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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Our new SAWPI Board has been established and is up and running. This is my second year on the SAWPI Board and it appears each year people step down from the Board and there are delays finding replacements. The intention of our Board is to improve our communication with SAWPI members and provide greater information about the operations of SAWPI and the Board. Hopefully this will encourage potential volunteers to step forward and assist with the development of Water Polo in South Australia.

An important matter for the Board is to review is our method of operation under the model of having a CEO. Our Constitution and By-Laws were written some time ago and do not reflect our current operating structure. The Board also needs to consciously operate in accordance with our Operational Plan.

While on the subject of the CEO position, the Board is current negotiating with Jon Harmer to extend his contract which expires 31 January 2009. The principles have been agreed and we are now finalising the contract.

During 2008 we have had a number of committees actively working on specific projects. These projects include the planning for local competition, planning for the coming National League season and a review of the effect of the proposed Marion Complex on our existing Water Polo centres.

Another major recent project has been the completion of our reports to the Office of Recreation and Sport in accordance with the requirements of our Grants. In reviewing the grant reports prepared by Jon Harmer, it becomes apparent that we are making good progress against our grant performance targets.

In this newsletter we have published information about the SAWPI Board. So, please feel free to communicate direct with Board members or via your clubs.

We wish all members and families a very happy and relaxing festive season!

Mark Dayman
President

From the CEO's desk

It has been a very busy time in recent weeks with many applications received for administrative, coaching and managerial positions within SA Water Polo.

Congratulations to the following people who have accepted the positions listed below.

SAWPI Administrative Officer – Sharon Hall.

Adelaide Jets Women's Team - Coach – Eddie Denis, Manager – Terril Ashton.

Adelaide Jets Men's - Coach – Doug Cocking, Manager – Jon Harmer.

SAWPI 20 & Under Women's Team – Coach – Aaron Coad – Manager – Terril Ashton.

SAWPI 20 & Under Men's team – Coach – Ben Battams – Manager – Mark Dayman.

Thank you to all applicants for the positions listed above. Your efforts to assist in the running of SA water polo are greatly appreciated. A big thanks to Anthea Shem for her time and expertise in the interview process for the SAWPI AO position. Thank you also to outgoing AO Michele Corbett. Michele's input in the relatively short time she has been involved has been considerable, particularly in the transition to MYOB and more effective invoicing systems. Michele is also very generously assisting with the handover as Sharon Hall learns the nuances of the position.

Jon Harmer
Chief Executive Officer

08/09 Board appointed

At the Annual General Meeting held in August, the Board of Directors for the 08-09 Season was not formally appointed. With long serving President Lynn Martin stepping down, there was no formal nomination for a replacement, along with the position of Secretary (Bevan Dearman).

Lynn Martin's service as President for the past several years was formally acknowledged by those present. Lynn thanked all those he has had the pleasure of working with over the years, and wished the new Board all the success.

Under the Constitution, the positions of President, Secretary and Director of Finance need to be voted in at the AGM. With no nominations received, Mark Dayman had indicated his willingness to take on the Presidency, provided that the Secretary and Finance positions could be filled. Mark has now formally taken the presidency.

All clubs are also required to nominate two representatives for the Board. With now four clubs, there will be eight club representatives.

At the first Board meeting held 8 September, former Board Member Gary Mavrinac attended indicating his willingness to return to the Board.

With Matthew Richardson of Vikings showing a keenness to take on the finance role, and Mark appointed President at the AGM, it was recommended that Gary take on the secretarial role.

Following the Board meeting on 7 October, the Board is represented by the following members:

President	Mark Dayman
Secretary	Gary Mavrinac
Director of Finance	Matthew Richardson
Adelaide Tritons	John Medcalf
Adelaide Tritons	Graham Barr
Adelaide Vikings	Kimberley Green
Adelaide Vikings	To be advised
Eastern Saints	George Forrest
Eastern Saints	Will Middleton
Henley Sharks	Rosemary White
Henley Sharks	Anthea Shem

Since then, Kimberley Green has stepped down due to other commitments on the same night as the Board meetings. The Board is now waiting on a formal notification from Vikings on the nominated representatives from the club.



State League
2008-09

The **Be Active** State League 2008-09 has commenced for all grades. Details of the draw are now available from the Association's Website. Just follow the links from the competition page.

The website provides full details of the draw, results and premierships ladders. In each issue of Inside H2O, we will provide the latest premierships ladder (see Scoreline)

The Competition and Grading Committee are currently preparing for the post Christmas program.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

In addition, SAWPI is seeking assistance with the Referee roster. If you are able to assist, please contact Graham Barr, Director for Competition.

scoreline

A MEN

After Round 10

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	FF	For	Ag	PC	Pts
1	Adelaide Vikings	10	9	1	0	0	112	56	67%	28
2	Henley Sharks	10	7	3	0	0	100	71	58%	24
3	Eastern Saints/State 20&U	10	3	7	0	1	52	88	37%	16
4	Adelaide Tritons	10	1	9	0	0	45	94	32%	12

A WOMEN

After Round 10

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	FF	For	Ag	PC	Pts
1	Adelaide Vikings	10	8	2	0	0	63	44	59%	26
2	Henley Sharks	10	5	5	0	0	59	57	51%	20
3	State 20&U	10	3	6	1	3	51	55	48%	17
4	Adelaide Tritons	10	3	6	1	0	53	70	43%	17

B MEN

After Round 5

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	FF	For	Ag	PC	Pts
1	Adelaide Vikings	5	4	1	0	0	60	39	61%	13
2	Eastern Saints SPOC	5	4	1	0	0	51	39	57%	13
3	Adelaide Vikings BOSA	4	1	2	2	0	38	37	51%	9
4	Henley SMOSH	5	2	3	0	0	43	51	46%	9
5	Adelaide Tritons	4	1	3	1	0	29	38	43%	8
6	Henley	5	1	3	1	0	34	51	40%	8

B WOMEN

After Round 5

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	FF	For	Ag	PC	Pts
1	Henley Sharks	4	3	1	0	0	22	8	73%	10
2	Adelaide Tritons	4	3	1	0	0	30	12	71%	10
3	Women Masters	4	3	1	0	0	34	21	62%	10
4	Adelaide Vikings	4	1	3	0	1	11	34	24%	6
5	Eastern Saints	4	0	4	0	3	2	24	8%	4

UNDER 17 BOYS

After Round 5

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	FF	For	Ag	PC	Pts
1	Adelaide Tritons	5	5	0	0	0	48	12	80%	15
2	Adelaide Vikings	5	2	3	0	1	22	26	46%	9
3	Eastern Saints	5	1	3	1	0	28	39	42%	8
4	Henley Sharks	5	1	3	1	0	23	44	34%	8

UNDER 15 BOYS

After Round 5

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	FF	For	Ag	PC	Pts
1	Adelaide Vikings	5	4	1	0	0	74	26	74%	13
2	Adelaide Tritons	5	4	1	0	0	62	26	70%	13
3	SAWPI 95's	5	2	3	0	0	16	68	19%	9
4	Eastern Saints	5	0	5	0	4	12	44	21%	5

UNDER 15 MIXED

After Round 5

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	FF	For	Ag	PC	Pts
1	Adelaide Tritons Crocs	4	4	0	0	0	45	21	68%	12
2	Adelaide Tritons	4	3	1	0	0	41	22	65%	10
3	Henley Sharks	4	2	2	0	2	24	23	51%	8
4	Adelaide Vikings	4	1	3	0	0	24	39	38%	6
5	Eastern Saints	4	0	4	0	0	24	53	31%	4

Club Corner

As part of the *Inside H₂O* newsletter, SAWPI would like to include information happening at the club level. **Club Corner** is your opportunity to tell us what the latest news from the clubs is.



JET Stream



As our coaching positions are filled and athletes approach pre season training for National League, a recent National League meeting in Sydney determined that the current season structure/format would remain for season 09.

Drummoyne WPC has been granted permission for its women's team to join the league resulting in 12 teams a-piece for Men & Women. Whilst the draw is still to be confirmed it appears that the Jets will start the season with a road trip to Brisbane from Feb 5th - 8th and then play our first home games on Sat/Sun. 14h/15th Feb. vs Wests. **Check out the Website for up to date amendments to the draw.**

2009 NWPL

DATE	TIME	HOME		AWAY
14/02/2009	6:00 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	Wests Magpies (M)
14/02/2009	4.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	Uni NSW Killer Whales (W)
15/02/2009	2.00 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	Wests Magpies (M)
15/02/2009	12.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	Uni NSW Killer Whales (W)
21/02/2009	6.00 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	Drummoyne Devils (M)
21/02/2009	4.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	Drummoyne Devils (W)
22/02/2009	2.00 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	Drummoyne Devils (M)
22/02/2009	12.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	Drummoyne Devils (W)
26/02/2009	8.00 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	Fremantle Mariners (M)
26/02/2009	6.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	Fremantle Marlins (W)
27/02/2009	4.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	Fremantle Mariners (M)
27/02/2009	3.00 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	Fremantle Marlins (W)
12/03/2009	3.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	Cronulla Sharks (M)
12/03/2009	8.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	Cronulla Sharks (W)
13/03/2009	6.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	Cronulla Sharks (M)
13/03/2009	8.00 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	Cronulla Sharks (W)
28/03/2009	6.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	Sydney Uni Lions (M)
28/03/2009	5.00 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	Sydney Uni Lions (W)
29/03/2009	2.00 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	Sydney Uni Lions (M)
29/03/2009	12.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	Sydney Uni Lions (W)
23/04/2009	8.00 PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	UWA Torpedoes (M)
23/04/2009	6.30 PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	UWA Comets (W)
24/04/2009	7.30PM	Adelaide Jets (M)	v	UWA Torpedoes (M)
24/04/2009	6.00PM	Adelaide Jets (W)	v	UWA Comets (W)

Country Championships

Well done to the SA Team that finished fourth at this year's Country Champs. Team Manager/player Jaime Burns said "We could have done a lot better as the other teams weren't as strong as they usually are, but we were hampered by injuries and lack of subs."

Congratulations to Jess Fanto and Elisa Dearman who made the Australian Country Team who travelled to Singapore for a tournament (see website).

"All up it was a great trip, apart from the weather!" said Jaimi.

Next years championships are likely to be held in Melbourne in the last week of May. Jaimi and the team would love anyone who can (over the age of 18 and preference will probably be given to those not still playing under 20's) to come along.

Please contact Jaimi for details.

SAWPI Junior Talent Squad.

All athletes involved in the SAWPI 14 & 16 & Under Boys and Girls teams had been invited to try out for the SAWPI Junior Talent squad. The squad selection trials were held on Friday 10th of October at the AAC.

From this a squad will be selected to train with Head SASI coach Eddie Denis, SAWPI 16s Boys coach Anthony Martin and SAWPI swim coach Shaun Curtis for 8 weeks x 4 sessions a week.

See Jon Harmer for further details.

16&U Water Polo Championships

A dedicated bunch of girls and boys had been training together since May under the guidance of their respective coaches in preparation for the 16 and Under National Championships. The Championships were held at Challenge Stadium in Perth between the 29th of September and the 5th of October. The teams were:

Girls

Adele Langusch, Kathleen McHugh, Alex Carter, Jodie Adams, Gabriella Morris Tester, Nyssa Wedding, Rebecca Copson, Shana Ahmed, Chloe Barr, Paige Mortimer and Lucinda Swan, Alexandra Thomas, and Emma Opie and Madeleine Roberts.

Boys

Paxton Barr, Karl Bonig, Hamish Burns, Lachlan Cameron, William Dayman, Milan Dobrijevic, David Harvey, Josh Harvey, Charlie Horsnell, Ben Mortimer, Michael Sloan, Patrick Wells, James White.

While both teams did not feature in the medals, all players gave the best, and represented South Australia proudly. Well done.

Schools Water Polo

Competitions began the first week back from holidays for both the Independent Schools competition and the SA Catholic Schoolgirls competitions as below.

- SCSGSA – Commenced Thursday 16th October.
Yr 7/8. Pembroke Pool
Yr 9/10 Payneham Pool
Yr 11/12 AAC
- ISSA - Commenced Friday 17th October.
Games at Pembroke, St Peters & AAC.
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NEWS

Six SASI athletes competed at the recent 16U Nationals in Perth. Ali Thomas, Chloe Barr, Ben Mortimer, Lachlan Cameron and Paxton Barr will be aiming to play their best for South Australia and maximise their chance for Australian Squad selection.

Lisa Callahan, Sophie Ricketts, Victoria Risby and Isobel Bishop are currently preparing for the women's NTC tournament in Canberra at the end of November. This tournament brings together senior athletes from all of the State Institute's around Australia for five days of intense competition. This year, the tournament will be used to select athletes who will form part of a new Australian Senior squad which will work towards the London Olympic Games.

Patrick Harmer is currently recovering from two hip operations! The arthroscopic surgery was undertaken to shave bony spurs from the top of Patrick's femur bones to help Patrick gain greater range of movement in his hips. A problem which has been steadily growing worse over time, the decision to undergo surgery was made based on Patrick's decreasing ability to sustain eggbeater kick, increasing pain and secondary injury concerns, as well as possibility of cutting short his chances of selection in Senior National teams. Five weeks post his second surgery, Patrick is back in the pool swimming with the SASI squad. Both his surgeon and physiotherapist are delighted with Patrick's progress after the operations.

Lisa Callahan will be a member of an Australian representative team to visit Russia in November. Lisa, the sole athlete chosen from South Australia, will travel with a select group of athletes from Queensland and NSW under the guidance of QAS Head Coach Aleks Osadchuk, to train and compete against Russian club side - . The ten day trip will be a great preparation for Lisa for the NTC tournament which starts in Canberra as soon as she returns from Moscow.

Patrick Harmer has recently accepted an offer from Drummoyne Water Polo Club in Sydney to play National League with them in season 2009. Patrick will live in Sydney from mid-November till end of May 2009. While

in Sydney he will train with the NSW Institute of Sport and play local and National League competition with the Drummoyne Club. Best of luck to Patrick.

SASI SQUAD NEWS

Women

- Sophie Ricketts has been selected to tour with the Australian Born 88 team to USA in July.

- Victoria Risby selected in the Australian Born 90 team to compete in the Global Championships in Brisbane in June.

- Isobel Bishop has been selected to tour with the Australian Youth Team to Europe in July.

Beijing Olympics

For those not aware, our own Coach Eddie Denis was appointed Assistant Coach to the Australian Men's Water Polo team that competed at the Beijing Olympics in August. Eddie also undertook the role of Goalkeeping coach while at the Olympic Games with both the Men's and Women's teams.

SA Water Polo Director of Coaching

SAWPI is please to announce that Eddie Denis has accepted the newly created position of SAWPI Director of Coaching. Eddies role will extend from National League through to 14's 16's & 20's at the State level. He will principally be involved as a mentor to all SAWPI coaches and will coordinate and oversee coaching and development pathways for athletes and coaches alike. Eddie brings considerable knowledge, experience and expertise to this position, SAWPI is looking forward to what we believe will be considerable benefits provided by Eddies involvement at this level. More specific details of Eddie's role are available on request.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Keep up to date with all upcoming events. changes to event dates can be found on the website.

2008	
November	
26/11/2008	Last round of Summer A Men and A Women State League competition
2009	
February	
14/02/2009	National League matches @ AAC
15/02/2009	National League matches @ AAC
21/02/2009	National League matches @ AAC
22/02/2009	National League matches @ AAC
26/02/2009	National League matches @ AAC
27/02/2009	National League matches @ AAC
MARCH	
12/03/2009	National League matches @ AAC
13/03/2009	National League matches @ AAC

28/03/2009	National League matches @ AAC
29/03/2009	National League matches @ AAC
APRIL	
23/04/2009	National League matches @ AAC
24/04/2009	National League matches @ AAC

Are your details up to date?

To ensure we keep providing the best service and communication to our members we need to have your correct and up to date details on our database.

To update your details please email Sharron Hall, Administration Officer at administration@sawaterpolo.asn.au.

Inside H₂O Contributions

The Association would welcome the input of all members to each and every issues of **Inside H₂O**. It's an opportunity to tell your fellow members of what's happening in your club or school.

Submissions should be forwarded to the Administration Officer at administration@sawaterpolo.asn.au.

Wishing our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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