

Welcome to the Onehunga Swimming Club – Team One newsletter 1st Quarter 2009.

We are continuing our search for a new editor of the newsletter so if you are interested in assisting the club with keeping the members up to date with news and events please get in touch with our secretary, Jo Milne. Also if you have any items which you want to share please also send them to Jo at milne.j@xtra.co.nz. This is the last newsletter from the current editor and it would be nice to know that our members will continue to be kept well informed.

Onehunga Aquasport

Term one finishes on Thursday 9 April 2009
Term two resumes Monday 27 April 2009.

Epsom Aquatic Centre

The season at Epsom will end on Thursday 9 April (afternoon session) and will resume on Monday 27 April 2009.
Epsom squads will cease all training over this time.



We are very pleased to announce that we were successful in our application to **Auckland City** for accommodation support for 2009 and received a Cheque for \$28,000 in late December. This grant contributes to the costs we incur for pool hire at both facilities. We wish to thank **Auckland City** very much for their generous and continuing support. Without assistance such as this the services that we provide would be compromised. With the current economic climate funding is becoming much harder to secure but we will continue to apply for funding where possible.

The **ACM harbour swim series** has now concluded for another season. Special thanks to Helen Price, Vanda Kocks and Maria Gilbert without whom these swims would not be a success but thanks also to all of you who gave your time to assist. The club really appreciates the support it receives from you all and we received just over \$3,000 in fund raising revenue from assisting ACM with this series.

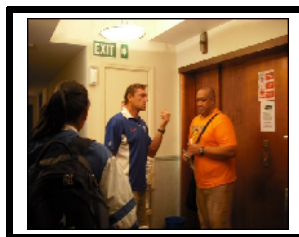
The club has been successful in its application to the Inland Revenue Department for **Donee Status**. This means that individuals and certain companies can now claim a tax credit for donations to Onehunga Swimming Club. We will issue a receipt for tax purposes for any donation that we receive from you which means you can claim a rebate from your tax.

During January 20 swimmers attended the **TEAM ONE** Cambridge Summer training camp. The group included swimmers from all 3 levels ranging from 9 - 17 years of age. They completed up to 11 pool sessions swimming up to 65 km and 4 dry land training sessions. Everyone trained very hard and adjusted to training in a 50m pool very quickly.

The **Auckland Age Group** Champs were held 19 - 21 December 2008. We had a team of 10 swimmers taking part from the 15 that had qualified. 6 swimmers won medals with 9 swimmers reaching the finals in their events achieving a total of 8 Gold, 9 Silver and 8 Bronze medals. Congratulations to **Shaquile Vaotu'ua** for achieving a new **Auckland Record** in the 14 year old 50m Breaststroke. A well deserved result!

The **New Zealand Junior Championships** were held in Auckland in February. We had a team of 16 swimmers who had qualified to compete at this event including a young swimmer from the Onehunga pool. A number of swimmers achieved personal best results and we had 3 bronze medal successes. Well done! The club is fortunate to have a big group of junior swimmers moving up in regional and national competition.

SNZ National Age Group Championships took place 3 - 7 March 2009, in Wellington with a team of 9 swimmers. Despite many of the team struggling with illness both prior to and during the meet the team achieved 10 individual and 2 regional relay medals placing 20th overall with 118 points – up 2 places from last year. Congratulations again to **Shaquile Vaotu'ua** for achieving a new **New Zealand Record** in 50m Butterfly. Fantastic results by everyone!



SNZ Division II Championships are being held in Rotorua from 18 - 21 March. We have a team of 6 swimmers attending this meet. This is the last championship meet that **TEAM ONE** will be attending this season. The final meet for the season is the SNZ Open Championships in Christchurch at the beginning of April. We have 1 swimmer attending this event.

Congratulations to all of those swimmers who have represented our club at these championship events this season. We have a number of promising young and experienced swimmers alike. A big thank you to those parents who have given up their time to manage these teams, arrange accommodation and transport, preparing meals and snacks. It would not be possible for us to send teams to these events without this support. Thank you to all the coaches who have assisted in training these swimmers and to Dmitry for coaching the teams whilst away.

We would like to welcome **Natalie Pene** back to the club as a fill in coach for Boris on a Thursday afternoon at the Epsom pool for this semester. Natalie has previously swum for the club at national level and has previous coaching experience. Thank you, Natalie for your assistance. We would also like to welcome to the coaching staff at Onehunga Aquasport, **Graeme Lee**. Some of you may remember Graeme who coached for us a number of years ago. He not only did learn to swim but also coached our junior and intermediate squads. Welcome back Graeme!

Shortly we will be sending out the billing for April/May for Epsom and for Term 2 for Onehunga Aquasport. This billing will include a **provisional 2009/2010 annual registration**. The registration fee for the coming year will be set at the Annual General Meeting so a top up maybe required. This registration must be paid urgently because it includes your affiliation fee to Swim New Zealand and Swimming Auckland and it **must be paid** before you can compete in the new seasons meets.

Please remember that the **TEAM ONE 2009 Club Champs** are being held at Epsom Aquatic Centre at 6 pm Saturday March 28. Only those of you who compete in these championships will be eligible for club age group awards which will be presented at the **TEAM ONE 2009 Club Prize giving** on 24 May 2009. The prize giving will be held at Royal Oak Racquets at 3 pm followed by afternoon tea. If you were a recipient of a cup last year please return them as soon as possible to either Lean or Mata at Epsom or to Margot or Jo at Onehunga Aquasport. We would be very grateful if you could give them a good polish before giving them back. Thank you and please put this date in your diaries. The **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the club rooms on Thursday, 11 June 2009 at 7.30 pm. Have your say on how the club proceeds over the coming year. Many of the current committee is standing for re election but if you are interested please speak to Andrea Davies – Club President.

The club is hosting a number of **swim meets** again this year as a method of raising funds for the club. We will host a total of 6 level 3 and 2 level 2 meets this year. Our first meet for the year was 15 March with a good number of swimmers participating. Thank you to Mike Knowles – Meet coordinator and Matthew Foy – Handicapper for processing all the entries and organising the event and to those of you who assisted on the day.

With a **TEAM ONE** meet in particular it is vital that all of us make an effort to contribute our time where possible. With all meets we have to provide assistance to the host club with time keepers, IOT's and other officials as well as providing coach and manager. All parents of swimmers at these meets maybe required to assist. At regional and national meets the club will be expected to assist with other duties which include helping in the admin room or in marshalling and we may have to seek assistance from parents that do not have a swimmer participating at that meet. The successful running of these meets hinges on the support that is given by each club and its members. Thanks to **Mata** our **volunteer coordinator** who completes the rosters for each event. It is a big job and we are very grateful for her assistance.

Unfortunately the club recently received a complaint from Auckland Swimming about one of our club members not reporting to carry out an assigned duty – in this case timekeeping and the start of the meet was delayed as a result. The action of one person reflects badly on the club as a whole and we expect that if you are unable to perform an assigned duty that you will find a replacement. We have been asked by Auckland Swimming to adopt the policy of other clubs: If a parent does not attend for their assigned duty the swimmer will be withdrawn from the meet at the cost of the parent. Remember to check the website and notice boards for the roster before each event.

We are currently in the tender process for running meets in 2010. Given the current economic climate and how it is affecting access to funding the club must continue hosting meets for the foreseeable future.

Special thanks go to the **AOD room team** made up of parents and volunteers who manage the AOD room at regional meets for Auckland Swimming and National meets for Swimming New Zealand. This team is well respected and has done an excellent job in addition to which the club receives payment for each session that they do. This financial year they have earned the club approximately \$1,000.

Upcoming events include: Check our website www.onehungaswimmingclub.co.nz for posters and closing dates. Remember to check Auckland Swimming; www.akswim.co.nz and Swim New Zealand; www.swimmingnz.org.nz as well.

Date	Event
1 – 5 April	SNZ Open Championships
4 April	Level 3
5 April	WAQ Level 2
9 May	WAQ Level 2
10 May	ONE Level 3
16 May	WHL 400's + 50's
23 May	LME Level 1
24 May	TEAM ONE Prize giving – Royal Oak Racquets Club
30 May	TEAM ONE Club Night
11 June	TEAM ONE Annual General Meeting – Club Rooms
13 June	CCY Level 1
20 June	LME Level 3
21 June	ONE Level 2
27 June	Auckland Relays

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