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MELVILLE AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

MARLIN OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER was Felicity Smith – another extremely close result. Congratulations Felicity. Just for the record – those who have already won Marlin of the Month awards this year are:

January - Martin Smith	February – Larissa Hoskins	March – Rhonda Maloney
April - Doug McLean	May - Karl Ross	June - Peter Maloney
July - Julie O'Connor	August - Carlene Davidson	September – Amanda Smith
October - Anne Hitchen	November – Felicity Smith	

COMING EVENTS

Sun 21st Jan - Presentation Function – Start 6.30pm – Heathcote Picnic area
Sun 21st Jan - Perth Swim thru (in river)
Fri 26th Jan - 2 km Australia Day Swim at Scarborough Beach
Sun 28th Jan - Memorial swim and BBQ at Rockingham beach – Start 10am sharp
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
? April 2008 - World Masters Swim in Perth
10-18th Oct 2009 - World Masters Games in Sydney

COACHING NEWS FROM GAIL

Peter Jamieson coached Melville AUSSIs on the 29 November for the last time.

Peter is retiring from coaching. He will be taking the Juniors till January, and then we probably won't see him any more. Karl is arranging for Paul Robbshaw to coach Wednesday evenings. We have had Paul a couple of times filling in for Peter.

The group of Wednesday night swimmers were able to give Peter a 'gift voucher' for Bunnings and a soggy, wet card. Peter was grateful and said it would come in handy. (The gift voucher, not the card!) Felicity managed to empty a swim cap full of water all over Peter. Geoff Gomez, Jaki and Teresa did a great job in organising the present. Lots of people willingly made a donation to Peter's present - it was lovely to see

KOOMBANA BAY SWIM – 26th Nov (from Pam Walker)

There were 75 swimmers and the conditions were fine. The winners were those closest to their nominated time in each age group male or female. As my time was 2m11s faster than my nominated time I was well out of the prizes. However, it was a good day and I once again met up with friends from Mandurah AUSSI. The Bunbury Stingers did well to run the event as their membership is very small.

AGM – 7TH DEC

It was disappointing that more people didn't volunteer to go onto the committee, but wonderful to have some new faces in Larissa, Julie, Gail and Alan. PLEASE think seriously about taking on one of the vacant positions. If you are not sure what some of the positions entail, please ask. There will be plenty of help and support if you are willing to "Give it a go"

A great big THANK YOU to the retiring committee for all they have done for the club over the past 12 months.

COMMITTEE FOR 2007

President	-	Position Vacant
Vice President	-	Larissa Hoskins
Captain	-	Rhonda Maloney
Vice Captain	-	Julie O'Connor
Secretary	-	Position Vacant
Treasurer	-	Natalie Kirby
Fitness Director	-	Position Vacant
Coach	-	Gail Bowden
Membership Officer	-	Alan Potter
Publicity Officer	-	Position Vacant
Recorder	-	Position Vacant
Newsletter	-	Cath Devereaux
Social Organiser	-	Position Vacant
Aerobics	-	Beth Trainer
Safety Officer	-	Sean O'Shaughnessy/Ivan Martinovich
Committee Person	-	Ray Mottram

ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

\$95 - Due 31st December

ROTTO SWIM THRU – Saturday 2nd Dec

I know it happened and a lot of our members swam it!!!! Maybe it was because it was so close to the Resolve Swim I didn't receive any reports on it???

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Kristine Thomas and her husband Russell had a beautiful little girl, Sophie Ellouise, on 4th December. Congratulations to you both. Congratulations to the proud grandparents as well, Jan and Bob Dunstan.

1,600M FREO SWIM THRU – Saturday 9th Dec (from Nancy Davies)

Four members swam in this event – Nancy Davies, Martin, Jaki and Felicity Smith. (Amanda swam along with her Dad) Martin won a spot prize and Nancy was closest to nominated time (5 seconds) in her age group.

RESOLVE RIVER SWIM, BICTON JETTY, Sunday Dec 10th (from Bob Dunstan)

Thank you to everyone involved in the Resolve River Swim. This is AUSSI Melville's major fundraising event and an opportunity for the club to contribute to the community through a donation to charity and through a contribution to the open water swimming program in Western Australia.

An event like this doesn't happen without as lot of people being involved. I want to thank my hard working committee of Peter Maloney who looks after everything on the water and without whom this event would just not take place; Alison Knibbs whose outstanding efforts raised \$2,000 in cash sponsorship to guarantee the financial security of the event and over \$3,000 worth of prizes; to Gail Bowden who worked so hard to double the entry numbers from last year and earned

many compliments for 'a well promoted and publicised event'; to Jan Dunstan who picked up the roles of Secretary and Treasurer and negotiated/designed the T shirts and filled in for me on the off days; to Sean O'Shaughnessy who initially looked after the land-based activities and Alan Potter who filled in when Sean became unavailable due to family commitments. I want to also make special mention of Rhonda for coordinating the results and Rita, as always, for ensuring the catering activities went smoothly. To the many helpers and officials from outside the club, again thank you. We have already passed on our appreciation to Resolve Financial Solutions and our other sponsors.

To those members of the club who pitched in and helped, many from a dark 5am on the day, thanks to each of you. To those who didn't help and in some cases clearly didn't support the event, it was noticed. I trust you will reconsider, as part of being a club member, getting involved next time. This swim was undoubtedly our biggest yet and I'll provide a full report when final details becomes available. But we know we had 167 entrants and have raised in excess of \$5,000 for the club and for charity.

'The best-laid plans of mice and men don't always go according to plan' and 'Murphy' was very active on the day. But all in all we ran a good event that received lots of compliments on the day and since. Well done AUSSI Melville.

FAREWELL TO RITA BLOM

Rita has decided that after 28 years in our club she is going to resign and concentrate on her ocean swimming. She was presented with flowers at club night on 14th Dec. and Captain Ivan thanked her for all she has done for the club over those years. We will certainly miss her and her fabulous catering skills which she gave us another taste of on that evening with a beautiful Christmas spread. We wish her well in the future.

AND TO JAN AND GREG ADAMS

We were sad to receive resignations from Jan and Greg who have both been hard workers in the club since they joined. Jan was a very good committee person and Greg spent hours time keeping and generally helping out with sorting cards, packing things away, etc. We wish them well in the future and hope they enjoy many more years of travelling.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Sunday 17th Dec.

31 enjoyed a very pleasant time at the Runway Bar/Café. The food was plentiful and delicious and the surroundings were quiet, spacious and scenic – we even watched Santa Claus take off and land!!! The 'Belly Dancers' donated 4 lucky prizes, and as luck would have it, the four winners were all men! – Grant, Kevin, Gus and Peter M were the lucky ones. NO! Their prize wasn't a private demonstration of Belly Dancing – but believe me they got an even better prize– chocolates and wine!

NEW YEAR DAY SWIM AND BBQ

Start the New Year by joining with your fellow members and families for a swim (for those who wish) **at 8am, followed by a BYO everything BBQ breakfast at the Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club.** Meet on the beach just below the Surf club. We hope to see you and your family there.

PRESENTATION FUNCTION – Sunday 21st January

2006 Trophies are to be presented **AT HEATHCOTE PICNIC AREA, NEAR THE PLAYGROUND.** This will be a **BYO everything BBQ or picnic**, whichever you prefer, and it will **START 6.30PM.** This will be a family event and we hope to see as many as possible there. Bring along your chairs or blankets and a table if you need one.

MEMORIAL SWIM & BBQ – Sunday 28th January

Held at Rockingham Beach, near the jetty. Start of swim 10am SHARP. Come early to get a parking spot.

This is an 800m swim with a trophy being awarded to the swimmer closest to nominated time, followed by lots of fun and games (and cheating) on the beach. We then go to the nearby holiday home of Noela and Gordon Medcalf, 19 Fourth Ave, Shoalwater Bay for a **Bring Your Own Everything BBQ** on the lawn, followed by a game of Bocci. The Medcalf's kindly organise this fun FAMILY day for the club every year to remember those members who have passed away and also for ex members to come along for a reunion and to meet current members. It's a very relaxing and enjoyable day and everyone is made very welcome. **It would be great to see some of our newer members and their families joining us this year.**

A JOKE FROM MARTIN

Two brooms were hanging in the closet and after a while they got to know each other so well, they decided to get married. One broom was, of course, the bride broom, the other the groom broom.

The bride broom looked very beautiful in her white dress. The groom broom was handsome and suave in his tuxedo. The wedding was lovely. After the wedding, at the wedding dinner, the bride-broom leaned over and said to the groom-broom, "I think I am going to have a little whisk broom!!!"

"IMPOSSIBLE!!" said the groom broom.

"WE HAVEN'T EVEN SWEPT TOGETHER!"

Sounds like she's been "sweeping" around!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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