



Gladstone Gropers Masters Swimming Club

NEWSLETTER

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Training Venue: John Dahl Pool - Heated 25m outdoor pool - Summer swimming

Times: Tuesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Sunday 7.30am – 9.00am followed by free morning tea

During Gropers Club above training times, swim fees (\$4.00 or \$3.50 concession rate) are paid direct to the Groper persons at the welcome desk. (Please arrive before these times so that you are in the water ready to start on time).

Outside of these swim times, pool entry is paid direct at the entry gate to pool Management. Discount multiple pool entry passes are available.

Gladstone Gropers Executive:

President:	Joan Green	Club Captain:	Elaine Harper
Vice President:	Ken White	Registrar:	Adrian Draney
Secretary:	Trudy Zussino	Head Coach:	Don Jones
Treasurer:	Richard Dick		

COMING EVENTS

Gropers End of Year Presentations and Christmas Party

Friday, 26 November 2010

**At Trudy and Tony Zussino's, 14 Mallard Court, Catalina Heights,
Gladstone**

At 6.30pm for 7.00pm dinner

**Cost \$25.00 per head for a 2 course dinner
BYO Drinks**

**Secret Santa – please bring a gift to the value of \$10.00 for each person attending
Also, please remember to wear your Santa hat**

**If you are attending, please write your name and the number attending on the notice
located on the board at the John Dahl Pool.**

GROPER CLUB CARNIVAL

HELD AT JOHN DAHL POOL SATURDAY – 23 OCTOBER 2010

Nominations were received from 52 swimmers. The visiting Clubs were – Rocky Crocs, Rum City, Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Brisbane Southside, Barbarians Masters and Adelaide Masters.

21 Groper members swam and the individual results for our members are:

Women

40-44 years:

Taylor, Shauna 2nd 46 points

45-49 years:

Costello, Cheryl 1st 50

Walters, Pauline 3rd 45

Harper, Elaine 4th 43

50-54 years:

Wade, Diana 2nd 46

55-59 years:

Davenport, Alison 1st 48

Irwin, Marilyn 3rd 43

Henderson, Carola 4th 34

65-69 years:

Dick, Deanna 2nd 44

70-74 years:

Green, Joan 3rd 45

Men

45-49 years:

Strike, Glen 1st 50 points

Taylor, David 2nd 48

50-54 years:

Porteous, Rod 1st 48.5

Gudgeon, Ian 6th 24

55-59 years:

Ringuet, Marcel 2nd 48

Baldock, Greg 6th 35

60-64 years:

McNee, Des 1st 49

Brandli, Bill 1st 49

65-69 years:

Hogan, Doug 2nd 45

75-79 Years:

Jones, Don 1st 50

Norris, Brian 2nd 47

Ross Clarke from QBB (Rum City) set two new National records in the 55-59 years men:-

25m Free 12.15 seconds

50m Free 26.84 seconds

A big thank you to those who officiated during the carnival and to all the volunteers who helped made the carnival a success. Particular thanks to Alison Davenport and Bill Brandli for operating the bar, Ian Gudgeon and Brain Walters for the BBQ cooking and Julie Gudgeon for providing refreshments to the officials during the carnival.



Alison receiving her gold medal from Rod



Gropers won the Nev Spencer trophy which was accepted by Club Captain, Elaine Harper

GENERAL GOSSIP

- On Saturday, 11 September 2010, a party for Bill Brandli's 60th birthday was celebrated at the Tannum Sands Hotel with family, friends and fellow Groper members. Transport was provided by Alison Davenport who drove us there and home again. A very enjoyable evening.
 - 15 October 2010 some members went to the local production of "Wild Goose Chase" at the Entertainment Centre, followed by dessert and coffee at the Library Square Brasserie. This was a good fun night.
 - Our Gropers Club Carnival held on 23 October 2010 was a success and good reports all round. The "skins" were very popular and the winners of the skins events were:-
 - Freestyle (Sponsored by QH20)
 - 1st Glen Strike – Gladstone Gropers
 - 2nd Marcel Ringuet – Gladstone Gropers
 - 3rd Janet Cochrane – Hervey Bay
 - Breast Stroke (Sponsored by Prizeman's Electrical)
 - 1st Doug Hogan – Gladstone Gropers
 - 2nd Bruce Lovett – Rum City
 - 3rd Leslie Smith – Rocky Crocs
 - Backstroke (Sponsored by Bill Robertson Toyota)
 - 1st Bernadette Ward – Rum City
 - 2nd Katalin Morden – Brisbane Southside
 - 3rd Carola Henderson – Gladstone Gropers
 - Butterfly (Sponsored by Betta Electrical)
 - 1st Elaine Harper – Gladstone Gropers
 - 2nd Laurel O'Halloran – Rum City
 - 3rd Suzanne Baird – Rum City
 - Beryl McCubben has been recognised for here 30 years service to the Red Cross. Congratulations Beryl, very proud of you, well done!
 - Several members have returned from their travels:-
 - Trudy and Tony Zussino have returned from the Netherlands, Finland and Paris
 - Sandra Pugh and Julie Gudgeon visited Belgium, London and Paris
 - John and Elaine Feddersen had a lovely time in Italy, Switzerland and France
 - Ken White toured around South Australia
- Other members are still travelling at the moment:-
- Sandra and Reg Pugh are in Melbourne
 - Brian and Lida England are currently trekking in Nepal after being the Belgium and Holland

- Deanna and Richard Dick are visiting family in NSW after enjoying time at a health resort
- Bev Baldock is in Brisbane and Greg attended the Champion of Champions Country Music awards.

With so many members travelling overseas, I thought that I would share with you the “Tourist Prayer” below:-

The Tourist Prayer

Heavenly Father, look down on us your humble, obedient tourist servants who are doomed to travel this earth, taking photographs, sending postcards and buying souvenirs. We beseech you O Lord, to see that our plane is not hijacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed.

Give us this day divine guidance in our selection of our hotels. We pray that the telephones work, and that the operators speak our language. Lead us to good inexpensive restaurants where the wine is included in the price of the meal.

Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand. Make the natives love us for what we are and not for what we can contribute to their worldly goods. Grant us the strength to visit the museums, cathedrals, palaces and if we skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us for our flesh is weak.

Dear God, protect our wives from “bargains” they don’t need or can’t afford. Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do!

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them to us. Save them from making fools of themselves in the night-clubs. Above all please do not forgive their trespasses for they know exactly what they do!

And when our voyage is over, grant us the favour of finding someone who will look at our holiday snaps and listen to our stories so our lives as tourists will not have been in vain.

Amen.

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Major Swim meets 2011

2011		
Date	Event	Location
5 March	Gladstone Gropers Short Course Relay Carnival	John Dahl Pool, Gladstone
25-27 March	Queensland Long Course championships	Banora Point Tweed Heads
26 - 30 April	2011 AUSSI Masters National Swimming Championships	Perth, Western Australia
20 - 28 Aug	Mildura Masters Games	Mildura, Victoria

PAST MEMBERS

Some of you may remember past members Andrea and Nick Phillips. We recently made contact with them and below is their news of the past 7 years:-



We moved back to the UK for about 18 months in the end - sold up and moved back to Australia as permanent residents (yeh!)

For the first 5 months we travelled down the east coast to Adelaide and back to Brisbane looking for a place to call home. Brisbane had always been first on the list but we just wanted to make sure we weren't missing out on paradise elsewhere.

We both started work within a week of arriving back in Brisbane and living in New Farm. We finally took the plunge and bought our first house in Newmarket in July 2007 - it was a cute 3 bedroom townhouse close to the city and Royal Brisbane hospital where Nick was working.

Nick has continued to race triathlons and has branched out a little to the 'off road' tri's. I kept running and swimming for a few years but we never found a swim club as welcoming and entertaining as the Gropers so never joined a club here.

Then in 2008 we were lucky enough to have a beautiful little boy we named Samuel John. He was just like his mummy and daddy and liked to be up and about from an early age. He was a monkey for the first 6 months of his life not wanting to sleep much for his by now very tired parents.

He was 2 on 27 October this year; I don't know what happened to the last 2 years. We have been home to the UK a couple of times since 2005 and have our next trip planned for December this year - fingers crossed for Sam to see a white Christmas. My Dad (who you may remember is now on his own, mum passed away peacefully in 2004) he comes and visits us every year. He is thrilled with his new grandson as he now has one of each (meaning a girl and boy - my sister has a little girl called Georgia)

In May 2010 we decided our little house just was not big enough for the 3 of us and Sam needed a bigger space to run around and burn off some of that energy. So we have moved to a 1950's post war house, with an enormous deck for great BBQ's in Stafford.

We still keep in touch with Brian and Lida on a fairly regular basis as well as Reg and Sandra now that Michael and Imo are married.

We have such fond memories of our time in Gladstone and hope that before Sam starts school we can come and visit again and introduce him to all the people that made us feel so welcome in Gladstone and Australia.

That is it from me in terms of news - I have attached a few pictures of the family that you might like to use in the Newsletter too - one of all of us when Sam first arrived and Sam as he is now.

All my very best wishes to you both and love to all the Gropers gang that can remember us!
Andrea, Nick and Sam Phillips 😊