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STARS BEHIND THE SCENES



GOODBYE FROM THE EDITOR

Before I switch off the computer - let me say it's been a pleasure being

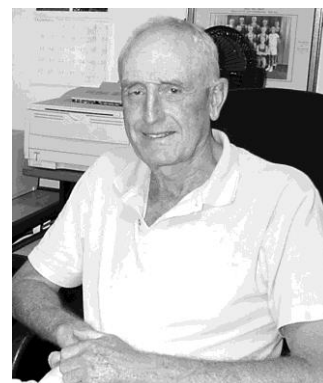
Editor for the past seven years! I love being a member of NZMS; it's full of *SOME REALLY* wonderful people. Look >>

In January this year I resigned as Editor, giving the required six months notice, so this is my last issue of MasterScrawl.

Originally this newsletter was produced quarterly, but in 2007 I took on the task of producing two extra issues a year (at no additional cost to NZMS) so that clubs had time to promote their events early to encourage participation, and to celebrate the successes of others while still topical. MasterScrawl became a bi-monthly newsletter, but feedback has it that not many read it in its current format. At the AGM in March I proposed going back to hardcopy delivered to your mailbox, but this was rejected due to a need to increase fee by \$20 to cover the costs. Just an idea! So it's time for a change and time for me to get back into the water.

The NZMS Executive will produce the next issue while they look for a new Editor so please send any material to either Sue or Mike. Have fun, smile often and I'll see you around the pool soon.

Ingrid Saxton, Editor, NZMS MasterScrawl



These good people contributed in some shape or form to the running of NZMS, thank you – you really are the stars!



A few of our volunteer base – thank you!



President's Update

This is my first official duty as the new President of New Zealand Masters Swimming (NZMS). My predecessor, Roger Eagles provided interesting and informative updates and comment on a variety of topics for MasterScrawl during his term as President and I will do my very best to follow his example.

For those of you who have not met me, here are a few details. I have been a master swimmer at the North Shore club since 1997, when I returned to the pool after 35 years. I competed at a national level in my youth and now I cannot imagine why I stayed away so long. Maybe it had something to do with a busy career as a dietitian and health manager and four children. I love competing in the pool and in open water events and I travel regularly around New Zealand and sometimes overseas to do this. I am now in the 65-69 age group and intend to keep swimming at least as long as my fellow club member, Kath Johnston (93).



For those of you who have not had any feedback from the NZMS AGM held in association with the National Long Course Championships in Hamilton on March 25 this year, here are some items of interest:

- There were the usual lively discussions and constructive debate from your delegates. Some of this was on the familiar themes, membership, how much the national subscription is or should be and the thorny question of how to make our limited resources go further. In the end the meeting agreed the subscription for 2012 would not be increased.
- The meeting endorsed the executive choice of Kirsten Cameron as the 2010 Swimmer of the Year. Kirsten won five gold medals and broke four world records at the 2010 World Masters Swimming Championships in Sweden. Read the report from Mike Bodger on page 5 on the Swimming NZ awards ceremony at which Kirsten's award was presented. Certificates of achievement were awarded to Barry Young of the North Shore Club, the previous year's Swimmer of the Year, for his two world records and Ben van Dyk who, like Kirsten, excelled himself at the World Masters Swimming Champs, winning 3 gold and 2 silver medals.
- Resignations were received from three stars of New Zealand Masters Swimming management:
 - President, Roger Eagles, after six years in the role. Roger will maintain links with the national organisation, as our representative on Aquatics New Zealand, which he currently chairs and on the FINA Masters Committee.
 - MasterScrawl Editor Ingrid Saxton, after seven years keeping us in touch with the people, the events and news from masters swimming in New Zealand and overseas.
 - IT Officer, Lesley Clarke, made such progress in her too-short time in the role, sorting out the vagaries of Meet Manager and the management of sanctioned meet results and records. Unfortunately for us, her husband's career move has necessitated a move to Australia, so she will relinquish the role just as soon as we can recruit and brief a replacement.
 - NZMS Executive is: President, Sue Pollard (North Shore); Vice-President, Paul McStay (Jasi) and National Secretary, Mike Bodger (Whakatane). The Executive has some challenges ahead, not the least being to replace the skills and experience now not available to us. Our first task will be to review our plans for 2011, drafted by the previous executive and then decide our priorities for the next two years.

The Minutes of the 2011 AGM are now available on the NZMS website.

If you have any ideas for the new Executive about how to advance the cause of masters swimming, improve our membership communication and/or enhance the support provided for our clubs throughout the country, we would love to hear from you. Contact me at president@nzmastersswimming.org.nz or Mike Bodger, the National Secretary, at secretary@nzmastersswimming.org.nz.

Sue Pollard
President, NZMS

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Michael Bodger – NZMS National Secretary

Auckland Short Course Championships: I received an email on 7 May from Jan Fulton, Secretary of Roskill Masters Club, informing me that this NZMS sanctioned meeting had been cancelled due to lack of entries. I personally find this very disappointing as I know from past experience the efforts which are made by the hosting club to run such a meeting. As shown in the table below Auckland clubs dominate the membership for 2011.



2011 Membership: As of 15th May, there were 677 members (699 in 2010). Christchurch clubs are in a recovery mode now that Jelly Park (Jasi), Wharenui and Pioneer pools are operating after the 22nd February earthquake. Unfortunately the entire QE11 complex, pools and athletics track and stands will be demolished which means that Christchurch loses its 10 lane, 50m International indoor pool.

15 March 2011 = 593 members			
Region		Top 5 Clubs	
Northern	291	Roskill	52
Districts	125	South City	52
Central	45	North Shore	50
Capital	72	Manukau	35
Southern	60	Team Auckland	33

15 May 2011 = 677 members			
Region		Top 5 Clubs	
Northern	334	Roskill	72
Districts	135	South City	56
Central	47	North Shore	56
Capital	73	Manukau	43
Southern	88	Waitakere	34

Editor and IT Officer: The executive of NZMS would like to receive expressions of interest from NZ Masters swimmers for these positions following the resignations of Ingrid Saxton (MasterScrawl) and Lesley Clarke (IT Officer).

We are looking to expand our communication with members and although the present Editor was contracted to produce MasterScrawl, unfortunately our financial position is such we can no longer afford this so an honorarium will be offered.

We are seeking assistance, probably from more than one person, to help us review how we communicate with members and plan for the future. We anticipate that to bring ourselves into the 21st century we need to expand our scope and any new editorial role(s) will probably encompass all our communications - the website, email news, and also Facebook and Twitter as well as MasterScrawl. If you have experience and skills in communication, including PR, journalism, writing, editing, web design, web writing – we would love to hear from you. In the meantime the Executive is taking over the production of MasterScrawl and reverting back to a **quarterly** production.

The IT Officer main role is the management of Meet Manager, the software programme required to run swim meetings. The programme is under license from Hytek, USA. A second role is the compilation and publication of the National Masters "Top Ten" which is sent on to FINA for the International "Top Ten". There will be support from the previous IT Officer until the new officer is familiar with the role. This position has an honorarium of \$2000/year. A job description is available on the website under Main Menu/Organisation/Information Manual 2009.

World Masters Swimming Top 10 Tabulations 2010

Short Course

Women 35-39: Kirsten Cameron(HC4) four #1 rankings
 Women 45-49: Rebecca Perrott(LV4)
 Women 60-64: Eleanor Pinfold (HM2)
 Julie Gunthorp (NS1)
 Women 90-94: Kath Johnstone (NS1)

Men 55-59: Steve Prescott(DN5)
 Men 60-64: Ben Van Dyke (TM5)
 Men 70-74: Barry Young (NS1)
 Men 80-84: Sidney Salek (KT2)
 Men 85-89: Alwyn Manley(RK1)

Long Course

Women 35-39: Kirsten Cameron(HC4) five #1 rankings
 Women 60-64: Eleanor Pinfold (HM2)
 Julie Gunthorp (NS1)
 Women 90-94: Kath Johnstone (NS1)

Men 40-44: Mark Weldon (RK1)
 Men 55-59: Steve Prescott (DN5) two #1 rankings
 Men 60-64: Ben Van Dyke (TM5)
 Men 70-74: Barry Young (NS1)
 Men 80-84: Sidney Salek (KT1) one #1 ranking

Congratulations to you all, making the Top 10 World Rankings is quite an achievement, well done.

Regards
 Mike Bodger

NZMS National Secretary

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Life Members

In recognition of their dedication, enthusiasm and years of service to NZMS, the following members have been awarded our highest honour:



2005	Tom Logan	(DL2)
	Lyall Mortimer	(HU4)
	Deneice Marshall	(NA3)
2006	Jan Fulton	(RK1)

All nominations for these awards must be made through your club secretary. If you think there is someone in your club who is worthy of an award, then discuss this with your club executive.

Life membership applications must be approved at the AGM. **Service Awards** must be approved by the NZMS Executive. For more information, contact the NZMS National Secretary.

Merchandise

NZMS Bathing Cap & Badges for Sale

Purchase one or two of the NZMS latex bathing caps and/or badges, from Mike Bodger, our National Secretary. These are great items to swap with other swimmers around the pool anywhere in the world.

First time members to NZMS will receive a bathing cap and badge as a 'Welcome to NZMS'.

Bathing Cap: Black latex cap with NZMS logo \$11 + postage

Badges: Gold pin badges with NZMS logo \$5 + postage.

FROM THE ARCHIVES – MasterScrawl August 1986



Why you need to keep swimming

Once again Levin Masters hosted a successful and enjoyable gumboot meet at the Kohitere Pool. Compared to the usual midwinter standard we have come to expect at this meet. 10/10th cloud, more water falling from the roof than there was in the pool, a 15 degree drop in temperature in the marshalling hall. Crowded pool surrounds, dressing rooms and cold showers all go to make this one of the most popular meets in the lower part of the North Island. The wonderful After Match function also helps to keep the entries high for this splash.

It could have been the poor visibility or it could have been that Stan Boardman doesn't look or swim like a man in the 80 – 85yrs group but a comment made to Stan by a fellow swimmer from the 55 – 60yrs group swimmer who had been headed home yet again by Stan.

"It's alright for you, but wait till you get to my age and see how you get on."

Lesley Parkin, Archives Officer, lesley.parkin@xtra.co.nz

Privacy Act

Under the requirements of the Privacy Act, members are to be aware that NZMS holds a database containing the following information – your name, age, address, date of birth, telephone number, email address and the club to which you belong.

Swimming NZ Awards Dinner & NZMS Swimmer for 2010

This year Swimming NZ extended an invitation to NZ Masters Swimming to attend their annual awards dinner in Auckland (a black tie occasion) and to recognize the NZ Masters Swimmer of the Year. Both Swimming NZ and NZ Masters Swimming are incorporated under Aquatics New Zealand.

Kirstin Cameron (HC4) has been named **NZ Masters Swimmer for 2010** for her stunning performance in setting four World Masters Record and winning five gold medals at the 2010 World Masters Swimming Championships in Sweden. In the 200 metres freestyle Kirsten pipped the gold medallist from the 1996 Olympics, Claudio Poll, by 0.3 seconds.

NZMS President, Sue Pollard, was unable to attend the dinner and the Masters group consisted of John Trubnick SC1 (Northern Region delegate), Avy Judelson SC1, Keith Richmond WH2, Jill Cameron MS4 and Kirsten's mother, Kirsten and myself. After an informal cocktail hour from 7-8pm the dinner and awards presentation began at 8pm. John McBeth from TVNZ was the Master of Ceremonies and introduced dignitaries and award presenters. We listened to addresses from the Mayor of Auckland, Len Brown; the President of Swimming NZ, Murray Coulter, and the CEO of NZ Swimming, Mike Bryne. After various awards to National swimmers and informal discussions with women competitors from past Commonwealth and Olympic Games conducted by John McBeth, I gave a short address about the relationship being formalized between Masters Swimming and Swimming NZ, what Masters Swimming is all about and thanked Swimming NZ staff, Tania Black, Trent Stead and Mark O'Connor for their work in organizing the NZ Masters Open Water Swim Championships. I then announced the award of NZ Masters Swimmer of the year 2010 to Kirsten Cameron. Kirsten received the cup from NZMS and a trophy from Swimming NZ. Earlier in the evening Kirsten had been presented with a Certificate of Achievement from Swimming NZ in recognition for representing New Zealand in the World Open Water Championships in 2006.

The evening was a huge success. We got to meet and talk with New Zealand's current National swimmers, see the transformation of young swimmers from pool wear to evening wear, and dancing the night away to a trio of talented singers accompanied by guitar and enjoyed a scrumptious meal. Auckland will again host the awards evening in 2012 following National Open Swimming Champs at West Wave Aquatic Centre and it would be good to see more Masters swimmers attend the ceremony.

Mike Bodger
NZMS National Secretary

Pictured with Kirsten who looked gorgeous in red, is L-R: Kirsten's sister, Libby White, her nephew James White, her mum Jill Cameron, brother-in-law Alistair White, and on her right is her niece Annelise White.



Where were you all?

Sadly Roskill Club had to cancel their 25th Auckland Short Course Championship Meet due to lack of entries. Such was the low number received at closing date plus 2 days leeway, that the cost of the pool would not have been met. Whilst the club is not expecting to make a profit on the meet, costs must be met, hence the cancellation. With the Red Beach swim having been cancelled as well, 2011 has not been a good year so far, so fingers crossed for 2012!

CLUB NOTICEBOARD



Hamilton Masters Mid Winter Christmas Meet

(Long Course)

Saturday 6 August 2011

1:00 pm warm up, 1:30 pm start

Venue: Waterworld, Hamilton
Prize giving at conclusion of meet

New Dinner Venue

Entry forms are on the NZMS website and close on 25 July 2011

This is a **Sanctioned Long Course Meet** run by Hamilton Masters

Wanganui Masters Swimmers

Fun June Carnival

Saturday 11th June 2011

Splash Centre, London St, Wanganui

Warm Up: 4.30pm Start: 5.00pm

- Email enquiries to: davejennythomson@xtra.co.nz
- Phone enquiries to: Jenny Thomson (06)3482399 or Wendy Whitham (06) 344 2645
- Post entries to: 10 Spurdle Street, Wanganui 4501
- Limit 4 races/swimmer (excluding relay & fins race) - bring your fins for Event 13
- Please make cheques payable to Wanganui Masters Swimmers Club or if paying on-line to:
Wanganui Masters (Bank) 03-0791-0465698-00 and ensure you put your last name as a reference

Entries close 30th May 2011

But if you ring Jenny or Wendy NOW and say you saw this ad in MasterScrawl they may let you enter late!

Dinner at Wanganui East Club, 101 Wakefield St – 7pm drinks-7.30pm buffet dinner, cash bar. A special buffet dinner has been arranged for our group. Tickets can be purchased at the restaurant counter at \$16 per head. Children under 12yrs can order smaller meals.

REGIONAL NEWS

South Island News

As the weeks and months have passed since the February 22nd earthquake our lives and swimming are slowly returning to normal.

For those familiar with Christchurch, here is an update on our pool complex situation.

QEII Sports Stadium & Pool Complex is closed indefinitely and may be demolished, but hopefully will be rebuilt. Christchurch Masters Clubs were to run the NZMS Long Course at this complex in 2012. Unfortunately we have had to cancel the running of this event as there is no alternative complex.

Centennial Pool and Aqua Gym are both 25m pool complexes and are also closed but repairable. All of the other Christchurch pools are back in action but with very limited pool space.

Jellie Park outdoor 50m pool is still operating with a number of Jasi Swimmers still training outdoors. We have had good weather and the pool is surprisingly warm. It may be a bit more challenging when the frosts begin, and with the luck that Christchurch has had lately it is bound to snow – now there's a challenge 'snow swimming'.

Greymouth Meet

After many years since the last Greymouth Meet, the newly reformed club held a Meet on the weekend of 30th April.

The new 8 lane pool complex has been open for the last two years and a new Masters Club has been formed ably led by Peter Walls. Peter may be well known to some of you being a stalwart of Masters Swimming and Water Polo in Christchurch for many years. The pool complex is a credit to the designers and people of Greymouth, and well worth a visit if you are in the area.

The weather on Saturday was glorious for our trip over the Alps and for those swimmers who also came from Nelson and Blenheim and Westport. A total of 45 swimmers competed and were warmly welcomed by the Greymouth Club.

Once swimming got underway the events were back to back for those competing in 4-5 events. It always amazes me how good a Swim Meet can be held with a small number of swimmers. At Meet end, the pool management opened the hydro slides so us big kids could have a go. Great rides were had by all. Drinks, dinner and prize giving followed. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and catching up with others. Thanks Greymouth Masters for a great Meet



Ed: Remember when... found this old photo recently and have great memories of events in Christchurch thank you all – that bus trip out to Akaroa in 1987 was a real hoot and some of us are still competing today...recognise anyone?



L-R: Brendon Falloon, Brent Rollo, Paul McStay, Bryce Shaw, Peter Johnson in Greymouth.

Ed: I hope you boys all worked hard for that beer!!



Start training and get your flights and bed booked and we'll see you in Dunedin at the South Island Short Course Champs in August.

Paul McStay
Jasi Masters

Update on Levin's 29th Annual Autumn Swim Meet



**Levin
Master
Swimmers**

I hope you read the article above from 'The Archives' as 25 years after that article was written Levin Masters again held their annual meet at the Levin Aquatic Centre over the weekend of 14th May 2011.

This year again brought over 60 entries and an excellent After Match function but at a new venue (Murrayfields Café). The pool conditions have improved vastly since 1990 when the new Levin pool was completed and much more comfortable. Lots of new competitors this year were testing their abilities along with older ones like Colin Palmer down from Trojans (he never misses our meet).

A few years ago we instituted a '25m skins' event which tests the top swimmers in their category. These are Women's and Men's 20 – 49, and Women's and Men's 50yrs plus. Tactics are part of the game and again Tony Hickmore could not hold back from a challenge by fellow club mate Barry Lake.

Speedy Michelle Booty from Raumati had spectators marveling at her technique and speed. The other two events were won by Levin members Nick Robinson and Debbie Walden – just too quick for the visitors.

Comments from the swimmers reinforce the 'feel good factor' amongst Masters at these fun meets (we don't need the gumboots now) and we welcomed swimmers from Wanganui, Makino, Trojans, Masterton, Huia, Raumati, Mana Marlins, Breakers and of course Harbour Capital.

North Island Short Course Champs - remember that Levin Masters will be hosting this event over the weekend of **2nd – 3rd September** so put this one in your diary, get a group organised and book a room or two at one of the many motels in the area. The Friday night will be 800/1500 plus some others events, Saturday the rest of the events followed by a fabulous Saturday evening function and you can all sleep in on Sunday. Contact Lesley Parkin for details at lesley.parkin@xtra.co.nz or keep an eye on the NZMS website for an entry form shortly.

Editors Note: Levin Masters are renown for hosting a great event – here's a few photo's of one of the best "after match functions" I been to Lesley and her team arranged a karaoke night at a local pub.. we took over and had a ball!



In the photo on the left are Lance Davidson and Paul Kent, both sadly died a few years ago while in the water – but doing what they loved.

Recognise anyone here... eat your heart out "Bee Gees"!



Always keen to work with their sponsor and their sponsor's product, Levin Masters certainly knew how to strike a pose. This photo was taken at the Napier Meet in July 1991.

Ed: Looking to host a swim meet? Then seriously consider your social function as this is a decision breaker as to whether some of us would consider putting in an entry form... it takes more than a scone and a cuppa in the clubrooms afterwards to get us on the road! Levin and a number of clubs do it so well.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

Riccione – Italy, 2 – 16 June 2012

(dates TBC by FINA at the next Bureau meeting in July)

Been there, done that, loved it so much we're going back – join us too.



To date we have 30+ Kiwi's who have registered their interest in joining us in Riccione next year for the next FINA Masters World Championships. We hope you can join us too.

Riccione, known as "*The Green Pearl of the Adriatic*" for its vast sandy beaches, is south of Venice, on one of the most beautiful parts of the Adriatic coastline.



What could be more fun than being in the Italian sunshine with a fabulous group of NZMS members, family and friends? It's always more fun in a group, so come along as a competitor or a supporter or just come and see Italy with us.

Register your interest today – a hotel deposit is required when registering as accommodation in Riccione is quickly filling as other clubs and countries start securing the better accommodation deals for this big event. It is also the start of the summer season when many Europeans head off to the beach for their summer holidays. This event is now less than 12 months away, so register today to secure your airfare and accommodation.



We've changed hotels since last issue; we're now at the **Hotel Giulietta** located along Riccione's sea front promenade, as we have managed to secure a much better arrangement and this hotel is more affordable without any compromise and still in the heart of Riccione. In the vicinity of the hotel is the Acquafan water-park, Italia in Miniatura, Fiabilandia amusement park, Rimini's thermal baths, Mirabilandia, Rimini and Riccione dolphinariums.



Travel is coordinated through **Pam Young** from **House of Travel, Motueka**. Pam is a seasoned traveller to Europe and Italy and can share her experiences to make your trip as wonderful as possible - and with a great fun group.

We're flying with Emirates via Auckland, Australia and Dubai which will be a wonderful experience, but there are two rules we must comply with. They are:

- 1) we must all fly out on the same flight from Auckland to get the group travel discount then it's over to you to do whatever you wish once you arrive in Italy, and
- 2) this is a package deal that includes airfare and accommodation while in Riccione, again after that it's over to you, and Pam can assist with additional travel to other destinations. Enjoy all that Europe has on offer while you're there.

Talk to Pam and have her assist you with travel insurance, all travel is designed personally for each person. Full payment is delayed until approx 60 days prior as opposed to instant purchase then a change of mind which is costly. Why book on the internet and get locked in now – especially as dates for this event are not yet confirmed. You will also have 24/7 availability pre and whilst travelling for assistance. We will send out updates on a regular basis.

Register today, with [Ingrid Saxton](#) or Pam and we will keep you informed by way of our newsletters. The first update has been sent out already, so ask us for a copy and be included in the **next Italy update due out around the 1st July**.

Contact Pam Young directly on pammy@hot.co.nz or phone her on (03) 573 4555 or mobile on 021 352 705. Ciao, Ingrid Saxton

HOUSE OF TRAVEL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All entry forms are on www.nzmastersswimming.org.nz

To ensure your club event is included in this calendar, send an electronic copy of your entry form to

editor@nzmastersswimming.org.nz

and to

webmaster@nzmastersswimming.org.nz

[Calendar of Events](#) are on the NZMS website. There is no charge for this service for NZMS clubs.

Please refer to the [New Zealand Masters Swimming](#) website for a detailed list of entry forms/events in the pool, sea, river or lake.

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EDITORIAL DEADLINE:

The next issue of MasterScrawl is

1 SEPTEMBER 2011

This is my last issue as Editor of MasterScrawl, so please send articles, photos, copies of event entry forms to **Sue Pollard** before **15 AUG** as late material may not be included.

Ingrid Saxton

Editor, NZMS MasterScrawl

Click [here](#) or email:

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Details and entry forms on

www.nzmastersswimming.org.nz

2011	Event Details	Entries Close
JUNE		
11	Wanganui Masters Fun June Carnival Splash Centre, London St, Wanganui	30 May
JULY	TBA	
AUGUST		
6	Hamilton Masters Mid Winter Christmas Meet Waterworld, Garrett St, Hamilton	25 July
12 – 13	South Island Short Course Champs, Dunedin Moana Pool, Dunedin	TBA
SEPTEMBER		
2 - 3	North Island Short Course Championships Levin Aquatic Centre, Queens St, Levin	TBA
OCTOBER	TBA	
NOVEMBER	TBA	
DECEMBER	TBA	

At the time of going to 'print' the Editor has not be advised of any upcoming events for July, October, November or December.

The venue for the 2012 NZMS Long Course National Championship is yet to be advised – was scheduled for Christchurch but the ground shook and pool broke and we're in search of a new venue to host this event.

Are you keen to host this event next year – needs to be in a 50m pool?

Got an event coming up?

Send us a copy to news@nzmastersswimming.org.nz.