

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

April 2010



NOVICE CARNIVAL

Our club is hosting our Annual Novice Carnival on Sunday 16th May 2010 at Cannons Creek Pool. Warm up is at 1pm for a 1.30pm start.

Races at this meet are held in single age groups from 6 years and under up to 11 years and over, over 25m and 50m, in freestyle and backstroke only.

As this is a Novice Carnival there are restrictions on those who can enter. All swimmers under 8 years old are classed as a Novice, while those 8 years and over can only swim if they have not competed in more than three inter-club carnivals and have not qualified for the Wellington Championships. This meet is targeting swimmers new to competitive swimming. Every effort will be made by the officials to put swimmers at ease and to ensure they enjoy their first swim meet. The club will appoint a team manager to look after the Porirua City Aquatics team at the meet. The team should sit together with the team manager.

All those competing will receive a participant ribbon and there will be heat winner and finalist ribbons. Full details and entry instructions are on the noticeboard. It would be great if our club had the biggest team at the meet. If you have a query about this meet, speak to your child's coach or ring Viv on 234 7071.

Entries close Sunday 9th May.

UPCOMING MEETS

DIV 3 – We have a team of 28 competing at our Div 3 carnival being held at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre. Good Luck.

As it is our club's meet we should be endeavouring to cover all, or most, official jobs. If you can help, please contact Tania Donaldson: Ph 237 9333, Mob 027 253 5500, Email: tania.donaldson@clear.net.nz.

Time keepers can be older swimmers (15 years and over) who have attended National events and aren't able to compete at the carnival.

INTERCLUB LEAGUE – Thanks to those swimmers who would like to be considered in teams for the Interclub League and have put their names on the forms that were on the noticeboards. Teams are being selected and you will be advised soon.

PCA NOVICE CARNIVAL – 16th May at Cannons Creek Pool. Flyers are on the noticeboards at both pools and on the website. Similar to Div3, we will be requiring help from club members to help run this meet.

CLUB CHAMPS - *The dates have changed from those on the calendar in last month's Newsletter.* The champs will be held over two nights...Friday 21st May and Monday 24th May...more info to come so keep an eye on the noticeboard.

LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS

Our next course of seven lessons begins on Sunday 9th May and finishes on 27th June. Seven weeks / lessons – \$40.00. Note there will be no lessons at Queens Birthday Weekend (Sunday 6th June). *Cash or cheque only – no eftpos.*

Reporting times: 9.15am for the 9.30 class, or 9.45am for the 10 am class

Everyone is Welcome

RESULTS

Gold Coast Paekakariki Shield Relays

28 March 2010 held at Tawa Pool.

This meet was fast and furious. Warm up started at 5pm and it was all over by 7pm. We had 38 swimmers and fielded teams in 9 of the 13 relay events. Many of our swimmers swam PBs (personal bests) and our relay teams performed outstandingly.

At the end of the night we were presented with both the Paekakariki Shield, for our performance in the relays, and the Gold Coast Interclub Best Time Trophy.

Thanks to all the swimmers and my co-manager Ondine for their goodwill in what proved to be a hectic event, and to all the other parents/caregivers who officiated.

Tania Donaldson

Fairbrother Cup

28 March 2010 held at Masterton

Joshua Walsh, Mia Uluilalata, Katie Trott, Christopher Andrews-Kidd, Hamish Trlin, Dannielle Gualofa were selected in the Wellington team to compete against teams from Manawatu and Wairarapa for the Fairbrother Cup. The Wellington Team travelled to Masterton by bus, swam really well and returned with the Fairbrother Cup - well done!

AGM

Porirua City Aquatics Inc. AGM will be held towards the end of May – the date will be advised once our booking at the meeting room at the Arena is confirmed. Our constitution allows for a committee of up to 15. To run a club the size of PCA successfully we do need a full committee. Please consider joining us – ideally the committee should be representative of the whole membership, from beginning swimmers who just swim on Friday nights through to our senior competitive swimmers.

Please give consideration to the following opportunities:

CLUB SECRETARY

Our Club Secretary position is vacant. If you would be interested in fulfilling this role, please contact Viv Morton on 234 7071 or Tania Donaldson on 237 9333 and they will be able to answer any questions you may have.

CLUB TREASURER

Our Club Treasurer role will become vacant effective from this year's AGM. If you would be interested in fulfilling this role, please contact Viv Morton on 234 7071, Tania Donaldson on 237 9333 or Sandra Marks on 234 8949 who will be able to answer any queries for you. MYOB experience an advantage but not essential.

The club's monthly committee meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at one of the meeting rooms at the Arena. The meetings start at 6.30pm and finish by the Arena closing time of 9pm.

HOUSEKEEPING

- There will be no club swimming at Queens Birthday weekend on either Sunday 6th or Monday 7th June.
- Parents and swimmers are reminded that as the club does not hire the pool on Monday and Friday nights until 6.00pm club swimmers should not “have a swim” before 6.00pm, even if parents are present and supervising, unless they pay the public door entry charge to the pool staff.
- Newsletter Distribution – In an effort to ensure that all Club Members receive their Newsletters, and are up to date with upcoming events etc, we would like to email these to as many members as possible. If you would be happy to receive your Newsletter by email, please forward your details to tossandfloss@xtra.co.nz. Each month a laminated copy of the Newsletter will be available for viewing on the noticeboard at both Cannons Creek Pool and TPAC.
- Swimmers are reminded that the Race Secretaries Entries Box at both the Cannons Creek and Porirua Pools is for race entries and entry fees only. Occasionally swimmers may be asked to leave permission slips etc in these boxes as well. Please ensure race entries and entry fees are placed in the correct box. If you are unsure please check with your coach or the Committee member on duty.
- PCA Bank Account Details:
 - Main Account – Subs/Uniforms etc – 03-0547 – 0205093-00
 - Race Secretary – Race Entry Fees – 03-0547 – 0205093-01
 - Squad Account – Squad Fees & Camp Pmts – 03-0547 – 0205093-02

If you are unsure which account you should be using, please contact our Treasurer Sandra Marks on 234 8949.

DUTY TABLE - HELP REQUIRED

Currently our Committee, along with a few valued Club parents, are rostered on the Duty Table at the Cannons Creek Pool for our Monday and Friday Club swimming nights during term time. This involves marking off the roll as swimmers arrive, receipting any payments, handing out newsletters etc. We would appreciate further assistance with this.

For those who are at the pool on either Monday or Friday nights and would be happy to help could you please contact Onolata Little on 235 5646 or o_g.saunders@xtra.co.nz. Depending on numbers, assistance may only be required once or twice each term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	NOTES
Saturday 24 th April	PCA Div 3	WRAC	Flyer and information on noticeboard. <i>Closed.</i>
Sunday 9 th May	Interclub League (1 st Meet)	Cannons Creek Pool	Flyer on noticeboard. <i>Closed.</i>
Sunday 16 th May	PCA Novice Carnival		Flyer on noticeboard. <i>Closes Sunday 9th May.</i>
Friday 21 st May	PCA Club Champs		Information to follow. Watch the noticeboard.
Saturday 22 nd May	Karori Meet		Flyer to come. Watch the noticeboard.
Sunday 23 rd May	Interclub League (2 nd Meet)	Cannons Creek Pool	
Monday 24 th May	PCA Club Champs		Information to follow. Watch the noticeboard.
Sunday 13 th June	Interclub League (3 rd Meet)	Cannons Creek Pool	
Saturday 19 th June	Raumati Meet		Flyer to come. Watch the noticeboard.
Sunday 20 th June	Interclub League (4 th Meet)	Cannons Creek Pool	
Saturday 26 th June	SW Relay Champs		Flyer to come. Watch the noticeboard.
N.B. If you require a list of your times, please email Sarah Tait - thetait@inspire.net.nz - and they will be sent back to you.			

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PCA WEBSITE

Check out our website – swimporirua.co.nz