

*September-October 2008*

Welcome to this month's edition of the Mana Swimco Newsletter. We hope you find our swimming news both an informative and enjoyable read.



## Some of our Winter Champs Stars



Jonathan Hunter	12-yr	<b>Gold</b> 200 back	<b>Gold</b> 100 back	<b>Bronze</b> 50 free
Clare Lechner	13-yr	<b>Gold</b> 50 fly <b>Bronze</b> 100 IM	<b>Gold</b> 100 fly <b>Silver</b> 200 breast	<b>Gold</b> 50 free
Susannah Lynch	12-yr	<b>Bronze</b> 200 breast	<b>Bronze</b> 100 breast	<b>Bronze</b> 50 breast
Bronagh Ryan	15-yr	<b>Gold</b> 200 breast <b>Gold</b> 100 free <b>Bronze</b> 200 free	<b>Gold</b> 100 breast <b>Gold</b> 50 free <b>Bronze</b> 100 back	<b>Gold</b> 50 breast <b>Silver</b> 50 back <b>Bronze</b> 200 IM
Trent Shields	13-yr	<b>Gold</b> 100 free <b>Bronze</b> 400 IM	<b>Gold</b> 50 free <b>Bronze</b> 200 back	<b>Silver</b> 200 free
Kahu Styles	17-yr	<b>Bronze</b> 50 breast		
Hamish Trlin	11-yr	<b>Gold</b> 200 breast <b>Bronze</b> 100 IM <b>Bronze</b> 100 back	<b>Gold</b> 100 breast <b>Bronze</b> 50 back	<b>Silver</b> 50 breast <b>Bronze</b> 200 IM
Katie Trott	9-yr	<b>Gold</b> 100 breast <b>Gold</b> 100 free <b>Silver</b> 100 IM	<b>Gold</b> 50 breast <b>Silver</b> 50 fly <b>Silver</b> 100 back	<b>Gold</b> 50 back <b>Silver</b> 100 fly
Nicola Trott	12-yr	<b>Silver</b> 100 fly	<b>Bronze</b> 200 fly	

# Results

## Wellington Winter Champs Report

Over the last two weekends (30/31 August and 6/7 September) the Wellington Winter Championships were held at the Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie. Mana Swimco proudly had a wonderful group of swimmers attending this meet. The team consisted of: -Mark Anderson, Katie Churchill, Sophie Eason, Dannielle & Reegan Gaulofa, Jordan Harris, Grace & Jonathan Hunter, Holly & Kate Jenkins, Clare Lechner, Aaron, Deborah & Susannah Lynch, Brooke Marsters, Jordan Mellars, Lucy Newton-Smith, Bronagh Ryan, Letitia Saunders, Trent Shields, Natasha Smith, Craig Stapleton, Kahu & Matariki Styles, Bridget & Nicole Tait, Hamish & Josh Trlin, Katie & Nicola Trott, Ben Turner, Callum & Stephanie Watts-Pointer and Sebastian Young.

There were some outstanding swims by this group, heaps of personal bests including 148 top ten places and **a total of 18 Gold, 7 Silver and 16 Bronze medals** (see table on the front page).

Well done to all swimmers for participating, cheering and supporting each other. You were all fantastic!!!

A huge thank you to Neville and Dennis for coaching and encouraging our swimmers to do their best!

Thanks also to the following parents for stepping forward to be team managers and helping with our club's official duties (IOTs, Time-keeping, duty **Top Ten Three** requirements): - Matt Trlin, Ingrid Kristament, Jackie Watts-Pointer, Jo Hunter, Tania Donaldson, Margriet Lynch, Sandra Bednarek, Sarah Tait, Pauline Ryan and Robyn Smith, Steve Shields, Murray Trott, Julie Stapleton, Heather Turner, Brittany Turner, Onolata Little, Carolyn Shields, Glenn Saunders, Mike Lynch, Craig Marsters and Graeme Eason. At the completion of the Champs the scores (points are allocated to the top ten from each event) are collated with the following results for Mana: -

**12 & Under:** 1<sup>st</sup> Capital, 2<sup>nd</sup> Swimzone, 3<sup>rd</sup> Karori, 4<sup>th</sup> Porirua, **5<sup>th</sup> Mana.....**

**Full age group:** 1<sup>st</sup> Capital, 2<sup>nd</sup> Swimzone, 3<sup>rd</sup> Karori, 4<sup>th</sup> Raumati, **5<sup>th</sup> Mana.....**

**Based on points per number of swimmers from each club:**

1<sup>st</sup> Capital, 2<sup>nd</sup> Porirua, 3<sup>rd</sup> Levin, 4<sup>th</sup> Carterton, **5<sup>th</sup> Mana.....**

Also there is a further competition for Individual Age Group Champs and Mana is very proud to announce that we had TWO winners: -

9yr and under girls overall winner - **Katie Trott**  
15yr girls overall winner - **Bronagh Ryan**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## Top 10 – Event Three – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Congratulations to the following swimmers for Qualifying for the third and final Top Ten meets held at Kilbirnie: - Hamish & Josh Trlin, Ben Turner, Trent Shields, Dannielle Gaulofa, Natasha Smith, Deborah, Aaron & Susannah Lynch, Bronagh Ryan, Nicola & Katie Trott, Clare Lechner, Jonathon Hunter and Kahu Styles.

## Swim Wellington Top 10 Results

This competition was swum over three meets, with the fastest ten swimmers who entered competing against each other in the Open events, and the fastest ten age group swimmers racing in the age group events. All swimmers earned age group points, while those in the Opens earned both age group and open points. All events from 50m to 400m races in all strokes were included in the programme, which made for a tough competition. With Wellington's Best competing the standard of this meet was extremely high. To make a Top 10 event and swim on the night was an achievement – Congratulations to everyone who swum.

Special Congratulations to Katie Trott, overall winner for Girls 9 years, and Nicola Trott 3rd for 12yrs

The results were: -

Place	Age Grade	Points	Place	Age Grade	Points
<b>Girls 9 years and under</b>			<b>Girls 15yrs and over</b>		
1st	Katie Trott	84	4th	Bronagh Ryan	73
			9th	Deborah Lynch	29
	<b>Girls 11yrs</b>		24th	Natasha Smith	3
7th	Dannielle Gaulofa	34	27th	Bridget Tait	1
	<b>Girls 12yrs</b>		<b>Boys 11yrs</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nicola Trott	99	4th	Hamish Trlin	71
6th	Susannah Lynch	64			
10 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Tait	18	<b>Boys 12yrs</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Letitia Saunders	2	4th	Jonathan Hunter	85
	<b>Girls 13yrs</b>		<b>Boys 13yrs</b>		
4th	Clare Lechner	79	5th	Joshua Trlin	69
			9th	Trent Shields	37
	<b>Girls 14yrs</b>		10th	Ben Turner	23
12th	Stephanie Watts-Pointer	19	11th	Aaron Lynch	18
16th	Sophie Eason	6	<b>Boys 15rs and over</b>		
			7th	Jason Eason	40
			16th	Rory Eason	10

**Well done to you all!**

## Mana Swimco's 100M Handicap Trophy 2008

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September the Annual 100m Handicap event took place. This was a fun night with a lot of yelling and cheering going on from everyone. We had 65 club and squad swimmers mixing and swimming together. The format of this meet was 12 heats, followed by 6 semi finals. From these semi finals we found our 6 finalists.

Prior to the Grand Final, all swimmers not required for semi-finals or the final were placed in six relay teams. The relay heats took place whilst our finalists prepared for the individual Grand Final. Once times were available the relay teams were also handicapped in preparation for the Relay Final. Then it was final time...What an exciting race!

Congratulations to our new winner Olivia Aunoa.

Olivia managed to hold off all the other swimmers in the final, well done! 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Mia Uluilata, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Stephanie Watts-Pointer, 4<sup>th</sup> Sarah Talbot, 5<sup>th</sup> Brooke Marsters and 6<sup>th</sup> Grace Hunter. Well done to all of you.

The relay final also saw some great swimming.

In 1<sup>st</sup> place was Team 6: Jessica Beddow, Josh Breadmore, Saasha Marsters, Natasha Smith, Areta Crawford, Kate Thompson, Jesse Blizzard-Stott, Tana Salzmann and Nicole Tait. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Team 5: Alexandra Coupe, Brooklyn Saunders, Matisse Uluilata, Holly Jenkins, Bailey Coupe, Brittany Turner, Ryan McBride, TJ Tulepu, Jonathan Hunter and Aaron Lynch. 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Team 2: Matthew Beddow, Reegan Gaulofa, Kara Doyle, Murphy Lee-Fairbrother, Bridget Tait, Rose Jenkins, Oliver Smith, Megan Turner, Dannielle Gaulofa and Josh Trlin.

Thank you to the office staff Viv, Sarah and Sandra M for organising the handicapping, To Matt Meehan for giving up his spare time and officiating and to all the parents who helped with the official duties, without your input these evenings could not go ahead.

### **Matt Meehan FINA Starter**

Congratulations to Matt Meehan in achieving FINA starter status.

### **Squad fees**

Parents will recall that the Mana Swimco AGM several months ago raised the issue of the costs of running the club's emergent and junior and senior competitive squads (Swordfish, Orca, Sharks & Piranhas). It was reported at that AGM, and again at the special meeting on Monday night (15<sup>th</sup> September), that the squad had made an operational loss of **\$12,000** for the 2007/08 year. This loss related to a shortfall between fees recovered for coaching services and the actual cost of those services (i.e. the coaching services that we have used have cost more than the fees we collect). This loss came on the back of a similar loss in 2006/07.

This situation has not changed with Benoit's departure, as the club has since contracted Nevill Sutton and Denis Smith to deliver our emergent and competitive squad coaching services. This loss figure has also excluded pool hire costs, which (at present) the club has largely been fortunate to recover through grants. While the club has been fortunate to offset a majority of these losses through alternative income from the volunteer learn to swim programme on Sunday mornings, this arrangement is not considered to be financially sustainable. It is also not in the best interests of the club.

The Committee discussed the issue of the squad cost at its last meeting (Tuesday 9 September), and decided that the fee structure for the competitive squads (Swordfish, Orcas, Sharks and Piranhas), needed to be reviewed.

### **Increase in shark/Piranha Squad fee**

As an interim step the Committee decided that the squad fees for the sharks and piranhas squads should be immediately increased from \$85 to **\$100 per month**. This swim group currently places the greatest demand on our competitive squad coaching services. The Committee resolved that this fee change take effect from **1 October 2008**. Parents who have swimmers in these squads are asked to adjust their payments to reflect this new fee level.

## Review of other squad fees

It is noted that the committee will in the coming months need to review this revised fee structure and further review other fees charged for other squad groups. It is considered likely that further adjustments to all squad level fees will be required in the coming months. We will advise members of any future changes being considered and provide appropriate advance warnings for the dates from which these may take effect.

## Committee considerations

While the committee is aware of the impact that the initial changes may have on families (particularly with multiple swimmers), the committee has not come to this decision lightly-noting that it has a responsibility to the wider club to ensure that it makes all efforts to run the squad in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner. The Committee is also aware of its role to try and balance: -

- (a) Keeping squad costs as reasonable as possible to help facilitate swimmer entry into and participation in competitive swimming and
- (b) Engaging and retaining quality coaching services for competitive swimmer development and growth within the club.

The Committees ongoing work in exploring merger discussions with Porirua Swim club are also intended to address some of these issues. If any families have concerns with this fee rise and/or have an interest in future fee reviews please contact me or speak to a member of the committee. The committee can't consider your views unless you provide us with your feedback.

UPCOMING EVENTS			
DATE	EVENT	VENUE	NOTES
<b>September</b>			
27-28th	Nelson – Marlborough Meet	Nelson	Flyer on Noticeboard [Closed]
28 <sup>th</sup>	SNZ 2008 Spring Meet	Tauranga	Refer to SNZ Website [Closed]
<b>October</b>			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Coast Long Course Carnival	Naenae Pool	Warm Up 5pm Flyer on Noticeboard
19 <sup>th</sup>	Ice Breakers Aquatics	Freyberg Pool; Palmerston North	Club Bus Trip Flyer on Noticeboard Closes 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2008
Anyone needing a copy of their times see Linda George or Sarah Tait			

## Contact Details Database

We are continually updating our club records and e-mail contact list. If your home address, e-mail addresses and contact phone numbers have changed please ensure you let us know and can keep you informed. Can families please send their name, home address and current e-mail address to: [-manaswimco@paradise.net.nz](mailto:manaswimco@paradise.net.nz) or alternatively advise the person on duty at the club table.

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### Club Records since last newsletter

<b>Palmerston North Winter Carnival 10th August 2008</b>									
Bronagh Ryan	15yrs	50	Back	33.21	33.93	Neesha Wieser	4.11.01	14	S/C
Bronagh Ryan	15yrs	200	Free	2.13.84	2.18.84	Deborah Lynch	25.08.07	15	S/C
Bronagh Ryan	15yrs	50	Free	28.64	28.76	Bronagh Ryan	26.08.08	16	S/C

<b>Top Ten - Three Kilbirnie 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008</b>									
Deborah Lynch	16yrs	100	Fly	1.11.06	1.11.31	Haidee Rich	9.8.97	17	S/C
Deborah Lynch	16yrs	50	Back	33.41	33.87	Stephanie George	19.3.08	18	S/C
Deborah Lynch	16yrs	50	Breast	37.56	40.17	Shannon Fugle	24.8.02	19	S/C
Bronagh Ryan	15yrs	50	Breast	34.25	35.15	Deborah Lynch	23.9.07	20	S/C

<b>Wellington Winter Champs 30-31<sup>st</sup> August &amp; 6-7<sup>th</sup> September 2008</b>									
Clare Lechner	13	50	free	28.2	28.95	Clare Lechner	19.7.08	21	S/C
Bronagh Ryan	15	200	breast	2.43.25	2.47.20	Deborah Lynch	23.9.07	22	S/C
Bronagh Ryan	15	50	back	32.79	33.21	Bronagh Ryan	10.8.08	23	S/C
Bronagh Ryan	15	100	free	59.66	1.01.75	Bronagh Ryan	19.7.08	24	S/C
Bronagh Ryan	15	50	breast	33.96	35.15	Deborah Lynch	23.9.07	25	S/C
Bronagh Ryan	15	50	free	27.76	28.64	Bronagh Ryan	10.8.08	26	S/C
Bronagh Ryan	15	800	free	9.36.89	9.58.03	Deborah Lynch	25.8.07	27	S/C
Deborah Lynch	16	50	fly	31.65	31.75	Deborah Lynch	2.8.08	28	S/C
Deborah Lynch	16	200	free	2.21.79	2.24.51	Deborah Lynch	2.8.08	29	S/C
Deborah Lynch	16	100	IM	1.11.97	1.12.17	Deborah Lynch	2.8.08	30	S/C
Deborah Lynch	16	800	free	10.06.42	10.28.26	Kimberley Mills	14.11.93	31	S/C



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