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SWIM SCENE

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Welcome to our new Swim Scene newsletter! Swim Scene is designed to bring you the latest from within WA Swimming, and is intended to reinforce and add to the information you currently receive in E-news, read on the website, or receive as mail from the WA Swimming Office.

Swim Scene will be distributed every Tuesday and will consist of brief reports of WA Swimming events and important dates for your diary.

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Police Clearances

Following the introduction of the Australian Swimming Member Protection Policy in June 2002 we are now moving to stage two of the program. This requires all practicing coaches, and all other persons who would travel with, or have unsupervised contact with, swimmers under the age of 18 years, to obtain a National Police Clearance as soon as possible.

WA Swimming has been involved in discussions with the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Office for Seniors Interests and Volunteering to set up a scheme where club volunteers may obtain a Volunteers' Police Clearance for \$10, as against the current costs of \$41.

This information has now been issued to clubs, and we are seeking a fast response to collecting Clearances.

If you are one of the people requiring a Clearance, please contact your club Registrar and make the necessary arrangements.

When forwarding a Police Clearance direct, the restricted and private address for this confidential information is PO Box 567, Leederville WA 6903. The Executive Director is the sole key holder for the box, and only recorder of clearance information.

Should there be any confidential questions, please contact Ian Scott at WA Swimming.

Vale

We have been advised by Australian Swimming that one of its former Presidents, Bill Berge Phillips has passed away. Further information will be advised when received from ASI and published in next week's Swim Scene.

Fisher & Paykel Camp

The annual Fisher & Paykel Youth Camp was recently held for selected swimmers on the 6th -10th October, at the Southwest Sports Centre in Bunbury. As a new initiative, the camp was held in conjunction with the SA Fisher & Paykel Youth Squad. A total of 31 sponsored swimmers were put through a rigorous training regime over five days by top level coaches. One of the objectives of the camp was to introduce swimmers to a team environment so they are comfortable with travelling and competing as part of a group.

The camp was a raging success with the swimmers walking away with improved team and training skills as well as new found friendships. Thanks goes to National Youth Coach, Leigh Nugent for conducting the camp

Academy of Sport Super Camp

Broome set the scene for the recent Academy of Sport Super Camp. Held on the 5th – 10th October, 10 swimmers joined a congregation of athletes ranging from Netball and Gymnastics to Tennis and Touch Footy. The swimmers were selected from the states two remote programs in the North West and the Goldfields region - designed to give talented regional swimmers an opportunity to have access to camps/clinics and swim meets to further develop their skills.

The Super Camp consisted of training schedules, talks by Olympian Pam Glossop and Football coach Alan Joyce as well as informative nutrition and team building workshops.

The program was well received by athletes and coaches alike. Thanks to the Department of Sport and Recreation for their ongoing support of the program.

Leighton to Port Beach Open Water Swim

The first WA Swimming Open Water event is set to take place on the 29th November 2003 at Leighton Beach. The course will begin at Leighton Beach with swimmers making their way south to Port Beach before turning around and heading back to the start to complete the 3km course. The age categories are as follows:

- 12 yrs and under (minimum age 10)
- 15 yrs and under
- 17 yrs and under
- 18 yrs and over

Entry fees are \$10.00 per competitor and must be submitted using the regular pool meet cards no later than 5.00pm Thursday 20th November 2003. Entries can be posted to WA Swimming Association, PO Box 205, Leederville WA 6903.

Green License Swimming Coaching Course

Region 1 - Donnybrook

The Green License is the new entry level course for candidates who are keen to enter the swimming coaching industry. Candidates are required to attend all sessions of the course, become a member of ASCTA, successfully complete the theory and practical assessment tasks and sign onto the Coaches Code of Contact to gain accreditation.

Next course -

Date: 25 & 26 October, 2003 Venue: Donnybrook Aquatic Centre

Time: approx. 9:00am – 5:00pm each day

Cost: \$220 (inc. GST)

2003/04 Shell Novice Swim Meets

The 2003/04 Shell Novice Swim Meet season is underway. Over 20 clubs are conducting "Shells" this season. The Shells are an excellent opportunity for swimming clubs to increase their membership. Shell Meets include 50m events for 8 – 14 year olds and 25m events for 6 -7 year olds. Multi-disability events are offered at select venues.

Next meets -

25 October, 2003 Esperance SC Bay of Isles Leisure Centre Claremont Uniswim SC UWA Swimming Pool

SunSmart School Swim Clinics

WA Swimming & Challenge Stadium have formed a partnership for Term 4, 2003 to offer schools clinics for swimmers as well as professional development for their school teachers. These clinics will be conducted at Challenge Stadium. All SunSmart School Swim Clinics are free of charge.

Swimmers will receive professional coaching with a focus on dives starts, relay changeovers, safe warm ups and marshalling procedures. Teachers will receive instruction on Challenge Stadium Emergency Evacuation Procedures, Electronic Timing information and Scoreboard capabilities.

WA Swimming is also keen to conduct SunSmart School Swim Clinics for schools at local aquatic centres and at your school swimming pool.

Next clinics -

Please let your school know that these clinics are available and bookings can be made through WA Swimming on 9328 4599.

SunSmart Performance Clinics

SunSmart Performance Clinics are designed as coach education weekends as well as swim clinics for age group swimmers in regional areas. Clinics involve both practical and theoretical sessions that focus on a range of training and competition strategies. Coaches are able to use SunSmart Performance Clinics as professional development for Reaccreditation Update Points and also tutor coach hours.

Next clinics -

8 & 9 Nov, 2003	Region 6	Port Hedland	Bernie Mulroy
8 & 9 Nov, 2003	Region 5	Exmouth	Mel Tantrum
8 & 9 Nov, 2003	Region 5	Geraldton	Rod Bonsack
8 & 9 Nov, 2003	Region 1	Mandurah	Grant Stoelwinder
29 & 30 Nov, 2003	Region 2	Narrogin	Dion Mepham

Registrations for SunSmart Clinics are to be made with your region coordinator.

Presenters Course

Do you present courses and seminars?

Do you want to improve your group presentation skills?

If you answered yes to any of the above then the following Presenters Course is for you:

Date: Tuesday 18th November 2003

Venue: Rugby Union Centre, Meagher Drive, Wembley

Time: 8.30am – 4.30pm

Cost: \$22.00 GST Inc (Morning/afternoon tea and lunch is provided)

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Look out for the following Austswim courses:

Austswim Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course

October:

Kalgoorlie/Fri 24, Sat 25 & Sun 26 UWA/Tu 28, Th 30 Oct, Sat 1 & Sun 2 Nov Parraburdoo/Fri 31, Sat 1 & Sun 2 Nov

November

Beatty Park/Tu 4, Th 6, Sat 8 & Sun 9 Bridgetown/Fri 14, Sat 15 & Sun 16 Kellerberrin/Fri 14, Sat 15 & Sun 16 Armadale/Fri 21, Sat 22 & Sun 23 Geraldton/Fri 21, Sat 22 & Sun 23 Kulin/Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30 Albany/Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30 Esperance/Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30 Katanning/Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30 Kununurra/Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant Aquatics Course

Exmouth/Sat 1 & Sun 2 November Gosnells/Sat 15 & Sun 16 November

That's it for this week. Please print out a copy of Swim Scene for your staff notice board and circulate Swim Scene throughout your networks. For more information or to subscribe a friend to receive Swim Scene please visit the WA Swimming website at www.wa.swimming.org.au

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