

A squad of 9 swimmers represented Team Armadale at the Golden Gropers Relay Carnival at HBF Stadium on the afternoon of Saturday August 15th. A record number of swimmers representing 16 Masters clubs turned up for the event. All swimmers embraced the team aspect of the event without the pressure of individual performances which made for an enjoyable and fun atmosphere throughout the meet.

At the end of what was a great day of team swimming, we finished 12th on overall points, a good effort considering the size of the teams from other clubs. From a club perspective we did extremely well with 5 relay records broken and 1 new relay record set, see below for details.

Relay Records Broken

Event 1 Mixed 200 Free: 240-279

Event 3 Male 200 Medley: 200-239

Event 7 Mixed 100 Medley: 240-279

Event 8 Female 100 Medley: 200-239

Event 10 Mixed 100 Free: 240-279

New Relay Record

Event 5 Female 100 Free: 200-239

Please see the website for all the reports -

<http://armadalemastersswimmingclub.com/events/pool-event-results/>

So thank you to the members of Team Armadale for your time and efforts on the day; Chas, Pamela, Mary, Fettes, Ross, Gill, Heather Adams, Heather Jeps and me...

A special thank you to Heather Croft who did timekeeping duties for the club and our own little official in training Rowie who didn't DQ anyone from our club!...

A couple of notable incidents that typified the event;

A swimmer over balanced on the very steep starting blocks and fell in at the start of their heat, the officials (it wasn't you Rowie) pulled out the pink slip and DQ'd the team and all the swimmers, myself included, standing behind the blocks for the next heat roundly booed the officials, was like being at the footy... boo umpire!..

Our very own Pamela, who thought her day was done, went off and showered and returned to the stands, picked up the program and turned to the last page and discovered she was in another heat, oooops...it ain't over till it's over!..

and Fettes, when is there an event without a Fettes moment I ask...this one had our Mr Falconer calmly sitting up in the stands looking at pool deck while Colin, Gill, Heather Jeps and anyone else who could help were waving at him to get down here for the next relay. Heather Adams to the rescue, who was returning to the stands, got his attention and resulted in a classic "what me?" moment from our Fettes, looked great from pool deck!

So a big thank you to everyone who came along and swam for the Mighty Pelicans!

Cap'n Col.

ps. Next club event is the Stadium Snappers LLCC meet at HBF Stadium on Sunday 20th September.