

The Pointer

January '09 Newsletter



Presentation Night 2008

Thank you to the 60 people who celebrated a great swimming year for Powerpoints in 2008. Officially, the club highlights of the year were winning the Nationals in Melbourne, and competing at the FINA World Masters in Perth. However, to me, the great feel about the club, the extended training at MSAC, and the numbers of club participants at events, were the real highlights

I would like to congratulate the following people who won awards at the dinner.

Most State and national titles

1 st	Helen Whitford	Stuart Moffatt
2 nd	Rosa Montague	Michael Moloney
3 rd	Lisandra de Carvalho	Peter Rainey

Most Club Points in competitions

1 st	Helen Whitford	Stuart Moffatt
2 nd	Megan Blamires	Brett Davidson
3 rd	Rosa Montague	Michael Moloney

<u>Pointer of the Year</u>	Anton Lion
<u>Most Improved</u>	Lisandra de Carvalho
<u>Courage & Endeavour</u>	Yvonne Egan-Davidson

I would also like to thank Liz Gosper, chief organiser of the night, and all those that helped her. Great Thai food, karaoke, and lots of friends!

Competitions

The date for the **STATE LONG COURSE** has been finalised. Lock it in your diary! Saturday 14th March at MSAC. We want to win!

The **Malvern Marlins** have their meet on Feb, 14th, so happy Valentine's to all those attending.

NATIONALS in Brisbane are running from Thurs 30th April to Sun 3rd May, with Open Water on Monday 4th May. A brochure is coming out soon, with suggestions on club accommodation, etc.

Committee news

There was a committee meeting on the 27th of January at Mary's house. Main items included:

- Anton's training report for 2008 showed a record number of 3,556 attendances at club sessions at MSAC. This was up 31% on 2007.
- The purchase of a new underwater swimming camera was approved, costing \$1200.
- Welcome to our newest members:
Glenda McArthur Jo-Anne Albert
Daniel Kowalski David Fraser Katie Elgie
- Please make sure your membership is paid up.

Open Water Swims & Trophies

It has been a great pleasure this summer to see so many club members at open water swims. Of course, it is impossible to summarise them all, but it did fill me with pride when I heard age group wins announced at Mt Martha to: Melinda Kemp, Chris Andrew, Lisandra de Carvalho, and Trevor Armstrong. Congratulations to all those swimming

As advertised, a new club award has been created for open water swimming.

The *Endeavour trophy* remains the same – the highest total overall distance swum in open water swims in one season. However, the committee agreed that due to the high number of wins by club members, a "count on" might have to be applied for the *Excellence trophy*. So, please submit all of your placings, and if more than one person wins 5 events, then we'll keep counting until only one winner remains! Ah, true competition lives on.

The season will run from 1st Oct 08 to 1st June 09. Please email your results when you have finished!

Australian Masters Games - Geelong

Volunteers are urgently needed. If you could help in any capacity please email jan_nz@tpg.com.au

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