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MSABC's Greater Lengths

FALL NEWSLETTER 2021

President's Message

Welcome back to the 2021/2022 season of swimming. I hope all of you are back to your regular practice regime. I am glad practices are back to more of their normal selves. And we have swim meets. I hope to see a lot of you on the pool deck this spring.

This year we are integrating our meet registration and results with Swim Canada's RTR system. It is new so please be patient as we work out the bugs in the system.

The board of directors is working hard behind the scenes to keep you informed and to integrate our efforts with Swim BC and Swim Canada. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me or anyone on the board.

John Holmwood,
MSABC President



Competition Update

With a couple of meets already completed we are happy to say that meets are back after about a year of a half with COVID restrictions preventing meets to be held.

Swim meets are great for so many reasons: travel, catch up with old friends, make new friends, and perhaps test yourself to see if all that hard work in the pool has led to improved your times in your favourite event!

We are pleased to present a great meet schedule for the 2021/2022 season. Meet information is always updated on our [website](#) and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our [competition director](#).

Schedule for the 2021/2022 season:

- **English Bay SC 'Love To Swim' Meet** - February 13, 2022
- **Chilliwack Masters Meet** - March 5, 2022
- **Spring Splash Meet Kelowna** - March 6, 2022
- **Victoria Masters LC Meet** - March 20, 2022
- **MSABC Provincial Championships, White Rock/South Surrey** - April 22-24, 2022
- **Canadian Masters Swimming Championships, Quebec City** - May 20-22, 2022



Application Extension: Club & Coach Support Fund

At the 2020 AGM, the MSABC membership approved the proposed 2020-21 budget, which included a \$20,000 extraordinary expense line item intended for provision of financial assistance to MSABC affiliated clubs and their registered coaches for unplanned transitional costs associated with adhering to Swim BC and SNC registration and coaching requirements.

At the 2021 AGM, the MSABC membership approved extending the MSABC Club & Coach Support Fund through the 2021-22 swim season.

The updated application form can be found [here](#). If you have any questions about the fund or the application process, please contact our Treasurer [Dale Robinson](#).

North Shore Masters Meet

North Shore Masters Swim Meet – October 16, 2021

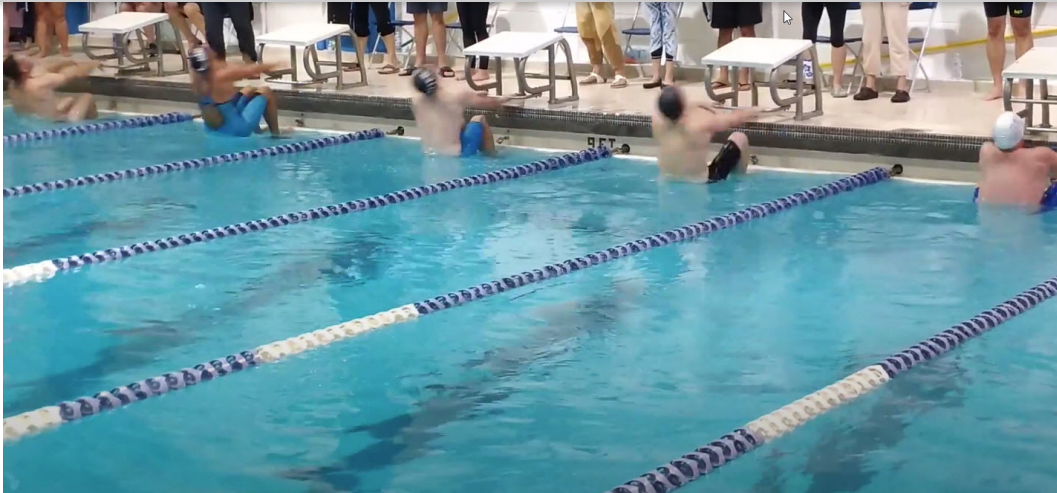
On October 16, 2021, the North Shore Masters swim meet was held at Harry Jerome Pool. It was the first sanctioned Masters meet held in

Everyone was noticeably excited to be participating in a meet after 19 months. There were 96 participants from 15 clubs including 11 teams from the lower mainland and swimmers from Vancouver Island, the Okanagan, USA and Australia.



Trever Jones (25), Aidan Vickers (25), Maia Brundage (25) and Jason Abelson (25) showed us what the youngsters could do. Tony Pease (82) and Betty Brussel (97) led the older crowd.

One of the highlights for us was to seeing Betty Brussel swim again. She is one of the oldest people that we have ever met. When she arrived at the pool, we asked her if she needed any special help during the meet. Her answer was that she drove to pool, found a parking spot and parked her car all on own. She said that she could handle the ladders that many of us sometimes have trouble with but would “appreciate a shoulder” when she was getting on the starting block. She won the 200 Free, 100 Free and 50 Breast for her age and contributed to her team’s win in the 280+ Medley Relay. Here is a [clip](#) from her strong finish in the 50 breast stroke. Great job Betty! You are an inspiration!



Our appreciation and thanks go out to the North Vancouver Rec Commission staff and the more than 30 volunteers and officials who kept the meet running smoothly.

The proof a vaccination requirement was almost universally accepted and appreciated by all present.

It was great to see old friends and do a little swimming after all these difficult months.

We hope to see everyone again soon!



Swimming Canada and Swim BC Updates

Swimming Canada and Swim BC regularly provides update to clubs and swimmers. Stay in the loop on the latest with their bulletins and newsletters. MSABC will repost important information on our [website](#).

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Swimming Canada posts a monthly challenge for masters swimmers. For details, check out the masters section on their [website](#).


Looking for Host for 2023 Provincials!

With competitions back in action, MSABC is looking for a host for Provincials 2023. If you or your club is interested in being the host of the Championships in April 2023, please get in touch with [us](#)!


Also, it is never too early to start thinking about worthy nominees for MSABC annual awards: the **Ted Simpson Achievement Award** and the **Stan Powell Memorial Service Award**. The nomination deadline is **March 31, 2022**. Read more about the awards and criteria [here](#).



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