold Coast in Queensland to join us for the Dinner. Thanks to Barry and Helen Green for being such wonderful hosts to her while she was in Perth.

Eleanor Parsons and Suzanne Shilling are currently in Italy competing in the FINA World Masters Swimming Event and have swum PB's and achieved wonderful results.

All the best in the pool,
from Julianne Crowley

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Birthdays

July

1 July Elizabeth Edmondson
2 July Ruth Mills
4 July Colin Beaton
16 July Leon Musca
22 July Merylyn Burbidge

August

3 August Patrick Cooney
4 August Wyvern Rees
4 August Margaret Watson
14 August Ken Bruce
14 August Mark Barlow
26 August Pat Byrne



Congratulations to Merylyn and Patrick who celebrate Big 0 birthdays and to Merle who celebrated her Big 0 in May.



ILFW Improves Like Fine Wine Award May 2012

Cas Brown has received the Award for her improved swim times both at the State Masters Swim Meet in Bunbury and at the Nationals Masters Swim Meet in Adelaide where she swam five PABs (Personal Age Best) and two Best for 2012. This is a fine achievement. The accompanying photo on the Leeuwin illustrates Cas' accomplishment in another area!

Founding Members

20th Anniversary of Stadium Snappers: We celebrate our 20th Anniversary this June and acknowledge the five founding members who are still active members: Hazel and John Christie, Audrey Wren, Nomai Jago and Doris Kimber. Stand by for more news on the 20th in the next issue!

Certificate of Commendation

Congratulations to **Elizabeth** who received the **Certificate of Commendation** for her services to Snappers from the Council of Clubs. Club Captain Bill presented the Certificate to Elizabeth at Challenge.



Western Australian Aerobic Swim Champions for 2011

Stadium Snappers participate generously in the distance swims and are very pleased to be awarded the 2011 State Aerobic Trophy for the second consecutive year. We have timers and recorders that give freely and encouragingly of their time as well as swimmers who challenge themselves to do their best in whatever distance they can manage.

Nationally, Snappers came 5th, which is a very good outcome for Western Australia. The final figures are still awaited and as soon as the detailed results from each State are received they will be available online at the MSA website. President Julie accepted the Trophy on the behalf of all Snappers on the Awards Night.



1500m Event Sat 9th June

Meet Director Bill Woodhouse commended the participants, timekeepers, recorders, registrars, helpers and officials, thanking them for their contribution in making the 1500m a smooth-running and successful event. A total of 23 Masters swam Freestyle and 5 swam Breaststroke so the event was completed in about two hours. The mild overcast day was a help to both swimmers and officials.

Our Special Thanks to:

- Bernard and Andrew who, as Friends of Snappers, worked on the computer all afternoon and sent our results online;
- Jackie and Robyn for their support in the preparation and running of the event;
- Pat Sugars who co-ordinated the afternoon tea;
- Snappers Timekeepers: Merilyn, Marg Watson, Cas, Anne, Kylie, Jil, Gail, Bill and all others who timed without competing;
- Marshal Elizabeth, Official Pamela, Safety Officer Kim;
- All the 28 swimmers who contributed to the success of the event by officiating both before and after their swim.

Diary Dates

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|---------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Sat 23 June | Club Swim LC | 1pm for 1.30 | Challenge |
| Sun 1 July | BACC SC | 8am for 8.30 | Swan Hills |
| Wed 25 July | Committee Meeting | 7pm | Regent Park |
| Sun 29 July | Distance 400/800 SC | 10am | Leisurepark Balga |
| Sun 5 August | Distance 1500 LC | am | Somerset |
| Wed 12 August | Claremont Relays SC | am | Challenge |
| Mon 20 August | Croquet Day | tba | tba |
| Sun 26 August | Club Swim | 9am for 9.30 | Challenge |
| Sun 2 Sept | BACC SC | 8am for 8.45 | Challenge |
| Sun 9 Sept | Distance 1500 SC | am | Mandurah |

Open Water Swim Season 2011-2012

Julie Crowley and Andrew Wilson were awarded equal first in their age groups and Theresa Elliott came 1st in her age group as well as second overall among the top 20 women.

Barry Green was second in his age group and 7th overall among the men.

Eleanor Parsons and Marilyn Burbidge were second in their age groups and, with Sue Shilling, were ranked in the top twenty female swimmers.



Other Open Water swimmers included Pam Walter, Jackie Egan, Leon Musca, Pat Sugars, Joan Sheppard, Sue Colyer, Anne Edmondson, Sally Gaunt, adding to a total of 16 female and 4 male swimmers.

With our sixteen swimmers, Snappers scored:

- 4th in the Combined Average Points,
- 5th in the Combined Points Score and
- Our average was 33.31 points per person.

Pamela Walter officiated at some of these events and will go on to improve her qualifications and supervised experience. Congratulations to every swimmer.

Rottneest Channel Swim



Snappers were represented in the Rottneest Channel Swim by our solo swimmer Leon Musca who did a PB time of 5hrs 19min, despite a badly injured shoulder. Leon is pictured centre.

The team of four, ERGS Express, made up of Eleanor, Robyn, Gail and Sue, swam a time of 6hrs 7 mins.

Andrew Wilson's team, 'Happy to Make it', swam 6hrs 26mins, good preparation for Andrew's plan to swim solo eventually. Andrew is pictured on the right. Beng is pictured on the left.

Club Swim Results 12th May 2012

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| Merilyn Burbidge | BA100 | PAB50; | FR50 | PAB50 |
| Hazel Christie | FR100 | PAB50/CR50; | FR50 | PAB50 by 5 sec/CR50 |
| Theresa Elliott | BU100 | PB50 by 2 sec | | |
| Carmen Harrison | FR100 | PB by 6 sec | FR50 | best since '05 |
| Carmen | BA50 | inaug 50 | | |
| Sally Gaunt | FR100 | PB by 15 sec | FR50 | inaug 50 |
| Sally | BR50 | inaug 50 | | |
| Joan Sheppard | FR100 | inaug 50 | FR50 | inaug 50 |
| Joan | BR50 | inaug 50 | | |

Thanks to Pamela for this report.

National Masters Swimming Championships in April 2012

Eight Snappers swam in the Nationals in Adelaide: Pat Sugars, Cas Brown, Robyn Wilson, Sue Shilling, Kim and Geraldine Klug, Eleanor and Gail Parsons. They returned with glowing praise for the Adelaide venue and enough medals and points to rank Snappers second in the Western Australian list of participating clubs.

There were lots of good news stories: Eleanor ranked 2nd in her age group with Gold in her 100FR, three Silver for her 50FR, 200FR and 400FR, then two Bronze for her 200 IM and 800FR. Ranking 3rd in her age group was Pat Sugars who came home with a gold medal and two bronze medals.

Robyn won a gold for 400 IM, silver in 800FR and gold in the relay.

Sue came 4th in her 200 IM and swam eight PBs. Kim swam seven PBs and Gail placed 6th in her 200 IM. Cas swam some PABs and Geraldine placed 5th in her 50BA, 50BR and 100BR.

Well done to each swimmer.

FINA World Masters Swimming Championships

Eleanor Parsons and Sue Shilling competed at the FINA World Masters Swimming in Riccione, Italy. Being dual members of Claremont Masters Club, with twelve Claremont members, they were given a chance to swim in a relay. Eleanor swam in the 160-199 Freestyle Relay, which came 12th out of 48 teams. Sue swam the Butterfly in the 160-199 Medley and that team came 14th out of 42 teams.

Both Sue and Eleanor swam many PBs.

Sue swam 100 FR and came 39th out of 101 swimmers; in 50BU she came 30th out of 56; in 50FR Sue came 41st out of 118 swimmers; in 200 IM she ranked 42nd out of 60; and in 400FR she came 27th out of 65 swimmers.

Eleanor swam 100FR and came 4th out of 52 swimmers; in 200FR she was 9th out of 49; in 50BU she was 20th out of 40 swimmers; in 50FR she was 8th out of 76; and in 400FR she was 9th out of 32 swimmers. From G.Klug

Massage Fund Raiser

Until 30th June: Full body Massage experience for \$50 offered to all Snappers by Pamela, our qualified masseur.

Fund Raiser: Half the proceeds will be divided between Snappers and MNDA. Thanks Pamela.

Times: Wednesday after swimming or during the weekends by appointment.

Bookings: appointment via Pamela's email:

pjdesigns@aapt.net.au



Golf Champions



On a very windy day on a Monday in May, twelve golfers, or would-be golfers, gathered at Wembley golf complex to play for the Simpson Trophy. We played a different nine holes to where we usually play and it definitely had more hills and tested the fitness or lack of from some of the players. We had to call in four players who were not members of Snappers to make up the number to twelve players and we thank those people.

The winners on the day, by only 0.2 of one stroke, were Don Lane, Bill Woodhouse, Audrey Bullough and Ken Bruce. Runners Up were Geoff Barnard, Wanda Woodhouse, Ursula Maitland and Geraldine Klug who were awarded the Somes Trophy. Thanks to Pat Sugars and Don Lane for their organisation. From Geraldine Klug

Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings

Saturday 26th May at Home Base Subiaco started with a frosty 3 degrees when the tent was being set up and supplies unloaded. The temperature gradually rose to a sunny 23 degrees so that many Bunnings customers were lured into the warm sunshine then drawn by the delicious aroma of sausages cooking.

The blackboard advertised Snappers Masters Swimmers and Elizabeth came along to hand out leaflets, to engage people with her promotional chat about swimming and to keep a tally of sausages sold. We met Rottneest swimmers and a variety of other sports people, plus one skateboarder who bought his drinking water, skated off, and returned after his skate for his sausage.

The sausages and buns were excellent and one particular consumer gave a rating of 11 out of 10. We sold over 370 sausages and even had to close a bit early because both our bakers had run out of buns! The drinks also sold well with additional Cokes being purchased.

Special acknowledgement goes to our 'Snapper Friends' Pauline, David, Wanda and Michael who worked generously and cheerfully to help make the day a success. All the Swimming Snappers appreciate your support and thank you.

Rough calculations estimated that we made a profit of just over \$700!!

We acknowledge the Sizzle Sub-committee and the team leaders for their contributing efforts toward this tremendous result and we all enjoyed our time in the tent as a newbie at a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

Marg Watson has taken this picture of the 11am team ready to hand over to Wanda, a member of the 1pm Tea



Goggle might have seen:

- Maurice Tonkin passing our cage recently and remarking that he had been a member of Snappers very early on and thought he still held records. This turned out to be true: his records in the 40-44 age group, set between 1992 and 1994, still stand in Back and Free. Well done Maurice.
- Peter Williams forgoing a football match and gallantly turning up to time-keep at Snappers' 1500 Swim Event but in vain because there weren't enough stopwatches to go around. Peter's spirits soared when he got home to find that the Dockers had won!
- Nobody at training on Tuesday 12th June. Well, there was a thunderstorm warning current, with the likelihood of damaging winds and hail.
- Former member Cathie Plowman's husband David's services to child migrants and higher education being recognised with an AM; Congratulations David.
- Masters Swimming WA Life Member Kay Cox's service to the sport of swimming being recognised with an OAM. Congratulations Kay.
- Mary Williams, our second claim member from Malvern, swimming with Snappers during her brief visit for celebrations with her City Beach grandchildren. She has returned to Melbourne to help with preparations for the birth of twin grandchildren.
- Snappers Support Guys pictured at the Swimathon for Motor Neurone Disease.



Goggle definitely heard:



- A reminder from the Health Official for swimmers to be sure to warm up before entering the water; please arrive early and take responsibility to stretch and bend to avoid injury.
 - Assistant Treasurer Pat Byrne, who has served us with diligence and consistent cheerfulness, is training Helen Green in the skills of handling money, writing receipts and answering financial queries at the afternoon session. .
 - Club Clothing order has been sent in, so that those awaiting orders will receive them soon and Marg Watson will answer all queries.
 - Marg Somes' plea for more recipes. She is looking to include Handy Kitchen Tips so put your thinking caps on. What works for me! Then share it with Marg.



2012 Swimathon Tally

On Sunday 20 May 2012, 13 Snappers swam various distances to complete a total of 34 kilometres in 7 hours. The early starters were Pamela Walter (5k), closely followed by Kim Klug (3k/1 hr) and Gail Parson (3k/1 hr). Popular distances were the 3000m and 1 hour as swimmers ticked off those swims in their Endurance 1000 program.

Marg Somes added some variety with 400m Backstroke, Breaststroke and 800m Freestyle. Pat Sugars made a strong comeback in a one hour Backstroke after some time out of the water – a brave swim. Marilyn Burbidge, likewise swimming

Backstroke, completed 3000m. While Cas Brown swam another strong one hour Freestyle, as did Julianne Crowley for her ½ hour swim. Theresa Elliott and Sue Colyer swam stroke for stroke their 3000m/1 hour swims. Barry Green, suffering with the onset of a cold, was last swimmer to finish with Backstroke.

Two other notable efforts require special mention: Sally Gaunt's first Swimathon of 800m Freestyle, and Bill Woodhouse completing his first 3000m Freestyle. Well done swimmers.

As we include the warm up and cool down distances, those mathematicians amongst our readers may think that the total swim distances "don't add up"! But they do!

Many thanks go to Geraldine Klug, Elizabeth Edmondson, Helen Green and Michael Crowley who were on deck for timing and support.



Special thanks go to Pamela for her initiative to offer massage to Snappers and other pool users – the \$5 for a short massage added to the collection tin with a total of about \$100. This massage venture proved to be a popular attraction.

The final financial outcome of all the sponsorship raised is expected to be over \$3000. The announcement will be made at the Snappers' 20th Anniversary dinner and a Snappers cheque, representing the sponsorship, will be sent to the President of the Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation to make the annual Swimathon another successful event.

Sue Colyer

Thanks to our contributors: Julie, Sue, Jackie, Geraldine, Pat, Mark, Marilyn and Pamela. Comments and advice are always welcome. Some items have been held over until next week and will be included in a July issue with photos and contributions from the 20th Anniversary Dinner. Please send material to elliott.theresa@johnxxiii.edu.au