

POWER DINGHY RACER

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POWER DINGHY RACING CLUB

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NEXT MEETING

June 10: 8.00p.m.
The Palms. Cnr Rokeby and
Nicholson Rds, Subiaco.

NEXT RACE

Upper Avon Challenge
Beverley-Spencers Brook
June 30.
Sunnyside Down
Bridgetown-Blackwood River
July 13.

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THE BALL — WHAT A BLAST!

One thing about our Commodore's Balls, they just keep getting bigger and better. This year 150 of our members washed the mud out from between their toes, put on the penguin suit and made it to the Hillarys Sunset Club.

The room has to be one of the best in town and after the social committee finished it off with green and gold decorations, it was even better.

The food was fantastic and the live entertainment provided by Faces had us up on our feet till the wee small hours.

'Beaus of the Ball' went to Rob De Joode and Mark Whately who had tropical print suits on that were so loud you couldn't hear the band.

'Belle of the Ball' went to Lyn Berlioth who had just discharged herself from hospital to attend.

'Speaker of the Night' went to Watson who, at 14 years of age, showed us how to make a good speech.

'Spunk of the Night' went to Justin Skewes who walked around with ladies dripping off his arms all night.

A huge round of applause should go to Deanne Street for the work she and her committee put in.

It will be a hard act for Mark Whately to follow next year.



Don't miss the PDRC's Biggest Social Event Ever!

"MONSTER FUNNY MONEY NIGHT"

This is your chance to gamble all night like a Japanese millionaire with four arms at Las Vegas. entry gets you TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FUNNY MONEY to gamble with and to bid in the FUNNY MONEY SUPER AUCTIONS. Plus a Chicken Dinner. It's a night you can bring your lady and your mates to knowing that they will all have a Ball! Don't miss out! Put July 6 aside!

SUNNYSIDE DOWN DETAILS

JULY 13, 1991
SATURDAY:
 11.00a.m. — Scrutineering (Sunnyside Cricket Ground).
 12.00 — Race starts
 After day's racing, barbecue and refreshments at Sunnyside.
 Presentation of trophies.

SUNDAY:
 10.00a.m. — Formula 8's, Bathtubs at Blackwood River Park, Bridgetown, followed by presentation of trophies.

GENERAL INFORMATION
 The committee of the Blackwood River Sports Club Inc. invites you and your family to participate in this event, share in fellowship and enjoy one of the most scenic areas of the Blackwood Valley.

The \$25 entry fee for your power dinghy includes:
 1. Saturday evening barbecue for competitors and their families. An additional levy of \$10 per support family will be charged.
 2. Participation in the best little race of the entire calendar.

CAMPING DETAILS
 1. Free camping at Sunnyside Cricket Ground (SCG) — toilets, but **no showers**. Showers are available at the Bridgetown Caravan Park (next to Blackwood River Park) at \$2 per head.
 2. Camping and caravan facilities are

available at the Bridgetown Caravan Park, but bookings are essential. Phone no. (097) 611 053.

CATERING DETAILS
 To assist the committee with catering and refreshment requirements, please notify Kate Collins on (097) 611 453.

RACE DETAILS
 The race starts from Sunnyside Cricket Ground (SCG), then proceeds approximately 12 kilometres upstream to a restart at the Winneup Falls. (Support crews and spectators cannot get access to this point). Boats will encounter some rock, logs, sand bars and ti tree sections.

Restart will be last in, first out and competitors will then race back downstream through to Bridgetown. Ti

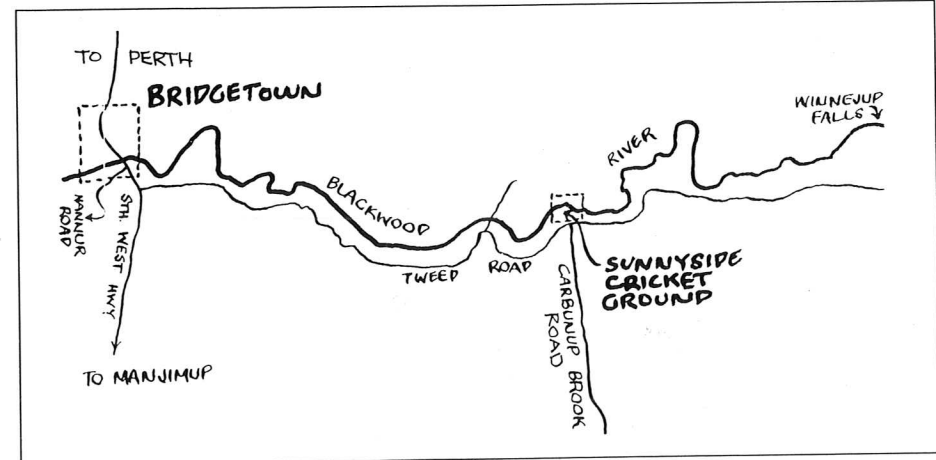
tree, some rocks and rapids will be encountered. The race will conclude at the Bridgetown traffic bridge.

Canoes will start prior to dinghies at the SCG and head downstream, finishing at the traffic bridge.

Formula 8's and Bathtubs will be racing to a set circuit on the Sunday morning at the main pool at Blackwood River Park in Bridgetown.

DIRECTIONS
 If coming from Perth, head south on South West Highway, through Bridgetown, over bridge towards Manjimup and turn left onto Tweed Road at top of hill (just past caravan park).

Follow Tweed Road to Sunnyside (end of bitumen). Directions will be clearly signposted from bridge to Sunnyside.



RED FLAG REMINDER

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY MARINE AND HARBOURS THAT CRAFT SPEEDING AT UPPER SWAN WILL BE PROSECUTED. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT YOU COULD BE BARRED FROM THE AVON DESCENT.



COMMODORE'S REPORT

When you receive the reprinted Association Rulebook shortly, you may not notice a small change on the section that deals with Rules and Penalties.

It is now possible for the W.A.S.D.A. or PRDC Committee to penalise a competitor for breaching Marine & Harbours and other statutory regulations, even when they are not racing.

There is good reason for this change.

As the sport grows in size and prominence, the club is becoming more of a target for those groups opposed to it, such as the Green Movement.

One irresponsible racer or support crew hooning around in the wrong area can do irreparable damage to the sport, more than can be rectified by the remaining four hundred responsible club members doing the right thing all year!

The authorities only find out about it after the damage is done, when someone complains.

Our position with Marine & Harbours is threatened by the half a dozen or so complaints they get just prior to the Avon every year, particularly for craft speeding in the upper reaches of the Canning River.

Up 'til now, the Club has not had the powers necessary to stop irresponsible members' actions outside race times.

Now members caught breaking any statutory regulation at any time, may be penalised by having their licenses suspended.

This new policy of Self Regulation has been welcomed by the Marine & Harbours.

BE WARNED! IF YOU ARE CAUGHT ACTING THE GOAT ON THE RIVER, YOU WILL BE WATCHING A FEW RACES FROM THE BANK!

Russell Wilson
Commodore.

NANNUP HOTEL CUP VIDEOS AT NEXT P.D.R.C. MEETING

RULES UPDATE

Following is an update on current rulings:

- Engine cowls on all outboards may be vented.
 - Choke mechanisms on Mariner and Mercury 8h.p. outboards must be fully installed.
 - Craft racing in the Avon Descent must have 30m of rope.
 - All craft must have a Restraining Strap preventing the leg of an outboard tilting forward past the point where the leg is above the height of the transom.
- THE SCRUTINEER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS STRAP BE MADE FROM SEATBELT TYPE WEBBING.
- 8h.p. Mariner or Mercury outboards can use either .44 or .46 carbie jets.

PROPOSALS:

I propose that a Family Membership be introduced. The Fee shall be \$120.00 which would include licenses for 2 adults and junior members with one race number included.

Proposed: Paul Tregurtha.

Seconded: Rob De Joode.

DINGHY DITTIES

Just how good are these new 8h.p. motors with the Keystone piston rings? Russell Wilson certainly found out last weekend when he tried out his new donk for the first time. When he matched it up against one of the Velmade Boats (116) there was only a whisker in it.

Rumour has it that Wayne Palmer was enjoying himself so much at the Commodore's Ball that he nearly stayed the night. After collecting his many trophies and having a few drinks with his mates, he headed for the Gents, where he is reported to have fallen asleep. He didn't wake up until after 2.00 a.m.!

Not to be phased by the fact that there's just over a month to scrutineering, Peter Bevan and Tom Blaxell are just laying the keel on a new Kevlar boat. Peter has been referring to it as his 'Pocket Rocket'. Judging by his past designs, it's bound to be different.

After the Commodore's Ball, Paul Tregurtha treated everyone that was still standing, to a moonlight cruise of the Hillarys Harbour. His big 35' Bertie was fully equipped with bar service and half a dozen casks of 'Nikhov'. (I can't understand why they called that drink Nikhov? After you've had one or two you can't go anywhere - your legs won't move!).

NEW PDRC OFFICE NUMBER 490 1714

Office manned between 10.00a.m. and noon
Monday to Friday. Answering machine
after hours.

Secretary is Leonie Doggett

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for publication in the
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FOR SALE

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FORMULA 8 on trolley (no motor).
\$550 O.N.O.
Phone Steve Foster 537 1041.

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FORMULA 8. Raced one season.
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with flames. Includes helmet and
wetsuit. \$850 O.N.O.
Phone Tag or Julie Overstone
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Huge range of boots. Order your
team wetsuits now to ensure
delivery by Avon. Discounts only
available to current W.A.S.D.A.
members at: **STAR SURFSHOP**
332 Murray St, Perth. 321 6230

WHERE TO GO

ALUMINIUM WELDING:

(Racing dinghies, engine reinforcing,
fuel tanks, transom frames etc.)

Frank Berloth 398 1800

Steve Palmer 457 9935

SURFACING PROPELLORS:

Arthur Fairhurst 351 8388 or Frank Berloth as
agent for Arthur, (same price) 398 1800

RUBBER GEARBOXES:

Jeff Hodgkinson 364 9720 or Frank Berloth as
agent for Jeff, (same price) 398 1800

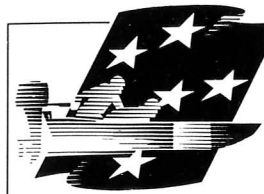
TRANSOM JACKS:

Kevin Green 364 7820

ENGINES & MECHANICAL SERVICE:

Frank Berloth 398 1800

(For any additions to this list please contact
the editor Rob De Joode)



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DINGHY ASSOC. ENTRY FORM

"Sunnyside Down"

8 H.P. SPORTS DINGHY
8 H.P. STANDARD DINGHY

SPORTS BATHTUB
STANDARD BATHTUB

FORMULA 8

INDEMNITY

In entering and in consideration of my/our payments herein of the Entry Fee I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we have read the rules governing the Event and agree by the rules and instructions of the Event's officials and hereby completely and absolutely indemnify the Western Australian Sports Dinghy Association Inc. and all and any of their members, employees, officials, officers or helpers of or in any way connected with the Association for all actions, claims, costs, demands, damages, expenses, charges, injuries and any other losses arising out of or in conjunction with the said Event regardless of the nature or cause of any occurrence giving rise to any such actions, damages, demands, expenses, charges or other losses. I/we acknowledge that I/we are entering and/or participating in the said Event entirely and absolutely at my/our own risk.

DRIVER

SIGNATURE:

CREW

SIGNATURE:

NAME OF

TEAM:

RACE I.D.

NUMBER

DRIVER

NAME:

ADDRESS:

..... P/CODE:

TEL: LICENSE NO.

CREW

NAME:

ADDRESS:

..... P/CODE:

TEL: LICENSE NO.

This Entry Form must be completed and signed by both members of the team and forwarded with the Entry Fee to the Organiser/Race Director at the address below.

ENQUIRIES: THE SECRETARY
P.D.R.C.
P.O. BOX 675, WEST PERTH, W.A. 6005
TEL: 490 1714

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00

If under the age of eighteen years as at the date of the Event the following section is to be completed.

I agree to my son/daughter entering the Event.

.....
Signature of Parent or Guardian

THIS IS A CLOSED EVENT.

IF YOUR BOAT'S NOT RIGHT — YOU DON'T START!

CLUB NEWS

The P.D.R.C. has been contacted by Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital to see if any of our members would be interested in participating in a study on Repetitive Strain Injury. The study would be conducted during the Avon and Blackwood races. If you are interested, ring the Club Secretary on 490 1714.

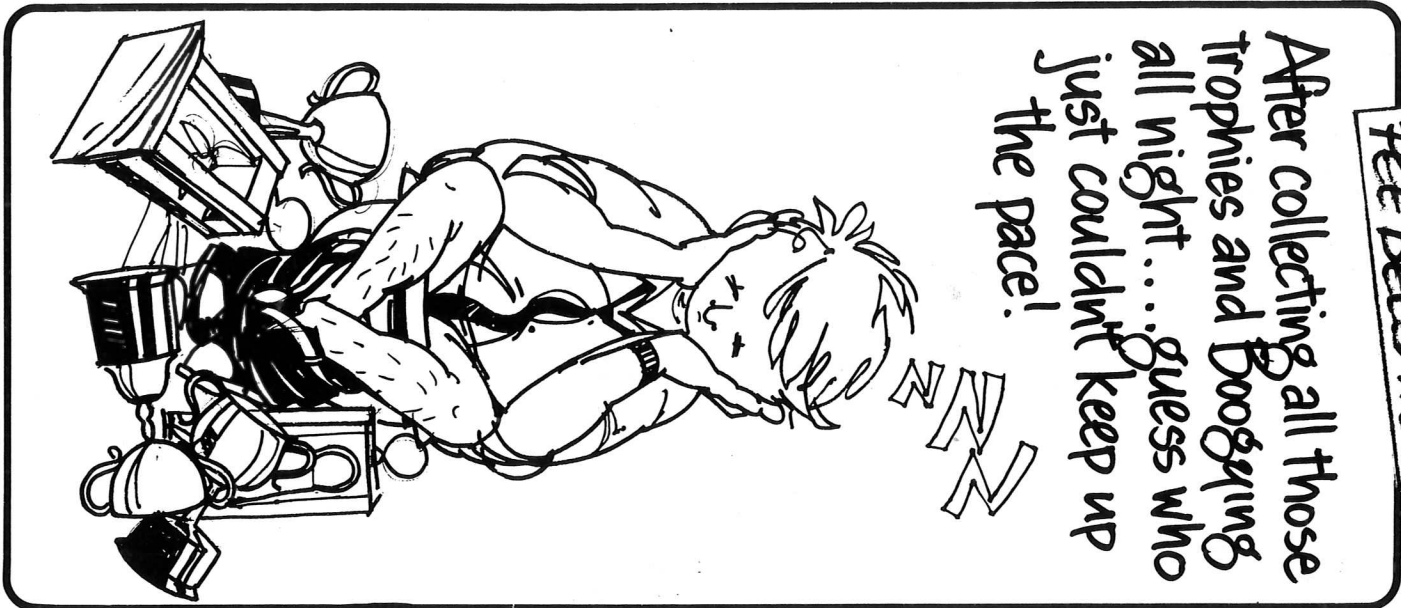
By now you would have heard the news that prizemoney for the Avon has been substantially increased. In fact it will be possible to win \$7,000 if you win the race and break the record! Thanks to our delegates on the Association whose persistence, along with the Avon people's desire to co-operate with the club, was responsible for the pleasing outcome.

A tip for racers practising for the Avon. **DON'T GET IN THE BOAT WITHOUT HELMETS AND LIFEJACKETS.** Not only is it stupid, it now contravenes the rules of the club. If anyone has flipped a dinghy in deep water, you will know it is almost impossible to right without lifejackets.

Any person interested in being a permanent Rescue Boat Operator has now got the opportunity. Please phone the Club Secretary for details.

The P.D.R.C. will be conducting last minute swim tests for all members at the Rowing Club at Canning Bridge at 10.00a.m. Sunday 16. **IF YOU ARE DUE FOR A SWIM TEST LEAVE THIS DATE ASIDE.**





FREE BEERS TROPS

After collecting all those trophies and Boogying all night... guess who just couldn't keep up the pace!

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FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS. 1990/1991 SEASON

BATHTUBS	Tony Overstone	20	K. Prater	120	J. Cleary	58	P. Vaile	18	D. Wallace	7	J. Shaw	6	
D. Palmer	460	D. Hindle	6	J. Goodbody	120	J. Ferguson	52	G. Wells	18	G. Stewart	7	L. Simpson	6
J. Skewes	381	DINGHIES		I. Goodbody	120	S. Lawrence	47	P. Wells	18	S. Overstone	7	P. Smith	6
B. Watson	286	G. Black	541	S. Forrest	120	R. Wilson	46	B. Haynes	18	T. Lawson	7	R. Smith	6
F. Berloth	226	K. Parnell	541	I. Williamson	107	C. Walker	46	R. DeJooode	18	L. Legge	7	M. Snooks	6
J. Haynes	160	P. Street	406	R. Craker	107	B. Butlin Snr	46	E. Austin	18	D. McAllister	7	M. Sparkman	6
N. Watson	138	M. Healy	398	M. Whatley	100	B. Butlin Jnr	46	D. Lawrence	18	J. McAllister	7	P. Spivey	6
G. Hall	92	W. Palmer	312	T. Gerrick	100	A. Barnett	41	P. Tulley	12	M. McCarthy	7	G. Stacey	6
B. Dimmock	60	M. Webb	286	Gary Johnson	100	S. Webb	40	T. Smale	12	D. Hogg	7	H. Thomas	6
M. Webb	46	G. Cox	286	D. Haynes	92	L. Goddard	33	C. Taylor	12	K. Cox	7	P. Thomas	6
Glen McNamara	18	J. Skewes	278	K. Green	87	K. Brooker	32	C. Pitsikas	12	D. Evans	7	J. Thomas	6
G. Evan	12	F. Berloth	257	K. Williams	86	L. Challis	32	E. Ribbons	12	S. Brown	7	B. Parnham	6
P. Helm	12	G. Pouw Bray	247	K. Webb	86	G. Baker	32	L. Mandlers	12	T. Carter	7	D. Pascoe	6
Gary McNamara	12	J. Haynes	222	C. Prosser	80	G. Evans	26	G. McEvoy	12	J. Clittick	7	J. Paton	6
J. Ferguson	12	Gary McNamara	192	J. Hodgkinson	80	R. Mora	26	C. Hoskins	12	M. Clittick	7	D. Pentreath	6
B. Cummskey	6	P. Tregurtha	186	D. Snook	78	B. Taylor	26	J. Howarth	12	A. Bartlett	7	I. Perks	6
D. Butt	6	Greg Johnson	180	T. Overstone	72	P. Reid	24	C. Kenworthy	12	B. Wyatt	6	J. Ranson	6
FORMULA 8's		C. Haynes	180	N. Carroll	72	B. Barden	24	M. Lawrence	12	M. Young	6	R. Ritson	6
G. Pouw Bray	520	N. Watson	170	C. Whatley	66	R. Schippers	21	N. Hayward	12	W. Tranter	6	T. Roberts	6
D. Street	420	P. Helm	162	D. Tomisich	66	K. Wake	20	J. Elliott	12	G. Waldoock	6	G. Rumsay	6
C. Skewes	286	B. Watson	158	D. Hindle	66	P. Kinnersley	20	J. Evans	12	B. Walker	6	P. Bevan	1
Kim Webb	280	K. Lawrence	147	G. Moiler	66	M. Crawley	20	G. Blinco	12	B. Wallis	6	B. Blake	1
B. Dimmock	60	K. Webb	146	M. Delich	66	T. Overstone	19	S. Brown	12	P. Weston	6		
B. Walker	60	Glen McNamara	146	R. Robinson	61	G. Hall	19	C. Butterworth	12	D. Whitney	6		
J. Haynes	52	D. Street	140	R. Liedel	60	M. Hall	18	J. Clarke	12	R. Whitney	6		
Ken Webb	40	M. Johnson	140	P. Waldoock	60	T. Thompson	18	K. Bagford	12	T. Scarff	6		
K. Wake	20	G. Skewes	124	W. Harman	60	C. Tull	18	G. Beres	12	G. Scott	6		