



Marlins e-Newsletter

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RECORDING by Pam Walker

I have attached the spreadsheet of all Aerobic swims to end of August. Please check to see what swims you have left to score points in the National Aerobic Trophy program. It is too late to start a new stroke but plenty of time to finish your five swims needed to gain points. Of course, instant points can be had by swimming 1500m or more!

AEROBIC SUNDAYS

September 5 and 26 (19 being Open Day for Multiple Sclerosis)

October 3 and 17

November 14 and 28(7 being Somerset BACC)

WA DISABLED SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Doug and I officiated at the WADSA swimming championships on the weekend of 7th -8th August. Well, Doug was there both days doing duty as starter and occasional whistle blower for the 800m events, whereas I was only there for a couple of hours on Saturday pressing the timing backup button. It was an inspiration watching the swimmers, who were mostly young people with a few adults, competing in their events. No disability was too difficult to overcome and they seemed to support each other. After a race as the swimmers passed us and we said 'Well swum' they would smile and say 'Thank you'. Some needed to go straight off to marshal for the next event. The saddest part was the lack of officials both on pool deck and timekeeping. Some lanes had two timekeepers and some had only one. However, the competitors weren't worried as they swam their races. The event was run efficiently and while I was there they were ahead of time. Pat Maslen, General Manager of WADSA, appreciated any help given.

Something for all members to think about next year if you have any time to spare to give to this annual event.

Thanks to Pam for this interesting article!



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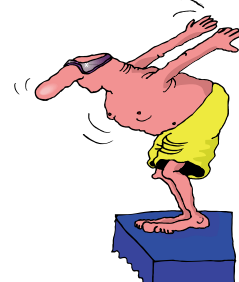
★ **Marlin of the Month – July 2010 and August 2010**

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★ **Congratulations to both Jacky Smith and Peter Clark**
★ **On achieving Marlin Status! Sorry Peter, Nobody sent me a Photo of you in the Funny hat!**



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I thought I would include this as a reminder for people to read the attached documents and give feedback to Rhonda.

From the Pres:



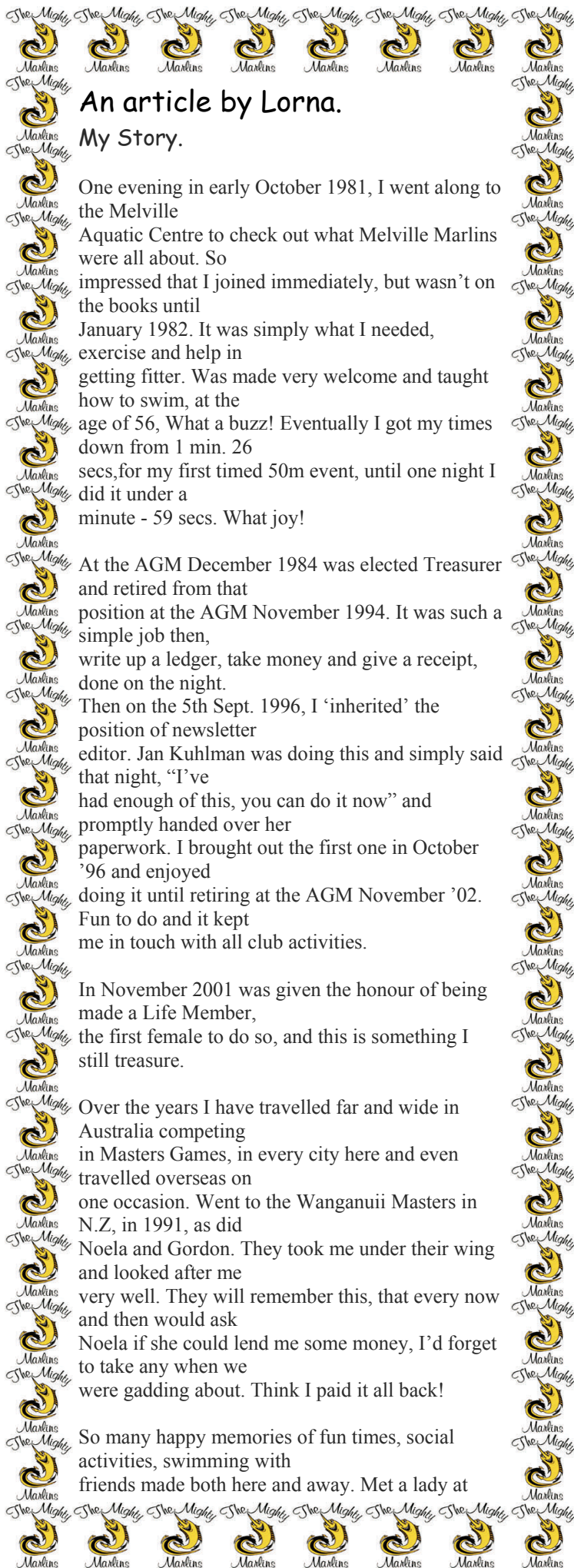
Hi all,
Please find attached a draft of the updated Club Constitution, new By-Laws and a copy of the current Club Constitution. The constitution has been updated to include the change of name (remove AUSSI) and reduce the membership age to 18. The bulk of the draft constitution comes from the model constitution prepared for Masters Swimming Clubs in WA, based on the model constitution linked from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Sport and Recreation. I have highlighted some areas to indicate the type of change.
Yellow = major change
Green = additional information (i.e. not in current constitution)
Blue = changes to current constitution, but no real changes to the intent i.e. there are additional points or the wording is different, but it would not change the way the club operates

There are many other minor changes to the wording throughout the document.

Some other points to note
- as suggested in the model constitution, some items such as membership categories have been removed from the constitution and have been included in the By-Laws. The By-Laws can be approved and changed by the club and do not have to be approved by the Department of Commerce.
- the financial year of the club would be the calendar year, and therefore the AGM would move back to early in the new year (eg Feb).

I understand that it is quite labourious to read, and is full of "legal speak", but please take a look and provide me with any comments (good or bad). We will need to send the proposed new documents to all club members at least 21 days prior to the AGM (we need to set a date for the AGM too - perhaps 21/10). I would prefer to send it out earlier to give all members a chance to comment, but thought it should go to the committee first. If you could get comments back to me by 9/9 it would be much appreciated.

Thanks
Rhonda



**An article by Lorna.
My Story.**

One evening in early October 1981, I went along to the Melville Aquatic Centre to check out what Melville Marlins were all about. So impressed that I joined immediately, but wasn't on the books until January 1982. It was simply what I needed, exercise and help in getting fitter. Was made very welcome and taught how to swim, at the age of 56, What a buzz! Eventually I got my times down from 1 min. 26 secs, for my first timed 50m event, until one night I did it under a minute - 59 secs. What joy!

At the AGM December 1984 was elected Treasurer and retired from that position at the AGM November 1994. It was such a simple job then, write up a ledger, take money and give a receipt, done on the night. Then on the 5th Sept. 1996, I 'inherited' the position of newsletter editor. Jan Kuhlman was doing this and simply said that night, "I've had enough of this, you can do it now" and promptly handed over her paperwork. I brought out the first one in October '96 and enjoyed doing it until retiring at the AGM November '02. Fun to do and it kept me in touch with all club activities.

In November 2001 was given the honour of being made a Life Member, the first female to do so, and this is something I still treasure.

Over the years I have travelled far and wide in Australia competing in Masters Games, in every city here and even travelled overseas on one occasion. Went to the Wanganui Masters in N.Z, in 1991, as did Noela and Gordon. They took me under their wing and looked after me very well. They will remember this, that every now and then would ask Noela if she could lend me some money, I'd forget to take any when we were gadding about. Think I paid it all back!

So many happy memories of fun times, social activities, swimming with friends made both here and away. Met a lady at

Lorna's story is continued over the page.



Wanganui, who invited me to stay with her in Auckland. When I travelled further in N.Z. She did so much for me in that 5 days, would not have seen as much of her country if Jan hadn't taken me so many places. We have visited each other since and still keep in touch.

Finally, out of all I've had done for me, I must say a special "thank you" to Ray for being my chauffeur on club nights. Without his help I would not get my regular Thursday night 'fix' of fitness _ walking to and fro along the pool to do time-keeping - must surely be good exercise, fun and friendship that I have enjoyed with the Mighty Marlins over the last nearly 30 years.

P.S. There must be many members who have great stories to tell of your club days. I'll encourage you all to take up pen and paper (or e-mail) by giving a small prize to the first one who submits a piece and gets it published. Go to it! Maree would be happy to be inundated with your efforts.

Thanks Lorna for you inspirational tale!



Belmont/Maida Vale BACC. (from our illustrious el capitan!)

Melville did well, finishing 3rd with only one point separating us from 2nd. Thanks to all swimmers, I hope you had a good day. The lunch afterwards was certainly very nice, lots of sandwiches and at least 6 crockpots full of delicious (and all different) soups. I think Doug and Evelina also picked up some raffle prizes.

The relays were good fun with both girls relays winning, as well as one of the boys. These were ably anchored by Carlene and Eddie and Doug. Doug, in particular, made for an exciting finish by coming from behind to snatch victory! Unfortunately the anchor in the other boys relay couldn't match it with the opposition, after a fantastic fly leg by Steve P to come from well behind to draw level. I wonder who the anchor was? :(Yes, me! :(

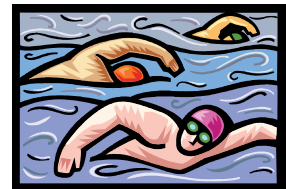
Well done to the many swimmers who came first in their age group, quite a list if you look at the results above. But just as well done to all those who swam. Remember that everyone who swims gains points for the club, and we're all really there to have fun and try for our own personal goals and PBs. I know Margia was very pleased with all her times, well done to her.

I should also mention well done to Maxine and Kate who both swam the 50m Fly leg in the relays, after they had both swum in the individual 100m Fly event. Well done girls.

Lastly a big thanks to Eddie's husband Les, who time kept all day. Thanks Les.

Cheers

Greg



Just keep swimming...

AND NOW FOR A BIT OF LEVITY.....

EVER WONDER

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- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
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- Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
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- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
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- Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
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- Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
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- Why is it that to stop Windows 98, you have to click on "Start"?
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- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid
- made with real lemons?
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- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
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- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
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- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
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- When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?
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- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
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- You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why
- don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?
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- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
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- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
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- If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?
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- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

And that's all folks! Please keep sending your articles to me at mareeh39@hotmail.com
The Ed.

