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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MINI-MEET & PANCAKES

Mini Meet followed by the Treasurer's Shout for a Pancake Breakfast. Come along on Sunday the 29th of April and enjoy a swim, or for those who enjoy a bit of competition either against the clock or their fellow swimmers Stephen Gray and Len Passer will be offering a bit of a challenge from about 8 a.m. A short "mini-meet" will be held so come along and have a go. No extra charge. This will be followed by a demonstration of Len's cooking skill as he "lightly browns" some pancakes to your desired taste! Looking forward to seeing you there!

We intend to run these mini-meets once a month, so just to ensure that those who have trouble getting out of bed on a Sunday morning the 2nd mini-meet will be held on Wednesday the 30th of May.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members; Peta Mason, Bruce Mason, Katrina McNalty, Keri Smythe, Sara Harmsworth, Janet Etchells, Tania Kruger, Anthony Briggs. The club's membership now stands at 66

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held on Sunday the 4th of March. All business was concluded to the satisfaction of all those in attendance and an enjoyable BBQ followed.

The only outstanding business is the need to update our constitution. This has been carried over until our 2008 AGM. It is my intention to have the constitution brought update to date and allow members to vote on the proposed changes. The changes will be in line with those of the QMS and Justice Department.

The new committee is:

President:	Bill Waterhouse	Vice President:	Louie Hill
Secretary:	Stephen Gray	Treasurer:	Vanessa Welke
Registrar:	Nev Bambrick	Captain:	Peter
McMonagle			
Aerobics Recorder:	Lionel Scotney	Publicity Officer:	Rosalie
Lutvey			
Newsletter Editor:	Helen Dunn		



NEW CLUB TOPS

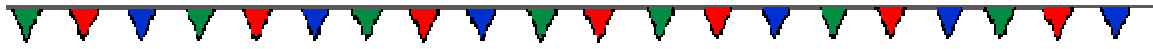
The committee has approved the purchase of a short-sleeved "Canterbury" rugby top as the next club top. A design will be on display at the pool soon. This will only go ahead if we get a minimum of 20 orders. A list will be left on the "sign in" desk and all those that are interested will be asked to put their name down on the list. The expected price is between \$50 and \$70.

WATER BOTTLES

The club is currently ordering a new supply of Tadpole water bottles. As well as providing a bottle to each new member these will be available at \$7.50 each for those existing members who have worn out the old bottle.

STATE CARNIVAL

Anne Todd was our only competitor gaining 3 gold and 3 silver medals. {Well done Anne, Anne was competing against a Scottish past Olympic swimmer.} The news editor forgives you!



BIG TADDIE

The club has recently donated some funds towards the new timing clocks at The Glennie Pool. There has been a positive response from members who have found them easy to read while swimming laps.

Our Vice President is displaying his computer skills by investigating some options for getting our web site up and running again. As some of you may realise it has been out of action for several months but we hope to rectify this in the next month or two. Keep surfing Louie!!!

Following on from last month's report regarding on two of our newer members; Gayle and Wayne have not only been leaving everyone in their wake (s) they have been recording some great times while completing their aerobic swims.

Gayle was so keen the other Wednesday night she completed three 400 metre aerobic swims!

News to hand is one of our newest and youngest members will soon be off the scene for some weeks as she begins her career in the Navy. Good luck Keri. I think Keri is missing the "Lionel Program" already, as reports are the "jaw" exercises seem to be to her liking!!



CAPTAINS REPORT

Well here is my first report since elections. Thanks to all those who supported my election [the checks in the mail] I will endeavour to keep up the level of excellence that the out going Captain Ann set. I would like to thank Ann for her help in easing me into the tasks ahead.

A team of seven swimmers and three supporters attended the Miami Masters annual swim meet on the 27th Feb. A mixture of success from our team with Ann Todd and Steven Gray both taking out their respective age group brackets and we the remaining few doing our best [a number of PB's] to support our winners. The activities in the Tadpoles tent were at least to say a "Riot" but more on that in Taddies Tales a very memorable day was had by all especially the after event dinner.

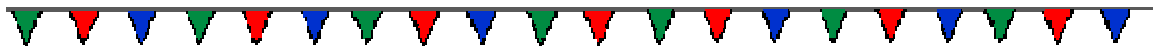
Only two swimmers attended the Albany Creek Carnival [two of our very best performers] on 24th March. Seems there is just too much on some weekends to get to all these events. Ann Todd and Steven Gray performed very well with Ann winning her age bracket and Steve gaining a third place in his bracket. Well-done Tadpoles.

Another quiet achiever within our club is Bob Edwards who competed in the Australian Surf Titles Masters Division in Perth and come home with a 12th place in the open surf race, well done Bob. Tadpoles can swim in salt water too.

Good news from our club committee, a motion was passed to purchase a quick erect gazebo style shelter to replace the present tent which is proving a little heavy and bulky to transport to events as well as feisty to erect if members numbers attending are down. [Ask the team at Miami, "Crikey", what a show that was]. It will also have two shade walls supplied for sun and wind protection and only requires a couple of members to erect.

Good luck to Ann and Beres who will be attending the state titles over the Easter weekend in Bundaberg. I am sure all club members will be with you in spirit.

As many will know "Yours truly" has been absent from the pool for eleven days while attending the World Police and Firefighters Games in Adelaide. This was a chance for Aust. Police and Firefighters to compete against others in these services in nearly all-Olympic sports along with some special work related events. Nearly 9500 competitors attended from 43 countries. Swimming was conducted on the masters system and I was fortunate to score gold in all my events as well as gold in three relays swimming under Queensland Fire banner. Quite a buss.



TADDIES TALES.

"NEWS FLASH" Toowoomba Tadpoles "RIOT" at Miami Carnival.

10 Toowoomba Tadpoles {7 swimmers and 3 unsuspecting supporters} riot over club over club tent "erection". Authorities could do nothing to stop rioters because they were laughing too much, B....Y Tent!!!!!!

Club Secretary Steve had a "near death experience" when the centre pole of the said B....y tent tried t harpoon him during his lunch time siesta.

Our lunchtime entertainment wowed the crowd, "The 306 y.o. Fab Four Beatles" from Toowoomba Tadpoles kept us entertained with a selection of Beatles Classics.

Overheard heated {friendly} debate, "No you're going first", "No you're going first" and so on and on it went. But it's ok just Ann and Cecily deciding who will shuffle off the mortal coil first.

One of the Clubs supporters had a grin a mile wide at the after event dinner, seems he had 2 of the "GIRLS" fighting over who could sit next to him and cuddle up to his legs, lucky there weren't 3 "GIRLS" or Charles would have been in trouble. O! It was only Ann and Cecily up to mischief again.

What was President Bill dreaming about, He spent most of the day either racing or sleepin! With a grin on his face, lucky man.

Seems Ann and Cecily were on the right track for a friendly confrontation all day at Miami, when Ann heard Cecily had missed her 100Fr event, all hell let loose, never a dull minute around the Tadpoles tent.

Vice Captain Ann simply had the pool to herself in the final leg of the 280yo relay, one bright spark commented 'She's only hogging! The limelight", not you again Cecily...



COMING EVENTS.

Host Club	Course	Date	
Noosa Challengers Centre	Long	19/5/07	Noosa Aquatic
Cairns Mudcrabs Pool	Short	26/5/07	Edmonton Swimming
Sunshine Coast Seals	Postal	01/6-31/07/07	State Wide Postal
Nerang Masters Pool	Short	03/06/07	Nerang Swimming
Rum City Masters Academy	Short	10/06/07	Bundaberg Swim
Caboolture Crays Aquatic & Fitness Centre	Short	23/06/07	Burpengary
Twin Towns Masters Point	Long	28/07/07	Oasis Pool Banora
Brisbane Northside Brisbane	Short	26/08/07	Valley Pool
Toowoomba Tadpoles	Short	08/09/07	Glennie Aquatic Centre



Birthdays

Many Happy Returns from all the members to Malcolm Stevens who has reached the milestone of 80 yrs, congratulations; {Malcolm is foundation member of our club which was started for the Nationals in 1983.} We would like to include other members who are having a birthday.

If a Member would like to add to the newsletter please forward to me.

Joke of the day.

Work is the greatest thing in the World
So you should always save some for Tomorrow.



Our President Bill Waterhouse presenting John Bourne with his Certificate & shirt on achieving his 1,000,000 mtr. Swim.



STOP PRESS

To all that that have read this far and realised they have missed out on some pancakes, the editorial staff would like to pass on their humblest apologies for a late running newsletter.

PS: Those pancakes did taste good!

PPS: Mark the last Sunday in June (24th) down in your calendar, I have heard a rumour there could be more pancakes!!