

Jasi Masters Swimming Club Newsletter

September/October 2015



FEATURING:

SI Masters Swimming Championships at Ashburton

Notification of the 2015 AGM and wild food bbq

Swimming details next few months – change is in the water

**South Island Masters Short Course Swimming Championships
– Ashburton, September 18-19th 2015**

A special report from our ‘on the scene’ correspondent Ken Hughey

A relatively small, but fantastic team, competed in this, the first event held at the new Ashburton Aquatic Centre (and what a wonderful centre it is). The event was well organised, with a good number of competitors, and was followed by a great dine and dance on the Saturday night. No records were broken by club members but we all did well and had fun – and that is the story I want to tell you about now.

Look – everyone knows I’m not much of a swimmer but I am awfully fit and awfully competitive (to put it mildly). And we all know there is only two ways I can win an event: I am the only swimmer in my age group and don’t get disqualified (what was that Andrew?), or all others in my age group get disqualified (what was that Andrew?). But actually I don’t care – as long as I swim as best I can I don’t care where I come in a race. But I do like to have my little goals and sometimes I set them well before the event, e.g., madly entering and completing (and winning) the 200 butterfly at the long course champs in Wellington a few years ago. Or at Ashburton

entering 6 events on the Saturday and tumble turning for every freestyle event (including the 400) something I have never even done at training – I decided to do this when I first stood on the blocks. A small challenge but something that set me up for the day and ensured I had a good and challenging time.

So, I don't really enter to win. Actually I generally go to support the club and spend time with my swim friends, and I swim. And we do have a great time – we often share rooms, we dine together and even travel together. It is part of being a member of the club.

My message then is – why not give it a go? Ask Suzie – she is heavily into swim meet management but not as a competitor. She challenged herself, entered and enjoyed it (I am led to believe). And people are incredibly supportive – so there is no hassle, just give it a go.

Now there are events coming up including the Lake Hood swim, the NZ long course championships next year and the open water swim series. Talk to us, think about entering and just give it a go. I have and don't regret it although sometimes I still need a little more than a gentle prod from Peter and Susanna.

Outdoor pool first Masters session 15th November, and other important notices re swimming outdoors 2015/16:

From Sunday 15th November we have 3 lanes booked in the outdoor pool. If you plan to swim outside, which I do, then you will need to adjust to large numbers in each of the lanes and occupy an appropriate, to your speed etc, place and follow the programme carefully.

Note the following re our 2nd to last swim this year, and first in 2016:

- 20th Dec 2nd to last swim for 2015 – this is a Sunday and will be followed by a Xmas social event at the Commodore, Memorial Ave, sponsored by the Club. You need to rsvp Ken (at: Ken.Hughey@xtra.co.nz) by 13th December – no exceptions sorry as last year was a shambles for those of us trying to organise things!
- 5th Jan 2016 first swim for 2016

Note also that the Sport pool is closed for refurbishment from early January until at least March, and we will need to swim outside on both Tuesdays and Sundays (I will cope!). During that time we might have to be flexible on busy Tuesday nights (although we are not sure what this really means in practice!).

Social activities, including the 2015 AGM:

Are you ready, are you really really ready? It's time for Ken's really big and impressive pre Xmas BBQ and the club's AGM where you and your families are really welcome.

When:

- BBQ Sunday 29th November: 1030-1100 start with AGM fitted in as appropriate

Where:

- Ken Hughey's place, 26 Kingcraft Drive, Prebbleton – if you get lost look at the map on the next page and if that doesn't work then try calling 027 4036 494 or 348 4454.

What is provided by the club and by Ken:

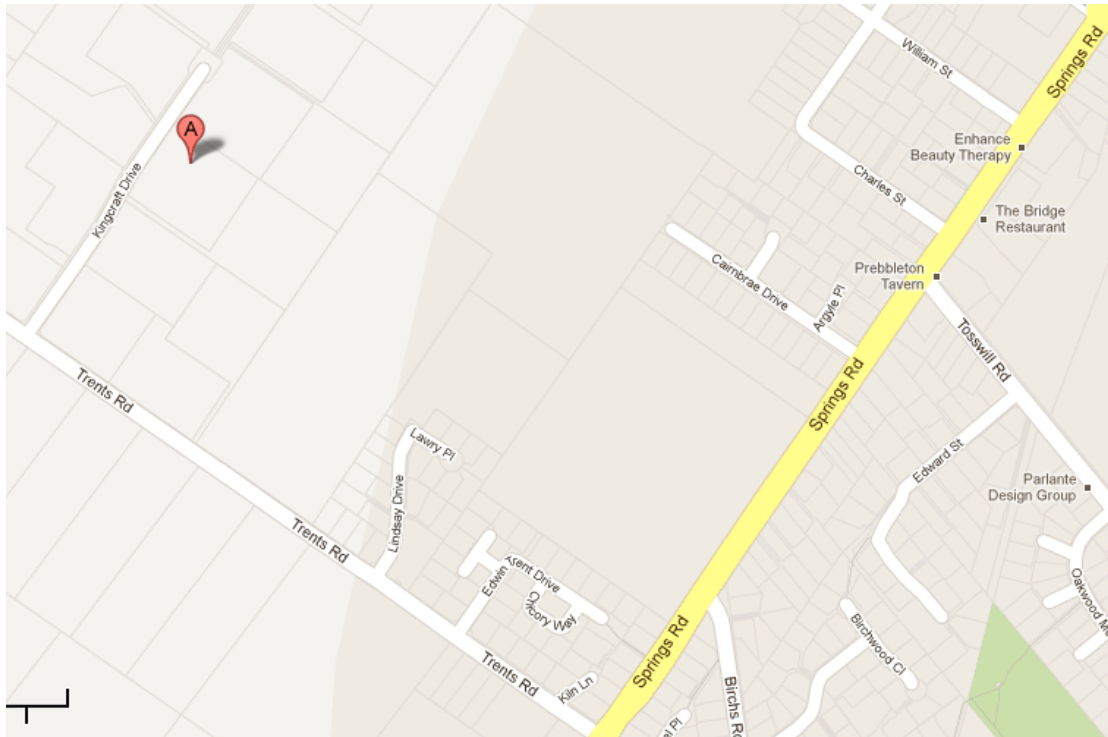
- Mains: Ken is supplying some wild foods – whitebait (he got heaps this season), venison and smoked trout; the club is providing breads and sauces and some vegetarian options
- The club is providing the non-alcoholic drinks – cold, coffee and tea!

What to bring:

- Your own alcoholic drinks
- A salad or a dessert
- Yourself, your partner & your kids (so long as they are well behaved like Ken!)
- A fold up chair or two

Facilities:

- There is a spa so don't be shy; ball games are allowed as long as no one plays games like: 'dent the grass' or 'let's break Ken's beautiful plants'.



Parking is available at Ken's place – come up the drive or park out front.

RSVP: Please email Ken at ken.hughey@lincoln.ac.nz confirming numbers so we can plan our food preparations appropriately.

Ken Hughey (Newsletter Editor) – remember: any news, letters to the editor, etc, then send to me at: ken.hughey@xtra.co.nz or ken.hughey@lincoln.ac.nz

LATE NEWS: UPCOMING EVENTS

The 2015-2016 **Port Nelson Summer Sea Swims:**

- Sunday December 13, 11.30am (2km);
- Sunday January 10, 11am, Eyebright Mile (2km);
- Sunday January 24, 10.30am (3.8km);
- Sunday March 20, 8.30am (2.8km)

And of course:

See - <http://www.oceanswim.co.nz/>



Bay of Islands Classic

Paihia

28th November 2015



Harbour Crossing

Auckland

12th December 2015



Capital Classic

Wellington

31st January 2016



Christchurch Crown

Christchurch

13th February 2016



Legend of the Lake

Rotorua

28th February 2016



Sand to Surf

Mt Maunganui

12th March 2016



King of the Bays

Auckland

2nd April 2016