

GEELONG WATERSKI CLUB INCORPORATED

Newsletter

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

JUMP REPORT

To those members who don't know, the new jump has finally arrived at the club. There still needs to be a lot of work done before it is ready for use. We are hopeful that it might be in the water late this season fingers crossed.

If anyone could spare sometime to help, please call Doug Carroll (5221 8211 BH) or Ray Perrett (0417 170 743). Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Dates and time for working bee on the jump are yet to be known. We will co-ordinate time at a later date with willing helpers.

Thank you
Ray Perrett

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2004

Ski School Dates – Sunday 29 February and Sunday March 14th, 2004. **9.00am to 12 noon.**
(To book a spot please contact Frances Gatfield, Club Captain on 52562926)

Closing Day - TBA

Club Presentation Night – TBA

BAREFOOT WORLDS

The 2004 - 14th IWSF World Barefoot Waterski Championships were held at the Mulwala Waterski Park in NSW from February 4 – 8 2004. Some of the federations that participated at the World Championships were: USA, Canada, New Zealand, Japan, Norway, South Africa, France and Australia.

Geelong Club Member, Peter O'Neil represented Australia at these World Championships where he placed 6th in Tricks, 13th in Jump and 12th Overall. Australia finished 2nd behind the USA in the Teams Event with France 3rd.

For full results visit: www.iwsf.com

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Unfortunately due to Blue Green Algae we had to postpone the Ski School scheduled for the 8th February 2004. Circumstances permitting, we plan to run a ski school on Sunday 29th February from 9am – 12 noon. Anyone interested please call Frances on (03) 52562926. Also anyone who can help, drive or offer their boat for the morning please call me.

Frances Gatfield – Club Captain

TWILIGHT TOURNAMENT

The Twilight Tournament went ahead on Wednesday 11th February 2004 and was enjoyed by skiers, parents and on-lookers. Many thanks to Frances for organising the event, Glenn Sheldon for providing his boat and driving, Joan Beretta, Joy Morris, Sue Crisp and Di Jackson for judging. Also special thanks to Colleen Carroll for cooking the BBQ.

Results are as follows:

Jack Sheldon – U10 – Slalom: 9 buoys

Jacinta Carroll – U14Girls – Slalom: 14 buoys & Tricks: 660 points.

James Sheldon – U14Boys – Slalom: 8 buoys & Tricks: 10 points.

Billy Moore – U14Boys – Slalom: 10 buoys & Tricks: 50 points.

Josh Carroll – U14Boys – Slalom: 20 buoys & Tricks: 580 points.

Matt Carroll – U17Boys – Slalom: 20 buoys & Tricks: 1460 points.

Richard Crisp – O55M – Tricks: 950 points.

2004 MOOMBA MASTERS PROGRAM

Junior Moomba Masters
Wednesday 3rd – Thursday 4th March
(8.00am – 6.00pm)

Moomba Masters
Slalom, Trick, Jump, Overall and Wakeboarding

- Friday 5th March – (8.00am-9.00pm) Elimination Rounds
- Saturday 6th March – (8.00am-6.00pm) Semi Finals & Overall
- Sunday 7th March – (2.00pm-9.00pm) Semi Finals
- Monday 8th March – (8am-9.00pm) Finals from 12 noon

For more information: www.moombamasters.com.au



TOURNAMENT NEWS

Australian Junior Masters - Albury

January 17-18 2004

A rather mild weekend greeted skiers at the Australian Junior Masters. Normally held in very hot conditions, we were happy to see it a little cooler. Unfortunately also, with this cooler weather brought a strong southerly wind, making a undesirable strong tail-wind for the jump event. The wind was so strong on Saturday afternoon that the jump event was postponed until Sunday morning.

Geelong had three skiers competing in this event, Matthew, Josh and Jacinta Carroll. Matthew, competing in the Under 17 Boys, jumped a PB of 27.4m, tricked 1310 points and slalomed 1.5 buoys @ 55kph. He placed 1st in jump, 3rd in tricks and 2nd in Overall. Josh, in Under 14 Boys, jumped 14.5m, tricked a PB of 500 points, and slalomed 3 buoys @ 46kph. He placed 3rd in Overall. Jacinta, in her first year of Under 14 Girls scored 2.5 @ 43kph in slalom, tricked 1010 and jumped 10.9m.

Sally Morris

Australian Masters - LaTrobe Valley

January 24-25 2004

After a valuable week of training with Ray Stokes, Ryan Green and Sarah Gatty Saunt, the Geelong skiers were ready to show off their improvements! Geelong had 5 skiers, Karen Jackson, Andrew Morris, Matthew, Josh and Jacinta Carroll.

Jacinta Carroll – U14 Girls: Bronze Medal in Slalom, Tricks, Jump and Overall.

Josh Carroll – U14 Boys: Silver Medal in Slalom, 4th in Tricks, Jump and Overall.

Matt Carroll – U17 Boys: Silver Medal in Tricks, Jump, Overall and 6th in Slalom.

Andrew Morris: Gold Medal in Over 21 Men Tricks and Silver Medal in Over 21 Men Slalom. Bronze Medal in Open Mens Overall and 4th in Open Mens Jump.

Karen Jackson: Gold Medal in Open Womens Jump and Overall, 4th in Slalom and 5th in Tricks.

Australian University Championships

Port Macquarie – February 2004

Andrew Morris represented the University of Adelaide at the Australian University Championships (IV) held at Port Macquarie on February 6-8 2004. He finished 1st in Mens Jump, equal 2nd in Slalom, 3rd in Tricks and 1st Overall. The University of Adelaide won the Mens Team and Overall Competition.

Aussie-Kiwi Challenge – New Zealand

31st January – 1st February 2004

Recently I had the great honour of representing both Geelong and Australia in the annual Aussie-Kiwi Challenge. This year it was held at the Piarre Ski club in New Zealand. It is an extremely pretty part of the North Island just south of Cambridge. It was very humid and tropical with plenty of rain.

The Challenge consisted of an U17 and an U23 team from each country competing for overall points. There were also individual medals presented. The U17 team consisted of Jordan Scott (SA), Chelsea Scott (SA), Karina Nowlan (NSW), Tegan Bennie (NSW), Elisa Irwin (WA) and myself. We were defeated 8200 points to 7800 points.

Even though the New Zealand teams were far more experienced than us, we all had great fun and skied our best. For me to have had the opportunity of some International competition is something I won't forget. The squad formed bonds of friendship that will bind us together for many years to come.

Thank you to all the people of the Geelong Waterski Club for starting me off on the road to Tournament skiing.

Matt Carroll

Member of U17 Australian Aussie-Kiwi Team 2004.

MEMBERS NEWS



Centurion Boats are now fully imported from the USA. The full range of Centurions will be coming in direct from the headquarters in Mecead California. There are eight models available ranging from Tournament approved mid mounts to the ultimate Wakeboard Boat, all come complete with Mercruiser engines, water tested and ready to hit the water.

Check the web site: www.centurionboats.com. For more info on a Centurion that will suit your lifestyle call Brett Swan on 52 61 5174.

