



Alice Springs Swimming Club Newsletter

May 2011

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. We have sent swimmers to our NT Championships in Darwin, National Age Championships in Adelaide and back to Darwin for the Arafura Games. Our 50m pool has closed, re-opened, closed, re-opened and closed again and our new Indoor heated pool has opened, closed albeit briefly, and opened again. Hopefully we can now continue on with our winter short course season with stability both in venue and coach. Thanks to everyone for their patience.

NT Open & Age Championships 17th - 20th March 2011

A full report and photos from this meet can be found on our website.

Australian Age Championships - Adelaide April 18th - 23rd

Ben Fuller was the only swimmer from Alice Springs to qualify for Nationals this year and along with 3 other swimmers from Darwin, travelled to Adelaide to compete in the newly opened South Australian Aquatic Centre with Fiona as the Team Manager. Whilst Ben and the other Territory swimmers didn't make any finals, they certainly didn't disgrace themselves. It was a great experience and some very exciting swimming. Ex-Alice swimmer Zac Dalby, who now lives in Brisbane competed at this meet and won a Silver and Bronze medal in the 17/18yrs 200m Fly and 100m Fly respectively.

Arafura Games - Darwin 7th - 10th May

4 swimmers from Alice travelled to Darwin last weekend to compete at the 2011 Arafura Games - Jayce Brown, Sam Cooper, Ben Cooper and Ben Fuller. Jordan Hickey had also qualified but had to pull out due to netball commitments. The four boys all swam well especially considering the "in and out" of pool preparation in the 6 weeks leading up to the Games and the "Bens" brought some medals home. A full report with results and photos will be available on the website soon.

The Arafura Games also incorporated the "Oceania Paralympic Games". It is always very inspiring to watch these disabled swimmers in action and a reminder that ours is an "inclusive" sport. If anyone knows of any disabled children in town that may be interested in swimming as a sport we would love to welcome them to our club.

SHORT COURSE COMPETITION

On the evening of Friday 27th May we hope to hold our first Short Course Meet in the new 25m pool. We are aware that a number of swimmers have decided to have a break from training over winter, or cut down training sessions to accommodate winter sports, but all are still welcome to come and compete in the new pool. A list of events will be in the book on pool deck from next week. For those who have had a break but are ready to come back to training, please see Brad regarding coaching fees and discounts for the rest of the term.

Club Presentation Day and AGM

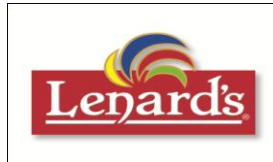
On Sunday 5th June the club will be holding its annual Presentation Day and Annual General Meeting, this year at the Memorial Club. The day will start at 12.00am with a BBQ lunch, short meeting and the presentation of the awards. A number of children will be receiving awards, so it would be great to see as many of you there as possible. More details will be sent out to all families soon.

VICI PRODUCTS ORDER

Our next Vici order will be placed in the next 2 weeks. If you want to order anything, please let Michelle or Janelle know. Money must be paid in advance and Michelle or Janelle will be on pool deck most training sessions. Last day for taking orders will be Friday 27th May, which is our 1st Short Course Meet in our new heated pool.

Club Website – www.alicespringsswimmingclub.org.au

Sue Patterson and Rose Fahy do the awesome job of maintaining our website. Make sure to check it out regularly



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