

Hamilton Swim Club Newsletter

Oct/Nov 2005

Dates to remember!

- **Sat 26 Nov Garage Sale**
- **Club night Wed 7 Dec**
- **Hamilton Xmas Meet Sun 11 Dec**
- **Club Night Wed 21 Dec**
- **Waikato Age Group Champs 19-22 Jan 2006**

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Vice-President's Report

It is with some apprehension that I bring news that Gerry Glover, our President resigned last week. With no swimmers in the pool for a little while now Gerry has now decided to move on to other things. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous vision, drive and enthusiasm that Gerry brought to the Club in the Presidents role. If many of us were to cast our minds back 18 months and reflect on the Club's achievements over that time, I am sure you will be reminded of something that Gerry helped to facilitate. While many others have contributed and continue to do so, many are the times that Gerry's leadership and energy has been instrumental in delivering the final results.

Congratulations are once again in order for many Club achievements. A selection of high points for me are:

- Those newer swimmers who participated in the Chocolate Carnival and the Camp – I know that participation in both of these events will have taken some swimmers and parents out of their comfort zones. Congratulations for your participation and I know everyone will have learnt something from that experience.

- Congratulations to those

swimmers who were part of the the team who represented the club at the Spring Meet in Wellington and broke 25 Waikato records. What an awesome achievement - the boys broke 17 age group times and 3 open times and the girls broke 5 age group times, and three of the team also achieved national age group squad times.

- Thanks and congratulations to all those who made the new Spring Meet work – a new initiative that the Club delivered on behalf of Swim Waikato. As always, this would not have happened without the hard work and dedication of a core group of parents and supporters.

- Funding received for lap tops that will help improve performance feedback for our swimmers.

- 25 PB's out of 34 swims from the team from the Club that went to the Auckland Junior Champs – some national qualifying times achieved and a number more very close times.

These are all awesome results. All of these achievements are a credit to the efforts of each swimmer and our coaches, not to forget the support given by

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each swimmer's parents / caregivers and everyone who helps make the club what it is to enable these achievements.

Looking to the immediate future I know that swimmers at various levels are going in all directions - I think there is something there for everyone. Please remember to check the various notice boards for information on what is coming up. The programme for the summer is also posted on our website as is a lot of information on the Club and our activities.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the many parents from our Club who freely give their time to support our swimmers at meets and in our fundraising ventures. Your ongoing support is appreciated, and vital to our Club.

Thank you,

Don Scarlet
Vice President

This and That...

Garage Sale: This Sat Nov 26 at **Wesley Methodist Hall**, Heaphy Tce, Fairfield. Items can be dropped at the hall **from 7am onwards**. Help with organizing on the day would be appreciated. Please contact Jan Barr 07 846 4619 with any queries you may have. Please support this fundraiser by donating all your unwanted goods- this has been a good money- earner in the past for the club.

The summer season's **blue books** are available from Jan Barr at the shop. **Cost \$4.50**. NB. There is a calendar of meets in the book but flyer details are not printed. Check the pool notice board or club website for entry details.

Club togs and silicone caps are available for purchase from the shop.

Please return all money from the **sale of chocolates**.

Raffle tickets are available from Jan Barr, if you haven't already been given some to sell. **1st prize:** a bike; **2nd prize:** a Xmas hamper.

Any grocery and Xmas items (wrapping paper, serviettes, decorations etc) to be donated for the hamper would be much appreciated. Please leave them in the box in the shop.

Hamilton Xmas Meet: A small band of club parents have already put a lot of work into organizing our meet, to be held **Sun 11 Dec** at our pools. This is always a fun day. Please support it by helping with a variety of tasks.

Club Nights: There are two more before Xmas: 7 and 21 Dec. They resume after school starts next year. There

will be 3 more; the first one in 2006 will be 8 February.

Meet entries: Please watch the noticeboard for closing dates. Waikato Champs entries may have to be in by Xmas, if you're going away for the Xmas/ New Year break.

Xmas/ New Year training times: check the noticeboard in December for any change in training times over the holidays. Hopefully, there will be another newsletter before Xmas and details will be in that.

Meet results: Congratulations to the following club swimmers who represented Waikato at the recent Northern Region Meet: Megan, Kristen and Janelle Cowley; Sara Hablous; Pippa Johnston; Claire Schriber; Matt Gibson; Duane Hampton; Joel Morrison.

Karl Poole, Ryan Swart and Nic Magill were swimming that day in the Auckland Harbour Swim. Congratulations to Karl, who was 3rd.

Congratulations also to Ryan, Nic and Duane, who made the New Zealand Age Group Squad at the NZ Spring Meet. Together with Pippa Johnston (LC NZ Squad) and Karl Poole (NZ Youth Squad), this gives Hamilton Club the most NZ Age Group Squad members of any club in New Zealand.

Good luck to the swimmers going to the Commonwealth Games Trials in Auckland, 6-10 Dec!

Happy Birthday!

Oct: Luke Balvert, Helen Barr, Duane Hampton, Samuel McCabe, Amy Stidolph, Ryan Swart, Anaru Warren, Brenda and Sue Woods.

Nov: Rachel Bird, Tegan Bogle, Matt Gibson, Pippa Johnston, Reid Naylor, Sophie Scarlet, Ben Van Dalen, Annelies Watson-Holmes.

Dec: Hugo Adams, Danielle de Waard, Sasha Delamere, Leonie Lye, Vika Naylor, Kirstie Powell, Feleasha Prendergast.

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