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MELVILLE AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

MARLIN OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY was Anne Hitchen (the recorder herself!) with 16 points, followed closely by Andrew Toogood with 14 points, Laurie Hunt 13 points and a tie for 4th position - Pam Walker and Beth Trainer with 12 points. Congratulations Anne.

COMING EVENTS

- 19-20th May - Masters Swimming WA State Swim www.aussiwa.com.au
23-26th Aug - Mildura Masters Games a.erskine@hotkey.net.au
5-14th Oct - Australasian Masters Games in Adelaide www.AustralasianMasters.com
5-13th April 2008 - Port Pirie State Masters Games www.portpiriemastersgames.com
17 - 25th April 2008 - World Masters Swim in Perth www.2008finamasters.org for more details
10-18th Oct 2009 - World Masters Games in Sydney www.2009worldmasters.com

SOLO CHANNEL SWIM

Congratulations to **Pierre Chambel** for swimming solo to Rotto on Saturday 3rd March. He and another swimmer were unable to enter the 'Splash' swim and so did it on their own with appropriate support crew and permission from the Channel Swim officials – he has the number plates to prove it!

SPLASH SWIM TO ROTTO

Dave Reynolds did a solo swim and completed it in 8hrs 40mins. He wasn't very pleased with how he looked in photos of himself at the finish, but was looking great by the next club night. Congratulations Dave.

AND from "**The Flamin' Smiths**"

We finally met the challenge and completed the Freo Splash Channel Swim in 7 hrs.

We had excellent weather conditions, except for the strong easterly breeze in the morning. Alan did a great job paddling for the first 2 ½ hours in quite difficult conditions coping with the strong easterlies. As soon as he boarded the boat things rapidly changed for him. Soon he was adding colour to the ocean and spent the rest of the trip curled up in his own little corner of the boat. Luckily Geoff was on hand to take over for the following 4 ½ hours. Well done, guys!

Beth swam alongside mum to keep her heading in the right direction.

After a bite to eat from the Rottnest Bakery we saw "postie" Dave just crossing the line. This made the day more memorable since we were told by the officials he had withdrawn. Great swim Dave!

Thanks to all the club members for your good wishes before the event, this gave us encouragement to succeed.

We would highly recommend the Freo to Rotto Big Splash to anyone who would like to attempt the crossing as it can be done either seriously or just for fun. A great day was had by all.

(Congratulations to Jaki, Amanda, Felicity and Martin Smith and well done to Beth & Geoff Trainer and Alan Potter - See attached photos - I hope!!! Ed.)

2007 DALE ALCOCK STATE OWS SUNDAY 4 MARCH – from Pam Walker

Owing to road works being carried out in the Leighton Beach area this swim was held at Swanbourne Beach. Melville AUSSI was represented by 3 swimmers – Rhonda Maloney, Gordon Medcalf and me, while Peter Maloney was an official and Ivan Martinovich was MC for the after swim presentations. Rhonda and I competed in the 2km swim and Gordon swam in the 1km event which was introduced this year. There were 15 swimming in the 1km event and 109 in the 2km event. The conditions were fairly calm except for the short waves which made it interesting to swim out to the start. Gordon won his age group in the 1km event and I won my age group in the 2km swim plus winning a prize in the

raffle. To mark the end of the race two star pickets were placed in the water with witches hats on them to stop the swimmers skewering themselves. The witch's hats, of course, were being washed off with the swell so Peter placed himself at one side of this line while my granddaughter, Caitlyn, kept the hats on the other picket on the other side

OFFICIALS COURSE – Saturday 10th March

Thanks to Gordon Medcalf and Peter Maloney, and the 10 members who participated, for making this day a very worthwhile one. The new trainees have keenly started building up their officiating times at club night. They will need help and support from time to time from those who have been timekeeping etc. for a long time, like Margaret, Lorna, Kevin, Ossie and others. The more workers we have in the club, the less pressure there is on us all. Keep up the good work trainees! (And thanks to those more experienced people who are helping and advising them)

Details of follow up and repeat Officials courses – from Gordon Medcalf

Another official' course will be held on Sunday 13th May for trainees who want to go onwards to Announcer, Judge of Strokes, Inspector of Turns and eventually Referee. Enrolment forms will be available from club secretary soon.

There will also be another pre-requisite course on Saturday 12th May. This is a repeat of the course that was held on 10th March.

COOGEE JETTY TO JETTY SWIM – Sunday 11th March

What a beautiful day for a swim. Gordon Medcalf and Doug McLean both won their age groups in the 750m swim and Pam's granddaughter, Caitlyn, was closest to nominated time in the 750m swim. There was great discussion at club night about who beat whom and by how many seconds!

MELVILLE AQUATIC CENTRE 5TH BIRTHDAY OPEN DAY – Sunday 18th March

Thanks to Beth, Peter and all of the members who worked hard to make this such a successful day with plenty of aerobic swims being done. Alan Potter did a great job circulating and talking to the public, handing out club info – hopefully we may gain some new members from his efforts.

CLUB GOLF DAY - Sun 25th March – from Anne Hitchen

On Sunday 25th March, 18 wannabee golfers hit the Freo public course for 9 holes of Ambrose golf. After an entertaining nervous 1st Tee off in front of everyone, (ask Peter Maloney how his went) 5 teams competitively drove, sliced, hooked, chipped and putted their way down the fairways with much enthusiasm and laughter and the occasional fantastic shot.

The outright winners of the competition were Captain Gregory Wannabee and his harem of bandits - Carlene, Amanda & Natalie.

Runner-up's were Captain Pete's Pro's - Peter Hau, Julie O'Conner and Rhonda & Pete Maloney.

The NAGA trophy was proudly won by Captain Ivan and his team of Kris Lund, and Julie & Chris Ollier.

The longest drive was won by Amanda & the closest to the pin was won by Anne (Magnificent shot!!)

We finished the afternoon with drinks and nibbles. Everyone won a prize and had a great afternoon.

Hope to see more Marlins swinging clubs with us next year.

2008 WORLD SWIM - PERTH

Register your interest in competing at www.2008finamasters.org

NATIONAL GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR DAY

This is a State Government initiative and the object of it is to get communities caring about each other.

More details can be found via www.osi.wa.gov.au

NEWS FROM THE COACH: (from Gail Bowden)

During the month of March we have been preparing for our **interclub on 1 April**. We wish our swimmers "good times".

We have a dedicated group of swimmers coming along to Wednesday and Saturday coaching. One Saturday, Peter Hau's car would not start. Peter jumped onto his bike and cycled from Vic Park to Melville. Howzat for dedication to swimming!

We are working at improving our times, our strokes and fitness during the coaching sessions. The **BIG SPLASH** was a success for our swimmers. Dave Reynolds made it to the island. The "Smith Family" got to Rotto too. Thanks to both support crew.
Rotto Soloist to add to our ranks: Pierre & Dave. Well done.
XII World Masters Championships 15-25 April 2008 - Perth.
SWIM SMARTER - NOT FASTER

A VISIT FROM THE NEWLY WEDS

We were thrilled to welcome Renee & Dave Goodall to club – hopefully they'll find time to rejoin our club again before too long.

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Margaret and Harry Schulz who celebrated 60 years of wedded bliss on 15th March. Family and close friends helped them celebrate this very happy occasion.

SYMPATHY TO CARLENE AND DOUG

Deepest sympathy to Carlene who tragically lost her sister in the recent cyclone and also to Doug whose sister passed away recently.

OUR OWN INTERCLUB SWIM THIS SUNDAY 1st April

Please arrive at the pool by 8am to help. Warm up begins 8.10am – Swim Meet starts 8.45am. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could help with time keeping and any other job that needs to be done and also with the clean up and packing away when the Presentations have finished.

BE ACTIVE STATE SWIM 19-20th May

Programs and information, with links to enter, available on line now or very shortly. Entries to be done only on line this year by individual swimmers. If you don't have access to internet or credit card facilities ask fellow member to complete your registration/payment.

WORDS AND MEANINGS from Gail Bowden

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.
CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.
COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.
EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.
HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.
INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.
MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.
RAISIN: grape with a sunburn.
SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.
SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.
TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.
TOMORROW: One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.
YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.
WRINKLES: Something other people have. You have character lines.

MORE EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS – from Gordon Medcalf

1. He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room.
2. A prime candidate for natural de-selection.
3. Donated his brain to science before he was done using it.
4. He has two brain cells. One is lost and the other one is out looking for it.
5. Takes her two hours to watch 60 minutes.

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