

NEWSLETTER.

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Well, my fellow Talayians,

All that work, training and effort has come to fruition, and our Winter Titles plus the Tasmanian Masters Games are over.

All who went to Launceston for the weekend returned happy and relaxed, from an eventful two days. Notwithstanding some "hysterical" moments - best not discussed here! - the competition ran smoothly. I would like to relate some achievements:-

Of the 10 members who competed - 4 medals were won, and I think it is timely, here, to congratulate them:

**GOLD** - Ted Cross, winner 70-74; Perri Brereton winner, 40-44

**SILVER** - Nan Lewis, runner up 65-69

**BRONZE** - Maureen Pepper, a very worthy third 60-64

Credit must also be given to our first time competitors: Ted, Pauline, Gerald, Roger, Peter.

Personal best times were achieved by Peter Bartlett in his 100m. freestyle, as did Perri, over the same distance and style.

Only one injury was reported and that was by Roger who pulled his hamstring in Basketball on the Saturday - told him that swimming was the only sport good for him!

We did have a complete disaster, and that was our Gerald, who even though after careful training and much dedication, forgot to close his mouth whilst diving! Always knew he could talk underwater!

Marion - who chose to run, and won 3 Gold!

Time-keepers - Sabri, Lynn, Barbara and Nadine (not forgetting all the club members who managed to struggle through with their "shift", even though, more often, than not it was their first encounter with a stop watch!) without these spouses and child, where would we be for help! If I may at this time, an extra word for Nadine, who at 14, practically time-kept unchanged for the 2 days!

Maureen & Nan - who took over much of Perri's job of Captain, so she could keep an eye on members unaccustomed to competing; (and she almost lost one!)

Margaret - who is always there competing, time-keeping, and <sup>an</sup> integral member of the relays.

Gerald - our photographèr, who took some "rippers".

Paul - our one and only Butterfliier - who made the 50m. and won - much to his surprise.

Pauline - who came from a struggling 50m. freestyle, to a lady determined to master backstroke AND breaststroke.

The co-operation and camaraderie of all members, spouses and children, was a delight, and speaks well for the future strength of the club. We did miss our



Mary and Gary, but look forward to their company and talent during the Summer Titles in March, 1990. The confirmed dates are: Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th at the Glenorohy Pool. Times: Sat. 2-6p.m.; Sun. 9a.m.-12noon.

Speaking of those Summer Titles, we - Talays - are the host club. Consequently with the co-operation of Paul and T.S.I. we hope to run a successful and smooth meet. Procedure is

similar to the Games, and at the moment those pool times are tentative (depending on number of competitors) and hopefully including warm-up time. So, guess what? Start training! AND please ask your friends and relatives if they would be willing to time-keep at any stage for us on those days

To things closer at hand:

IMPORTANT - The Committee meeting set down for Wednesday, 23rd August, 1989 at Nan's home commencing at 7.30p.m. has been postponed to the following Wednesday, August 30th, due to the untimely death of Nan's sister. Condolances were sent from the Club in the form of an arrangement of red and white flowers - Nan was very pleased.

Time and venue remain unchanged.

On a slightly brighter note: Fund raising and Social activities.

First up is to be a Satay evening kindly arranged by Pauline and her husband (that "ummy" Malay) Sabri. It is to be held at the Glenorohy Pool on Friday, November 3rd, 7p.m. for 7.30 The cost per head will be approximately \$10, and it is a B.Y.O. evening. All are welcome - so gather a few friends together and come along and enjoy authentic Satay!

Next on the list is a Stall to be held at the Northgate Market on Sunday 19th November. We have already made a booking and on last years experience, should be successful. We need anything you want to get rid of (except clothes), it is absolutely amazing what people buy! Also, as we need to be there at 8a.m. to set up, we will need a few volunteers to assist with the selling - it gets a bit cold and tedious after 4 hours!

During December, we will, of course, be holding our Christmas Party - as yet no set date, but I can assure you it will not be LATE into the month.

January of next year, and we are planning a Fashion Parade at the Glenorohy Pool on Friday 19th. Clothes are being provided by Talays - who else - and the models are none other than yourselves!!!!!!! Your friends and family will be in hysterics. It will be a cold meat/salad affair with the cost to be decided closer to the date. However, keep this in mind and circle the date on your calendar; another function at which all can participate.



To the immediate futures:

Glenorchy pool re-opens Sunday, October 1st, and we will be re-commencing our Friday evening swims - plus whatever else your committee decides upon; times and dates to try to suit all. Last year we used to have our social chat over a drink and "sandwich" at the Black Buffalo Hotel; this year we have decided to be FAR MORE FRIENDLY! Hopefully, the weather will be also - and have a "Sausage Sizzle" at the Pool. There is an electric barbecue in the grounds - Paul doesn't mind, in fact he wants us to use the pool more - a few bread rolls to hold the sausage, a bottle of "whatever" to wash it down, and you don't have to worry about what you look like! It will be on a casual basis, and whoever wants to participate is only too welcome - if you decide on the night you would like to join in but have not brought any "goodies", not to worry, there is a shop (many in fact) on the other side of the railway line, which fortunately has a pedestrian bridge over it!

Don't forget that we still swim Saturday mornings 11a.m. at Turnbull's pool in Strickland Ave. and this will continue until we return to Glenorchy; the same applies to Sunday afternoons at Clarence.

OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH is Mary O'Brien.

Date of Birth: January, 1920  
 Star sign: Aquarius  
 Family: 2 daughters - Pip & Helen, both married  
 2 sons - James & Geoffrey - bachelors  
 3 teenage grandchildren - Richard, Katherine & Emma  
 Occupation: Widow - retired. Spent all married life in Campbell Town where husband, Geoff, ran a general store.  
 Interests: Family, church, outdoor life - including walking.  
 Background: Until recently, lived in the country most of my life, spending summers on the East Coast, in and out of small boats, so early swimming was a survival necessity! All experience was in the ocean, bay, lagoons and swimming holes in rivers. Taught my 4 children to keep afloat in the Elizabeth River at Campbell Town.  
 Have NEVER swum competitively (just you wait Mary! Ed.)  
 Entered and swam the length of an Olympic Pool at 68 years of age (puff! puff!) Prior to this had back yard pool for 5 years and was taught backstroke by my then 11-years-old granddaughter!  
 Masters opens a new world of swimming to me.



MARY - continued.

The companionship, encouragement of Nan and Perri, learning turns and racing dives for the first time in my life, improving my style - what joy!

Being an Aquarian, I am happy in, on, or by water.  
(We look forward to your return, Mary - Ed.)

The following arrived in the mail just prior to going to printing:  
(It was <sup>hand</sup> printed, and asked to be placed in the newsletter, if not too late)

A THANK YOU.

On behalf of the members of the club, thank you  
Nan and Perri for your help and encouragement leading  
up to and at the recent First Tasmanian Games.  
A thank you too, to Gerald for your photographic skills.

A Member.

We must thank the Member for their generous thoughts!

That's about it for this newsletter - see you in or around the pool.

Margaret Cooper

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Publicity Officer.

P.S. - I forgot the relays!!!!

of the 5 relay teams we entered in the Games, we gained two Seconds and one First.  
Not bad for a new club!



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## SUMMER SWIMMING

Until the end of the year, we will be swimming as a club at the following times:-

Fridays at 5.45 p.m. at the Glenorchy Pool with a bring your own barbecue afterwards.

Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at the Glenorchy Pool - we have it largely to ourselves.

Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Turnbull's Pool, 308 Strickland Avenue, South Hobart. A good place for brushing up your skills.

In addition to the above, some members meet regularly at the Glenorchy Pool on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

## COLLEGIATE POOL

Rian Lewis has arranged with Collegiate School to use their new 25 metre indoor swimming pool each Wednesday at 6 p.m. commencing 3 January, 1990. This is a brand new venue which could be invaluable in the winter months. How much we are able to use this facility will depend on the hiring charge and the support of members.

## SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Most members will be aware that Talays is hosting the Summer Championships at the Glenorchy Pool on the weekend beginning Saturday 24 February, 1990. We have been most fortunate in obtaining the services of Judy Moore as Meet. Director for the event. Judy attended our last committee meeting where she got details of the programme.

We will be swimming on the Saturday 1 - 5 p.m. and on Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A counter meal has been arranged at the adjacent Glenorchy Football Clubrooms following the Saturday swim. There will be a Presentation Luncheon at the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds on the Sunday.



#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas dinner will be held at the Aberfeldy Hotel in Davey Street commencing at 7 p.m. on Saturday 9 December.

Members are asked to bring their family and friends.

Mary O'Brien has invited us to her home in Sayer Crescent afterwards.

This promises to be a good night. I've heard rumours that Santa might attend, but that might just be wishful thinking.

#### SATAY BARBECUE

Sabri and Pauline Samson put on a splendid Satay Barbecue at the Glenorchy Pool on Friday 3 November last. They not only prepared most of the food but organised a large number of guests. The ladies provided a selection of delicious desserts and the men, with the notable exception of Peter Bartlett brought miniscule amounts of salad or none at all.

Sabri and Pauline should be congratulated on a really great effort.

#### WINTER CHAMPIONS

Two members of Talays Club now feature in the record books following the Masters Games in Launceston last July. As well as winning the gold medal in her age group, Perri Brereton broke the record for the women's 200 metre freestyle. Her time for the age 40-44 event was 03:42:03.

Ted Cross had to share his gold medal with Hobart's Doug Job in the 70-74 age group but he now holds the records for 100 metres freestyle and the 50, 100 and 200 metres backstroke. They did us proud.

#### NORTHGATE SUNDAY MARKET STALL

We held a very successful stall at Northgate on Sunday 19 November. After deducting expenses we were able to add \$234 to our coffers. It was a real education for the uninitiated. We arrived at 7.25 a.m. in a car and trailer laden with all sorts of goodies. The dealers descended on us like locusts.



Club members trying to unpackage goods for the table had to fight with dealers who dived into the boxes before we could get at them. The Market Manager saw what was happening and ordered some of them away, but it was quite chaotic for some time. John and Wendy Breen were a great help during the morning. As regular patrons of the market, they were able to recognise the dealers as they tried to beat down the prices by crying poor. John was seen on one occasion peeling off a 50 cent price tag as he sold the article in question to a dealer for \$3.00. Most members seem to have something to sell at the stall but we were especially fortunate in having a large contribution from Nan Lewis.

#### RAFFLE and CHOCOLATES

Nan Lewis organised the purchase of chocolates which were then attractively packaged by Pauline Samson and her daughter Rohani. The percentage of damaged chocolates was a real disappointment according to Pauline - a poor reward for the workers. Their efforts earned \$126 for the club.

Nan provided the heated towel rail which was the prize in a raffle drawn at the Satax Barbecue. This earned \$31.40 for the club

#### SICK LIST

Our treasurer of last year Maureen Pepper is making a slow but steady recovery from illness. She is determined to be back in the water at the earliest opportunity. We are all looking forward to having her back with us. Marion Skarratt has been in the wars with an injured knee. This will keep her out of action for quite a while. We wish her a speedy recovery.

GERALD L. BREEN

PUBLICITY OFFICER