



# FASTLANE

Club news and information

February 2008

## Executive News:

Let me introduce you to our current executive:

President; Jean Turgeon

Vice-President; Marios Theodossiou

Past President; Harry Sowards

Secretary; Paula Theodossiou

Treasurer; Don Boucher

Registrar; Andrea Reibmayr

Fundraising; Les Wilton

## Introduction:

This is the first of hopefully many of our club's newsletter. The executive wishes to resurrect this newsletter to keep the members abreast of what is happening within our club and acknowledge the accomplishments of our swimmers. This is a scaled down version to help get the news out quickly. Hopefully as the months go by, we will be able to fill the columns with exciting news about our club. We are looking for input for all members, so if there is something you would like to see, please contact us and we will try to accommodate.

## Past Meets:

This area will acknowledge the accomplishments of our swimmers at meets they attended during the month. News releases are sent out to local papers and inter-net new/sports sites. However, the media may edit the release and not everything sent is printed. I will post the media releases here for all to see. Saying that, here is the media release for the past Dave Kensit Championships held in Sudbury Feb. 1 to 3. The article was posted on sootoday.com, saultsports.com and a version in the Sault Star.

### **A small but mighty SMMAC team make waves at Dave Kensit Memorial Championship**

A cohesive team of 9 swimmers under the coaching skills of Eve Fournier and Andrew Bignell represented the Sault Ste Marie Aquatic Club this past weekend at the Dave Kensit Memorial Championships in Sudbury. Even though they did not have the swimmers the larger groups had, they still managed to come in 4th for team rankings out of 14 other teams. ALL swimmers recorded many personal best times and some even qualified for the Provincial Championships at the end of the month in London.

Leading the way was Brian Lee with eight 1st place finishes and breaking a NEOR record for the 100 Freestyle at a time of 53.87 seconds which has stood the test of time for 15 years. Brian also achieved the high point trophy for boys aged 14 – 15 years. His younger brother, Steven, finished the weekend with three 1st place finishes in his 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke and 5 top ten finishes. Not to be out done by her older brothers, Erin Lee placed 1st in her 50m backstroke and had seven 3rd place finishes.

Julia Turgeon came 2<sup>nd</sup> in high points for girls aged 13 –14 and led the SSMAC girls with three 1st place finishes in her 400m free, 100m and 200m backstroke, three 2nds, a 4th and 6th place finishes. Sarah Theodossiou recorded 4 top five and 4 top ten finishes while her younger sister Erinn, came home with 8 top ten placing. Rounding up the girl's portion of the team was Kalen Critchley achieving 3 top five and 5 top ten placing.

Completing the team were Shane Rock and Michael Lawrence. Shane swam away with a 1st in his 400 IM. He also had two 2nds, four 3rds and a 4th place finishes. His team mate, Michael, came 1st in the 1500m race as well as bringing home a 3rd, 4th, 5th as well as 4 more top ten finishes.

## Coach's Corner:

We would like to congratulate and wish our swimmers good luck to who qualified and are attending the Provincials in London this weekend. They are Kalen, Brian, Erin, Shane, and Julia. Congratulations to Josh as well for qualifying but he is unable to attend.

## Highlights:

We would like to congratulate Brian Lee for breaking a 15 year NEOR record in the 100 free at the Dave Kensit Senior Meet in a time of 53.87 seconds. Way to go Brian!!!

Also, we would like to congratulate Michael Lawrence for making it into the finals at the Dave Kensit Senior for the first time as a 13 year old.

ALL the swimmers at the Kensit accomplished several personal best times and some even qualified for the upcoming Provincials. Congratulations to all of our swimmers.

## Upcoming Meets;

Provincial Championships in London, Ontario Feb. 28 to Mar. 2.



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## Fundraising news:

Swim-A-Thon- Sat. March 29, 2008 7 -9:00am  
Beginning at 7 am sharp, all swimmers in levels 1-5 should be in the pool to try and swim 200 lengths in 2 hours. This is going to be a very fun event with a family breakfast celebration after the swim.

Last year we raised over \$6000 and as always with the swim-a-thon our club keeps 95% of that. A few notes about getting pledges:

1. Have sponsors give you cash or make cheques out to SSMAC.
2. Canvassers are recommended to collect the full amount pledged in advance.
3. Ensure that you get complete addresses including postal codes for anyone requesting a tax receipt.
4. You will be required to submit a cheque made out to SSMAC for the total donations you receive with your completed pledge forms and your signed Family Affidavit on or before the morning of the Swim-a-Thon.

Swim Ontario will award prizes to top fundraising achievers provincially and within the region. In addition, we will be providing incentive prizes to top fundraising achievers in our club.

On the morning of the Swim-a-thon, we will need parents or family members of swimmers to count laps. If you can help out it will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments about the swim-a-thon feel free to contact me at any time.

Good luck with your canvassing!

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Don't forget to support Shop and Support. Hopefully next issue we can give you more details of how this is going.

## Social news:

We will use this spot to announce any upcoming social events and report on ones that occurred during the month.

Plan to attend the breakfast after the swim-a-thon. Watch your emails for further details.

## Classifieds:

We will use this section if you have any swim equipment you have lost, want to buy, sell or trade.

## Birthdays:

We would like to announce who is having a birthday in the upcoming months. So if you know ANYONE (even parents) who is celebrating, please let us know. We are going to try and get a list from the registrar.

## Other news:

The executive is looking for a parent with Personnel/Human resources skills who would be prepared to act a resource for the Ad Hoc By-Law/Policy committee re: liaison and related issues. If you can help out, please let the SSMAC office or executive know.

So this was the first attempt to bring you the news. As the months go by, hopefully we will have more input and will be able to fill these pages. Please contact us if you have any ideas for this news report or would like to help out.

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