

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

WELCOME – NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to give a special welcome to two new members who have re-joined the club:

- Brett Donaghy (Family)
- Ashley Shaw (Individual)

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2004

The GWSC Presentation night will be held on Friday 18 June at Tony's Restaurant, 73 Yarra Street, Geelong. For all details please refer to the flyer attached and don't forget to RSVP!

SECOND & FINAL WORKING BEE

A Working bee will be held at the club on Sunday May 23 at 9.30am. This is the second working bee for the season. Reminder: Members will be charged \$30 for not attending either of the two working bees.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following:

To Julie & Mark Young, on the arrival of their daughter, Jayde Ebony (picture below), born on February 28th, 2004. She weighed 6lbs 3 ozs.



To Nathan Gordon on his marriage to Megan Paulden on March 19th at Barrabool Hills.

To Jenna Willersdorf, Member of the winning under 19-Surf team at the Victorian Championships held recently at Ocean Grove.

To Mark and Rachael Beretta, on the arrival of their daughter, Ava May (picture below), born on April 2, 2004. Also to Joan and Dave Beretta who are very proud grandparents.



CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

The Ski School in February was a great success despite the weather. It absolutely blew a gale and was quite cold. Ten kids and three adults braved the conditions. Thank you Richard and Sue Crisp, Ray Middleton, Glenn Sheldon, Dave Vallance, Liam Cummings for coaching, boat use and driving. Also thanks to Laurie and Narelle McCoach and Anni Jefferies for cooking the barbeque.

Our long time coach George Lewis has not been too well lately and missed his first ski school in over 20 years. Get well soon George, we miss you.

The Wakeboarding School was a tremendous weekend. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed himself or herself. Thanks to Mark and Julie Young for organising this weekend. Brant Hurst was a great teacher and a lot was learnt by all participants. Thanks also to Brett Swann for the use of his boat. Well Done Mark and Julie. (Perhaps you can tell me your secret of how to organise the weather.)

Our last ski school for the season was held on 14th March and was very well attended; for once we had a glorious day.

Congratulations to Patrick Crisp, Tom Jefferies and Hannah McCoach who all received their Level 4 Badge, Well-done kids, you are now out of the beginners group. Also a great effort by our first timers Sam Jefferies, Hayden Jefferies, Megan Vallance and Jakoby Neal and a special mention to Ross George who enjoyed himself immensely.

Look out John Stek and Tony Powell, we have some budding barefooters on the way. Most of the kids enjoyed a barefoot off the bar. Thanks to Tony for his tuition and Glenn for his patient driving.

Good to have our Coach George Lewis back after not being well. Great job George, the Kids and myself really appreciate your time and patience with us all.

Thanks to Glenn Sheldon and Jamie Madden for boats and driving on the day. Also thanks Richard and Sue Crisp for their expert coaching and to Laurie McCoach and Anni Jefferies for all their help. Without all of your help, these days would not happen.

If your child has achieved anything significant over the ski season that we may not know about, for example, getting up on two skis or a single ski, please let me know as soon as possible on 5256 2926.

**Frances Gatfield
Club Captain**

COMPETITION NEWS

Congratulations to Peter O'Neil who recently competed in the Australian Barefoot Championships held in Calliope, Queensland, where he won the Mens National Barefoot Slalom, Trick and Overall Championships. For full results visit: www.awsf.com.au

The Victorian State Titles were held at the Mulwala Water Ski Park on March 20-21, 2004. Results are as follows:

Patrick Crisp: Under 10

Slalom – 1st (2@18.25m, 28km/h)
Trick – 1st (290 points) – Congratulations to Patrick on achieving his Under 10 National rating.

Jacinta Carroll: U14Girls

Slalom – 2nd (4.5@18.25m, 46km/h)
Tricks – 2nd (1180 points)
Jump – 2nd (13.1m)
Overall – 2nd

Josh Carroll: U14 Boys

Slalom – 2nd (4@18.25m, 52km/h)
Tricks – 2nd (810 points)
Jump – 3rd (18.0m)
Overall – 2nd

Matt Carroll : U17Boys

Slalom – 4th (3.5@18.25m, 58km/h)
Tricks – 1st (1580 points)
Jump – 1st (31.3m) – Congratulations to Matt on achieving his U17Boys National rating.
Overall – 1st

Richard Crisp: O55Men

Tricks – 1st (2300 points).

Karen Jackson: Open Women

Slalom - 1st (2@12m, 55km/h)
Tricks – 1st (6100 points)
Jump – 2nd (37.8m)
Overall – 1st

Australian Water Ski Championships - Perth

Nine GWSC members competed in the National titles held over the Easter Weekend in Perth at Bonney's Water Ski Park.

Winning Australian Titles were family-team Sue and Richard Crisp; Sue taking gold in the Over 45 Women's Tricks, and Richard winning the Over 55 Men's Trick Championship. Seven year old Patrick Crisp, competed in his first Nationals, placing 5th in the Under 10 Tricks, Slalom and Overall.

Also, winning a National Title was Karen Jackson, who won the Open Women's Overall Championship. Karen is the first Geelong member to win an Open Women's Overall Title.

Jacinta Carroll won silver in the Jump event and bronze in the Trick and Overall events, whilst brother Matthew's best result was 3rd place in the Jump event, with 4th in Overall and 5th in Tricks. Competing in his first nationals, Joshua's best result was 4th place in the Jump event, backed up by strong performances in the other three events.

Andrew Morris placed 5th in Open Mens Overall and finished with near-best performances in Slalom and Jump. Sally Morris placed 5th in the Open Women's Tricks event.

South Australia won the National Teams Event, with New South Wales second and Victoria third. For full results visit: www.awsf.com.au

Below: Josh, Matt and Jacinta Carroll at the Nationals in Perth.



Below: Andrew Morris competing in the Slalom event at Bonney's Water Ski Park, Perth.

