

Masters' Tattler

Brought to you by members of the New Norfolk AUSSI Masters Swimming Club - March 12th '98

Welcome to Hobart!!

This news sheet will be produced daily for swimmers competing at the National AUSSI Masters Swimming Championships in Hobart this week and their supporters - but we need your input - please share your gossip. Gossip box will be situated outside the recorder's box near the diving pool. Censorship rules will apply!

Firstly, welcome to Hobart, and in particular, welcome to the new Tattersall's Aquatic Centre. AUSSI Tasmania welcomes 435 swimmers from around Australia and overseas. We are hoping that you thoroughly enjoy our hospitality, and we're also hoping that someone will, at this meet, become the first person to create a world record at this pool.

The Tattersall's Aquatic Centre was opened to the public last September, and replaces the old Hobart Olympic Pool, for which many of you will have fond memories. We can assure you it was seen off in great style with a reunion of the "swimmers of the 60's" getting together just before its final moments.

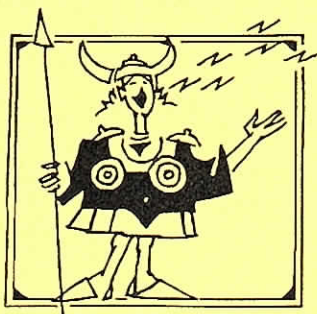
You may have thought that the State closest to the Antarctic would have had such a wonderful facility long before 1997, but we

have made do with our "golfball" over at Clarence for our winter swimming now for many years. So it is with great pleasure that we are now enjoying the warmth and comfort of our new facility, and so we hope you create new PB's at this world class venue.

To wile away the hours between your events, entertainment will be provided on the large screen at the changeroom end of the pool!!!

We are also very close to the main central business district of Hobart, and should you find you have many hours to spend between events, it is within easy walking distance, and could serve as an appropriate cool down, and warm-up for your next event!!

However, don't get lost, we need you back in time to marshal.



What's On Around Hobart:

No Sex Please, We're British

Hobart Repertory Theatre Society, opens Friday 13th March at the Playhouse Theatre, Bookings at Centertainment, Ph 62346 5998.

The Ecstasy of Communication

A Multimedia Maze of Mammoth Proportions, at the Long Gallery, Salamanca Arts Centre 7 pm nightly until 13th March. Ph 6223 5259

Circus Oz

March 11th - 14th
Theatre Royal, Campbell Street, Hobart
Ph 6233 2299

M.V. Cartela Dinner Cruises on the Derwent River nightly, departs Brook Street Pier 6.00 pm, returns 8.30 pm
Bookings 6223 1914

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Exhibition - Tasmanian Art Group - at the Hibiscus Gallery, 5 Ashfield Street, Sandy Bay until March 15th

Mood and Moment An exhibition of watercolours depicting Tasmanian Landscape by Robin Hines at Red Chapel Gallery, 513 Sandy Bay Road, Hobart. Ph 6225 1159

"Works on Paper" Drawings and Prints at the Lady Franklin Gallery, 268 Lenah Valley Road, Lenah Valley.

Local News:

Pauline Samson

These Championships have been put together largely due to the unstinting efforts of our own Pauline Samson. The State's Recorder, Delegate to National AUSSI, and National Technical Director, not to mention flat out teacher, referee, coach and mother also found time to be the convenor of this event.

Our accolades go to Pauline, and all members of AUSSI Tasmania are confident that this swim meet will run smoothly and professionally due largely to Pauline's efforts (and all this without a mobile phone).

Thanks Pauline!!



* * Please check official starting times
* for Friday's session before leaving
* today !!

Social event:

Take the opportunity while you are here to get to know your National Board Members - they will all be attending the forum at the completion of the Thursday's events at the pool. Bash their ears before the AGM on Sunday and Monday.

**WELCOME FUNCTION
AT HOBART VISTA HOTEL, CNR BATHURST
AND HARRINGTON STREETS,
6.30 - 8.30 THIS EVENING**

Words of Wisdom (1):

If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.

Words of Wisdom (2)

Foods eaten for medicinal purposes have no calories - eg hot chocolate, brandy, toast and ice cream.

HOT GOSS!

Which local speedster was recently seen at this venue chatting up the rather nubile daughter of a high profile official at this meet.

Offers of cold flannels were not welcomed!!
"Hands off" says Mum, "I'm much more your type." (Or at least that's what he says!)

Words of Wisdom (3)

When you eat with someone else, calories don't count if you don't eat more ^{than} they do!



Don't miss the opportunity to take home a souvenir of this wonderful event.

On sale at the merchandise stand are polo shirts, wind-cheaters and caps.

- Look out for Sven & Sveness - our local masseuses near the recorder's box - diving pool end!
(Alias David & ~~David~~ Lisa)

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Welcome to Day Two!

You've only got one more chance to spread the news about birthdays, anniversaries, exciting adventures on your travels etc. Remember, the Hot Gossip box is situated in the recorder's room, near the diving pool, so just jot down some notes, and we'll make sure the news is spread.

We all hope you enjoyed the rather warm conditions Hobart turned on for you yesterday. Those who know anything about Hobart will know we can in fact have four seasons in any 24 hour period, so just because it was 34° yesterday, doesn't mean you can leave your jumpers or brollies home tomorrow!

Now, we can get most things right, but hey! no-one's perfect!! Of course the Swimmer's Forum wasn't on yesterday after the races, but then you all knew that didn't you? But don't miss it today - on the grassed area outside (weather permitting). Take the opportunity to meet the National Board Members at this forum - which is open to everyone - is a wonderful opportunity to learn a lot, and to have the opportunity to pass comments about any aspect of Masters Swimming.

It would seem our Governor, Sir Guy Green will be featuring as the pin-up boy of the month after posing with all our medallists from the 200 Butterfly yesterday morning.

And speaking of pin-up boys, welcome back to Hobart to one of our old local teenage heart throbs, Patrick Devine (he'll never know who writes this stuff!) who is now swimming with Malvern Marlins in Victoria.

Patrick has been seen to look at some faces, thinking that they look vaguely familiar, but as yet hasn't popped the question "Don't I know you?"

And finally a very special welcome to our guests from New Zealand, and it's not true that they are only here to re-charge their batteries!!

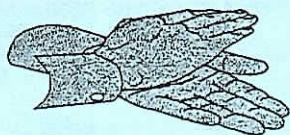
Pan-Pacific Championships

16/10 - 24/10 1999 (dates to be confirmed)

To be held in Perth, Western Australia.

Full compliment of events, including an open water swim if weather conditions are okay. Other disciplines may be invited to take part

Mark these dates in your diaries now!



CONGRATULATIONS

to those swimmers who set new National Swim Records yesterday:

Glenise Gale - Sandy Bay AUSSI - 200m Back 40-44 years

Barry Young - N.Z North Shore Club - 200m Back 55-59 years

Dieter Loeliger - Adelaide Masters - 50m Breast 65-69 yrs

Norma Rudolph - Sunshine Coast Masters

200m Butterfly, 75-79 years

Alan Duffy Ettalong AUSSI

200m Butterfly 65-69 years

Well Done !!!!!

Tips of the Day
**Make friends with non worriers. Nothing can get you into the habit of worrying faster than associating with chronic worrywarts.
**Pollyanna Power! For every one thing that goes wrong, there are probably 10 or 50 or 100 blessings. Count em!

(Arthritis Foundation of Vic - 50 proven stress reducers)

Local News:

What's On Around Hobart:



Don't miss Tasmania's
newest attraction:

Antarctic Adventure
Open in Salamanca Quarry daily

While in Hobart (between
races) trot along to the Royal
Hobart Showgrounds and
catch the
**Interdominion Pacing
Championships**
Finals on Saturday evening

(Nip out between courses at the
Presentation Dinner!)



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Social event:



THE GREAT DERWENT DASH
Nothing to do on Sunday??

Why not enter the Great Derwent Dash.

conducted by the Clarence Swimming Club, being a 1746 metre
swimming from Montagu Bay to the Regatta Grounds.
(ounds vaguely like the old Trans-Derwent for we oldies). You
can enter on the day (\$15), and for more details, contact Dabe Long
on 018 125 974

GET TO KNOW YOUR NATIONAL BOARD
AT THE MEMBERS' FORUM
ON THE OUTSIDE GRASSED AREA
AT THE COMPLETION OF TODAY'S EVENTS.

*Word has it
(from her husband Kit)
that the ground moved for
Di Simons from Adelaide Masters just
prior to the 50m Breaststroke yesterday!*

*Was it a figment of our imagination or
did anyone else hear the Lord Mayor
announce that all parking fines for cars
parked in 2 and 3 hour zones while
attending these championships would be
cancelled?????*

(okay - so we're just kidding - nice try eh??)

Did anyone see what happened to
Carlos Assumpcao at the Welcome Function last night?
Last seen with his feet in the air!

Words of Wisdom (4)

*If you drink a diet coke with a
chocolate bar, the calories in
the chocolate bar are
cancelled out by the diet drink!*

Words of Wisdom (5)

*Broken biscuits have no
calories - the process of
breaking causes the calories
to leak out.*



**Happy
BirtAday**

Best Wishes to
Margie Barrett from
Toowomba AUSSI Masters
who will turn 38 on Sunday
15th March



**Don't miss out on
the souvenir bargains at
the merchandising stall
which will be situated on
the recorder's box side of
the pool during races.**

Organic Mechanic - Massage Therapists

Did you all find our "Sven and Sveness" the
Masseuses (actually better known as Dave and Lisa) who are
available for a massage throughout these Championships in the
rooms adjacent to the diving pool. Reduced rates are now \$15
for ½ hour session or \$10 for 20 minutes. We thoroughly recom-
mend massages, and hope you avail yourself of this opportunity.

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Welcome to Day 3!

That's all folks!!

Oh boy - we asked for the news and we got the news, so here it all is - for your entertainment!!!

Okay - let's start with the best of tattles about our swimmers:

Firstly, there's the story about the President of a New South Wales Club who missed his plane to the Nationals. It seems he was anxiously packing his bag when he decided to check his ticket. To his surprise (and his wife's disbelief) he found he was packing a day late - *his* flight had gone that morning!!

Then there's the teacher from Tattersalls who got caught behind a truck on the way to school. After sitting parked for several minutes, and becoming very frustrated, she finally noticed the board with the diverting arrows atop of the parked truck (You guessed it - a Department of Construction vehicle). How do you feel Ros (See Shane McHenry for more details)

It seems our medal girl/welcoming committee/

multi faceted and multi-talented wonder woman Pauline had a close shave from our local Safety Officer, Bill Stewart. The question has been asked "was she wearing the wrong trousers?" (don't ask me - I only type this stuff!!)

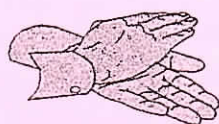
And speaking of Bill Stewart - he was heard to utter, as he placed his hands on the thighs of two young ladies bearing shark tattoos "next time I'm diving, and the fear of sharks comes to mind, I'll dispel it with the lovely image of your sporting thighs!"

It seems one prominent AUSSI National Executive was seen *not* wearing his cap, but it is too late now - June will find out!

And then there's the Darwin Stinger who was in such a hurry to pack that she threw away her new bathers and packed the old "see throughs" (Can you spot her??)

It seems the Groper's are really making an impact around the pool! The Launceston Lemmings are so impressed that they are thinking about starting a Southern division in Tassie. It's understood that hand shaped cut-outs will be handed out at training next week for the Lemmings to iron on their bathers. We understand the original design came about after a rather salubrious evening, and the cutouts are hand made by a member of the Groper Club.

My only disappointment that I've not met one groper in the pool - just my luck!



CONGRATULATIONS

to those swimmers who set new National Swim Records yesterday and Thursday:

400 Individual Medley:

Jenny Whiteley 40-44

■ Susan Cure 45-49

Jen Thomasson 55-59

Norma Rudolph 75-79

100m Breaststroke:

Dieter Loeliger 65-69

Matthew Wright 25-29

Trisha Legg 60-64

Alma Brecknock 80-84

200m Freestyle

Jen Thomasson 55-59

100m Freestyle

Tony Strahan 55-59

Alfredo Cherchi 90-94

200m Individual Medley

Jenny Whiteley 40-44

Gerda Williams 55-59 (albeit briefly)

Jen Thomasson 55-59

Mary Garton 80-84

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Today at the Pool

Fin Swimming Demonstration
by Master Fin Swimmers.

50m Surface Swim - before the 50m Butterfly
50m Breath Hold - after the 50m Butterfly

By 2 visitors from the Ukraine - current European
Champions

Why not join in with your flippers on March 21st at
Clarence Swim Centre - 5.15 pm
Age Groups - 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55 + over,

Contact Helen Lane for more details -
6234 7893 (W)
6243 9212 (H)

HONDA MASTERS GAMES

ALICE SPRINGS

17 - 24TH OCTOBER 1998

"The Friendly Games"

It seems that a couple of
South Australians are get-
ting on particularly well
- romantic walks,
dinners etc are not
going unnoticed!

Question: What do old groper's be-
come when they stop swimming?
Well, it seems that World 1500m
Swimming Champion Frank Griffiths
became 90 years old after his swim-
ming days officially ended last year.
Congratulations on your 90th birthday
Frank! Frank is the Groper's answer
to Kieran Perkins!

*The rivalry between South
Australian Clubs is strong.*

*Adelaide Masters (scorpions)
throw out the noisy frog (Atlantis)
mascot.*



*They really do have a
sting in their
tails!*

Welcome back to Hobart
Nancy Mitchell - don't
miss Friday's story in the
Hobart Mercury.

Remember:

Have an optimistic view of
the world. Believe that most
people are doing the best they
can!

Social event:

WE HOPE ALL THOSE SWIMMERS WHO ARE
ATTENDING THE PRESENTATION DINNER
TONIGHT HAVE A WONDERFUL EVENING
(AND THAT YOUR FLIGHTS OUT ON SUNDAY
AREN'T TOO EARLY!!)

How's This!

Malcolm Stevens, from Toowoomba (in his 70's) was awarded
"Swimmer of the Meet" at a Brisbane Carnival recently.
His trophy was an urn!! The Club doesn't know who the sponsor
was, but Malcolm will look good on the mantlepiece one day!!

*Want to know what you can do
with your relay cards??*

*Well Judy Vassallo from
Trinity used hers to stop her
hotel door from rattling!!*

*Cairns swimmers - do you know
that 2 of your former members
from Tobruk Baths, Kate and
Geoff Hickey are managing the-
Huonville pool, 30 minutes South
of Hobart?*

*Are you a Star Reader
or a star and a read?
Read Paul Wyatt's book on stars
(published by Cambridge and CSIRO)*

*See Paul at the pool at Coogee Randwick
AUSSI Masters
or ph. 0293 898 591 (AH)
or 0293 993 122 (BH)*



**Happy
Birthday**

Best Wishes to
Ted Giblin from Darwin
Stingers who will turn 53 next
Wednesday 18th March

*It seems one
Launceston female swim-
mer went back to her room
for a bit of romance between
events, but it's not what you
think - she's reading a
Danielle Steele romance
novel!!*



AND FINALLY...

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT THE
1999 NATIONAL SWIM IN DARWIN

FROM TUESDAY 11TH - FRIDAY 14TH MAY
OPEN WATER SWIM (WITH CROCODILE INSURANCE) ON SAT 15TH
THANKS FOR COMING TO TASSIE - SEE YOU AT THE TOP END!!!