Dear GWSC members,

It’s mid-November already!

The river is at a good level and the weather is getting better every week.

We are looking forward to a long hot summer enjoying time on the water with family and friends.

**Boat Scrutineering.**

The official boat scrutineering day has passed which means your boat is not permitted on the water unless it is displaying both a 2023/2024 GWSC membership sticker on your windscreen and a CCMA permit sticker.

If you were unable to attend the scrutineering day, please contact Peter, Ray or Luke to arrange to have your boat scrutineered.

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**River closures this month.**

**Barefoot Come & Try Day.**

The Barefoot Come & Try Day hosted in conjunction with the Victorian Barefoot Club will be held this coming Saturday, 18th November.

The river will be closed to other activities until midday.

**Club Junior Ski School.**

The first Club Junior Ski School will be held this coming Sunday, 19th November.

The ski school is fully booked with 15 keen junior skiers expected. There will be 3 boats in operation and once again, the river will be closed to other activities until midday.

**Tournaments.**

* Our first of two tournaments for the season is the Victorian Interclub Challenge, where the GWSC competes with other Victorian clubs for the Victorian Interclub perpetual trophy. We have been very successful at this event in the past and we hope to continue that form this season.

The Victorian Interclub Challenge is a 2 round, 3 event tournament, run over 2 days on November 25th & 26th.

Entry into the tournament is available through Try booking using the following link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CMMOX>

* The second tournament for the season is the Victorian Championships which will be held on 23rd – 25th February 2024.

**Bunnings BBQ**

Last Saturday we ran a successful fundraising BBQ at Bunnings in Waurn Ponds.

It was a busy day and we sold over 600 sausages. Thank you to everyone one who helped make this a successful event. Funds raised from this BBQ will go directly towards the cost of coaching our Junior High Performance Squad.

**Flags**

Can everyone please remember to always display the Slalom and Jump flags at the front of the clubhouse whenever you are using either of the courses.

If you are returning to the club from other parts of the river, please keep an eye out for the flags and ensure that you give priority to the skiers using the course.

If you are anywhere near the slalom or jump course, you should always avoid doing power turns as this will send waves all the way down the river.

Equally as important as putting the flags up, is taking them down as soon as you are finished in the course. It is very frustrating when you are trying to do the right thing and you wait patiently for skiers in the course, only to find they have already finished.

The more considerate we are of each other, the more enjoyable it is for everyone.

If you are unsure about anything, please ask.

**Sprinklers**

The thick layer of mud left by last year’s flood certainly took its toll on the grass but it’s coming along nicely.

As always, Robin has been doing a great job getting the grounds looking good for us all to enjoy but he can’t do it alone. He needs our help.

When you are at the club, please take a couple of minutes to put out the soaker hose and move it around a couple of times while you are there. Of course, please remember to check that it is turned off if you are the last to leave.

Early mornings and late afternoons are the most effective times to water but watering anytime will help.

The grass is just ok at the moment, but it won’t survive the hot summer weather unless we all do our bit to help feed it.

On behalf of the GWSC committee, we hope you all have a great ski season and hope to see the club in full swing during the holiday period.

Kind regards

Mark Macdonald

GWSC Secretary