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Dear Member affiliates

As we draw near to our 2nd international competition of 2009, the 13th FINA World Championships, Rome to be held from 17th July through to 2nd August, Bank South Pacific came on board for the 7th year running with a sponsorship of twenty thousand kina.

Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc acknowledges with sincere appreciation the continued support by **BANK SOUTH PACIFIC** as a major sponsor of the organisation and its elite Kundu Target Squad athletes. The sponsorships will allow them to continue to improve, excel and develop into great personalities and sports men and women.

When Bank South Pacific came on board sponsoring the swim team to the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester we saw three young rising stars (Ryan Pini and Anna Lisa Mopio-Jane and Ben Wells) take to the blocks wearing the black red and gold bathers, a little nervous but exhilarated to be there.

Since then BSP sponsorship has allowed them and others to experience international competition at its best by competing in Commonwealth Games, South Pacific Games, and FINA World Championships through to the most prestigious of all the Olympic Games.

Not only do our athletes compete in pool competitions, but one Kundu target squad Gold swimmer 15 year old Peter Pokawin has

taken a liking to open water swimming and has for the 2nd consecutive year competed in the Sepik Iron Man competition held annually over the Queen's Birthday weekend in the town of Wewak.

The iron man competition is a relay event which consists of a swimming leg, two running legs and one cycling leg.

Peter was part of the Ela Motors sponsored team who took out first place. Congratulations to Peter on a great swim leg of 800m.

Another important sponsorship announcement was made during the recent visit of Australian Coach Shaun Crow during the BASC Dolphin Sprints in June, it was announced by him at the end of a three day workshop clinic on technique with swimmers and coaches that he will award a scholarship to a Coach and an athlete to attend his Brisbane swim camp on an annual basis. The first two recipients in 2009 are swimmer Anthea Murray and Coach Villiwa Puana.

This was most unexpected but exciting news for PNG Swimming Inc as it strives to deliver programs to help our athletes and technical and coaching volunteers grow in the sport.

As we move into July we take this opportunity to wish our athletes travelling to Rome a successful competition.

Enjoy Swimming on.....



PNGSI SINCERELY
THANKS BSP for their
support of the team
travelling to Rome



13th FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

update

The Kundu Gold Target Squad Swimmers: Ryan Pini, Anna-Liza Mopio-Jane, Ian Nakmai, Peter Pokawin, Danny Pryke, and Judith Meauri are in the closing stages of their preparation to compete in the pool events at the 13th FINA World Swimming Championships in Rome from 26th July and run through to Sunday 2nd August.

The Foro Italico in Rome will be the heart of the FINA World Championships for the 5 aquatic disciplines of swimming, diving, synchronized swimming and water polo.

The events our athletes will be competing in will be:

Ryan Pini: 100m, 200m freestyle, 50m, 100m, butterfly

Ian Nakmai: 50m, 100m, 200m Breastroke

Peter Pokawin: 50m, 100m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m, 100m Butterfly

Danny Pryke: 50m Freestyle and backstroke

Anna-Liza Mopio-Jane: 50m, 100m, 200m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke

Judith Meauri: 50m, 100m Freestyle, 50m, 100m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly

Medley Relay order: Backstroke (Peter Pokawin), Breastroke (Ian Nakmai), Butterfly (Ryan Pini), Freestyle (Danny Pryke)

Freestyle Relay order: Danny Pryke, Peter Pokawin, Ian Nakmai, Ryan Pini

The team management will be National Coach Elizabeth Wells and Manager Sarenah Pini.

The team has been funded by FINA, PNGSI through the sponsorship of BSP and Olympic Solidarity funding through PNGSFOC.

Coming Championship Events on the CALENDAR

August 14-16
Coca Cola Huon Gulf Championships
Coronation Pool LAE

September 18-20
Theodist National Championships
The Ela Murray 25m Pool NCD

On the Notice Board

Our delegate for a position on the FINA Bureau

During the Championships in Rome a FINA General Congress will be held on the 24th July 2009. Papua New Guinea will have two delegates attending this meeting; they are President Elizabeth Wells and PNGSI Executive member Sarenah Pini. The Congress will see the election of Bureau members on to the FINA Board.

During the Mandatory Congress of the Oceania Swimming Association held in Christchurch, New Zealand on 7th June, 2008, Neil Martin was elected as the "world at large" representative for Oceania and Dennis Miller of Fiji as the "Oceania Continental representative" to be nominated for positions on the FINA Bureau during the 2009 FINA Congress.

The Oceania Congress elections were carried out in full compliance with the Constitution of the Oceania Swimming Association, which is recognised by FINA.

With that in mind, during the elections at the FINA General Congress PNGSI will be putting forward their nominee Neil Martin.

PNGSI believe that both Dennis Miller and Neil Martin have the wellbeing of the region at heart. With Neil Martin this was shown by his commitment in developing aquatic sports in the Pacific Island countries through the FINA Centenary Development Program and having an open communication within the region.

Mr Martin a member of Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc through his membership of BASC is certainly well qualified for this position.

His Technical Qualifications are a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) from Harvard University USA and a Master of Business Administration from the Australian Graduate School of Management at the University of New South Wales.

His involvement in the sport of swimming has included:

- President Swimming Australia 2004-2008
- Chairman Swimming Australia Foundation 2006-2008
- Hon Secretary Oceania Swimming Association 2006-to present
- Director M2007 World Swimming Championships Board of Directors 2004-2007
- Vice President Australian Commonwealth Games Association 2006-present
- Australian Olympian 1972 Olympic Games Munich
- Member of Australian World Championships Swimming Team 1st World Championships Belgrade Yugoslavia 1973

As the Hon Secretary of the Oceania Swimming Association over the last three years, he has developed a close working relationship with the significant majority of the key stakeholders within each of the Oceania nations which has provided him with a deep insight into the practical and individual issues facing each of these aquatic bodies.

Respectful working relationships have been further enhanced through his coordination **as the Hon Secretary of the Oceania Swimming Association** of the successful FINA Centenary Development Program (financed by FINA ONOC and SAL).

Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc believes Neil Martin would be a great asset on the FINA Bureau for the Oceania region countries as a responsible and committed member. He will be attending the FINA Congress as an observer.

COMPETITION UPDATE

The BASC Dolphin Sprint competition hosted by Boroko Amateur Swimming Club is one of four premier swimming events held in Papua New Guinea each year.

The competition saw 124 athletes take to the water with great competitiveness over the weekend.

The sprint competition held at the Ela Murray International School 25m swimming pool from Friday afternoon 19th June to Sunday 21st June saw fourteen (14) records tumble with 17 year old Judith Meauri claiming 5 PNG Records in her 17 year age category. They were 100 backstroke swimming a time of 1:17.00 taking Karen Flynn's record of 1:19.44 set in 1986; 100m Individual Medley swimming 1:12.56 taking Carmen Kolta's record of 1:17.55. In the 50m freestyle event Judith set a new record time of 28.72, previously held by Carmen Kolta 29.40. In the 200m Individual Medley event Judith stopped the clock at 2:41.91 taking Bernadine Arnold's (past member of Lae Club) record of 2:43.71 set in 1986, (twenty three years standing). In the 100m Freestyle event Judith swam 1:03 47 to take Leigh Comerford's (past member of Boroko Club) record of 1:06.41 set in 1989, another long standing record.

Other records that fell were: 11 year old Riley Albrecht swam a record pace in the 50m butterfly 34.22 eclipsing Stanford Gore's record of 34.45 set in 2008. 100m Freestyle swimming 1:07.35 taking James Omundsen 1:08.86 set in 2008 and the 100m Individual Medley record swimming 1:18.28 previously held by James Omundsen 1:21.47 in 2008.

Also in the 100m Individual Medley event records were claimed by 15 year old Peter Pokawin 1:07.01 previously held by Danny Pryke in a time of 1:07.95 set in 2009. 16 year old Danny Pryke 1:08.03 previously held by Nathan Ampa'oi 1:09.69 set in 2009 and 17 year old Ian Nakmai 1:09.57 previously held by Ian 1:12.30.

15 year old Jenixon Lim claimed a record in his age category in the 100m Freestyle 57.22 taking Danny Prykes record of 58.41.

In the Masters category 40-44 age group Caroline Terz swam 33.74 in the 50m freestyle taking Fiona Raftery's previously held record of 39.18. James Kruse in the 100 Freestyle swam 1:07.09 taking his own record of 1:08.25 swum in 2008.

The championships also provided an opportunity for swimmers to swim qualifying times to gain a place in the PNGSI Junior or Intermediate Silver or Gold Excellence Squads in their preferred distance and stroke. Swimmers who recorded qualifying times who were not already in the squads prior to the event were: in the Intermediate Silver Aquatic Excellence squad 14 year old Richie Kolta, Sam Sighers and 12 year old Terence Yukil, and in the Junior Silver Aquatic Excellence squad 9 year old James Runnegar, Jeankapa Puana and 10 year old Ben Patton, Luke Fraser, Eaton Campbell and Georgia- Leigh Vele.

9 year old Savannah Tkatchenko, a member of the Junior Aquatic Excellence Silver Squad swam a time in her 50m breaststroke event 46.97 to move into the Junior Aquatic Excellence Gold Squad.

PNG GOLD & SILVER AQUATIC EXCELLENCE SQUADS

Updated Squad list after the Dolphin Sprints



JUNIOR GOLD SQUAD 9-11 ages

Bobby Akunai
Riley Albrecht
Tegan McCarthy
Britney Murray
Shanice Paraka
Savannah Tkatchenko

JUNIOR SILVER SQUAD 9-11 ages

Ayla Beagrie
Eaton Campbell
Tyson Cooper
Ben Cross
Desley Cross
Luke Fraser
Alexandra Gordon
Michelle Gore
Jessika Green
Jean Gubon
Miriam Jameney
Milly Knight
Ashton Kunda
Peter Kunda
Ryan Maskelyne
Jasmine Mileng
Rae Paje
Ben Patton
Nicola Pini
Connor Pollock
Darcy Pomeroy
Jeankapa Puana
James Runnegar
Mitchell Terz
Renee Terz
Bethany Tukana
Jake Tkatchenko
Georgia-Leigh Vele.
Elizabeth Witham

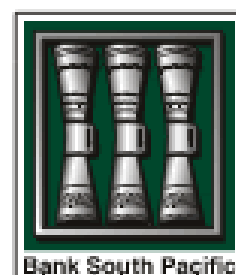


INTERMEDIATE GOLD SQUAD 12-14 ages

Stanford Gore
Ishan Guru
Barbara Leana-Vali

INTERMEDIATE SILVER SQUAD 12-14 ages

Edna Aisi
Collin Akara
Victoria Allen
Marcus Blake
Mara Burslem
Zack Caradus
DeArne Davey
Roseann John
Anthea Murray
Calvin Pokawin
Sarah Raftery
Howard Rogea
Nathan Tukana
Richie Kolta,
Sam Sighers
Terence Yukil



BSP GOLD KUNDU TARGET SQUAD

Ryan Pini
Adam Ampa'oi
Ian Nakmai
Danny Pryke
Peter Pokawin
Anna-Liza Mopio Jane
Judith Meauri

BSP SILVER KUNDU TARGET SQUADS

Nathan Ampa'oi
Nathan Nades
Jenixon Lim



AUSTRALIAN COACH COMES TO PNG

PNGSI Registrar Barbara Skelton extended an invitation to Australian Swim Coach and Teacher Shaun Crow to visit Port Moresby from 18th-25th June.

During his visit he conducted 3 afternoon clinics from Monday to Wednesday with the swimmers of Boroko Swim Club.

As he has a love for fishing and wished to know more about Papua New Guinea life he was provided with the opportunity to overnight at Loloata Island Resort on the coast only fifteen minutes drive from Port Moresby. This island is surrounded by coral reefs and offered Shaun the chance to experience the delights of snorkeling, diving, and fishing.

Shaun also visited Keapara Village with Mark Vali and family. Keapara Village is situated about one hundred & twenty six (126) kilometers east of Port Moresby along the Rigo Coast.

At the close of Monday swim clinic he journeyed to Keapara arriving late at night to board a motorize boat to take him across the lake to the village where he boarded another traditional boat and went fishing all night long, sleeping out on the ocean.

While in Keapara village he visited the local community elementary school and spoke with the children. He also had the opportunity to meet Barbara Leana-Vali's (12 year old swimmer who he is now coaching in Brisbane) grandparents, both in their 80's.

Shaun is known to PNG through his excellent Swim Camp Program he organizes and conducts during the September holidays in Brisbane.

At the completion of the swim clinics held in Port Moresby Shaun surprised the PNGSI executive by offering two full scholarships for a coach and swimmer to attend a swim camp in September.

He also announced that it will be an ongoing sponsorship and the scholarships will cover all costs including airfare, camp costs and accommodation and meals for the recipients.

This year BASC Coach Villiwa Puana and swimmer Anthea Murray were chosen by Shaun Crow as the lucky recipients.



Brisbane Swim Camp Scholarship recipients From Left: swimmer 12 year old Anthea Murray BASC Coach Villiwa Puana



NEWS FROM FINA

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FINA Executive Meeting / Swimsuits

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Lausanne (SUI), June 22, 2009 – The FINA Executive held a meeting in Lausanne (SUI) on June 19, 2009 to consider the swimsuits approvals under the transitory regulations in accordance with the Dubai Charter.

The Executive reviewed the recommendations of the Swimsuit Commission issued on June 18, 2009 in connection with the swimsuits subject to re-examination further to the first Commission Meeting on May 19, 2009.

The Manufacturers have re-presented their swimsuits with modifications. In certain cases, the Manufacturers have submitted arguments regarding the fact the construction or material of their swimsuits would not create air trapping effects.

The Executive approved the swimsuits as per the list published on FINA website www.fina.org.

Regarding the application of the criteria, the Executive found that the evidence of “in use” air trapping effect is complex and that it would require considerable time to create and implement comprehensive control mechanisms and test methods which would permit to establish the effect with absolute certainty in connection with particular swimsuits. In a transitory period where the industry had little time to anticipate the requirements, it is also important to take into account that the outcome of the approval process can have substantial impact on existing production and stocks. Therefore, in cases where there was a reasonable doubt as to the effect, such doubt had to be taken into account in the decision concerning the respective swimsuits.

To secure a level-playing field, the swimsuits approved will be available to all swimmers at the FINA World Championships in Rome (ITA) from July 17-August 2, 2009.

The approved swimsuits will be labelled and will be checked in Rome prior to competition.

The rules regarding shape, use of only one swimsuit and no taping will be strictly applied and controlled in the first call room.

FINA will continue the process of controlling the evolution of swimsuits and will issue new rules including new criteria for 2010.

BRISBANE WINTER SHORT COURSE COMPETITION

The Senior competition (13 years to 17 years and over) of the 2009 Brisbane Winter Short Course (25m) meet was held on Sunday 21st June.

The competition was held at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre, Sleeman Sports Complex at Chandler.

Our two Kundu Gold squad members Ryan Pini and Anna-Liza Mopio-Jane, who are training in Brisbane, represented their Australian Club Yeronga Park at this competition.

The two swimmers used this competition as a guide towards their preparation to representing PNG at the 13th FINA World Championships to be held in Rome.

Ryan's results showed he was back in form receiving 3 Gold Medals and 1 Bronze medal. “Raced very well, so am very happy with the results. I'm pretty sure my 50 free was a personal best,” said Ryan through email.

His Gold medals were claimed in the Male 17 and over 50m Freestyle swimming a time of 22.77 under his own PNG Record time of 22.97 set in 2005 when he represented PNG at the Australian Short Course Championships in Melbourne, 100m Freestyle swimming a time of 49.48 and his 100m butterfly event swimming a time of 52.65 also under his PNG record time of 53.04 set in 2007 when he swam for PNG at the Telstra Grand Prix event. In the 100m Butterfly event Ryan also swam under the Brisbane Swimming Association Record time of 54.95.

His Bronze medal came in the 200m Freestyle event swimming a time of 1:48.26. Ryan swam under PNG record time of 1:48.42 set by him when swimming for PNG at the Queensland Short Course Championships.

Anna-Liza swam into 4th place in the Female 17 and over 50m Freestyle clocking a time of 27.03. 5th Place in her 100m Freestyle event swimming 1:00.03 and received a Bronze Medal in her 200m Freestyle event swimming a time of 2:10.07. Anna-Liza swam under the PNG record time recorded by her in 2006 2:10.60 when she swam for PNG at the Queensland Short Course Championships.