



Alice Springs Swimming Club Newsletter

October 2010

New Head Coach for Alice Springs Swimming Club!

At long last after lots of advertising and negotiations, we will finally be getting our new Head Coach. Noel Bertwistle, who is coming from the Gold Coast, (arriving by car, hopefully by the end of next week) will be employed by the YMCA as the Head Coach for the Alice Springs Swimming Club and Aquatic programs coordinator for the swimming centre. Please extend a warm welcome to him when he arrives.

2010 Alice Springs Masters Games

What a busy week! Thank you to all our volunteers - swimmers, parents, friends who helped out on "Nellie" at the Opening & Closing ceremonies. Thanks also to our volunteer time keepers and officials at the pool during competition. A very big THANK YOU to Mick Dalby for all his time spent ensuring our electronic equipment was working efficiently. Mick doesn't even have kids swimming in the club any more, but continues to help up there in the control room and with coaching. Masters week is a lot of work, but our major fundraiser, and ensures that we can afford to subsidize our swimmer's trips away.

Katherine Carnival 30th – 31st October

Speaking of trips away - 20 of our swimmers will be heading off to Katherine on a bus on Friday for the Katherine Birthday carnival along with a group of parents and officials. Eight of our "JX Awardees" from last season will also be attending a coaching clinic on the Saturday morning. Good Luck to all the swimmers!

Club Registrations

Swimmer's registration is \$75. All swimmers must also have at least 1 parent registered per family at \$15. Swimmers MUST be registered with the club to swim at our meets or any NT carnivals.

New Registered swimmers to the club will receive a swim bag including a cap, CD, booklets and posters. Please see Jenna or Fiona if you have not received yours yet.

Registration fees are separate from coaching fees. Coaching fees are payable to the YMCA Swimming Centre - see front desk for prices.

Club t-shirts, bucket hats, caps and club bathers for sale

- please arrange a time with Michelle Parker (she is on pool deck most days, but can be contacted via email at michelle.parker@ntschoools.net)

Our next two Club meets are scheduled for

Meet 3: Friday 12th November 2010 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, and

Meet 4: Saturday 20th November 2010 7.00am for a 7.30am start.

Please come out and support your children and help with the set up and timekeeping for these meets.

Sponsors

Please show your support for these local businesses that support our club. Our Saturday morning meets and $\frac{1}{2}$ Season Improvement Awards have once again been generously sponsored by "Alice Pool and Spa Centre", "Sprint Mufflers & Exhausts", "Alice Springs Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic", "Mbantua Gallery", "G & S Transport", "Fast Carpentry Services", "Van Luenen Diesel", Leonards Chicken", "Matt Conlan MLA" and Sitzlers.

Thanks also to Chubb Fire Safety for donating a new Fire Extinguisher for Nellie, Al-Ice for donating bags of ice for the opening & closing ceremonies, and Gordon & Molly Lowe for a laptop computer.

ALICE SPRINGS INVITATIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

26th - 28th November

Please make a note of these dates in your diary. Once again we will be asking for lots of volunteers to help make this a success. We would hope as many swimmers as possible will compete in our carnival. Details and entry forms out next week.

SNTI Long Course Qualifying Meet

11th & 12th December

This is a new meet for Swimming NT and will be held at the Casuarina pool in Darwin. It has been introduced as a chance for swimmers to qualify for interstate championships and an earlier chance in the season to qualify for "Nationals". A coaching camp will be held after this meet.

Swimmers need to apply for this and a \$50 fee is payable for each participating swimmer. If anyone is interested in going to Darwin for this meet and the coaching camp, please speak to Sue or Fiona for entry details ASAP.

Does anyone have a 2nd hand freezer for sale?

The club is on the lookout for a relatively cheap 2nd hand freezer to store in our shed. Preferably an upright one. If you have an old one you want to get rid of, or know of someone else that does, please let one of the committee members know. We can collect it.