

GEELONG WATER SKI CLUB

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Newsletter

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This newsletter can be found on the Geelong Water Ski Club website at www.gwsc.org

TREE PLANTING WORKING BEE

Thankyou to the 20 or so members who attended the tree planting working bee held on Sunday the 22nd October. Approximately 400 trees were planted in a very short time, which was a terrific effort. We would like to express our appreciation to David Sutherland and Tim Solly from Barwon Water who provided the trees and attended on the day. It would be great if members could keep an eye on the trees when you are at the club and maybe give them water if they look like they need it.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following members on their new arrivals.

To Glenn and Sherrilynne Sheldon and family a baby boy named Flynn. Flynn was born on the 15th September 2002 and weighed 7 lbs 7 oz.

To Mark and Trish Schreuder a baby girl named Stephanie Margaret. Stephanie was born on the 24th September 2002 weighing 5 lbs 1 oz.



SAFETY

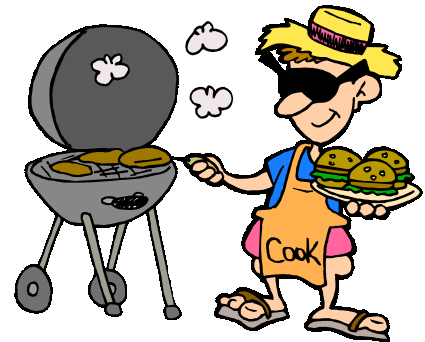
Members are reminded that there should be **no parking** of boats within the boat ramp area. This is to be used for launching and retrieval only and should be kept clear at all other times.

GENERAL WORKING BEE and BBQ

A General Working Bee will be held at the club on Sunday the **10th November 2002** commencing at 9.00am.

There are a number of jobs to be carried out on the day. Some of those include; painting, tree planting, removal of old shade cloth, installation of laser lite, and many more to keep us entertained!!

The working bee will conclude with a BBQ.



REMEMBER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK SO WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

DECEMBER SKI SCHOOL - 11TH to 13TH DECEMBER 2002

A Three-Day Ski School is to be held at the club from the **11th – 13th December 2002**.

This event was held last year over five days. It was a great opportunity for the kids to meet other young members and learn some new skills from very experienced skiers.

We have been lucky enough to engage the services of George Lewis, Karen Jackson and Sally Morris as our coaches.

The days will commence at 9am and finish at 4pm. Lunches and morning and afternoon snacks will be provided.

Until numbers attending are clear it is difficult to ascertain what the exact charge will be. It is however estimated that the cost for the three days will be \$80.



For further information and/or to confirm your attendance, it would be appreciated if you could contact Frances Gatfield, Club Captain as soon as possible. Her contact number is 5275 1845.

Forms will be forwarded to you once you have registered your child.

Although this is aimed at the kids, you're never too old to learn, so any adults out there wishing to attend are more than welcome.

DECEMBER SKI SCHOOL VOLUNTEER BOAT DRIVERS

If there is anyone who can spare some time to drive during the three day ski school event it would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please contact Frances Gatfield on 5275 1845.

IWSF WORLD UNIVERSITY WATER SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS TIANJIN, CHINA AUGUST 2002

The Inaugural World University Championships were held in China in August, at an amazing purpose built facility, costing upwards of US\$15million. A lake, skier's pavilion and VIP seating were built and an on-site hotel completely refurbished for the event. The Championships were held in Tianjin, a city of 10 million people approximately 2 hours south of Beijing.

The commitment to promoting water skiing by the Chinese Government and Chinese Water Ski Association was remarkable. Nothing was left to chance; their planning of the event was exceptional. A gala opening ceremony was conducted showcasing tournament water skiing, barefoot, show skiing and wakeboard, plus a repertoire of singers and dancers. Senior Chinese National Government Officials, as well as Beijing Olympic Committee Members, The Mayor of Tianjin and many Regional Government Representatives were in attendance. It was featured on National Television, as were the Trick and Jump finals.

Andrew Morris was selected in his first Australian Team, and helped the team win second place in the overall teams event, behind a very strong American Team, which included World Tricks Champion Regina Jacquess and World Overall and Jump record Hold, Jimmy Siemers. Andrew placed 9th in the Men's Trick Event and 11th in the Men's Slalom Event. Other Australian Team Members were Elise Cockburn (NSW), Dane Puxty (NSW) Gavin McMillan (VIC) and Joel Wing (VIC). Dane placed 3rd in the Men's Jump and Overall, whilst Joel Wing placed 3rd in the Men's Slalom event. Sally Morris was the Australian Team Manager, and also Regional Representative on the IWSF World University Commission, which helped to establish the event.

In addition to the great experience of competing at a World Championships, Andrew, the team and the Australian Supporters were also able to catch some of the cultural highlights of China. Excursions to Beijing to see the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace and the Great Wall were arranged. The hospitality we enjoyed was fantastic, with a different function put on for the athletes each night, including a reception with the Mayor of Tianjin. The prize giving banquet evening was held in Tianjin, and transport was via a police escorted convoy! Much entertainment in the form of singers, dancers, contortionists, acrobats, mimes and Kung Fu Artists was put on for us, in between the 10 course dinner!

Overall, the Championships were a great success. The next World University Championships will be held in Europe in 2004.

Sally Morris



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COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2002/03

Following the Annual General Meeting held on the 19th July 2002, the GWSC Committee for season 2002/03 will compose of the following members.

John Stekelenburg	President	stek@gsat.net.au	
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Francie Gatfield	Club Captain	fgatfieldimpala@bigpond.com.au	

RIVER OFFICERS FOR 2002/03

Frances Gatfield	Peter Whelan	Ray Perrett	John Stekelenburg
Greg Kitchen	Justin Savage	Steve Greenhagh	Anthony Jones
Glen Sheldon	Jamie Madden	Leanne Madden	

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Club Merchandise is available by contacting Glen Sheldon. Items available are:

Adult Windcheaters	\$55.00	Caps	\$15.00
Adult Windcheater Vests	\$36.00	T-Shirts	\$10.00 (Limited Stock)
Kids Windcheaters	\$32.00		

WANTED TO BUY

If anyone has a pair of skis and a life jacket that would suit a 6 year old, could you please contact either Richard or Sue Crisp on 5243 9651.

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