



The Miami Flyer

JUNE 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A new season has arrived; my third as President. I'd like to welcome all new members and parents who will all add to another successful year. This season starts with a fourth coach coming soon; our club has needed this for sometime now. A restructure of swimming squads has now been completed and has been done in order of age not ability as we have found that it is important for all squads to maintain operation under the same maturity level. The committee and coaches look forward to parents supporting this decision as each swimmer's time will come to engage in the upper levels of the training program.

We now have a new junior club house which will remain open only whilst the coaches are present. This means the old club house will now be predominately for seniors only. Juniors are not permitted to use the senior club house, including the toilets and showers as the water system is unable to tolerate the rather large quantity of users. Safety signs are now displayed in both club houses and it would be appreciated that they be obeyed at all times. A television with Austar has been installed in the junior clubhouse and can be used but only under the supervision of an adult.

The new swimming season will commence on the 1st July and the club has to face an inevitable training fee increase. The past committees have done their best to maintain such low rates but with a fourth coach we have found it necessary for a small increase this season. The main change being a flat charge of \$45 a week for senior squad members, regardless of the number of sessions attended. Our head coach, Denis Cotterell, has aimed to create a level of getting the maximum amount of training sessions to achieve the best results in the pool. Obviously, there will be some exclusion such as sickness and holidays; but swimmers will need to complete a claim form now available in the club house. Please return all forms to our club treasurer so they can be assessed by our head coach. This system does not include surf swimmers who will remain on the same structure as previous seasons but with a small increase in casual rates. For all other fees please see the structure in this newsletter.

I'd like to welcome Lousie Eddy as head of our fundraising committee. Unfortunately, revenue raised from our squads doesn't meet our financial obligations, so please give her your support whenever possible. Our fundraising success will allow us to give something back to our members and help fund our end of season presentation day.

I look forward to seeing you all at the pool and hope once again to have another successful season ahead.

Steve Smith

**The club would like to thank Pro-Ma Systems for their
continued and generous support.**

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2008/2009 Committee and Office Bearers

The following members were elected to these positions at the AGM on the 20th May 2008:

President: Steve Smith
 Vice President: Jeff Winnington
 Secretary: Gerry Epstein
 Treasurer: Lyn Vincent
 Registrar: Cathy Hall
 Race Secretary: Ann Stevens
 Club Night Recorder: Karen Forster
 Fundraising: Louise Eddy
 Website and Newsletter: Cathy Hall
 Delegate to SQ: Guy Bagot. Alternate: Karen McLeod
 Delegates to GCRSA: Gerry Epstein and Shane Vincent.

DENIS' DIALOGUE

(HEAD COACH AGM REPORT 20th MAY 2008)

I am pleased to report, despite a demanding coaching ratio, our coaching staff responded with exceptional dedication and professionalism, to ensure the club posted another successful season. This would not have been possible, though, without the contribution from our President and the efforts of our committee (especially Treasurer, Lyn Vincent).

Despite the loss from last season of our club's greatest swimmer (Grant Hackett), the 2007/08 season saw the continued emergence of new stars and an increase in competitor numbers at all levels. The efforts of Raelene Ryan and Ken Nixon was responsible primarily for these results. At the Australian Schools Titles last year, the following swimmers all medaled; Bonnie McDonald, Brittany McEvoy, Suzanne Ryan, Cody Simpson, Samantha Burley, Jordan Harrison.

The Senior Squad saw a lot of competitive action as members attended the Australian Short Course Championships (in Melbourne, September), the AIS Invitational Meet (in Canberra, November), the NSW Open Championships (Sydney, February), and the Australian Open Titles 9 the Olympic Trials, Sydney, March). Unfortunately, for the first time in 26 years, we did not have anyone make the Olympic team, although Josh Watson (31 yrs), Ephraim Hannant (20 yrs), and Ellen Fullerton (15 yrs) were close, finishing only 1 or 2 spots away from the team.

The success story from the trials came from Anabelle Williams (21 yrs), who made the team, broke the world record twice in the 50m butterfly and was eventually selected as Captain of the Paralympic team, to Beijing. Well done, Annie.

Throughout the season we were host to a Chinese contingent who formed good bonds with our team and provided, at times, inspirational training performances. Consequently, I may get to the Olympics, ironically as part of the Chinese team.

The most satisfying result of the season came from the Australian Age Championships in Brisbane in April. The contribution by EVERY club competitor at this meet saw us emerge as the Number 1 club team in the country. Congratulations to all club members who competed and for the teamship displayed. Among the stand-out performers were Dan smith (3 gold), Ellen Fullerton (3 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze), Amelia Evatt-Davey(2 gold), Hayden McEvoy (1 silver, 2 bronze), Melanie Garibaldi (1 silver, 2 bronze), Gabby Epstein (1 bronze), Jade Neilsen (1 gold, 2 silver), Joel DeFrancesco (1 bronze), Keri Vincent (1 bronze). Our girls team were unbeatable in both the 4 by 100 and 4 by 200 freestyle relays, while Danielle DeFrancesco placed 3rd in the 5km Open Water Championships – following in the footsteps of Brooke Fletcher who made the Open Water team to contest the World Championships in the 10km event in Seville, Spain in April.

From these meets, a number of club members have been selected on teams to compete for AUSTRALIA later in the year. Along with myself, Ashleigh McCleery, Amelia Evatt-Davey and Ellen Fullerton were selected for the West Coast Tour, to compete in International Open Meets in Santa Clare,(USA) and Vancouver (CANADA). Ellen has also been selected on the Australian Youth team for the World Youth Championships in Mexico in July, while Amelia will be on the Australian team for the junior Commonwealth Games in India in October. Hayden McEvoy has been selected on the Australian Age Team for the Trans-Tasman Series in June (his first Australian team).

As we look forward to another exciting year, we anticipate the addition of our 4th coach and an even more successful year than this last.

Once again, thanks to ALL involved, and especially to my valued coaches Raelene Ryan and Ken Nixon.

Denis Cotterell

FROM THE RACE SECRETARY

Hi Everyone,

I hope you had a good break and ready for the new season. Let me start by introducing myself to our new members. My name is Ann Stevens and this is my second season as the Race Secretary here. As you probably has noticed, the two upcoming meets, Southport Down Under (SC) and Heritage Qld SC are now up on the notice board. We are still waiting for the invitation and program for GCRSA (SC) winter meet. Both Southport and GCRSA meets are the qualifying meets to get the times you need for the State (if needed).

In this first newsletter of the season, I would also like to republish the club procedure in processing meet entries:

1. Display the "coach's recommended meets" on the notice board. If you would like to go the meets which are not displayed on the board, you will need to get an approval from your coach and let me know (if approved), at least 7 days prior to the closing date.
2. Close the meet entries one week prior to the closing date printed on the meet invitation *Please note that the closing date printed on the meet invitation is the date when the payment, printed reports and electronic entries file MUST be received by the meet organiser. We need a few days to process your entries within the club as we normally receive a large number of nominations. Meet Entry Forms are available from the club house next to the white box. Please fill in the form accordingly. Put it in the envelope together with the payment and drop it in the white box. Late entries and entries without payment will not be processed simply because we will not be able to put it through the procedure on time.*
3. Process individual payment and electronic entries within two days.
4. Publish the fee report for cheque to be written.
5. Publish the entries report to be displayed on the notice board.
6. Send the cheque, entries reports and electronic entries file to the meet organiser to make sure it received by the organiser on the closing date.

Club Nights:

Thank you to Karen Forster who agreed to continue her role as a Recorder for our Club Nights. Please refer to the Member Handbook for the club night dates.

Club night results are normally displayed on the notice board the week after. Please check your results once their available and notify us if there is any errors.

Upcoming Meets:

Southport Down Under SC - Closing Date: Friday, 4th July 2008

GCRSA Winter Meet SC - Closing Date: TBA

Heritage Qld SC Champs - Closing Date: Friday, 8th August 2008

Special Note for State SC entries :

It is very important to check that the date of your result you use to enter the meet is valid (Qualifying times can be used as of 1 January 2007.). Entries will not be accepted unless the qualifying times have been swum prior **to our closing date** for the meet.

Transferring your results from another club (for new members) :

If you are joining the club as a competitor and had previous results which you would like to use to enter upcoming meets, I will appreciate if you could ask the race secretary from your previous club to e-mail me your TM Results file. The e-mail should be addressed to racesecretary@miamiswimmingclub.com

If this is not an option, you could contact me (by e-mail or in person at the clubhouse Mon, Wed, Fri) to discuss other options. Thank you.

I also would like to welcome any volunteers who would like to learn how to do this role. I will be happy to show how to use Team Manager software for anyone who is interested in taking this role in the future. It will be an advantage for our club if we have quite a few people who are competent in performing this role. Please let me know if you are interested. Thank you and good luck for this season!

Ann Stevens

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Membership renewals and fees for the 2008/09 season are due from the 1st July 2008. Please see the table below for the fee structure. All members will need to complete a registration form and return it to me with the payment at the clubhouse during July on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's between 4 and 5pm. Alternatively, members can leave their completed forms and payment in the white box. Outstanding membership fees will be invoiced to members at the end of July. Upon registration, members will receive a club cap and the 2008/09 club handbook. Please email me if you have any questions.

Cathy Hall

registrar@miamiswimmingclub.com

MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING FEES

2008/2009

The following fee structure will be introduced from 1st July 2008. All swimmers must complete a registration form from the registrar prior to joining a squad.

Membership Fees:

Non -swimming member \$20. Parent membership \$10.

	<u>Competitive Swimmer</u>	<u>Recreational Swimmer</u>
1 st member of family	\$90	\$80
2 nd member of family	\$75	\$65
3 rd member of family	\$65	\$60
4 th + member of family	\$60	\$55

Squad Fees

Pro-Ma Miami Swimming Club has a policy where squad fees are to be paid a month in advance. Each month, the swimmer's attendance from the previous month will be calculated and billed accordingly, ensuring that at all times, a swimmer is in advance with their fees. Fees will be invoiced by the club through email or by post and are due by the 15th of each month. All prices include GST. Squad fees are \$10.00 per session to a maximum weekly charge of:

Squad	Weekly charge of		
	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
1 family member	\$40	\$45	\$45(set fee)
2 family members	\$60	\$65	\$70
3 family members	\$70	\$80	\$85
4 family members	\$80	\$90	\$95

Entry Fees: Pool

A pool entry fee is payable at the pool entrance. Individual entry fees are Children: \$2.70; Adult (15 years and over) \$3.90.

Monthly, half- yearly and yearly passes can also be purchased:

	Children (to 15 years)	Adult
Monthly	\$49	\$171
6 months	\$189	\$270
Year	\$349	\$520

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