

Deaf Sports Australia E-News

Passion Through Sport



March 2010

Our Queen of the Pool

Cindy-Lu Bailey (nee Fitzpatrick) OAM

Swimming

1. *Where were you born?* Liverpool, NSW

2. *What made you choose Swimming?* During School I was doing lots of different sports such as athletics, softball, physical culture and horseback riding, and of course swimming. While we were having our school swimming carnival - one of the coaches saw me swim and approached my mother and asked whether I was interested in swimming. I then went to the club for a 2 day trial and since then I never stopped swimming until I retired in 1997.

3. *Which was your first Swimming Club?* Cabramatta NSW

4. *Who were your role models? And why?* Bev Whitefield - Australian Breaststroke swimmer of the 1970s who won a gold medal in the 200m breaststroke event at the 1972 Olympic in Munich. Also Dawn Fraser is my role model. They both attended my first fundraiser for the first World Deaf Game in Romania 1977 (now called Deaflympic Games)

5. *Did you compete in mainstream competitions? If so, did you find it easy to communicate with others?* Like many other deaf people who have trouble with communicating with hearing people I learnt to lipread and had some speech therapy to help me communicate especially in one on one situations.

6. *How did you communicate with your Coaches?* We communicated one on one all the time. This was despite still missing out on vital information because training occurred in the pool. Also some of the Coaches found it hard to communicate with me, however over a period of time, we learnt to communicate effectively especially with the use of a whiteboard where the Coaches were able to outline the training programs.

7. *How did you feel when you were selected to compete at the Commonwealth Games?* Very happy especially when I was under tremendous pressure by the media and people who were expecting me win all my swimming races. I will never forget the feeling at that time. It was an incredible feeling to be selected and I felt very proud.

8. *What was your training routine like?* Like everyone else, we trained for two hour in the mornings and then two and half hours in the evening, totalling 10 sessions a week. It was very tough. Training also included running exercises and weight training. Today, swimming training is far more professional now as it involves technical exercises including bio - mechanics which assists with a swimmer's techniques.



9. What were your first wins in deaf and mainstream competitions? My first win was at the North Rocks Deaf Swimming Carnival and at my School Zone Carnival.

10. When did you first compete at the Deaflympic Games?

I first competed at the Deaflympic Games in Romania in 1977. I was 12 years old, and won a bronze medal for the relay team. I never looked back because I went to the next 5 Deaflympic Games as a swimmer! I just LOVED it.

11. How did it feel to break world records and win medals?

I felt proud because all that hard work had paid off. I knew what I had to do every four years to train hard and hold visions of my own races in trying to beat or match world record times. This was no easy feat to win and world records. Some people had mentioned that I could win easily but they were wrong because they did not realize how much time went into my training.

12. What do you like to do outside of your sports, ie. hobbies? Spending time with animals is my hobby. I also love to ride horses. I was so lucky to have my mum and dad living on a farm where I was brought up with a lot of different animals. Living in the country and on a farm the experience was wonderful and full of love, laughter, good memories and hard work. I am very grateful to my parents that we lived on the farm. It really is a good experience for life.

Cindy-Lu - tell us about your family - your partner and children. What do you and your family enjoy doing in spare times?

I have my own beautiful family and partner. Rodney and I first met at the Deaflympics Denmark. He was doing a surf trip around the world surfing through Africa, Europe and then Indonesia. We have two beautiful daughters Tara is going 9y.o. and Lily is 8. Both are hearing. Tara just started join little athletics (I must ask Dean Barton Smith for some advice!). I admire his commitment and dedication. Lily wants to join along with her sister. We love camping, going to the beach and surfing as their daddy is a mad and crazy surfer. He is encouraging our girls to become next Stephanie Gilmore. I just love being mum to my girls so spare time is grabbing the opportunity to be with my family and showing them how much we love our girls.





As I write this, preparations for the upcoming National Championships over Easter is in full swing. Quite a lot of people I have come across will be taking part in cricket, eight ball, lawn bowls and tenpin bowling - with football (soccer) to come during Anzac Day. I wish everyone all the best in these Championships - and DSA is currently endeavouring to send a representative to each Championship. Stand by for results and photos in next month's E-News.

Craig Dodson and I had a successful trip to Sydney during 3-4 March with the single aim of re-establishing Deaf Sports NSW. We held a meeting with Sharon Everson and Colin Allen of the NSW Deaf Society, as well as a community forum attended by approximately 35 people. I am pleased to report that a working group consisting of nine NSW individuals have been established. The working group, led by Ida Rogers, will be meeting monthly as they start to map out the steps and processes required to establish Deaf Sports NSW.

DSA has committed our full support in providing assistance and guidance to the working group. The NSW Deaf Society has also agreed to provide support to the working group through the provision of meeting rooms, access to equipment, etc. We are currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Deaf Society to formalise support arrangements.

In other positive news, Phil Harper represented DSA at a community forum in Canberra on 27 March, which was also attended by Deaf Australia too. As with NSW, a working group has been established with a view to setting up a formal organisation for ACT that will encompass sport, recreation, advocacy and community. Given the size of the deaf community in ACT, DSA was happy to work with Deaf Australia (who were looking to establish a branch in ACT) and look at options available to us and what would be the 'best fit' for the ACT deaf community. Stay tuned as we monitor the progress in NSW and ACT.

I had the pleasure of briefly attending the Women in Sport workshop held in Melbourne during 27-28 February and meeting the participants. A full report and photos of the weekend can be found in this E-News. The women have since established a network where they can share information and news. By all reports the workshop weekend was a success and DSA will be targeting future funding opportunities to deliver similar workshops and to enhance the skills of the women who participated in the workshop.

Enjoy this E-News and Happy Easter to our readers!

Brent Phillips

President



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Well as I write this report today it marks one year in the seat as DSA Manager! Time certainly does fly and it does only feel like yesterday that I came to work for my first day full of anticipation and nerves. Luckily with the support of Brent, the DSA Board and Irena I have made it through in one piece and haven't lost too much hair (those who know me will say I don't have too much left to lose anyway!).

Today also signals 12 months for Irena in the Sports Development Officer position. This was a totally new position for DSA and in the last 12 months Irena has put her own stamp and personality on it and made it an important part of DSA's operations. It certainly has been an exciting and rewarding year on many fronts and we both look forward to the next 12 months.

April shapes as a very exciting time for DSA with the launch of our first schools education workshop at the Victorian Colleague for the Deaf in Mid April. We will be running two workshops, one for primary and one for secondary students. A further 4 workshops will be held at other schools in April and May with others planned to follow later in the year.

The workshops would deliver the following information:

- the health and social benefits of sports participation;
- sporting opportunities available through the Australian Sports Commission National Sports Organisation Network and National Deaf Sporting Organisations;
- profiling deaf sports role models and providing an active demonstration of what you can achieve as a deaf person through sport.

Following on from each workshop DSA would work as a case manager, via MSN, email and Facebook, the preferred communication mediums used by the Deaf Community, with each student to identify their sporting needs and work to place them within a local sporting club including:

- making contact with the identified sporting club and providing deafness awareness and sport specific training and advice;
- facilitating the student's initial introduction to the club; and
- maintaining regular contact with the club and student to monitor progress.

The workshops mark an important time in DSA's development as we actively engage with Deaf School children and start to target and deliver a program aimed at improving the health of the 'next generation' of deaf adults. The program will also make DSA become more visible in the community and increase our profile and connection with deaf youth. All in all it is a very exciting time for DSA.

April will also be a busy month with a number of our National Deaf Sporting Organisations holding their National Championships over the Easter / Anzac Day period. DSA wishes them all the best.

Yours in Sport

Craig Dodson

The Sport of Swimming

Swimming is one of the most popular sports in Australia. Our nation is surrounded by water, and swimming is one of our nation's great passions. Many people grow up with a swimming pool in their backyard, or in their town or suburb, thus swimming has become a way of life for Australians of all ages and abilities this includes people with a hearing impairment. Whether you chose to swim for fun and enjoyment, health and fitness, aspire to be a world champion or choose to be involved in a non swimming role as a coach, official or volunteer, swimming provides many opportunities. So join with over 100,000 swimming club members in one of Australia's most successful sports and go swim today!!!

Swimming Australia

Swimming Australia is the national sporting organisation responsible for the promotion and development of swimming in Australia at all levels. Home of the Telstra Dolphins Australian Swim Team, Swimming Australia is recognised as one of the leaders in Australian sport and has just over 1100 swimming clubs nationwide. Swimming Australia is committed to a philosophy of swimming for all and with the various State Swimming Associations endeavours to incorporate inclusion strategies in all aspects of the sport, creating opportunities for everyone to participate.

What can you do?

Swimming Australia with the assistance of Deaf Sports Australia recognises the great potential for inclusion of people with a hearing impairment in all aspects of swimming. There are many opportunities for participation for everyone and by getting involved you will become part of a nationwide community! You can participate as a swimmer, coach, official, or volunteer. To get started and find your nearest club visit www.goswim.org.au or contact your **State Swimming Association**.

Competition

As a swimming club member you have access to all forms of competition offered by Swimming Australia. You can compete at **club, regional, state, national and international level**. Swimmers with a hearing impairment are strongly encouraged to compete in mainstream competition.

Additionally you can compete in **Multi-Class** competition as a **classified** hearing impaired swimmer. Multi-Class competition sees swimmers of different classifications competing in the same event. Competitors do not race each other but rather they race against the **world record** time for their classification. The places are determined by who swims a time closest to their world record mark.

Classification

To simply participate in swimming you do not need a classification however if you wish to compete as a hearing impaired swimmer you need to get classified. Classification is used in swimming for people with disability to provide a fair environment for **serious competition**. There are a total of 16 classes recognised in swimming. The class for swimmers with a hearing impairment is class 15. **Eligibility** is determined by the following standards; *deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB in the better ear (3 tone frequency average of 500, 1,000 and 2,000 Hertz, ANSI 1969 standard)*. Once classified you can compete in Swimming Australia **Multi-Class** competitions and other competitions where classifications are recognised.

Visit www.swimming.org.au to apply for a classification and get more information.



Profiles of our young & aspiring Swimmers

Profile - Joshua Chapman (NSW)

Nickname: Chappo

Age: 15

How I got involved in swimming: I learnt how to swim when I was 9 months old. Then my mum became a swim instructor so I was always around the pool. It just happened and I joined a swimming club at where mum worked and found that I liked it

My favourite stroke is... Butterfly

My Swimming Club: Fun challenging nights

State Championships: achieving personal best times

National Schools Championships: a week off school!!

Pacific School Games: meeting people

Telstra National Open Championships: Great swimmers

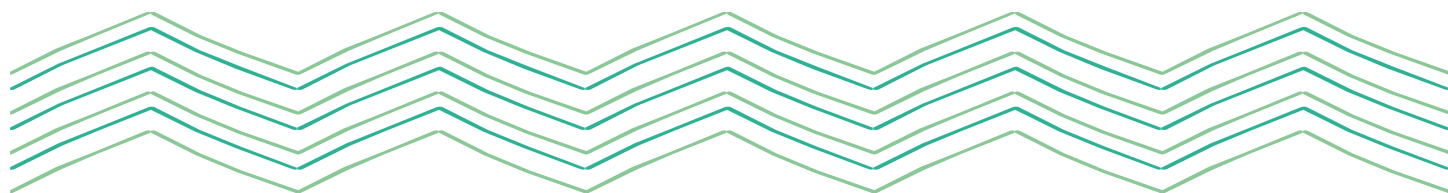
My favourite/best swimming moment: Making the 50m Backstroke final with Brad Jones at 2010 Telstra National Open Championships.

My favourite swimmer: Geoff Huegill

My favourite deaf swimmer/role model: Craig Morgan and Michael Anderson

My dream is ... to swim for Australia at the 2011 World Deaf Swimming Championships and 2013 Athens Deaflympics.

Josh Chapman is ... energetic, happy, friendly.



Profile - Brad Jones (ACT)

Nickname: Noisy, Terminator

Age: 15

How I got involved in swimming?: I started swimming as a 6yo in Woden (Canberra). I saw my two brothers swim and I wanted to be like them.

My favourite stroke: Butterfly and Breaststroke

My swimming club: Blue, awesome, fantastic

State Championships: Hard, focused, concentration

National Schools Championships: Goal is to get a medal

Pacific School Games: Been 2 times, feel like the Olympics

Telstra National Open Championships: Fantastic, nervous

Australian Deaf Games: Haven't been to one but thinks it would be interesting

My favourite/best swimming moment: Chatting with friends and breaking the age records

My favourite swimmer: Ian Thorpe and Michael Phelps

My favourite deaf swimmer/role model: Craig Morgan and Josh Chapman

My dream is ... to go to the Olympics and 2013 Deaflympics

Brad Jones is ... tall, big, funny



Profiles of our young & aspiring Swimmers

Profile - Julia Algie

Nickname: Julz

Age: 12

How I got involved in swimming?: I started when I was 5 my mum put me in swimming lessons

My favourite stroke: Backstroke

My swimming club: Blue & Yellow

State Championships: fun, lots of giggles

Telstra National Open Championships: have not been yet

National Schools Championships: have not been yet

Pacific School Games: hard, 2 medals, AIS

Australian Deaf Games: fun, friends, medals

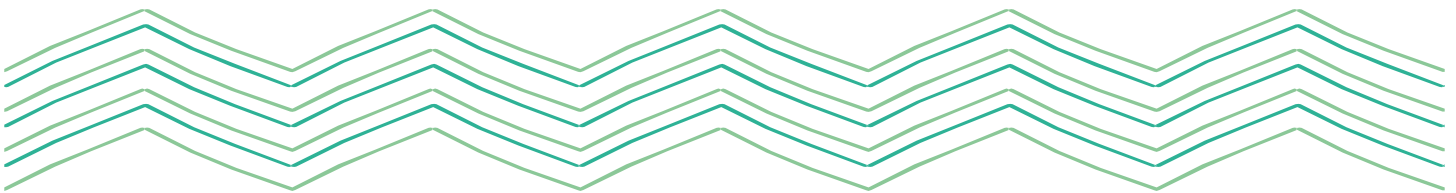
My favourite/best swimming moment: Getting under 40 seconds in 50 free (10 years old)

My favourite swimmer: Libby Trickett

My favourite deaf swimmer/role model: Cindy-Lu Fitzpatrick

My dream is ... To go to Commonwealth Games as a mainstream swimmer just like Cindy-Lu Fitzpatrick

Julia Algie is ... loud, funny, friendly



Profile - Natasha Anderson

Nickname: Tash, Tashie

Age: turning 15 soon

How did I get involved in swimming: Started swimming lessons when I was 7 years old.

My favourite strokes: Freestyle and Butterfly

My swimming club: lots of laughs

State Championships: lots of fun and competitive

National Age Multi-Class Championships: heaps of fun

State Schools Championships: lots of medals and heaps of fun

My favourite swimming moment: making new swimming friends

My favourite swimmer: Cate Campbell & Stephanie Rice

My favourite deaf swimmer/role model: Teneale Houghton

My dream is ... to swim for Australia at 2013 Athens Deaflympics

Natasha Anderson is ... tall, skinny athlete



Scott Prosser

Swimming

- 1. Where were you born?** Melbourne.
- 2. What made you choose Swimming?** Loved the water, didn't really like swimming until a later age.
- 3. Which was your first Swimming Club?** Powerpoints Swimming Club.
- 4. Who were your role models? And why?** I think all young swimmers in my generation looked up to Kieran Perkins, I just followed the crowd. Think it is pretty easy to understand why people looked up to him.
- 5. Did you compete in mainstream competitions? If so, did you find it easy to communicate with others?** Yes, I mainly competed in mainstream events. I went to a 'hearing school' so communicating was not a big issue for me.
- 6. How did you communicate with your Coaches?** Verbally, the coach just had to make sure I was watching if he/she wanted to tell me something. Mostly swim coaches write the session on the white board so it is easy to follow.
- 7. What was your training routine like?** It changed a-lot depending on time of year, focus and competition. Before the 2005 Deaflympic Games it would have been 7 swim sessions, 2 weights and 3 Surf Session (Board/Ski/Run/Surf).
- 8. What were your first wins in deaf and mainstream competitions?** For Deaf Swimming Selection for the Deaflympics in Denmark would have been my first highlight. Captaining my School Swim Team (Caulfield Grammar School) to the All Schools Swimming Champions of Victoria would have been my first/best highlight for mainstream swimming.
- 9. How did it feel to break world records and win medals?** Pretty overwhelming. I'd worked hard and my goals were to break a world record and win medals. So whilst I was expecting to break world records and win medals, it didn't prepare me for the emotions of actually completing the job I set out to do.
- 10. What do you like to do outside of your sports, ie hobbies?** Love spending time with my boys James and Ryan & my fiancé Kristin. Enjoy my Surfing / Surf Lifesaving at Jan Juc Surf Club. Support Melbourne Football Club - hopefully we'll win some games soon.



Scott & Cindy-Lu



Scott & Coach Peter Carswell

Vancouver to Host Winter Deaflympics in 2015

By Matthew Burrows - www.straight.com

Kimberley Rizzi says it's "huge" that Vancouver will host the 2015 Winter Deaflympics.

Having invited the world to the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics, Vancouver can look forward to again hosting athletes from across the globe when the Deaflympics come to town in five years.

On Friday (March 19), Craig Crowley, president of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, will pronounce Vancouver as the host city for the 2015 Winter Deaflympics.

For Kimberley Rizzi, executive director of the Montréal-based Canadian Deaf Sports Association, the news is "huge".

"What is exciting is that Vancouver is going to be one of the rare cities that have hosted all three sets of Olympics, which is the hearing Olympics—which we just went through—the Paralympics, and now the Deaflympics," Rizzi told the Straight in a phone interview. "Which is pretty rare, and huge for CDSA. It's huge to be able to host the world and showcase our country."

The only other city to achieve a similar three-peat is Salt Lake City, according to Rizzi. The Winter and Summer Deaflympics happen every four years, like the Olympics, she said, but they are in odd-numbered years.

Rizzi said the job of the CDSA is to facilitate programs for deaf people across the country. When the CDSA heard that a group in Vancouver wanted to host the Deaflympics, the organization attended the 2009 Summer Deaflympics in Taipei and made a pitch to the international committee. In all, 72 countries voted unanimously to support Vancouver's hosting of the Deaflympics, Rizzi said.

"So now, CDSA's role in the 2015 Deaflympics in Vancouver will be the direct liaison between the host committee and the federal government," she said. "So, we will help in the funding application for Sport Canada for funding. We will assist in the development of the host society. We are working closely to ensure that all deaf Canadians have a positive experience and really build on the fact that the deaf Olympics will be held in Canada, and of course there are spin-offs from all of that."

First of all, there is the 2011 Winter Deaflympics, which take place in Vysoké Tatry, Slovakia. To qualify for that, Canada's deaf curlers will head to Richmond later this month for the Canadian Deaf Curling Championships, running from March 28 to April 3.

"So, in Slovakia in 2011 we are sending approximately 41 athletes—a total team of 70," Rizzi said. "Our goal for 2015 is to have 100 athletes, so we are really going to be pumping our programs up. We're going to be formulating a similar program the COC [Canadian Olympic Committee] had, the Own the Podium."

Regarding the parameters used to measure an athlete's hearing, Rizzi said "there are all types of deafness and all types of hard of hearing athletes".

"The simplest way to explain it is you have to have a deafness of 55 decibels or greater," she said. "Each athlete gets an audiogram done. It's sent into the international committee, and they assess it and they determine if they are eligible to compete."

According to a press release relating to Friday's announcement, the 2015 Deaflympics will "unite elite-calibre athletes who silently compete in 27 events" in alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, curling, ice hockey, and snowboarding at venues in Vancouver and Whistler.

The release says Crowley will be joined for the announcement by a Four Host First Nations representative, Deaflympians, government reps, and DJ Lampitt, the CEO of the 2015 Vancouver Deaflympics Organizing Committee.



DSA Hosts Successful Women in Sports Workshop

DSA received a grant of \$9,000 from the Australian Sports Commission Women in Sports Leadership Program to help address the distinct lack of female representation in management and board positions within the Deaf Sports community.

DSA hosted a two day workshop on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th February, which was attended by 15 females involved in deaf sport, where they discussed and identified factors limiting existing participation and to develop practical strategies to develop more female leaders in the future.



The workshop was facilitated by Henny Oldenhove from the Australian Sports Commission and featured information and sessions on Professional development, organisational change, issues facing deaf and hard of hearing women in sport and more.

“The workshop was a great opportunity for women involved in deaf sports to discuss a number of issues in deaf sports, particularly getting more deaf & hard of hearing people involved in sport and improving how deaf sport is run and managed. Once we discussed a number of leadership attributes and styles many realised that they were in strong positions to influence change so look out at your next committee meeting!” she said. “All participants really enjoyed the chance to get to know each other, share common issues and solutions and build a strong community of support between each other and their sports. In a sense a new network was formed and one that can greatly benefit deaf sports”.

Henny also added “Whilst I have had some experience working with people who are deaf or hard of hearing, having the whole group together just showed that language should not be an obstacle and that what we have as common as women in sport is much greater than what separates us! I hope that in some way every participant strengthened their belief of their potential as leaders and will contribute to deaf sport for many more years to come.”

The workshop also included group discussions and role-plays which provided the participants the opportunity to develop skills needed for certain situations.

Lisa Westwood, a former Deaflympian and current Board Member of Deaf Netball Australia mentioned that the Women in Sports Workshop was a very valuable learning experience.

“A lot of us learnt about leadership styles, how to solve conflict and how to create opportunities. The weekend also gave us the chance to build on our networking system amongst other women. After this weekend, I feel richer with knowledge on how to be a successful leader in my community” she said.

Workshop organiser Irena Farinacci believed the workshop was a success due to the commitment, enthusiasm and dedication of the participants.

“It was fantastic to see a group of dedicated female participants who have a common interest in supporting one another in achieving their goals” said Irena, “It was also an important milestone for Deaf Sports Australia who are keen to promote deaf and hard of hearing women in sports”, she said.

Deaf Cycling Program a Speedy Success!

Fresh from his success at the recent 2009 Deaflympic Games that was held in Taipei, Reece Van Beek had the opportunity to share his experience with eager and interested students at Victorian College of the Deaf as part of the Schools Cycling MoU Partnership program between Deaf Sports Australia and Cyclesports Victoria.

The students were enthralled to meet Reece who has won 4 medals at two Deaflympic Games, a total of 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medals.

The Schools Cycling Program aims to educate students about the sport of Cycling, as well as riding safely with the use of helmets. The students had the opportunity to ride bikes that were provided by Cyclesports Victoria around the school grounds.

Reece provided students with advice and tips on how to ride bikes safely.

“Providing this program for young students is a good way to promote the sport of Cycling, especially for these deaf and hard of hearing youngsters aspiring to be future Deaflympians or Olympians” says Irena Farinacci of Deaf Sports Australia.

She added “It is also an excellent opportunity for the students to understand the benefits of participating in physical activity through Cycling”.

CycleSport Victoria along with Deaf Sports Australia and the Victorian College of the Deaf have all combined for an outstanding start to the deaf cycling schools program. A fantastic connection has been made between all entities and as a result we have seen some vast improvements in just the handful of weeks that the initiative has been operating. The students participating in the program have been non-stop smiling and it is clearly evident that not only are they enjoying themselves but importantly they are learning life lessons and taking away a great deal of confidence from the program.

"It just brings a smile to my face seeing these kids just appreciate what they have. They seem to be really taking a lot away from the program, their enthusiasm and excitement is incredible, and Reece is just an ideal role model for any aspiring student wanting to become a cyclist", says Chris Goodrope from CycleSport Victoria.

The program hopes to continue running into the latter part of Term 2, where it is hoped many of the students will progress and compete at the annual Victorian Schools Cycling Championships in July coordinated by CycleSport Victoria.



Deaf Rugby Smart Rugby

QLD Rugby held a SmartRugby course specifically for the Deaf Community at Ballymore.

The course was arranged by Simon Mahony, who is the Chief Official of the Southern Cross Deaf Rugby Union. Simon was able to gain his SmartRugby accreditation in NSW last year when Australian Rugby arranged for an interpreter to assist at his course. From this experience he was keen to arrange another course to up skill members of the Deaf Community.

The Southern Cross Deaf Rugby Union aims to develop the grassroots level of Rugby Union in the Deaf Community. They also have opportunities to tour, travelling and playing in Fiji last year. SmartRugby is a valuable course for these participants, to provide training in safety aspects regarding contact in Rugby Union.

QR Reds players Quade Cooper, Ezra Taylor and Van Humphries joined Queensland Rugby staff in running the Ballymore course. Two interpreters from Deaf Services Queensland assisted the players and QRU staff in delivering the course to the group.

Cooper, Taylor and Humphries were involved in a number of the activities at the two and half hour course.

QRU State Education Manager Geno Costin said the group appreciated the opportunity to work with the players while gaining their SmartRugby accreditation.

“It was good to provide our educational SmartRugby course to those who are either deaf or hearing impaired and it was also an opportunity for the group to engage on a social level with the players and - through the interpreters - ask them questions they normally wouldn't be able to.”

Costin said the QRU was looking into increasing the number and variety of courses available to the deaf community in the future.

This program was arranged through Rugby CONNECT. Rugby CONNECT covers the ARU inclusion programs, which look to make Rugby accessible to all Australians.

Written by Tessa Pentony

Australian Rugby Union



New South Wales & ACT Deaf Sports Back On Board

In great news for the deaf sports community there have been some exciting developments in both New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory regarding the development of new deaf sporting organisations.

In NSW a successful community workshop to discuss the re-development of Deaf Sports NSW was held in March (facilitated by Deaf Sports Australia) and attended by over 30 members of the deaf community. At the workshop the following people agreed to be part of a new deaf sports committee - Debbie Larkin, David Larkin, Ida Rogers, Kym Daley, Melinda Clarkson, Ian Slinn, Paula Houghton and Tony Clews. The new committee is a good mix of youth and experience and will meet monthly with its initial tasks to develop a business plan and formally incorporate the organisation.

The NSW Deaf Society have also thrown their support behind the re-establishment of Deaf Sports NSW by providing access to meeting rooms, use of facilities, interpreting support and general assistance to help which is greatly appreciated.

In the ACT, DSA was represented by Board member Phil Harper at a Community Forum and Information Session Run by the ACT Deaf Board on Saturday March 27 to discuss establishing a new ACT group covering Sport, Recreation and Advocacy. At the information session a working party was established to co-ordinate the development of the new organization. The working group will liaise with DSA and Deaf Australia for assistance where needed.

The positive developments in NSW and the ACT represent a great step forward for deaf sport as there has been no active representation in the area for a number of years. It is a credit to all involved who have 'put their hands up' and volunteered their time to make a contribution to the deaf sporting community.

Stay tuned for further developments as both Deaf Sports NSW and the ACT start to take shape.



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Media Release from Deaf Netball Australia

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The Executive Committee of Deaf Netball Australia is excited to announce the new and modern logo of Deaf Netball Australia. There were extensive consultations with the members and life members over the past 10 months.

The new logo represents Australia (Southern Cross stars, green and yellow colours) and its history (boomerangs), the netball and the netballer (either female or male). The modernity of the logo represents the changes happening at Deaf Netball Australia with the recent introduction of the very successful mixed competition at 10th Margo Allen National Deaf Club Championships in Ballarat, 2009.

Special thanks to Sarah-Maree Gillespie who designed this amazing logo for Deaf Netball Australia! Sarah shares the passion of all Australian deaf netballers as she is a Victorian deaf netballer herself.

Sarah says: *'This is a re-design of the logo in clear, simple and elegant style for the Deaf Netball Australia. The character of the logo is neither a woman nor a man. There are two boomerangs used as legs and arms. He or she is reaching for the Southern Cross. It looks like trying to catch a ball. We want to show international people that the new Deaf Netball Australia logo is related to an Australia icon and is green and gold.'* You may contact Sarah at sarahmaree@dotsmise.com

For further enquiries, please contact Deaf Netball Australia deafnetballaustralia@yahoo.com.au



A Summer of Tennis, with More To Come!

It has been a busy summer of tennis, and there have been some great achievements in tennis. In particular, we would like to make a special mention of Chris Makin and Olwyne Ho, who teamed together to win the Boys Division 7 Premiership at the Hills District Tennis Association in NSW. As far as we know, this is the first time that there has been a team consisting entirely of deaf juniors competing in a hearing competition. Well done to the boys for organising themselves into a team and seeing out the season, and congratulations on a fantastic result! Credit also is due to their opponents, who took the time to learn how to score in sign language.



Congratulations also to Jamie Zafir (QLD), who won 2 rounds at the 2010 Brisbane Open - a performance which is likely to boost his hearing tennis ranking considerably. It was also pleasing to see a group of deaf tennis players compete in the Bairnsdale Labour Day Tournament, with players competing in events ranging from the Open through to D grade, with mixed success but an enjoyable weekend all around!

Major Announcement: International Deaf Tennis

The 2010 USA Deaf Tennis Open has been announced, for Las Vegas in July alongside the 2010 Deafnation World Expo. This is an Open event, so anyone who meets the eligibility criteria can enter, and we would like to see as many Australians as possible attend. Could all those interested in competing please contact john@deaftennisaustralia.org as soon as possible.

Calendar of Events

See www.deaftennisaustralia.org for full details:

Date	State	Event
Ongoing	NSW	Saturday social tennis (weekly)
Ongoing	NSW	Elite junior squad training (invitational)
Ongoing	VIC	Monday night hitting program (weekly)
April 18th	TAS	Deaf Tennis Open Day
May 2nd	QLD	Deaf Tennis Open Day
May 16th	VIC	Vic Deaf Tennis Champs event (Junior and Open events)
June 6th	VIC	Mini Circuit (Beginners/Introductory event - modified equipment)
July 17th	USA	US Deaf Tennis Open

Please email to info@deaftennisaustralia.org with any enquiries. We would also like to invite anyone interested in volunteering to help us run these or other events to contact us.



DEAF CRICKET AUSTRALIA INC.

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3 - 10 April 2010

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New South Wales

Queensland

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2010 National Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships Update

Sunday, 4th April to Saturday, 10th April 2010

Lockleys Bowls Club,
46 Rutland Avenue
Lockleys, South Australia

WEBSITE :- www.lockleysbowlingclub.org.au

Program of deaf lawn bowls events

Sunday, 4th April 2010	Men and Ladies Singles - section play.
Monday, 5th April 2010	Men and Ladies Singles - finals.
Tuesday, 6th April 2010	Men and Ladies Pairs - section play.
Wednesday, 7th April 2010	Rest Day - Reserve Day if lawn bowls events washout.
Thursday, 8th April 2010	Men and Ladies Pairs - Finals.
Friday, 9th April 2010	Men and Ladies Fours - round robin.
Saturday, 10th April 2010	BBQ Lunch and DLBA Presentation Afternoon

The Australian Deaf Men and Ladies Lawn Bowls Team will be announced for the 6th International World Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships, held at Yokine Bowls Club, Yokine, Western Australia, from 1st to 15th April 2011.

Forty Seven (47) men and Nineteen (19) ladies deaf lawn bowlers have entered 2010 National Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships.

Come along and see our following deaf lawn bowlers in action,

World Ladies Pairs Silver Medalists, Robyn Larkin VIC and Heather Wilson VIC,
World Ladies Fours Bronze Medalists, Jeanie Rothnie WA, Elizabeth Taber NSW and Robyn Larkin VIC.

World Men Triples Gold Medalists, Maxwell Taber NSW, Alan Mark VIC and Barry Lynne QLD.
World Men Singles Silver Medalist, Michael Atherton SA.
World Men Pairs Bronze Medalists, Michael Atherton SA and Don Millsom VIC.

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Saturday, 10th April 2010 BBQ Lunch and DLBA Presentation Afternoon at Lockleys Bowls Club.

Time :- 12.00 noon until 4.00 pm Costs \$15 per head Tickets on sale

For more information, please contact DLBA Administrator, Paul Williams - paul.s.williams@gm.com

1st April to 4th April Adelaide

Thursday—Board and Delegates Meeting at Deaf Society from 10.00am

Thursday night—Welcome Night
At Deaf Society, 262 South Tce, Adelaide from 7.00pm - Bar Open

Deaf 8ball Australia AGM at 8.00pm

Friday and Saturday—National 8 Ball Championship at Q15 Pool Hall, Sims Street, Reynella from 9.00am to 6.00pm.

Sunday—Open Single and Doubles Championship at Q15 Pool Hall, Sims Street
Reynella from 10.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday Night—Presentation Night and Celebration of 25 years of Deaf 8Ball of SA at Deaf Society, 262 South Tce, Adelaide

3 courses meal including beer, wine
& soft drinks at 7.00pm.
Bar Open at 6.00pm

Any enquires: contact Fiona—0421 343 103
Please post cheque or Money order to —Deaf 8Ball SA
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By 28th February 2010



Table Tennis Championships

TABLE TENNIS ACT

2010 AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 APRIL (Classifications) & 5-7 APRIL (PLAY)

INFORMATION SHEET

The 2010 Australian AWD Championships will be held in Canberra - the venue will be at PowerDome, opposite the Fadden Shops.

International Referee, Maurie Poole, will officiate as Championship Referee, accompanied by his wife, Carol, Australian Umpire and Classifier.

Classifications will take place on Sunday, 4 April, at 1.30-5.30p.m. at the Table Tennis Centre.

The Opening Ceremony will be held at 9.15a.m. on Monday, 5 April - followed at 10.00a.m. by the start of Team events.

This will be first time Team Events have been included in the Aust. AWD Championships, included at the request of players, National Coach and the Championship Sub-Committee. You can form a 2-person team or put down your name and indicate you wish to be put in a team with another player, eg President's Team style.

At the conclusion of play on Wednesday, 7 April, there will be a Presentation/Closing Ceremony, with drinks and nibbles.

Please also note that Class 11 must have an AUSRAPID Authorisation and all entries must have authorisation from your State Table Tennis Association, re Membership of Table Tennis Australia.

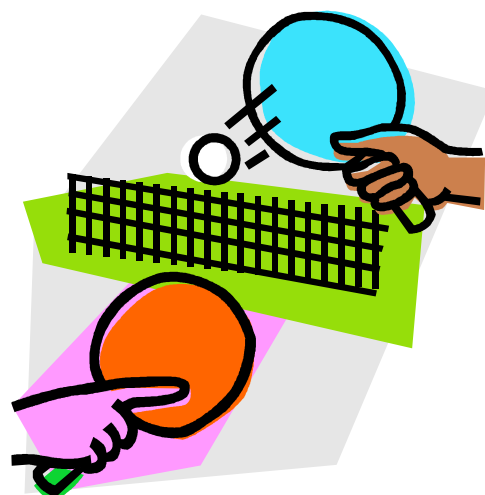
All entrants for the Deaf Events must have authorisation from State/Territory or National Deaf Association.

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