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COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS RELAYS

On the introduction of relays to the Downs Country Championships it was decided that they should be named in honour of two country members who have contributed greatly to Downs Swimming. Mr Marvyen Whittaker and Mr Bob Wharton.

Marvyen Whittaker 12 years and under Mix Relay Trophy

Marvyen well known as the lessee of the Pittsworth Pool since 1991 having gained his Bronze Accreditation as a coach under the tutelage of international coach Michael Bohl. In that year with Pittsworth hosting the Downs Championship he became Downs President. He has mentored other coaches. As well as coaching swimmers in his own domain, some to State standard, Marvyen has taken a very active part in assemblies of Downs swimmers for special coaching. Pittsworth Club granted Life Membership in 1998, as did the Region in 2000. Queensland accorded him an Award of Excellence in 2007.

- ⊙ Relays must consist of two boys and two girls. One swimmer from the following age groups 10yrs & under age group, 11yrs & under age group and 12yrs & under age group and one other swimmer 12 years or under.

Bob Wharton 13 years and over Mix Relay Trophy

Bob swam as a member of the Newtown Club in Toowoomba in the mid 50's. He moved to Gatton in 1980, immediately being elected to the Gatton Club's Management Committee, and served as its President for three years. Club Life membership was awarded. From 1979 he has gained successively accreditations as a Technical Official to achieving success in assessment for the status of Australian Referee. John Macnamara (Warwick) is possibly the only Downs official to have gained this ranking. He has been a Downs Selector for a number of years. Downs Life Membership was awarded in 2000, and he has been given an Award of Excellence from Swimming Queensland.

- ⊙ Relays must consist of two boys and two girls. One swimmer from the following age groups 13 yrs age group , 13 – 14yrs age group and 13 -15 yrs age group and one other swimmer 13 years or over.