



# Marlins e-Newsletter

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## **AEROBICS** by Pam Walker

The end of the year is nearly upon us so all 400m and 800m swims will need to be completed to gain points. Don't forget instant points for the longer swims.

Up until the 30<sup>th</sup> October the points score is 1835. We need another 134 points to better last year's total so KEEP SWIMMING.

## **Fremantle BACC Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011**

Melville was represented by the following 16 members in this event:

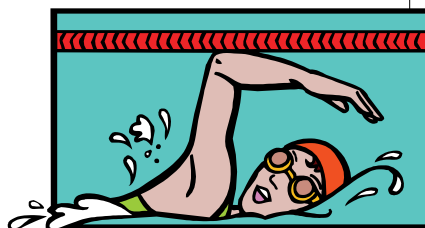
Rhonda, Eddie, Doug, Noela, John, Ivan, Kate, Teresa, Amanda, Kellie, Lyn, Pamela, Felicity, Jo, Peter and Pam.

The day was forecast to be rainy but turned out to be fine, although some clouds kept drifting over. Stalwarts Marg and Lorna turned up to help with the time keeping and Gordon was an official. Ivan and Teresa were successful in the raffle draw each winning a well stocked hamper.

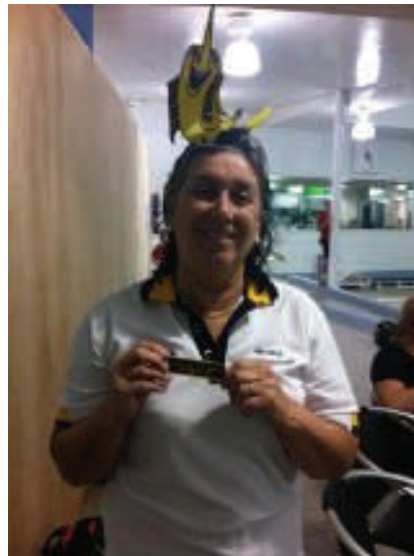
Some very good results were gained but sadly because of overrun of time the Mixed Medley relays were abandoned.

Melville achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 13 clubs.

I learnt that if you sit in the wrong row of seats at marshalling and are not taking notice of the heats going forward that you miss your race!!! Luckily the points missed did not affect Melville's result although there were only 8 points between us and Somerset who came third.



## ★ **Marlin of the Month – For October** ★



Congrats Jaki!



## **Birthdays for November:**

Many happy returns to these people!

Peter Harvey and

Cheryl mCGay



## Swim Thru Rottnest

The club has accommodation booked for the Swim Thru Rottnest for **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** December in the Sergeant's Mess (the house on the hill). Add this one to the diary. **There are STILL 11 places still available.**

See **Maree** to secure your bed! This is usually a fun weekend and a nice protected swim, for those who are not too confident about open water swimming. So why not give it a try!



## From the President:

### Dates to remember:

**Sunday 20 November 2011 - Hella Marine BBB River Swim**  
**Saturday 3 December 2011 - Swim Thru Rottnest**  
**Sunday 15 January 2012 - Memorial Swim and Presentation Rockingham**  
**Sun/Mon 4/5 March 2012 - State Swim Bunbury**  
**Sunday 1 April 2012 - Melville Club Challenge**

### Hella Marine BBB River Swim Sunday 20 November 2011

The day of the BBB swim is fast approaching. This is a major event for the club and we ask that all members are involved in some way. There are a number of jobs prior to and on the day of the swim that need to be filled. One in particular is **paddlers** on the day. Please contact Ivan or Peter M for more information on where you can help. And, of course, we need as many swimmers as possible.



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### The Rockingham memorial Swim

Noela and Gordon would like to advise that they are once again throwing their Rockingham house open for our post Memorial swim BBQ and presentations. It will be on January the 15th 2012. More details to follow closer to the event. Thanks again to Noela and Gordon for their generosity!

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And now for a laugh! (Thanks again John!)

### CATHOLIC HORSES

One day while he was at the track playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt, Mitch noticed a priest who stepped out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race.

Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race.

Before the next race, as the horses began lining up, Mitch watched with interest the old priest step onto the track.. Sure enough, as the 5th race horses came to the starting gate the priest made a blessing on the forehead of one of the horses.

Mitch made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse the priest had blessed won the race.

Mitch collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest would bless for the 6th race. The priest again blessed a horse.

Mitch bet big on it, and it won.

Mitch was elated. As the races continued the priest kept blessing long shot horses, and each one ended up coming in first.

By and by, Mitch was pulling in some serious money. By the last race, he knew his wildest dreams were going to come true. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited the priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on.

True to his pattern, the priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day. Mitch also observed the priest blessing the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag.

Mitch knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag. He then watched dumbfounded as the old nag come in dead last. Mitch, in a state of shock, made his way down to the track area where the priest was.

Confronting the old priest he demanded, 'Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a Kentucky mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings - all of it!'

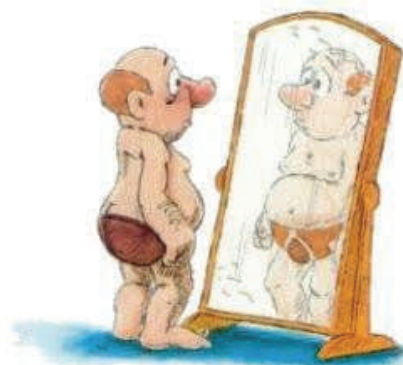
The priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. 'Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you Protestants, you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.'



### GOLF FOR BEGINNERS



And finally.....



*If you look in the mirror  
and see a beer belly,  
bald head, big red nose,  
varicose veins, and a  
complexion like leather,  
..Look on the  
bright side...  
at least your eyesight  
is OK!!*