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Masters Swimming NSW

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Monthly News – December 2013



Volunteer of the Month

We had more nominations this month, perhaps due to the increased promotion on Facebook, thank you to all those that took the time to write about a club member.

Volunteer of the Month for November is Marion Dreyer from Ettalong Pelicans Masters.

Congratulations Marion!

Here is a snippet from the nomination:

“This campaign (membership drive) and Marion’s enthusiastic part in it has raised awareness of adult swimming in the district and has already harvested new members. I believe her practical contribution deserves practical recognition.”

Please nominate a member that you appreciate! Simply write a paragraph describing a member’s impact on you or your club and they may win the \$30 Coles Myer gift card. Email your nomination to the Branch office BEFORE the Board meeting each month ie by noon on the Friday before the 3rd Monday (20 January).

Small print- Be aware that the information may be used for publicity purposes.

Sports Development Officer

We hope to have this new position filled early in the New Year. Meanwhile, take some time to think about how this person may assist your club in expanding its activities, reaching out to new people, being more prominent in your community or growing club numbers. What help does your club need?

New Rules

Officials are currently being informed on the new rules that come into force on 1st January. A summary is again attached and clubs are asked to discuss these with all your swimmers whether they compete or not.

Another one to be aware of is that World records will not be recognised at a meet where non-MSA members are swimming. This will not have a large impact on MSNSW as most of our meets are limited to members but do read the flyer fine print if you are a World Record contender.



The end of 2013 is nigh

1. Six clubs in NSW/ACT still do not have their 2014 memberships open for members to rejoin.
2. Club Committee form. Has your club returned this form yet? This is the Branch office’s major resource!
3. Annual Report. Due now.
The Branch AR is archived at the State Library too so a memorable reference document.
4. Nomination forms for Coach of the Year & Official of the Year. This provides recognition of a huge job that we need to appreciate and this is an opportunity to say thank you.
5. Club registration form. An early bird payment of \$40 if received by 31st December! Over half of our clubs have not paid the affiliation fee as of 19 December! This means that YOU may not be eligible to swim at Gosford or have any times recognised for postal swims, endurance swims etc.
6. Top Ten submissions – form attached-are due by 1st January.

Why not ask your club’s position holders if they need a hand right now?

Still to come is the request for your clubs Safety report and Endurance times. These reminders will come out soon so please be ready.

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Officials 100 Club

The Board, in consultation with our officials, has deleted the 100 club for officials. The 100 club for swimmers remains unchanged.

The Consolidated Rules of Competition are being updated to reflect our current procedures, clubs hosting meets are asked to refer to this document, found on the website under the Downloads tab.

Splash-e to be farewelled

From Christmas and for the foreseeable future, we will communicate through the website, Monthly News and Social Media sites only.

I thank Lindy Woodrow from Wett Ones for her tremendous efforts over the last few months in sourcing news, refreshing articles & insights and managing to broaden our views into all things aquatic. Lindy was incredibly open and easy to work with and I'm very sorry to be losing her to the UK. Where will she swim? *Jillian*

Workplace Health and Safety

Safety reports will be requested soon so please give some thought to what your club has been able to implement in 2013 and how many members have achieved or maintained their First Aid or CPR certificates.

Technical Courses

New News! MSNSW is about to launch a competition for clubs to get more technical officials trained up and accredited in the first half of 2014. Details are still to be ironed out but the prizes your club could win include Vorgee gift vouchers for \$100 & \$200!! So, don't hold back-organise your members now to get, at minimum, a timekeeper accreditation in the New Year. Contact DiP on officialtraining@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au to hold a training course on your own pool deck.

Facebook



Do you access Facebook? No? Our 'new look' website has been launched and a list of our recent facebook postings is visible on the home page for all members to be able to keep up to date-yes, even those not on facebook! Without any commitment from you to have a FB page you can keep up to date with all our chatter, and chat we do! So scroll down on our home page and keep up to date.

39th National Championships in April 2014

Have you booked your accommodation in Rockhampton yet? Your flights? Don't leave it any longer or you'll be doing a very looong road trip. Merchandise is available at the MSQ website.

First meets of 2014 in NSW:



18th January Gosford Seagulls Closing date 3rd January



1st January-30 April Wests Auburn Postal swim 5km pool swim, solo or relay



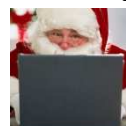
1st February Campbelltown Collegians Closing date 17 January

Attached:

- ❖ 2014 Club Committee form
- ❖ Coach of the Year nomination
- ❖ Official of the Year nomination
- ⊗ Call for Club Annual Reports
- ⊗ Top Ten submission form
- ⊗ Summary of rule changes

 *Merry Christmas to one and all!* 

Jillian Pateman Administrator



The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 20 January 2014. These meetings are open to any member of Masters Swimming NSW. Please notify the branch office by the Friday before the meeting of your intention to join us or of any agenda items you wish to add.