

MELVILLE AUSSI MASTERS – MARLIN OF THE MONTH

The **first** swim on each Thursday night club swim is timed and points are allocated. These points are added up each month to determine the "Marlin of the Month" and annual club points trophies, including the Marlin of the Year Perpetual Trophy. Other events on club night are not recorded and are timed for the swimmers interest only.

The first swim of the night rotates through 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke and 100m Backstroke.

At the beginning of each year an average time is calculated for each club member, for each event. The average time is calculated using the following formula: (fastest time + second slowest time)/2.

If the event has only been swum once the previous year, that time is used as the average. If the event has only been swum twice then the average of those two times is used.

Club points are calculated on this average time until the swimmer betters this time, from then on the points are calculated on the best time for the current year. Points are allocated according to the following points scale

- 1 point for completing the first event (>2 seconds slower than best time)
- 2 points for being between 0 and 2 seconds slower than best time
- 3 points for being faster than best time by up to 1 second
- 4 points for being faster than best time by more than 1 second

Swimmers who do not have time from the previous year will get one point for the swim, and the time swum then becomes the best time.

In the case of a tie for Marlin of the Month, a count back is performed to determine the swimmer who improved by the greatest number of seconds over the month.

Marlin of the Month can only be won once per calendar year. Points are still accrued toward the annual club trophy.

