



Devonport Swim Club Swim News – June 2009

BYE TO LIZ – HI TO ROBIN

As foreshadowed in the last newsletter Liz Davidson stood down as president at the AGM. Liz is certainly a hard act to follow, with 7 years on the committee, 4 as president and having given a great amount of time, energy and passion to the club. Liz will still be swimming with us but is taking the time to pursue other interests.

For those who haven't swum over the top of me in evening masters here is a little intro ... my greatest swimming achievements have been twice champion in the North Shore Beach series Christmas dress up event. Those who know me will realise I won for my outfit not my speed (photo below – nb. the beard is fake and not recommended for swimming!) I have a daughter who swims in the snappers and two younger children still struggling with arm circles (as am I). I practise law part time, am solicitor for the Devonport Community house and otherwise entertain myself by attempting long course triathlons (no ironman yet), coaching primary netball and organising Saturday primary 'FunFerns'.

WELCOME DAWN DOOLEY AS ASSISTANT COACH

Another new addition – Dawn Dooley has taken Lucy's place, coaching the juniors alongside Bevan. Dawn is originally from Lancashire, UK and, like me, has children aged 9, 8, 5 (and an extra one aged 44).

If you have seen Dawn swim, it won't surprise to know she started swimming with a competitive club at 7, training twice a day 6 days a week. She was most successful in butterfly and breaststroke and was placed in a few national competitions, although she says her greatest achievement was completing her first length in the 'Big' pool. Dawn 'retired' aged 17 and took up a position as a ski guide in the French Alps.

Sorry to disappoint the rest of you but Bevan tells me Dawn is probably the fastest swimmer in the club – to boot she has now started sea swimming, and has ticked off King of the Bays, Harbour Crossing and Rangitoto, although she insists she struggles without a line to follow, dislikes the taste of salt and isn't keen on the waves! This didn't stop her being a close second female in the Cheltenham swim!

Dawn also instructs at Takapuna and Glenfield Aquatic centres.

AGM

Thank you to those who came to the AGM last month. Thank you also to David Claridge and the Devonport Yacht Club for providing the venue. Cathy Denne, Chris Jewell, Graham Maples and David Claridge are continuing on the committee and we welcome a new member – Ian McDonald. Sarah Simpson did not stand again and we thank her for the contribution she has made both on the committee and helping with the Cheltenham swim.

NEXT QUARTER STARTS 1 July 2009

Remember that we work on calendar quarters and not school terms, so payment for next quarter is due before the end of June. This is just before the end of term 2.

WINTER SWIMMING SCHEDULE CONTINUED – 6 APRIL 2009 – 30 SEPT 2009 INCLUSIVE

	6am	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm
Mon	Orcas	Dolphins	Marlins	Masters PM	Uncoached
Tue	Masters AM	Snappers	Marlins	Masters PM	
Wed	Orcas	-	NAVY	ONLY	-
Thur	Masters AM	Dolphins	Marlins	Masters PM	Uncoached
Fri	Orcas			Uncoached	Uncoached
Sat	7AM-9AM Uncoached				
Sun	7AM-9AM Uncoached				

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SWIM SCHEDULE 5-17 JULY INCLUSIVE

We will again combine junior squads over the school holiday period **5-17 July inclusive**, as there are usually fewer children swimming. The times will be:

All junior squads Mon/Tue/Thur 6-7pm

Masters group times are unchanged (evening Masters will continue at the “winter” time of 7pm).

PROGRESS IN JUNIOR SQUADS

There has been a very positive response to Bevan posting the junior squads’ swim test results on the website. We are currently discussing further innovations with the juniors and thank those of you who have made suggestions.

JUNIOR SWIM CARDS

I’m hoping that the next issue of junior swim cards will be laminated. In the meantime, we appreciate that you try to keep track of them and keep them in good condition for presenting to navy security.

ACCESS TO THE NAVY POOL FOR PARENTS

A reminder that parents can go into the pool area to watch your children swimming. You need to bring photo id and get signed in as a “club visitor” at the gate by the coach (usually Bevan) due to entry restrictions at the Naval base, however you are welcome to do this anytime. We encourage all parents to do this from time to time to see how your children are progressing and support their swimming.

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Keep warm!

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