

GEELONG WATERSKI CLUB INCORPORATED

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The newsletter can be found on the Geelong WaterSki Club website at www.gwsc.org.au

OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING

An open committee meeting will be held at the Geelong Waterski Club on Wednesday February 4th 2004 at 7.00pm. All members are welcome.

SPECIAL MEETING - UPDATE

At the Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 10th December 2003, the committee withdrew the four proposed resolutions. It was suggested that an informal meeting and information session would be held at the Club on Wednesday 14th January 2004 at 7.00pm to discuss the proposed changes to the Club and its Constitution. Members were notified of this in the last newsletter.

At this meeting held on Wednesday 14th January, a number of suggestions were put forward and discussed. Peter Whelan and Russell Morris are to meet with committee representatives John Steklenburg and Glenn Sheldon as soon as possible to discuss these issues. You will be notified of any outcomes and resolutions to be voted on, when they become available.

REMINDER

Please be careful when driving boats near the full and half slalom courses. It is very important if carrying weight in your boat, to avoid driving through these courses, as boat props are cutting the wires below the water. It is best to drive between the bank and the outside of the turn buoys going either way in these two areas. Also, please pull ropes in before turning or make sure the rope and handle are clear off the buoys before turning in the course to avoid knocking the buoys off.

Over the past few weeks, at least 8 buoys went missing from the half course and a wire was broken on the full course. It is very time consuming to replace these wires and buoys. If someone is working on the course, please avoid this area during that time. If you accidentally knock a buoy off or break a wire, please contact Jim Moore (0407 224376), so that it can be fixed. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS — 2004

Open Committee Meeting – Wednesday February 4th, 2004 at 7.00pm to be held at the club.

Ski School Dates - to be 2nd Sunday in Month at 9.00am: February 8th, 2004 & March 14th, 2004.
(To book a spot please contact Frances Gatfield, Club Captain on 52562926)

Twilight Tournament – Wednesday February 11th, 2004 (See below for details)

Wakeboard School – February 14th & 15th, 2004
(For details, see below)

Barefoot School – Date to be confirmed.

WAKEBOARD SCHOOL

A Wakeboard School is to be held at the club on the weekend of February 14th & 15th, 2004. Brant Hirst from Australian Wakeboard School & Editor of Wake and Waterski Magazines will be coach for the weekend. This is an opportunity for club members to be given lessons, whether you are a beginner or advanced rider. The cost will be about \$50.00 for two sets on the day.

If you are interested, please email Mark Young at may@swift.net.au as soon as possible to book a spot. There are still vacancies for this school and Mark would like these spots to be filled ASAP. Numbers will dictate costs & time.

Also Brant is a ski instructor so if anyone who would like to tune in on their skiing is quite welcome to book a spot.

AREA

If you are down at the club before 10.00am and after 5.00pm please put on the soaker hoses in front of the clubhouse to keep the lawn growing. The soaker hoses and the key to unlock the water tap are hanging in the clubhouse downstairs. The water tap is situated outside the back of the clubhouse. Please put hoses and key away before leaving.

BAREFOOT WORLDS

Congratulations to Peter O'Neil on making the Australian Barefoot Team for the World Barefoot Waterski Championships at Mulwala. Peter is currently Australia's number one barefoot tricker. We wish Peter and Australia all the best.

The 2004 - 14th IWSF World Barefoot Waterski Championships are to be held at the Mulwala Waterski Park in NSW from February 4 – 8 2004. Some of the federations that will be participating at the World Championships include: USA, Canada, New Zealand, Japan, Norway, France and Australia.

For more information visit www.vicbarefoot.org

TWILIGHT TOURNAMENT

A Twilight Tournament for all members is on Wednesday February 11th 2004 at 4.30pm. Events include: Beginners, Half/Full Slalom Course, Tricks, Barefoot and Wakeboard. Cost for entry is \$5 per a skier. BBQ food and drinks will be available for purchase from the canteen.

On arrival, you will need to complete a waiver form with payment. For more information and to show intention of skiing please contact Frances Gatfield on 52562926.

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

The 3-Day December Ski School was a great success with 23 skiers attending. Everyone learned so much and I think everyone who participated skied their PB.

Thanks to all who helped over the three days; George Lewis, Sue Crisp, Jim Moore, David McCoach. Colleen Carroll, Di Jackson, Narelle McCoach, Karen Jackson, Sally Morris, Andrew Morris, Joy Morris, Sally Jones and Mary Stekelenburg, without your help these days wouldn't happen, thank you all once again.

The kids really enjoy this event as the coaching is of such a high standard they can't help but achieve so many skiing skills.

Thanks to Amy Stekelenburg who taught us all how to cook eggs without egg rings. This proved to be so popular that 8-dozen eggs were consumed over the 3 days.

Once again thanks to all who helped over the 3 days. Our next ski school will be February 8th from 9-12 Noon. To register please call Frances on 52562926.

Frances Gatfield – Club Captain

RESULTS

Results – Victorian Series Tournament 2 (Bridgewater – January 10th-11th 2004)

Patrick Crisp - U10 Slalom Half Course-6@34kph & Tricks-40 points. At 7 years of age, this was Patrick's first VWSF tournament, well done!

Jacinta Carroll – U14Girls: Slalom-3@40kph, Tricks-860 points and Jump-10.9m.

Josh Carroll – U14 Boys: Slalom-4@49kph & Tricks-260points.

Matt Carroll – U17Boys: Slalom-4.5@55kph, Tricks-1310 points and Jump-22m.

Richard Crisp – O55Men: Tricks-2750 points. This is a pending Over 55 Men Australian Trick Record.

Kevin Murfitt – O45Men: Tricks–890 points. This is a pending Visually Impaired (V1) Australian Tricks Record.

Karen Jackson – Open Women: Slalom-3@13m, Tricks-6030 points and Jump-37.2m.

WANTED

Surveyor – If any member is a surveyor or has a friend that is a surveyor, would they please contact Di Jackson on 52437551. We need to have the Slalom and Jump courses surveyed and then later in the year we will be able to run a VWSF tournament. Di has the specifications that are required.

FOR SALE

Connelly Switchstance Wakeboard with adjustable bindings. Suits Beginner. \$300 ONO. If interested, please contact Todd Gatfield 0418 356 153 or 52562926.

Buoyancy vests, spring suits and padded barefoot suits for sale – generally ladies size 8 & 10 and some male wetsuits. Please contact Karen Jackson – 0419 360 626.

Male Volunteers Aged Over 60 Needed

Deakin University in conjunction with Barwon Health and City of Greater Geelong need interested males over 60 to participate in a research study to investigate the potential health benefits of exercise and fortified milk on bone health in men.

For further information, please call Geelong Hospital (5226 7955) or Deakin University – Sonja Kukuljan (kukuljan@deakin.edu.au) or Dr. Robin Daly (9251 7246)

Requirements: Male aged 60 years and over. Willing to consume FREE low fat milk fortified with additional calcium and vitamin D for 2 years. Able to attend 3 exercise sessions per week for 2 years at a local gymnasium (at no cost to you).