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MELVILLE AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

MARLIN OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER was Ivan Martinovich followed very closely, by just one point to be exact, by Pam Walker. Congratulations Ivan and keep trying Pam.

COMING EVENTS

- 3rd Feb - Cottesloe to Swanbourne 2200m www.swannysurfclub.iinet.net.au
- 4th Feb - Busselton Jetty Swim 3.7km www.busseltonjettyswim.org.au
- 10th Feb - Leighton Swim 1.6km cduff@iprimus.com.au
- 11th Feb - Mandurah Canal Swim 2.4km kandgphillips@iprimua.com.au
- 17th Feb - Rotto Channel Swim 20km www.rotnestchannelswim.com.au
- 4th March - Dale Alcock Swim 1km/2km www.aussiwa.com.au
- 10th March - Barrett Bunbury Swim 1.6km williambarrettsons@bigpond.com
- 11th March - Coogee Jetty to Jetty 750m/1.5km www.spearwoodaussi.org.au
- 18th March - Geraldton Ocean Swim 1600m ssmith@leoloid.wa.gov.au
- 4th-7th May - AUSSI Masters National Swim in Darwin –
http://www.home.aussimasters.com.au/html/32nd_aussi_masters_national_sw.html
- 23-26th Aug - Mildura Masters Games a.erskine@hotkey.net.au Notice on board
- 5-14th Oct - Australasian Masters Games in Adelaide www.AustralasianMasters.com
- 5-13th April 2008 - Port Pirie State Masters Games www.portpiriemastersgames.com Notice on board
- 17 – 25th April 2008 - World Masters Swim in Perth www.2008finamasters.org for more details
- 10-18th Oct 2009 - World Masters Games in Sydney

ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

\$95 - Due as of 31st **December**

FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING FOR 2007

Held at Rhonda's home 16th Jan. Our new Vice President Larissa Hoskins, chaired the meeting and Lynne Alguire offered to take the minutes for the night. You will be pleased to know that we now have a full committee. New committee people voted in at this meeting are:

President Noela Medcalf
 Secretary Cath Devereaux
 Social Organiser Lynne Alguire
 Publicity/Meet Director Peter Maloney
 Recorder Anne Hitchen (Thanks for carrying on with this position Anne)
 Committee person/C of C delegate Gordon Medcalf

CHEESE & BICKIE ROSTER

Lynne Alguire has made a roster for the first 6 months of the year. Please check the notice board to see when you are due to buy the cheese and bickies and set up and clear away on club night. If the dates next to your name don't suit you, please arrange to swap with someone else.

NEW YEAR DAY SWIM AND BBO

25 people enjoyed a beautiful morning at Cottesloe beach. We had 6 ex members join us – Roy & Betty Weir, Margaret Thomas, Yvonne McNab, Renee Dallimore and Dave Goodall. Dave & Renee were married on 13th Jan and we send our very best wishes to them both for a very happy future together.

A PRIZE FOR ANNE

Anne Hitchen was the lucky winner of a prize for January, from the pool. She won a voucher for the pool shop, a towel, bag, hat and water bottle. You too can enter the competition – just ask Anne how.

WELCOME BACK TO KRIS LUND

It's great to see Kris back from USA. We have missed her cheery personality and big smile. Welcome also to her sister Natalie who she brought along to club.

COTTESLOE CLASSIC MILE – Sat 13th Jan. (from Doug McLean)

Only two members attended which was disappointing (Pam Walker and Doug McLean). It was a beautiful morning with a slight ocean swell. A record number of swimmers attended. They had introduced a new system of automatically recording the finish. Each swimmer had an electronic device attached to the leg near the ankle. When you are finished and walk across a special mat you are timed. Gone are the biscuits and long queues in the sun. The prize presentations were held at 10am which was not bad considering that the race started at 8.30am. An ex member, Rita Blom, won her age group which was no surprise.

PRESENTATION FUNCTION – Sunday 21st January

35 members and families gathered at Heathcote to enjoy a very relaxing evening and to congratulate those who earned an award for the year of 2006. Rhonda presented the trophies. Thanks again to Rhonda and Peter for buying and organising the lovely trophies. I hope no one turned up late for the presentations and didn't find us. When we arrived it was very hot, windy and crowded near the playground and so we decided to go to the other side of the buildings in the shade. Noela and I stood at the entrance until 7pm directing everyone to where our group was and then kept checking the playground area for some time in case anyone had arrived unnoticed. Unfortunately many of the winners were not present, which was a shame.

Club Points Trophy

These points come from the 1st event "MARLIN SWIM" each club night.

<u>Men</u>	1 st	Martin Smith	117 points	<u>Women</u>	1 st	Larissa Hoskins	126 points
	2 nd	Karl Ross	73 points		2 nd	Amanda Smith	98 points
	2 nd	Doug Mclean	73 points		3 rd	Felicity Smith	93 points
	2 nd	Ivan Martinovich	73 points				

Marlin of the Year Award

This perpetual trophy was donated by the City of Melville and is presented to the overall club points winner. (The winner also receives a 'Marlin of the Year' Badge)

Winner: Larissa Hoskins

Aerobics Awards

<u>Men</u>	1 st	Peter Hau	354 points	<u>Women</u>	1 st	Rhonda Maloney	390 points
	2 nd	Colin Jefferson	245 points		1 st	Julie O'Connor	390 points
	3 rd	Sean O'Shaughnessy	115 points		2 nd	Teresa Phillips	138 points
					3 rd	Noela Medcalf	116 points

Nancy Davies Trophy

Awarded to the swimmer who swims closest to their nominated time at Swim-thru Rottnest

Winner: Rhonda Maloney (Exact time)

President's Trophy

Awarded to the swimmer who swims closest to their nominated time at the Coogee Jetty to Jetty Swim

Winner: Anne Hitchen (2 seconds slower)

John Devereaux New Member Encouragement Trophy

Awarded to a member who has joined in the last year or so and has become a valued club member. It is hoped that it will encourage the member to continue their involvement with the club. As always it was a hard choice, as there were several worthy recipients.

The award for 2006 goes to Julie O'Conner

Marlin of Mediocrity

This award was donated by Peter Maloney to recognise those swimmers who have not reached the pinnacle of success over the past year, but have done enough to be more successful than at least half the club. It is calculated from club points and aerobic points.

Winner: Beth Trainer

20 Year Badge

One member joins the elite 20 year club this year - Peter Maloney

SCARBOROUGH 2KM SWIM – Friday 26th Jan

Pam Walker was our only swimmer in this event – she has been very busy participating in Swim-thrus this season! Keep up the good work Pam. By the way, she was the winner of her age group as well.

MEMORIAL SWIM & BBQ – Sunday 28th January

IT WAS HOT!!! The weather obviously discouraged many people from travelling to Rockingham for this swim but there was a lovely breeze and we still had 12 people competing for the trophy for closest to nominated time. Another 17 watched and splashed in the water to keep cool. It was great to have newer members, Pam and her granddaughter Caitlyn, and Dan and Caroline with their 2 children, join us for the first time and also some ex members of our club. After the fun & games on the beach we all enjoyed a relaxing BBQ and chat under the big shady trees at Noela and Gordon's nearby holiday home. Gordon and Noela have been hosting this swim since 1990 (according to our History book) and put a great deal of time and effort into making it such a friendly and enjoyable day. We can only say A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to you both once again. After the minutes silence to remember those members who have passed away over the years, the results were read out and the trophy, chocolate medals and flowers were presented. The results were very close this year with most coming within a minute of their nominated time. The place getters were Gordon Medcalf (just 2 seconds out) 1st, Pam Walker (very close) 2nd and Doug McLean 3rd.

COACHING UPDATE (from Gail)

For the month of January, we have been coached on Wednesday evenings by Peter Maloney. Peter has worked us hard and relentlessly. We have all benefited from his sessions. We are fortunate to have a coach of Peter's standard as one of our AUSSI Melville members. A Big "THANK YOU" Peter for coaching us.

FUN AND FESTIVITY FOR 2007 (from Lynne Alguire - Social Organiser)

A range of social events are in the planning stages.

All Year

A reminder that on the 1st Thursday of each month there is the traditional *Hearty Meal* which commences at 8.15 pm in the Meeting Room. This is a great opportunity to keep in touch with fellow swimmers while munching on a plate of food.

January

This is a busy month. Already there has been the New Year's Day Swim at Cottesloe, the Presentation Ceremony at Heathcote and the Memorial Swim at Rockingham.

There are many open water swims in January – look out for club members at these events!

February

Another busy month for open water swimming. It is Valentine's Day this month – come and be surprised at a Thursday Club Night!

March

The Coogee Jetty to Jetty Swim (11th March) is a great get-together and club members are encouraged to enter this event. You have the choice of swimming 750m or 1500m. A breakfast is served or simply bring your own and enjoy the surrounds. Look for a club member with paper and pen (usually Cath Devereaux) and have your nominated time recorded. There is a club trophy for the swimmer closest to their nominated time! Entry forms will be at the club in February or keep checking the AUSSI WA website.

April

April 1st is our Interclub! It is a case of all hands on deck during the event and is followed by a luncheon. Melville AUSSI is renowned for holding a well run carnival and for the hospitality afterwards. Let's contribute generously when the Meet Director calls for people to help out and the catering arrangements are known. Club members usually donate a 'loaf of sandwiches'.

ROTTNEST CHANNEL SWIM

We all wish those people swimming the Channel in Feb. good luck. We hope the weather is kind to you and your paddlers.

EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS (from Gordon)

1. "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has started to dig."
2. "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
3. "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
4. "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."
5. "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts the better."
6. "A gross ignoramus – 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."

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