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Orca Swimming Club



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009

Orca has had another very successful and positive year. Swimmer numbers have grown and at present there is a waiting list of swimmers wanting to join the club. Our competitive swimmer numbers are the highest they have been for some time and at competitive meets this year Orca has frequently had over 40 swimmers entered, making it one of the best represented clubs. We also have a large number of willing and able parents who give up their time to help manage our swimmers at meets or work as officials – that is evident from the number of Orca shirts that can be seen around the pool. A big thank you to all those parents that give up their time to help.

CLUB NIGHTS

Club nights have continued to go well despite some restructuring required for the last term. Aidan Withington, who had provided coaching services to the club, was not poolside during the last term and arrangements were made for new coaches to assist where necessary. Philippa Marshall ably managed this transition and I thank her for all her hard work. I would also like to thank those coaches, many of them parents of swimmers, who gave up their time to coach swimmers.

A special thank you to Tim Ward, for his ongoing contribution in Coaching and support to our club, and congratulations on receiving the Bill Davidson Memorial Cup at Swimming Southland's Prize Giving night recently. This is awarded to the Coach or Administrator who has made the greatest contribution to the teaching and or development of "young" swimmers within the region. Tim has been our Coach of our deep end club night swimmers for quite a number of years. He is well respected by the swimmers, especially those swimmers that have made the transition to "squad training" and still enjoy coming to club nights with Tim. Tim has trained as a time keeper, IOT, starter, Judge of Stroke and Referee. In recent times He has been a team Manager on national meets and training camps. Tim has a fantastic attitude to the younger swimmers and gently encourages these swimmers to enter meets and improve themselves.

Club nights, during the last term particularly, were very well organised, as was our Club Championship meet. We had a large number of swimmers and parents participating which bodes well for our future.

COMMITTEE

Barbara Grant (Secretary), Lisa Crooks (Treasurer), Jane Bester, Vicki Finlay, (Carnival Entries) Phillippa Marshall (Club night) Jodi McLeay (trophies/awards), Stu Wylie (Sponsorship/Funding), Sarah Richardson (Catering), Bridget Winter (Uniforms), Judi Devine (Labour Weekend Convenor).

A big thank you to a great committee. Everyone is always enthusiastic and willing. I have denoted each member's general 'area of expertise' but everyone pitches in where required and helps as a whole committee. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the committee this year and look forward to another successful year in 2009 - 2010.

A special thank you to Judi Devine who resigned from the committee earlier this year. It is because of Judi's help and the knowledge that she imparted that we are able to carry on without her. Judi has been invaluable especially in relation to our Labour Weekend meet and I only hope we will be able to call on her for advice to ensure that this meet continues to be as successful as it has been in the past.

A special thank you also to Vicki Finlay who is stepping down from the committee at the end of this year. As with Judi, Vicki's knowledge and help has been invaluable and without her input we would not have been able to function as well as we have. This is particularly in the areas of meet entries – including relays, swimmer identification, and Control room workings and in relation to the operation of the club.

Thank you both Judi and Vicki.

COMPETITIVE SWIMMING

Orca has had a number of swimmers who have qualified for national meets this year. 6 swimmers qualified for Junior nationals, 3 for National Age Groups, 7 for the Div II competition (6 attending) and 18 for South Island Country and Town (11 attending). Of those swimmers a good number received medals and ribbons with many more making finals.

A special mention to the following swimmers; Ben Richardson, Andrew Bester and Gemma Withington who all achieved top ten placings in their respective age groups at NAGs; Clem Flatley who was placed first in the 13 year old girls 200 Breast, second in the 100 Breast and fourth in the 400IM at the Div II competition; Tom Wylie who won the 11year old boys 100 Fly in meet record time at the South Island Country and Town meet and placed in other events; Olivia Thornbury who was placed 11th in the 50 Fly at New Zealand Juniors and qualified for 2010 !

These are just a few of the exceptional swims by Orca swimmers this year. There are many more that I could mention. Well done to all of our swimmers.

A highlight for me this year was accompanying the Orca team to the South Island Country and Town meet in Nelson with co-managers Stu Wylie and Philippa Marshall. We took a team of 11 enthusiastic swimmers who all swam very well achieving PB's and winning ribbons. Best of all the swimmers had a great time both in the pool and out spending time at the beach when the sun came out. It was great to see such a good team spirit and it bodes very well for the future. It is an aim of mine to have more 'club tours' to the likes of the Neptune meet in Dunedin in the coming years. The swimmers enjoy travelling and competing as a team and it will only build the strength and success of the club.

ORCA LABOUR WEEKEND MEET

Yet another fantastic meet. A big thanks to the hard working committee and others who gave up their time to help. A special mention to Nadia Rose and Lyn Sutherland for their efforts and expertise. Bring on 2009!

THANKYOU

Finally, a big thank you to our life members for their ongoing support. I particularly thank Pat Ward and Allan Matheson who were present at the Orca prize giving. We were privileged to have them hand out some of the awards.

I would also like to acknowledge our major sponsors this year particularly Evolution Motor Sport (Rick Michels) for their ongoing financial contribution and support. The contribution they have made has enabled the club to obtain the "new look" Club T-Shirts, which have been a huge success. The shirts have helped build the Orca team spirit and fostered competition within Southland swimming as other clubs have followed suit in "updating" their uniforms.

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who have performed so well over the year and thank you very much to the parents who have helped and supported the swimmers and the club in general.

Dominic Flatley
President
Orca Swimming Club

Murihiku Swimming Club



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2008/2009

No report submitted

Waverley Swimming Club

49th PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009

It is with pleasure that I present my Presidents report for the 2008/2009 season.

Numbers are again up this year with 230 members and a large number on the waiting list for the learners pool.

Both pools have had a busy year with a large number of swimmers gaining distance certificates, swimming in race nights and club champs.

Our competitive swimmers have again had a very busy year with Joyce and Natalie Wiegersma again heading this group with National medals, NZ Records, Southland records and Open Water titles. We have had two retirements this year from long standing members of the club. We wish Joyce Wiegersma and Cody Ball all the best for the future.

We have had a number of young competitive swimmers showing excellent talent coming up through the ranks. We wish them well for the new season.

A big thank you to Joka Wiegersma for all the work that she has done looking after all the competitive swimmers.

The Waverley widths meet was held again in November and was well supported by all clubs in Southland. The swimmers really enjoy the meet, especially the "Dash for Cash" and we had a lot of favourable comments from parents. Hopefully this meet will encourage some of these swimmers into the competitive side of our sport.

It was another busy year with fundraising, selling pizzas, chocolates, raffles, catering and the lollie table. Thanks to all those who helped and supported in any way but this is an ongoing area as our funds are at an all time low and if anyone has any other ways that we could make some money please let us know.

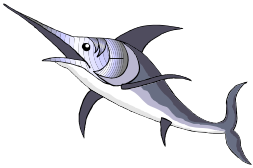
To coaches, what a wonder job you are doing. The standard of our swimmers is improving all the time. Thank you for the time and dedication throughout the season and hope to see you all back next year.

The committee of the 2008/09 season has worked hard to ensure the smooth running of our club and I wish to thank you all.

I am standing down as President and thank the committee and Waverley members for their support throughout my time and wish the new committee well for the 2009/10 season. The season of our 50 years as a swimming club.

Fiona Dooley
President
Waverley Swimming Club

Collegiate Swimming Club



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009

It is with much pleasure that I present to you my Annual Presidents report for the Collegiate Amateur swimming Club for the 2008/2009 season. 2009 being the 80th anniversary of our club. We intend to celebrate this achievement later in 2009.

My sincere thanks to the committee members who have given their support over this season – Sheryll and Warren Joyce, Tracey Tyler, Reece Murphy, Mabelle Brazier, Adrienne Pope, Janene Butt and Nigel Soper. I would like to make a special thanks to Sheryll who is our club secretary and handles a huge amount of work behind the scenes, and also Tracey our treasurer and membership secretary who travels a great distance each week to be on the desk and to attend our monthly meetings.

Thank you also to our patron Jack Hamilton for his continued support we do appreciate your advice Jack.

Thank you to our club captains Lisa Pankhurst and Adam McDonald. We have appreciated your attendance at club nights when you have been able to attend, and your encouragement of our younger swimmers at meets.

This season has seen our numbers of swimmers in the pools continue to slowly increase with 102 in the main pool and 56 in the learner's pool, and of course none of this would be possible without the tremendous dedication of our wonderful coaches who so willingly give up their time each week.

Overseeing the coaches and swimmers in the main pool we have had Aidan Withington following up on his second year of his contract to us.

Coaches in this pool have been Alysha Withington, Nigel Soper, Rowan Sullivan, Richelle Holland, Robyn Daly, and Warren Joyce. And in the learners pool we have had Adrienne Pope, Sonia Payne (26years), Debbie McKenzie, Pam Soper, Mabelle Brazier, Jess Buchanan and Jason Scobie.

We have been very heartened by our response to a request for volunteers for next season who are interested in having some instruction on how to coach. This will be run by a SNZ instructor and costs met by the club. If anyone else is interested please let us know.

Competition Highlights:

It has been very exciting to see a growing number of our younger swimmers showing interest in entering in local meets, both in the non competitive and competitive areas.

Non-competitive –Torben Sullivan, Hannah-Jane and Bayleigh-Marie Calderwood, India Vincent-Olson, Ruby Peters, Rebecca Shirley, Katie Bowman, Paige McLeod, Deanne and Larissa Tyler and Esther Smith.

We look forward to many of these swimmers maybe deciding to become competitive next season.

Competitive swimmers along with some of their highlights for the season are:-

Emily Joyce – overall 2nd 8yr old girl in the Sthland Winter League meet.

Thomas Glew – 3rd 100 Free, 5th 50 breast Sthland Winter League meet.

Molly Butt – 1st 50 Free, 100 Free, 50 Fly Sthland Champs

Ellice Soper – 2nd 50 Fly Canterbury Champs and qualified for 3 NZ Junior swims at this event, and had 6 NZ Junior swims in total and had 2 top 10 in NZ finishes and some great PBs

Felicity Soper – at Central Sthland Meet did an amazing 30 sec pb in 400 free, SI Town & Country 1st 100 Fly & 2 3rd placings, also some great swims at Canterbury Champs.
Robert McDonald – set his goals and went about knocking off some great PBs to get to NAGs and was placed 4th 200 Fly, 5th 100 Fly & 6th 50 fly in his age group.
Lisa Pankhurst should be proud of her swimming at present with some great finals at the recent opens and she was in the winning women's relay team at Springs along with Joyce, Natalie and Penny.
Adam McDonald had quite a successful season gaining 4 medals at NAGS and made it into several finals at Open meets this season.
We also congratulate Adam for being selected in the NZ Youth Olympic team that competed in Sydney in January and was placed 5th in the 100 Fly.
Congratulations also for his most recent selection into the NZ U18 Trans Tasman Tri Series Team which will see him compete in July this year in Sydney, Woodonga and Canberra.

This season has also seen a re-emergence of the Collegiate Colours in that we are once again visible poolside in our Club t- shirts.

Fundraising:

Thank you to our club families for your support with our 2 raffles – the Xmas Hamper which you so generously supplied the contents of, and the Easter Raffle.
Our major fundraiser was undoubtedly the selling of mince, which I would like to thank Nigel and Pam for their huge input into organizing that. It was very successful.
Machelle has continued to be in charge of the selling of swimwear – thank you.

I would just like to mention another great initiative that was developed by a club member this year to further develop interest in our young swimmers in Southland, and that was the trip to the Gold Coast that Nigel facilitated in April. 20 young people including Lisa and Natalie along with some parents spent 10 days competing and having fun on the Gold Coast. It is hoped that through contacts made that this will be a reciprocal event.

I mentioned earlier about our 80th celebrations this year, we will be hosting a meet on Dec 6th and would love to hear from anyone who may have an interest in any form of sponsorship for this event. Last year it was a huge success and we plan it to be even more so this year.

Finally I need to mention that our AGM will be held on Monday May 18th at 7.30pm in the Russell Cushen Room at Splash Palace and you are all very welcome to attend.

Yvonne McDonald
President
Collegiate Swimming Club

Oreti Swimming Club



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009

The swimming season for the Oreti Swimming Club started on Sep 11 2008 and ran through to the start of the School holidays around the middle of April 2009. This gave the Club a total of 21 swim nights for the season.

As in the previous year the Club concentrated on the 'learn to swim' component of swimming. Although the Club is happy to accommodate competitive swimmers it is in their best interest that they were directed to other Clubs that had more experience in the competitive atmosphere. We still have a good number of enthusiastic coaches willing to help out in the learner pool, but often struggle to attract coaches that are prepared to do the extra bit if learning required to coach in the main pool. However at all stages of the season coaches were available for ample cover in the main pool. We continue to run two ½ hour sessions in the learner and main pool coupled with a full hour session for the advanced swimmers in the main pool. We have again

had problems acquiring suitable pool space at times in the main pool and have been restricted to using the 25m length of the main pool for our introduction to the main pool sessions. In the past we used the width of the pool for this session however a change in pool policy appears to have out ruled this for us.

Swimmer numbers for the year remained static with the previous year at around 75 swimmers. Good discounts are applied to families with multiple memberships, although the Club probably makes a loss on this. Finances for the club remain healthy with a sizable term deposit being rolled over for another term.

The club intends to start again for the new season in early September 2009.

Adrian Cocker
President
Oreti Swimming Club

Waiau Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009

This year we had 86 swimmers in our club, which is up on last year. It is especially good to see so many new swimmers keen to learn. We are how-ever down on competitive swimmers and we hope to improve this in the new season. We have a relatively small season with our pool being closed through the winter and this does make it harder to keep our competitive swimmers going.

We started our season early in October and had a swim camp weekend with David Pratley which really benefitted our competitive swimmers. We also attended a joint session with Fiordland Swimming Club in December coinciding with their swim meet.

We had a team attend the Southland Champs with two of our swimmers gaining National Division II and National Juniors times. I believe we were not the most successful team but made our presence known.

This year we purchased new t-shirts and caps although the caps were a bit late arriving, they will look great next season.

We had some swimmers achieve qualifying times:

Liam Adams and Tomas Chartres (Div II), Flynn Thomas (Juniors) Marissa Johnston and Ainsley Laurie (S.I Town and Country).

We had 13 new swimmers attend ribbon day, they really enjoyed it and I think it will encourage more to have a go this coming season.

Our Club Champs were held on a Friday night this year and was a great success with a better turn-out than the previous year.

At our prize giving in April we fare welled Ray Horrell. Ray has been a stalwart of our club for 22 years and he will be missed. We have however managed to get Raewyn Minty to come back and help us out as an overseer to our club. This is exciting for our club as we are looking at a slightly new structure which will incorporate Learn to Swim sessions and a separate competitive squad.

Thanks to my committee who have done a great job this season and I now look forward to our up and coming season.

Wendy Adams
President
Waiau Swimming Club

Fiordland Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009

The Fiordland Swimming Club has had a very exciting season this year with numbers for the club almost doubling from 58 swimmers last season to 90 swimmers this year.

Consequently more volunteer coaches were required to cater for the increase in numbers. The coaches were: Jim Huntington, Pam Turnbull, Tracy Payne, Annette Flewellen, Katie Culbertson, Ann Fauth, Sue Carruthers, Holly Abbott, Paula Collinson, and Heather Sinclair. We are very encouraged by this resurgence of swimmers in the Te Anau basin and were delighted to see

such keen enthusiasm from both swimmers and their parents and also noticed some emerging talent coming through in the junior swimmers.

The Fiordland Swimming Pool did not open until November as the building was being recladded. So after a late opening we kicked off the season with two excellent coaching clinics held in Te Anau. We were delighted to have professional coach expertise this season. In November Aidan Withington held a weekend coaching camp in which 47 swimmers attended and in December David Prattley held a camp in which 57 swimmers attended.

Our Fiordland Age group meet was held in December and went well with good numbers attending.

Southland Championships saw 14 of our members attending. There were some excellent PB's and medals won. Anna Macdonald qualified for the NZ Juniors and Blake and Mitchell Kemper qualified for NZ Div 2.

Southland Country Club Championships in Gore saw six swimmers attend.

Anna Macdonald gaining 3rd in the 50m backstroke for the South Island region at the NZ Juniors held in Invercargill in February.

Eleven of our swimmers qualified for the South Island Town and Country Meet in Nelson. Kate Macdonald attended picking up eight placings including a meet record for the 50 Freestyle.

Our Fiordland Club Championships were held March 18th with a great turn out of junior swimmers. There were no 16yrs & over or senior swimmers this year. One club record was broken, Anna Macdonald 10 - 11 yr old girls 50m backstroke.

Our season was wrapped up with the Distance awards which also had an excellent turn out and Spirit of Southland Ribbon Day in which 12 of our swimmers attended and did very well. Our prizegiving was held on March 25th.

Club prizegiving awards:

8 & under girl champion:	Kate Turnbull
8 & under boy champion:	Bradley Carruthers
Under 10 girls champion:	Sophie Huntington
Under 10 boys champion:	Ben Macdonald
Under 12 girls champion:	Anna Macdonald
Under 12 boys champion:	Ben Schuck
Under 14 girls champion:	Kate Macdonald
Under 14 boys champion:	Bevan Bolger
Emma Paulin Incentive Trophy	Harmana Kraak
Chewing Trophy – Incentive	Cameron McGlenn
Most improved junior	Janie Pei
Macdonald cup – effort and dedication	Alannah Hamilton
Most improved senior	Natasha Cribb
Merit trophy – boys	William Kirkwood
Merit trophy – girls	Rebecca Carruthers
Bev's Tramping Gear Hire – merit cup	Julia Fauth

Our pool will be reopening in early October (approx) and we are looking forward to another successful season.

Fiona Macdonald
 President
 Fiordland Swimming Club

Bluff Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009
 No report submitted

Hokonui Aquatics Swimming Club



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009

Congratulations to the whole club for seeing out another great year of swimming. This year, we have to say a huge thank you to all those parents who have stepped up to the mark and trained up as coaches and saved our club from a very cloudy future. The season has proved very successful with such great support and as a club, we should be proud of what has been achieved. We have had 79 club and 50 competitive swimmers registered with us this season and are still working hard on our waiting list to accommodate as many new children as possible.

In particular I would like to thank Edward Barron for heading our new team of coaches. With a well organised roster, it would appear that each group has been well catered for. I would love to mention all coaches by names, but safe to say, John, Joy, Trudy and Michelle, have an in depth group of parents and intermittent students behind them in each group. You have all given up a lot of time to help the club and we appreciate the work that you do.

Congratulations to all our competitive swimmers, who under the guidance of David Prattley and Aquazone Swimming, have achieved some fantastic results and represented Southland at the various South Island, National and International meets and given our club great recognition.

Thanks to our very active and busy committee, Bev Catto, Kath Keown, Gwenda Crawford and Kath Simmers for all the stoic work in running the club and organising all our clubs entries for carnivals and meets and sourcing finance for our rep travel and pool hire. Another huge thank you to the wider community of parents, who have given up their time to officiate whether it is timekeeping, IOT, starter or referee. Without you we could not hold these meets or carnivals. We are very grateful to all those who are up-skilling – in the name of swimming.

Thanks to all those that helped out with our major fundraisers this year, firstly the Hokonui Fashion Awards and then in particular to Christine Barclay and her team for organising the Junior Triathlon, which was a great success this year. Thank you to our sponsors for the triathlon, and a special thank you to the Mataura Licensing Trust who helped out with the triathlon and also contributed towards our representative travel.

Congratulations to everyone who is receiving a prize at prizegiving and good luck to you all for next season. Swimming is a skill for life.

Brigette Morrison
Chairperson
Hokonui Aquatics

Central Southland Swimming Club



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009

Welcome to the 2008.2009 Central Southland Swimming Club Prize Giving and Annual General Meeting.

As a Club, we continue to celebrate the achievements of our Swimmers, Coaches, Parents and Committee – all of whom are responsible for the success of our Club.

Club season started well, with a lot of work being put in by our new Head Coach Hilary Spedding, support by our outgoing Head Coach Michelle Anderson. Thank you for your ongoing hard work on behalf of our swimmers. Lack of Coaches has been a difficulty for the Club this season, and Parents are encouraged to join the coaching team on Club Night. Coaches training sessions were a huge success, and will continue to be provided.

Central Southland again hosted its own Development Grade Swim Meet this year, which was well supported by other clubs, for the young developing competitive swimmer and the non-competitive swimmer who remains unsure if they wish to take swimming up as a sport. A great meet, with wonderful parental support by way of officials, and it is a continuing building block for the future. Thank you to all those parents who came forward and assisted with this swim meet.

Club Membership reached 154 this season, and a sincere thank you to our wonderful Registrar – Mary Houlston-Macdonald for all her hard work. This membership included 21 competitive swimmers, 41 learner swimmers, 70 club (non-competitive) swimmers, 7 Officials/Administrators/Coaches and one Life Member.

Swimming Southland Country Club Championships were held in Gore and Central Southland was represented by 5 swimmers ranging from U/10 through to Open. This was the smallest team for some time.

Swimming Southland Championships were held at Invercargill, with a very small number of swimmers taking part. This year only three swimmers competed.

For both these meets, being our own regional meet, we will look forward to more swimmers coming through to compete in 2010.

The third South Island Country and Town Swimming Competition was held in Nelson, with Central Southland having four qualifiers, but unfortunately no swimmers were able to attend. We do however; acknowledge their achievement in meeting the qualifying standard to attend.

In March the Inter-Club Ribbon Day Champs were held, with Central Southland again having very small representation with only two swimmers entering.

However, Swimming is not only about competition, and it is important to recognize what our Learn to Swim members are doing as well. Learning to swim is an achievement, which can easily be equalled to winning a gold medal. The challenges for one young swimmer are very different to another.

Learning to swim will provide an individual with personal safety, and recreational values.

Living in an area such as Southland where we are never far away from a high volume of aquatic activities this should prompt one to learn how to swim. It becomes important that they are reasonably secure in the water. That means they should be able to survive if they fell into the water. With Coaches, we will be able to provide that protection for our members.

Thank you to the Parents who have come forward as coaches for Club night. It is a very rewarding challenge as you see the young swimmers you are working with grow in confidence. We are always looking for more Coaches, so please do not hesitate to come forward.

Thank you to the Parents who assisted with our very successful Club Championships – the water was cold, but the enthusiasm of the swimmers was wonderful.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bridget Smith, who was recognized by Swimming Southland in July 2008. Bridget was awarded an **Honours' Award to Swimming Southland** – in recognition of her continuance to serve members of the Swimming Community primarily at the Central Southland Swimming Club level.

CONGRATULATIONS to Coaches, Anne Kean, Mary Hubber and Annette Broomhall, who was recognized by Swimming Southland in July 2008. These coaches were awarded **Service Awards to Swimming Southland** - in recognition of their continuance to serve Member of the Swimming Community primarily at the Central Southland Swimming Club level.

In closing, the new Central Southland Swimming Club Constitution has been submitted to the Incorporated Societies for registration and we await the outcome. As an Incorporated Club, we

will have more success in the new season to make funding applications for coaching equipment and Learn to Swim teaching tools. Thank you to the Committee of 2008/2009 your continued service makes the Club that which it is today. Thank you to the Central Southland Pool Committee, for your support of the Club and cooperation when we forget to book the pool. A special thank you to Joan Hodges, you open your home each month for committee meetings and the committee is always greeted with a smile.

Jason Unahi
President
Central Southland Swimming Club

Mataura Amateur Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009

No report submitted

Riverton Amateur Swimming Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/2009

General

Term four 2008 we continued club nights on Tuesdays with volunteer coaches, they were mainly supportive parents who want to see the children develop new skills and gain confidence in the water; we also enjoyed watching the older children grow from strength to strength and do well with their competitive swimming.

In Term one 2009 we took a different approach to coaching and we were grateful to have David Prattley come to coach our children on Thursday nights. David was very busy coaching 60 children over 4 hours. We appreciated his efforts and the results showed. The children responded well to a professional approach to their swimming lessons and the parents saw it as a very positive opportunity too. Thank you David.

Tuesdays continued for the very young swimmers who are still gaining water confidence, thanks to Anne White (our Patron) for her time in teaching the children water confidence and basic water skills.

Riverton Interclub Swim Meet

This event was sponsored by SBS, they donated money and spot prizes, the Wallace family donated fish packs and CRT donated spot prizes too, we fully appreciate their contributions. For the new committee we initially found this event daunting, thankfully we had awesome support and a lesson on office duties from Swimming Southland. We had a good turnout of swimmers and entries, and thanks once again to the officials who came from far and near to help facilitate this event. Also thank you to the committee and parents involved, your organisation, help and sense of humour was appreciated.

Club Champs

We ended the swimming season on March 24th with a Junior Fun Day and a Senior Club Champs. Both events were well attended with the children ready to show parents and grandparents what skills they had learnt this season. There were two new club records set and our Champion of Champions was Matthew Graham. The committee did a great job making up certificates to acknowledge the children's milestones and achievements this last season.

South Island Town and Country Qualifiers

Congratulations to William and Sam Wallace.

William – 50m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 100 1M and 100m Freestyle.

Sam – 50m Freestyle

Our Vision

Our aim is to keep the children keen and encourage them to continue with swimming for the reasons being:

1. to keep themselves safe in and around water,

2. to keep themselves fit
3. improve on water skills
4. To be involved in a Club – if they decide to go further and carry onto competitive swimming they have Club and Community support.

Riverton Swim Club Committee had a complete changeover of office bearers at the last AGM. Currently none of the Committee has children involved in competitive swimming, our eyes have been opened as to what is involved and the commitment competitive swimming requires. This coming season the competitive swimmers really need a manager or a leader, this delegated person needs to enter the swimmers into interclub events, help to keep their training levels up, and to commit some time to these keen swimmers. We hope someone comes forward to fulfil this position.

Thanks for everyone's support this season and the efforts made. The swimmers have done well and we hope to offer them more great swimming opportunities when the pool re-opens. Until then keep safe around water and continue to enjoy swimming.

Debbie Warrender
President
Riverton Swimming Club