

The Bottom Line

QEII UNDERWATER HOCKEY CLUB
NEWSLETTER — FEBRUARY 2005



My Word!

Happy New Year everyone!

I trust your Christmas holidays were all you hoped they would be and you're itching to get back into the pool if you haven't been there already.

A big thankyou to Bryn and Samantha who opened their house to club members for the Christmas BBQ. The rain clouds stayed away for the most part making for a very pleasant afternoon/evening. Santa Clause made his usual appearance to the delight of the little ones. Sadly, Mike Smith chose this time to make an extended visit to the little boys' room, only surfacing after Santa had exited the premises and didn't believe we had been graced by his presence at all. Luckily enough we snapped some shots of the *jolly man in red* with the kids as proof. You can see them for yourselves on the following pages.

The AGM held last November left a few changes in key positions within the Club. We have been taken over by the 3 M's. Matt Toohey is our new President, Matt Neale is Secretary and Mark Hebbard will assume the role of Club Captain when he gets back from Nelson at the end of this month. Samantha Thompson

has taken over the Treasurer duties but I understand Bryn will still be assisting her. We welcome Nicole Brown, Adrian Metcalfe and Jacqui Spencer and see Mike Smith, Ian Barker and myself vacate our positions. I trust everyone will get behind the committee and give them the support they need and deserve.

The 2005 Barkers Grand Slam was held at the end of January. A number of our members made the annual trek up the east coast and across the Marlborough Sounds to D'Urville Island. I should have a report of who did what in glorified detail for the next newsletter. Apparently there are some photos floating around as well. If you don't already know, it was yet again (third year running) a member of our club that took out the prestigious title. I will leave it up to him to embellish the feat personally.

I have obtained a calendar of events from NZUWH so we can hopefully prepare for competitions a little better than we have previously (on next page).

Membership forms will follow soon **to be completed and returned with payment by the end of March.**

Finally, thank you all for your kind thoughts extended to Sasha, Maria and myself, especially to Ian B, Dave, and Matt T for the lovely gifts which were a great surprise and most appreciated.

Moosh

And then there were only two...

After all the voting to date, we have been left with two clear favourites so now it is time to choose which one will actually go to print. Hamish will be in touch to get your response.

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Obviously, only one vote per person. Hamish will be in touch. *Please note: logo 1 did not previously include Christchurch, New Zealand . If you choose this logo and prefer it without this wording, let Hamish know.*

Happy Birthday to:

Carl Immers	19 February
John Perry	22 February
Stephen Lee	2 March
Sam Broad	12 March
Ian Barker	14 March

Belated Congratulations:

Allan Brown	14 December
Laurence Burlton	21 December
Ray Hall	22 December
Chris Glasson	28 December
Jeff Bartels	19 January
Mike Davis	25 January
Aaron Hannah	28 January
John Dunlop	6 February

NZ UWH Calendar of Events 2005

11-13 February, 2005

NZ U19 Mens Trial Camp 2
Rotorua

25-26 February, 2005

2005 Inter-Zone Champs
Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre

1 March 2005

UWHNZ Registration Renewal date

15-28 March 2005

2005 Southern Hemisphere Championships
Durban, South Africa

6 May 2005

Entries close for 2005 Central and Northern Zone
Secondary School Champs

21-22 May, 2005

2005 North Island Club Champs
Rotorua Aquatic Centre

27-29 May 2005

2005 South Island Club Champs
TBC Christchurch

10-12 June, 2005

2005 South Island Secondary School Champs
QEII Pool, Christchurch

4-6 August, 2005

2005 Inter Club Champs
Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre

1-4 September, 2005

2005 NZ Secondary School Champs
Westwave Pool, Auckland

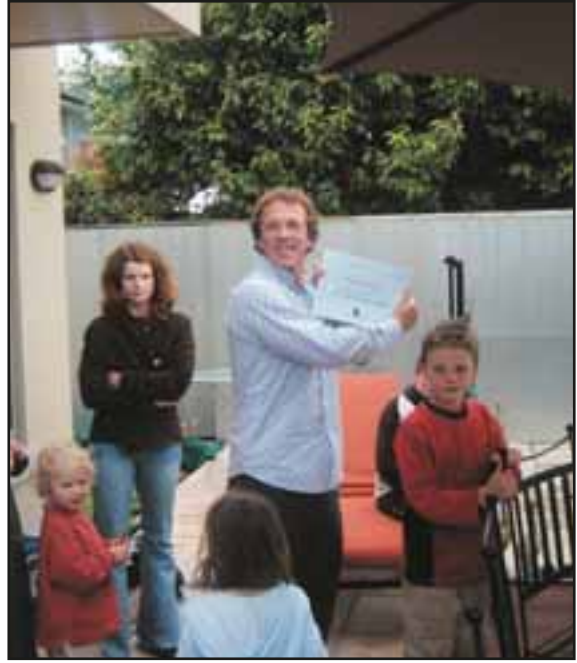
17-18 September, 2005

2005 U18 Inter-Zone Champs
TBC QEII Pool, Christchurch

Photos from the 2004 Christmas BBQ









**OLD COMPETITION CAPS
ARE BEING SOLD BY THE
CLUB FOR ONLY \$20.00
PER PAIR.**

**SOLD ON A FIRST-IN
FIRST-SERVED BASIS, SO
IF YOU HAVE A NUMBER
YOU PREFER, GET IN
BEFORE IT S GONE.**

The Aussies really are a pack of nuts!

Found and submitted by *Brendan Maxwell*

Australians reclaim world record in underwater extreme ironing

A Melbourne diving club yesterday raised more than \$600 for a children's charity, and reclaimed a world record for Australia in the emerging extreme sport of underwater ironing, writes Australian newspaper *The Age*.

The record now stands at 43 scuba divers, set by the Bay City Scuba Diving Club, in three metres of water in Port Phillip Bay, off the St Leonards Pier, on the Bellarine Peninsula.

The dive took just 25 minutes. Club spokesman Alan Igoe said the dive, using cold non-electric irons, was first suggested as a social event. "We always try to do something to get our members diving after the winter break, but this gained momentum and took off as a chase for a world record," Mr Igoe said. Money raised yesterday will go to the Cottage by the Sea children's holiday charity at Queenscliff.

The Australian divers snatched a six week old from a sixteen-strong New Zealand group of ironists. Underwater extreme ironing was invented by German extreme ironist, Iron Lung, when he took his iron and board into the Mediterranean sea surrounding Mallorca in 2001.

Check out the bizarre on the extremeironing.com webpage, where there are also clips from the EIB dvd *Ironing Under the Sky* and the daredevil Aussie ironist, Frinkle Wee, ironing whilst base jumping.



Your New Look Committee for 2005

President Matt Toohey
Secretary Matt Neale
Club Captain Mark Hebbard
Treasurer Samantha Thompson

Other Committee members:
Nicole Brown, Ray Hall, Gary Kearns, Brendan Maxwell,
Adrian Metcalfe, Jacqui Spencer, Bryn Thompson, Dave Whyte.

These are the people to see if you have any queries/concerns, etc.

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Pool Bookings '05

Tuesdays	8.30 pm - 9.30 pm 5 lanes - 50 Metre pool (Nth end)
Thursdays	7.30 pm - 10.00 pm 5 lanes - 50 metre pool
Fridays	6.00 pm - 7.00 pm Dive Well Shelf
Saturdays	4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Dive Well Shelf
Sundays	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm 4 Lanes - 50 Metre pool

No Hockey due to other bookings:

February:	Saturday 19th Thursday 24th Tuesday 29th
March:	Thursday 3rd
April:	Thursday 28th Saturday 30th
June:	Thursday 2nd Saturday 4th Sunday 5th
July:	Saturday 9th Sunday 10th Thursday 14th Saturday 16th Sunday 17th
October:	Thursday 6th Saturday 8th
November:	Saturday 5th Sunday 27th
December:	Thursday 28th Saturday 3rd Saturday 10th Tuesday 13th

**Last session for 2005:
Thursday 15th December**