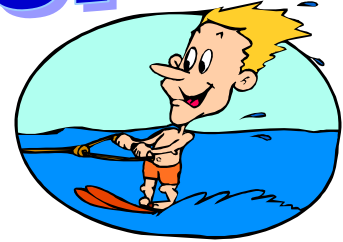


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This newsletter can be found on the Geelong Water Ski Club website at www.gwsc.org.au

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a summer it has been. We are one of the only areas where it is still possible to ski. A highlight for this club has been the issue to Bob Appleton of an Australian Day honour. Congratulations Bob for a lifetime of service to this club and many other clubs, people and various organisations.

The ski school and the following Christmas party were a wonderful success. Congratulations to the Club Captain and all her helpers for another memorable school. Well done to all those who skied in the tournament on the Saturday.

There are three important issues that I want to bring to peoples attention. The first one is the amount of unwarranted and unfair criticism that one or maybe two people are throwing at the committee. If you have any problems you are invited to attend any committee meeting to discuss these. Whinging and complaining will not help the club. If you have a beef come to a meeting and let us know your concerns. Secondly, there are some members who are not giving way to those already using the slalom course. Thirdly, if you notice a buoy is missing or you accidentally take one out, then it is YOUR responsibility to fix it straight away.

I remind you all that the use of ballast to improve a wake is disallowed under CCMA guidelines. Also it has been said that there have been non-members driving boats.

On a brighter note, the Carroll family have been tripping around the state competing in their first tournaments. Tony Powell represented Australia in the Aussie Kiwi Men's 2 cup. Even more importantly, there have been more families enjoying the rive than I can ever remember.

I hope you can all attend the Open Meeting in March.

JOHN STEKELENBURG

WELCOME

Welcome to new members Steve and Angela Reekie, Neil and Jenny McFarlane and the McCoach families.

SKI SCHOOL AND TOURNAMENT

The three-day ski school held in December was a great success; the weather was typical for the ski school, cold and blowie. The kids didn't mind with comments made that it was "warmer in the water than out".

Everyone managed to do something they had never done before, from getting up on one ski for the first time to doing bank starts, running the half course or full course, new tricks etc. We certainly have some stunning young up and coming skiers within the club.

A big thank you to our coaches Andrew Morris, Karen Jackson and George Lewis who made this school a great success, also a big thanks to Colleen Carroll, Di Jackson and Mary Stekelenburg for manning the kitchen and feeding the many hungry skiers and drivers. Thanks also go to Jamie and Leanne Madden, Doug Carroll and Glenn Sheldon for driving and also supplying the boats over the three days.

The Tournament held on Saturday 14th December was a lot of fun with most kids who attended the ski school competing. The weather was kind and a lot of good results were achieved as a result of new skills learned. Thanks to our judges Di and Karen Jackson and our boat driver John Stekelenburg.

Congratulations must go to our rating one skier's Sally Morris, Andrew Morris, Karen Jackson, Richard Crisp, Kevin Murfitt, and Mathew Carroll also our skiers with a half rating Sue Crisp and Jacinta Carroll. Congratulations once again.

FRANCES GATFIELD

CHRISTMAS PARTY REPORT

The Christmas party held at the clubrooms was a great success with approximately 45 members enjoying the evening.

The kids were entertained with a cricket match and jumping castle. Santa was sighted coming down the river in a boat and many of the little ones were thrilled when he stopped to hand out presents and lollies.

With a marquee erected by the river it made for a wonderful setting for the roast dinner and dessert which was very enjoyable. Following the meal a raffle was held with some great prizes consisting of a ski rope, club jumpers, road and river voucher, wine, meal vouchers, hampers etc.

Some partied on into the wee hours sitting around a makeshift campfire, and having a good time getting to know other members. A few stayed the night with not much sleep being had at all.

I would like to thank those who helped make this event go off so well. Leanne Madden for spending so much time organising the prizes for the raffle, all the committee who started early to set up the marquee and Ian McPherson, Jamie Madden and the Madden and Carroll kids. Also special thanks to Bob Appleton who donned the red suit.

I'm sure everybody who took the opportunity to come along enjoyed themselves.

GLENN SHELDON

The Club would like to thank the following companies who kindly donated prizes for the Raffle.

Four Winds Marine	25 Bellarine Street, Geelong.	Phone 52299200
Imageworks Sportswear	100 Fyans Street, South Geelong.	Phone 52296222
Road and River	14 Rutland Parade, Newtown.	Phone 52221826
Great Western Hotel	177 Aberdeen Street, Newtown.	Phone 52294181
Highton Cellars	90 Barrabool Road, Highton.	Phone 52435072

OPEN GENERAL MEETING

An Open General Meeting will be held at the Geelong Water Ski Clubrooms on:

Wednesday the 12th March 2003

Commencing at 7.00pm.

This is an opportunity for all members to voice their views and be updated on current issues etc. If you have any specific issues you would like raised at this forum, please email or forward in writing to one of the committee members. Your opinion does count and would be appreciated.

TWILIGHT CLUB TOURNAMENT

A twilight club tournament will be held at the Geelong Water Ski Club on:

Wednesday the 5th March 2003

Commencing at 4.30pm.

All members are advised that this is open to everyone no matter what skiing ability. These tournaments are a social opportunity to get to know other members and have a ski.

So come along, have a ski and enjoy an evening with others. If you would like to be involved please contact Francie Gatfield on 52562926 by the 3rd March 2003. Indemnity forms for insurance purposes will need to be signed by all competitors prior to commencement.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following club members who recently competed at a tournament held at the Latrobe Valley Ski Club.

Richard Crisp was successful in taking out the over 55 men's trick event and breaking the Victorian and Australian record in the process.

Sue Crisp scored 1,000 in her trick run and **Matthew Carroll** (aged 13) gained national rating by scoring over 500. Matthew also jumped for the first time and made a distance of 13.7 metres, which was only 1.3 metres short of a national rating.

Well done to you all.

FOUND

A dress ring has been found at the clubrooms. Enquiries should be directed to Robin Miller on 52501402.

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