

# Hamilton Swim Club Newsletter

## Dates to remember

- 2-monthly training fees due 1 Jan 2006
- Waikato Age Group Champs entries close 6 Jan 2006
- Swim Camp 16-18 Jan 2006
- Waikato Age Group Champs 19-22 Jan
- Club Nights restart Wed 8 Feb 6.30pm

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## Vice - President's Report

Many of you will have seen that our Head Coach, Richard Sutton and our Club were finalists in the Perry Foundation Waikato Regional Sports awards last Thursday. While neither won, simply to be selected as one of five category finalists in these regional awards I believe is a tremendous achievement (I also prefer to think they were second place getters in each case!). I think that Richard's selection is a real testament to the way he is viewed in sporting circles in the Waikato as he was one of 111 nominees for the Club Coach of the Year Award. There is a lot of competition out there and our head coach is clearly very, very close to the best there is!

The Club of course could not have achieved this recognition

without the efforts of absolutely everyone! This includes:

- The discipline, hard work and achievement of our swimmers, at all levels.
- The commitment, support and encouragement of the parents, caregivers and others who support our swimmers in many, many ways.
- The skills, hard work and enthusiasm of our awesome coaches.

The members of the Club Committee, and all those who work behind the scenes to help the Club achieve what it does.

That means you should take this opportunity to reach out and pat yourself on the back – you were part of this achievement!



Looking to Christmas and the New Year I think there is something for all of our swimmers to do with swimmers at different levels going in many different directions. Please remember to check the 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. If you have any questions – ask!

**Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2006 – may the festive season be a happy and safe one for you and your family.**

**Don Scarlet**

## Waikato Age Group Championships (WAGs)

The middle distance section of the Waikato Champs will take place at **Water World 19-22 January 2006**.

Club entries close 6 January but please try to have your entries in to the Club Recorder **before Christmas**.

Please enter the races a swimmer has qualified for. It's important for swimmers to experience racing at a championship level (heats and finals in an event), with a chance to improve times or qualify for a National meet. Swimmers in finals gain

Individual and club points. Hamilton has been the top points– scorer at WAGs for the last two years.

There will be an “at-home” **training camp 16-18 Jan** for Provincial, Intermediate and Junior Squad members, Details *tba* later.

## This and That...

The **holiday training schedules** are attached. No training for mini squad during the break. Normal training times resume after WAGs.

Please enter meets before you go on holiday— our Club Recorder has a busy (volunteer!) job and it helps him if a last minute rush can be avoided. **Final** dates for entries are:

WAGs 6 January 2006;

BOP Champs 14 January 2006;

North Island Champs 21 January 2006;

NZ Junior Champs 28 January 2006.

Remember: entry fees must accompany entries.

**Hamilton Xmas Meet:** This was held at our pools on 11 December. The level of entries was disappointing but the meet went smoothly, despite unkind weather. Thanks to all who helped on the day, especially to those parents who didn't have a swimmer in the water and also to our senior swimmers, some of whom had only finished competing in the Commonwealth Games Trials in Auckland the day before.

**Garage Sale:** This was a great success, also in spite of the weather. Total income to date from sales was \$1436.40, with a bit more to come. If you need a microwave,

there is an older model in good working order for sale at the pools. Offers to Jan Barr, please.

Congratulations to club official and Swim Waikato Technical Committee member, **Mandy Elliott**, who has qualified as a referee.

Congratulations, also, to the following club swimmers:

- **Troy Balvert, Keegan Stent and Fraser Armstrong** were new qualifiers for the National Age Group Champs, (to be held in Wellington in March 2006) at the recent Auckland Senior Champs;
- **Leonie Lye, Alexander Deane and Megan Cowley** are recent qualifiers for the Division 2 National Meet (to be held at Taupo in March 2006);

Remember: check the club's website for a list of qualifiers for all national meets. It has been updated recently.

Hamilton swimmers in the Top 12 of the **Classics Series**, with two more meets to go, are:

1st **Silvia Postlewaight**

3rd **Ciaran Missen**

7th **Samantha Bogle**

8th **Toni Chapman**

11th **Stefan Morrison**

12th **Sam Morrison.**

Good luck to **Joel Morrison, Troy Balvert, Helen Barr, Rachel Bird and Kristen Cowley**, who will be competing in the Victorian State Champs in Melbourne in early January.

As well as the success of the club and Richard in being finalists in the Waikato Regional Sports Awards, three club swimmers were finalists in the Waikato Times Secondary Schools Sports Awards. Congratulations to **Karl Poole, Nic Magill and Pippa Johnston.**

**Pool Certification:** A misplaced pool survey certificate has been found (thanks to Jan Barr for the tedious search through the club documents) and Swim Waikato technical Committee have added the Hamilton Municipal Pool to the list of certified pool in the Waikato. This means qualifying times swum in meets at the club pool will be OK for National meets.

Other certified pools in the Waikato are: Water World; Fairfield, Matamata; Tokoroa and Morrinsville. Cambridge has yet to be certified so those people who swam national qualifying times at the Cambridge meet will have to keep waiting to see if their times can be used. Swim Waikato will notify the club when that happens.

### Club Birthdays:

January— Kristie Valance, Charly Keen and Megan Cowley.

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