

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2017, with a special welcome to a number of new members to DSCB who are new to Dunedin. A busy time ahead with local provincial meets, national meets, national surf lifesaving events and multi-sport events.

Congratulations to: the following twelve members who were selected to represent Makos at the 2017 Zonal Championships to be held in February 2017, at the National Aquatic Centre last weekend.

Seniors: Caitlin Deans, Cecilia Crooks, Devon FAMILTON, Gabrielle Trotter, Jeremy Tasker
Juniors: Sophie Wilson, Erika Fairweather, Geoffrey Kemp, Jessica Scott, Nicole Heaton.

The Makos Seniors came home second with 736 points behind Harlequins (Northland, Auckland, Counties Manukau) on 1080 points and followed by AquaKnights (Taranaki, Waikato, BOP, Hawkes Bay) 709 and All Stars (Wellington, Manawatu) 587.

In the junior competition (15 years and under) Harlequins won with 984 points from All Stars 727, AquaKnights 719 and Makos 682.

Otago 13 & Over Championships – Gennadiy

Forty one swimmers competed at this meet, many competing under fatigue following their swim camps the week earlier. PB percentages recorded were A squad 30% 81 P/ recorded from 268 races, B Squad 54% 119 PBs recorded from 219 races. Congratulations to Max Wolf for his performances to earn him a spot in A Squad.



Alexandra Waitangi Challenge Meet – Simon

The Alexandra Waitangi Challenge was held directly after Otago Country Clubs meet with Alex putting on some lovely weather for both meets. The mood matched the weather as Div II qualifications came through with a special mention to Holly Uluakiola and Hannah Drew and their fantastic swims netting them qualifications to Div II and B Squad respectively. Twenty one swimmers attended the meeting producing 58 (46%) P/Bs from 125 swimmers. Top swimmer Holly Uluakiola. Hannah Drew performances will see her graduation to B Squad.

Progression through Squads – Recent performances have seen the following swimmers graduate. **C**

SQUAD: Kaitlin Hewson

B SQUAD: Max Kirkwood, Maia Jack, Hannah Drew

A3 Squad Max Wolf

Well done to all swimmers.

Upcoming Meets

- Junior Nationals Zonal Format SC Timaru - 17-19 February
- Southern Regions U14 Surf Lifesaving Champs, 18-19 Feb, Dunedin
- Southern Regions Senior Surf Lifesaving Champs 25-26 Feb, Christchurch
- Taieri Carnival, Saturday 4 March (Simon)
- New Zealand Div II Competition, Rotorua, 5th – 8th March (Simon)
- Otago Anniversary Meet, 25 & 26 February (Gennadiy & Simon)
- New Zealand Age Group Championships, Wellington, 21 – 25 March (Coach – Gennadiy)
- **Break for Age groups swimmers after NAGS 27th March-9th April(two weeks)**
- South Island Country and Town Dunedin 1 – 2 April
- New Zealand Opens, Auckland, 3 - 7 April (Coach – Gennadiy)
- **Break for Open swimmers after Open 10th April-23rd April (two weeks)**
- Collegiate Age Group Meet, Invercargill – 8 April (no coach)

Please refer to DSCB, Swim Otago, or your club's websites for further details on events and how to enter and eligibility and speak to your coach about which meets you should enter if you are not sure.

Board appointments

We wish to welcome two new members to Board. Chairman Lindsay Dey and Sean McMahon will be standing down in May following two terms in office. Richard Hutchens has been appointed as a DCC representative to the Board. Richard has experience in a number of governance roles and is a barrister and solicitor having worked in law in New Zealand and overseas. He has three daughters who swim and has been involved at club and regional level. Andrea Wolf has also been appointed to the Board. Andrea is a chartered accountant and has worked at the University of Otago in a number of financial roles. She is involved in sport's administration through a local surf club and has been a trustee on a local school Board. Andrea has two sons in A squad who enjoy a variety of aquatic sports. The Board will be working through a transition stage over the next two months.

Coaching Team

Simon and Gennadiy will be away at National Meets over the next 6-8 weeks. Cameron will continue to help out with C squad and Sue Maclaurin will be assisting with C & D squads during this period. In Gennadiy's absence Simon will be taking A & B squads. Paddy Cheung has indicated he will be available for limited dryland training. Over the next few weeks, Cameron, Simon and Gennadiy will be sharing these sessions.

Remember – Gennadiy is free on Thursdays evenings at 6.15pm

Gennadiy is available to discuss queries/concerns you may have about your coaching and goals. It would be great if you could email him or send him a text so he knows you are coming, or just go along at 6.15pm prompt. If you are wishing to meet with him at another time please email to arrange an appointment. His mobile no is 027-630 9946 email – genaswim@yahoo.com

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club started back at the start of the new school term.

Time: Breakfast club runs from 7 - 8 am Monday to Friday.

Cost: Bond \$12.00 \$3 per day of attendance

For further details please contact Co-ordinator: Shirlene Pryde. Mobile 021 929975 or prydefamily@vodafone.co.nz.

Thank you to those volunteers whose support has enabled this to continue.

Pool Passes – All early morning swimmers (5.00am and 6.00am squads) require Pool membership passes, not multi-passes. Moana Pool staff access attendance sheets regularly to check passes are up to date. Periodically pool staff bring to our attention swimmers entering with expired passes. Please ensure your memberships are current as not to jeopardize or risk being banned from entering the pool to attend squad training. For further details go to www.swimdunedin.co.nz – Links: Moana Pool Multi-visit Passes

Administration

There are a number of members with outstanding accounts. It is appreciated fees are paid on time. Fees are invoiced monthly in the last week of the previous month **and payment is to be received no later than the 07th of each new month.**

Missed sessions due to cancellation

In the situation where there has been a session cancelled, whether through unavailable pool space (through competition), pool closure through adverse weather conditions, or coach absence, swimmers are welcomed and encouraged to discuss with their coach a catch up session on an alternate day, this especially applies to C and D Squad members

2017 NZ JUNIOR FESTIVAL - MAKOS ZONE ,TIMARU 17-19 February 2017
Congratulations and best wishes to the following swimmers who will be competing in Timaru next weekend. Quilla Cashel-Smith, Ella-Rose Crooks, Ryan Dey, Anna Divers, Abi Gibson, Caitlin Hewson, Maia Jack, Shima Jack, Clara Peniamina, Harry Summers, Ella Wills, Madison Wills and Jemma Wilson

Finally Bestwishes to all those heading away to the Wanaka Challenge this weekend and those heading northwards to compete at various National Surf competitions.

Margaret Eton-Marsh
Administrator

*Good luck to all swimmers in their upcoming Competition
Swim Hard... Swim Fast.... Relax..... Enjoy.....*

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