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Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The weather has been great except for the wind, however if you have been able to get in early you would have had some great skiing.

The year started with a jump school hosted by Andrew and Sally Morris with Michael Madden, Jack and James Sheldon and Dave Vallance all giving it a go. The three juniors went on to compete in the jump at the recent tournament which was great to see. Thanks to both Andrew and Sally for their time and expertise.

The interclub challenge went off with a bang. The work that was done behind the scenes was unbelievable. Sue and Richard Crisp put a tremendous amount of time into making sure things went smoothly with many emails and phone calls to get competitors, judges and helpers for the day.

Jamie Madden had the slalom course fantastic and on the morning did a final adjustment. The jump also got its praises with Jim Moore and Ray Perrett doing the final set ups. New docks were made by Dave Vallance and taken down to the jump block which worked a treat.

Russell and Joy Morris manned the canteen and cooked up some terrific food over the two days. Safety Officer George Lewis did a great job making it an incident free weekend. Judges Di Jackson and Joan Beretta, scorer Richard Crisp and tournament director Dave Beretta worked tirelessly to make the event such a great success.

Thankyou to all the helpers, club members and visitors. Special thanks to our sponsors ROAD AND RIVER for supplying the fuel for the boats, IMAGEWORKS for supplying polo shirts, caps, bags and t-shirts and DÉJÀ VU for the raffle prizes.

This event raised money for the club which will be reported on at the General Meeting being held on the 15th February 2006.

Finally, congratulations to James Sheldon who was recently sponsored by Déjà Vu.



GLENN SHELDON

INTER CLUB CHALLENGE – 7/8 JANUARY 06



Matt Carroll jumping



Graham Horton O35M
Slalom 2



Future subbies with the
Klipspringer trophy



Alex Pollock Tricks for
Bridgewater Club

The tournament had great atmosphere, the crowd was very noisy and appreciative of everyone's efforts.

There were several Personal best's and ratings.

At least 7 skiers made their tournament debut.

5 teams came from Victoria and 2 teams came from NSW.

Tactics were paramount in team selection. Club Caribbean paid huge transfer fees to Bridgewater and Latrobe skiers - and for a parrot which was seen looking tentatively over Adrian Kupinic's shoulder during the jump. Last seen he had taken fright and was watching the approaching ramp from between Adrian's legs. Club Caribbean won the bragging rights for the best dressed team. The skiers and supporters all looked great in their pirate outfits.

Slalom was very close. The Geelong slalom course lived up to its awesome reputation. Most skiers revelled in the marvellous conditions and put up good scores. The 5th skier in the Geelong team just beat the 5th Club Caribbean skier to give Geelong the slalom win. (It was all tied up after the 3rd and the 4th skiers). Geelong's 5th skier to count was Graham Horton who in his first tournament led his division in the first round, gained both halves of his national rating and thoroughly enjoyed himself as well. Sue Crisp bettered the Victorian record in both rounds on her way to providing Geelong with her 1000 points. The other Geelong 1000 pointers were Matthew and Jacinta Carroll (with a PB) and Patrick Crisp. Geelong has a new Subbie Jessie Fisher. Jessie skied up a storm on the half course and then had a go on the full course. A very exciting young skier. I'm looking forward to watching her progress over the new few years. Michael Madden achieved half a national rating and James Sheldon got both halves. Well done.

Outside the team event the Novice slalom was fought hard both on the water and on the bank. Bragging rights went to Jamie Madden from Glenn Sheldon and Andrew Fisher.

Tricks were easily won by Geelong for the second year in a row. And to think 5 of Geelong's champion trickers couldn't enter. The Geelong 1000 pointers were Matthew and Jacinta Carroll (another PB) and Sue Crisp (Sue bettered the Victorian record here too), Patrick Crisp (with a PB in each round) and Richard Crisp.

Jump was close too. Club Caribbean won as their 4th skier beat Geelong's 4th skier. (It was all tied up after 3 skiers). After a 22 and a half year lay off Richard Crisp jumped. The jumps may not have been pretty but they were what were needed for the club to win the overall if not the jump, providing of course the real jumpers Matthew and Jacinta Carroll did their stuff, which of course they did very well.

I must mention Geelong's new jumpers. Michael Madden, James and Jack Sheldon. They all learnt to jump just before Christmas and all skied away successfully in the tournament. "Jumping Jack Flash" Sheldon clearly out-jumped the other two and set the scene for many touselles between the 3 of them in the future.

Many skiers commented on how good the new Geelong ramp felt. The consensus of opinion was that the good fibreglass surface, the good watering system and the heavy solid base have combined to make an excellent ramp.

Geelong won the overall and the Klipspringer Trophy for the first time since 1989.

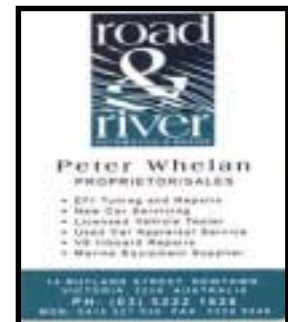
The support from the officials and helpers was top class. Many thanks to judges Ron Fergusson, Joan Beretta, Di Jackson, Pam Beazley, Naomi, Ann Borchert, Lauma Maslij, Colleen Carroll, Matthew Carroll and Elsa Chiron to the boat drivers Waldie Priekulis, Adrian Kupinic, Hamish Marshall and Mick Rowan, to Homologator Bob Beazley, to the safety officer George Lewis, to the tournament director David Beretta, to the committee members who helped Glen Sheldon, Graham Horton, Frances Gatfield, Ray Perrett, Jim Moore, Jamie Madden, to Chefs Russell and Joy Morris, (Joy even found time to teach me how to poach an egg in the microwave oven- just like Jamie Oliver) to boat owners Russell Morris, Glenn Sheldon and Richard Crisp. There were others too, sorry if I missed you.

Special thanks must go to the Club President Glenn Sheldon who saw the opportunity for the club to run this tournament and pushed it through.

Finally, please support the sponsors, who supported the tournament, Road and River, Déjà vu and Imageworks.

Donna Morrison and Paws 4 a Moment photographed the whole event, including the Club Caribbean parrot jumping.

RICHARD CRISP



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Klipspringer Trophy

Congratulations to the Geelong Team Members. Geelong managed to regain this Trophy for the first time since 1989. We were really blessed with the weather and all competitors and spectators showed great sportsmanship. The Sub Committee and all committee members worked very hard to make this a successful tournament, which could not be faulted. Thanks to all who helped make this a great tournament.

Congratulations to James Sheldon who is now sponsored by Déjà vu. Well Done James.

Our next Ski School will be on 12th February commencing 8.45 am sharp to enrol please call Frances on 52562926 or 0407040877 also if anyone can assist with providing boats and/or driving.

FRANCES GATFIELD



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to members Mark, Julie and Jayde Young on the safe arrival of little Kirra born 13th December 2005.

Another little wake boarder in the making!



THREE WISE MEN

One hot summers day in January, three not so wise men decided to have a go over the jump. Egging each other on, "if you have a go, I will too", and so it went on.....

First up was Justin Savage. Everyone wanted to see the spectacular, so three boats full of spectators made their way down to watch. With the crowd ready, Justin lined up his first jump, he flew, landing on his head. The crowd roared "go again", so he did three more times. Almost skiing away!

Next it was my turn. Only having a go so that Jamie Madden would! I was good. Well I am telling the story!! Alright, I also landed on my head but nearly skied away from the other three.

Jamie was next and following some egging on, he to was ready to have a go. He lined up the jump and flew over with a perfect one point landing like the two before him, he landed on his head. Four jumps later he was the closest to skiing away.

It was all good fun with all three of us enjoying the new challenge and the crowd were certainly entertained.

We would all recommend giving it a go, but maybe ask someone to give you some tips on how to do it.

Ski safe and have fun.

GLENN SHELDON

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Just for the Kids



Budding young artists are invited to enter our competition which is open to all aged 12 and under. There will be two winners randomly drawn from a hat.

The winners will receive two free tickets to Readings Cinemas in Waurn Ponds.

All you have to do is colour in the picture below and forward it to the committee at PO Box 151, Geelong 3220 by no later than 28th February 2006.

All entries will be displayed at the club. GOOD LUCK.



NAME _____

AGE _____

Dates to Remember

2005 - 2006



Ski Schools (8.00am to 12.00noon)
 Sunday 12th February 2006
 Sunday 5th March 2006
 Sunday 26th March 2006
 April 2006 - TBA

If anyone can assist with providing boats, and/or driving at any of the ski schools it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact Francis Gatfield so that a register can be established. This would be of great assistance in the organising of these days.

River Closures

Sunday 23rd April 2006 from 10.30am and 2.30pm for the Mars Challenge.

Presentation Night

Friday 26th May 2006
 Venue to be advised

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