

BLUE SLIP 2018 # 4

August Captain's Report

YALUMBA

Open 40 Metre Championship Results

In July, we finished off the Yalumba Championships events with extremely fast swimming in the Open 40 metre events. In both the Male and Female events it came down to just a last ditch touch of the wall to decide the winners. Ben Cush was rewarded with some recent extra work in the pool to nudge out Dave Schnabl and Dori Miller snuck in by the smallest of margins to get over the top of Maddi Blomberg in a great finish. I look forward to seeing the best in each age group compete in the Champion of Champions on our Closing Day in September.

Male	1. Ben Cush 17.69	2. David Schnabl 17.85	3. Joel Maybury 17.88
Female	1. Dori Miller 21.43	2. Maddi Blomberg 21.53	3. Lucie Billingsley 21.97

Joe Dillon Trophy in Bulli

A couple of dozen Bergs jumped on the now infamous "Disco Bus" and headed down to Cronulla ocean pool that was a fresh 14 degrees to take on the Cronulla Polar Bears and Bulli Sea Lions for the traditional Joe Dillon Trophy swim. The four-man relay is very unique, as it involves the Captain and President or closest to and the youngest and oldest club members on the day. Nick Stephens and Alan Gow fielded the young and old category, while Vice Captain Shayne Keys swam in place of unavailable President Benn Dullard. The Bergs proved too fast for the Bears and Sea Lions to take the Trophy home for the third straight season. The remaining Bergs then joined in for the standard 10-person relay between the Clubs. It was then back to the Polar Bears Club House for some much needed hot soup and cleansing ales.

Bergs win back Ted Tobin Memorial Shield off Wollongong City Surf Club

As per usual, the Wollongong boys came in solid maroon numbers and enjoyed an unseasonal chilly day in Bondi. The Bergs recaptured the Ted Tobin Memorial Shield, with our power pair of Ben Cush and David Schnabl proving too strong for Wollongong's Joel Wilson and Jake Hogarth. It was great to see Jake swim for Wollongong, as he is the future son-in-law of Ian Tobin, which brought a real family feel to this event.

The Noel Shubert Trophy finished once again in a dead heat after ten competitive laps as both Wollongong teams and the Bergs amazingly touching the wall together. A festive afternoon followed upstairs as the two Club enjoyed each other's company. Wollongong Surf Club once again were too strong in the four-person boat race, with Berg VJ Joonta's poor effort on the skull proving the difference.

Bergs to host Aussie Titles

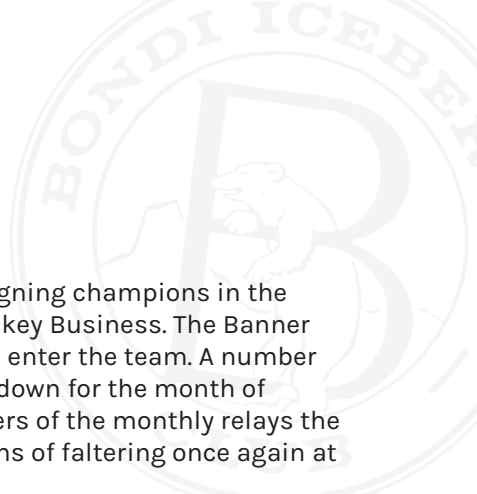
The Bergs for the first time in Club history will host the Australian Winter Swimming Titles. Due to guidelines from WSAA, the meet will take place at North Sydney Olympic Pool on Sunday 16th September, with the Presentation being held at Easts Rugby Club afterwards.

On the Saturday, any Iceberg can come and take part in the "Dash for Cash" at the Icebergs ocean pool where \$1000 will be up for grabs with individual nominated time and 6-person Table Relay events taking place from 9.45am. Afterwards the \$4 pool deck BBQ and Bar will be operating, so come and mix with other Winter Swimming Clubs including our good friends from the Perth, the Cottesloe Crabs.

50 Metre and 40 Metre Point Score Tables

As we head into the final month of the season, things are getting tense for those still in contention for the overall Club Point Score Board. Leading the 50 Metre category on 35 points is our pool attendant Paul Martin, just ahead of a real elite swimmer in Kiva Galgut. In the Under 50 Years, 40 Metre young Peter Riley is on top with 40 points and just behind is Hindenberg Adam Nezval and Matt Hall on 36 points. John Irwin heads the Over 50 Years, 40 Metre tally with 44 points, just clear of Di Urquart on 40 points. There are still three more opportunities to make a move up the ladder, which include this Sunday 2 September (Father's Day), 9 September and 23 September, with no points available on the Aussie Titles weekend. The top eight in each division will then compete in the Final on Closing Day to decide the 2018 winners.

August Captain's Report continues...



July Table Relays

What a finish it is shaping up to be in this seasons Table Relays. The long time reigning champions in the Hindenbergs are under enormous pressure from the Sharks and newcomers Whiskey Business. The Banner Boys were let down immensely by their inapt manager Terry Parsons who forgot to enter the team. A number of teams couldn't get out of bed to brave the cold Bondi waters, so numbers were down for the month of August with only ten points up for grabs. It was great to see long-standing members of the monthly relays the Polyglots take top place for August, while perennial jokers the Phoenix showed signs of faltering once again at the pointy end of the season, finished seventh.

Traditionally all Table Relay groups enter on Closing Day, so there will be big points up for grabs which could see any of the top six teams take the crown for season 2018.

Ben Morrissey
Club Captain

July Results

Pos.	Team	Time	Pos.	Team	Time
1	Polyglots	+0.11	6	A-Team	+5.05
2	Sharks	+0.94	7	Crashers	+5.06
3	Hindenbergs	+1.66	8	Phoenix	+5.68
4	Whiskey Business	-2.37	9	Budgie Smugglers	+6.09
5	Flying Fish	-4.46	10	Stingers	+7.70

Season Results

Pos.	Team	Points	Pos.	Team	Points
1	Sharks	48	= 10	Untouchables	19
= 2	Whiskey Business	44	= 10	Pacemakers	19
= 2	Hindenbergs	44	= 12	Flying Fish	17
4	Phoenix	41	= 12	Guys & Dolls	17
5	Banner Boys	32	14	No Bo	13
6	A-Team	31	15	Hindencubes	9
7	Crashers	23	= 16	Team Blue Bottle/Ladybirds	8
8	Stingers	22	17	N.S.E. Flamigoes	5
9	Polyglots	21	=18	Balmain Bugs/Budgie Strugglers	4

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