

# NEPTUNE

## Newsletter – issue 2 2015

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First of all, the Neptune Committee would like to **welcome all the new and returning swimmers and their families to the club for 2015.**

We had a very successful pre-registration from both returning swimmers and those on our waiting list. We ask that parents and swimmers please bear with us over the first few weeks as we try to get swimmers in the correct lanes for their ability level and even out numbers in the lanes. The coaches and committee are working their hardest to ensure that our programmes are suiting the needs of all the swimmers.

We would also like welcome back the coaching staff from Jill Clarke Swim School, who continues to provide high quality coaching in the main pool along with Han Zhang as our dive pool coach.

Our Club Night Co-coordinators are Carol Forbes, Gerald and Leigh Duncan. Please look for them on pool deck if you have any questions.

### Officials required at Meets

With the **new SNZ ruling** coming into effect in December 2014, it is now a real possibility that some meets will be unable to meet these new requirements.

What does this mean to my swimmer?

**In a nutshell, if your child qualifies for a national meet and there weren't enough officials on pool deck the time won't be officially recorded.** How would you tell your child that their swim didn't count and they can't go to SI's, Juniors / NAGs, Opens, etc?

How can I assist?

**In short, more parents need to be on pool deck.** Be available for timekeeping and then move to being an IOT (inspector of turns) starter / electronics / JOS/ Referee.

We need you to step forward and we have mentors available to assist anyone willing to learn. Please let us know what you want to do.

### QUEENS BIRTHDAY MEET

This year Neptune's annually run Queens Birthday meet will be held, 29<sup>th</sup> til 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

This is a very popular meet as well as being our major fundraiser of the year. All the proceeds from the meet go directly to helping our swimmers. Ranging from helping fund our club night programs to offsetting the costs of entering competitions for our competitive swimmers.

We ask for all hands on deck for this meet, with parents/families/whanau assisting in numerous ways. Preparations are already underway by your committee, you will receive emails preceding this meet requesting your help in volunteering time, providing food for officials, providing goods or monetary sponsorship.



Aleisha Ruske, Ronald Poon, Saski Turner and Han Zhang - QB Meet Relay Winners 2009 (top), recreation late 2014 (bottom)

### UNIFORMS

Neptune Hoodies – \$55.00  
Polo's \$35 Singlet's \$25 Swim Caps \$20  
Additional cost of \$5.50 (approx.) to print swimmers name on the back, if requested  
Contact Emma Young at [neptuneswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:neptuneswimclub@gmail.com)

## MEET WRAP UP

*Congratulations to all swimmers, and a huge thank you to Team Managers and all Officials*

### Canterbury West Coast Junior Championships – 31 Jan til 1 Feb 2015

Team Manager – self

Timaru was the venue for our lonely swimmer in attendance.

### Waitangi Day Challenge Meet – 7 February 2015

Team Manager – self

The promise of a warm weekend in Alexandra had two of our swimmers attend this meet.

### Zonal Championships – 8 February 2015

Eleven Neptune swimmers made to the trip north to represent Mako's. Fantastic swimming by all involved, coming from last place at the end of session 1 to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

### NZ Junior Championships – 20 til 22 Feb 2015

Team/Regional Manager – Emma Young

Erika Fairweather was our sole representative at this meet, arriving home with fabulous PB's.

## COMMUNICATION

### Website

[neptuneswimclub.swimming.org.nz](http://neptuneswimclub.swimming.org.nz) is now live. You will find an abundance of information, including upcoming meets and results, latest news, forms, FAQ's etc. etc.

### FaceBook

<https://www.facebook.com/NeptuneSwimClub?ref=profile> is now active, this will be used for reminders, close off dates for entries, various additions to website (results, newsletter etc.), TV and newspaper articles results being added to website. We hope that all members jump on board.

### Instagram

<http://instagram.com/neptuneswimclub> our newest addition, completing our revamp for the start of 2015. This account is being managed by one of our senior swimmers, Kate Godfrey.

### MyPage (members portal)

<http://swimming.org.nz/> access to the SNZ website and database. This gives you the ability to do the following: Update personal information, set your communication preferences, edit medical and emergency contact information, read national, regional and club news, request a transfer, view information on your club etc. Please contact us if you haven't received this email.

## UP COMING MEETS

*More information available on website*

### 7 March 2015

Taiari Carnival, Mosgiel  
Entries close on 26 February 2015

### 9 March 2015

Club Ribbon Night  
Assistance from parents required. Racing at 6.15pm

### 14 – 15 March 2015

Otago Anniversary Meet, Dunedin  
Entries close on 4 March 2015

### 18 – 21 March 2015

NZ Divisional II Competition, Dunedin  
Entries close on 2 March 2015

### 27 - 28 March 2015

Otago Primary and Secondary Schools, Dunedin  
Entries to be completed by your school

## CLUB RIBBON NIGHT GUIDELINES

1. Swimmer's name and age to be written on their arm, vivid works best
2. Parents check in to get your stopwatch and time recording documents
3. Swimmer's report to marshalling, stands at the deep end
4. Once raced, the timekeeper will hand them their time sheet, this is to be taken to the ribbon table
5. Ribbon table attendants will check against personal best time, if faster, a ribbon will be given
  - If first time swimming at race night (ribbon night), one (1) ribbon is offered, with the chance of more next term
  - If disqualified unfortunately no ribbon will be given

Results will be available on our Neptune Swim Club website, usually within two days.



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