

# POWER DINGHY RACER

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## NEXT MEETING

May 11 : 8.00 pm  
The Palms. Cnr Rokeby and  
Nicholson Rds, Subiaco.

## NEXT RACE

Nannup Cup  
May 31  
Nannup to Sue's Bridge

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# FREDERICKSTOWN CUP '92 IS BIGGEST YET!

Several hundred dinghy racers, families and supporters headed south to Albany for Easter in preparation for the 1992 Frederickstown Cup for Bathtubs, F.8's, and Dinghy events.

The weekend turned into a party affair commencing with the annual Skinns golf game in which Geoff Hall took out the purse, party games in the chalets, Rob De Jooode's pre-race hair style by Colleen Skewes and four litres of mousse, the Overstone's 1989 Disco Chalet looking more like a crechè this year under the control of 'Uncle Dave Snooks', and Kieth Parnell keeping himself warm with his gas ring.

Racing got underway on Saturday morning on the foreshore of the Kalgan River Caravan Park with Bathtubs and F.8's. Strong north-westerly gusts had a breathtaking effect on the tubs. The rescue crews were kept extremely busy, particularly by yet another spectacular flip from Frank Berloth.

Geoff Hall and Darren Austin tussled for buoy positions (they both lost) while the 'Ali' tubs of Justin Skewes and Brad Watson showed just how well they could handle the conditions, finishing first and second. They were followed by a consistent John Haynes and then Gary Evans.

Formula 8 racing again showed a further increase on entries with Mark Wilson putting in a good 'first up' performance and Brent and Kerry Barden making it a family affair as they swapped positions on buoys.

Kim Webb again took line honours Scott Bennett hung on to second place and will be a force for the State Championship next year. Colleen Skewes came in third followed by Brent Bardon.

The strengthening nor-westerlies forced the postponement of the Pee Wees until Sunday Morning. With much appreciated help from the Pee Wee parents, racing got underway by 8 a.m. Sunday and continued after the dinghy event.

Justine and Narelle Watson again proved their superiority by winning their individual

groups with Leigh Hindle and Todd Williamson obtaining second spots. Chris Parnell fronted with his own boat for the first time and was driving harder while the Bevan sisters were forced out with a broken prop shaft.

Sunday 9.30 a.m. saw a Le Mans start for Dinghies with Williamson and Maxfield leading DeJooode and Gerrick in standard while Skewes and Street held off Berloth and Bardon in sports, as they worked their way into the estuary.

While still in the river, Wilson and Wilson collided with Evans and Nolan and both retired.

In the blustery conditions on Oyster Harbour Berloth and Bardon pulled away from Skewes and Street while boats 190, 117 and 022 of Darren and Wayne Austin flipped out of the race. Ricky and Mal Franklin battled the trying conditions as Nick Carrol and Mike Healy slipped into second spot followed by Neville and Brad Watson.

The drag race back to the finish from the re-start in the King River saw the positions remain unchanged with Ian Williamson and Tony Maxfield holding first place for standard with 'Flying Frank Berloth' claiming the honours in sports class.

Special thanks to the rescue crews of Stretch Wilkie, Alan Bartlett, Steve Webb, Scott Webb, Geoff Ferry and Damien Wilson who should all receive a medal for endurance.

The weekend culminated with a big Presentation and plenty of throat lubrication and yarn swapping from the huge contingent of racers, supporters and families emanating from over seventy entries in the weekend's racing.

Thanks go to all those who assisted on the weekend (the numbers are too numerous to mention). It was good to see how many people volunteered and it made the event much easier to run.

Special thanks go to St. John's Ambulance Brigade (Albany) and to Coca Cola for sponsoring the Pee Wee prizes, which were greatly appreciated.

## PDRC COMMODORE'S REPORT

As I write my final report I take great pride in what the PDRC has achieved this season. The new committee has been well chosen and I have great faith that the good work will continue.

WASDA is now running as a well oiled machine with great strides being taken to improve both the Avon and the Blackwood. We are now working particularly well with the BRSC delegates to elevate the standards of this year's Blackwood.

The new standards adopted on safety will benefit all racers and new systems have been developed to streamline the administration and organization of racing, all in place to cope with the increased racing activity we expect this season.

And the good work hasn't gone by unnoticed. WASDA membership is now well over 500 which is a massive increase on last season.

The fact that the Coronial Enquiry applauded our organization and recommended that the paddlers adopt our system is testament to the fact that we must be doing something right.

My special thanks to last year's committee which worked tirelessly to achieve these advances. Lyn and Frank Berloth, Glen Skewes, Neville Watson, Mark Whately, Rob De Jooode, Peter Bevan and all the others that helped out last season deserve medals for what they have put in.

Particular thanks to Nick Carrol, Belinda and Grant who kept us refreshed at the meetings all year.

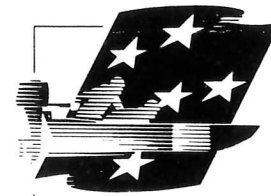
I am pleased to announce the new Committee:

- Commodore: Peter Bevan
- Vice Commodore: Gary Evans
- Secretary: Lyn Berloth
- Treasurer: Peter Hink
- Rear Commodore: Rodney More
- Property Officer: Mal Franklin
- Scrutineer: Geoff Hall
- Social Officer: Alan Bartlett

### 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  
Please send photos, stories and information for publication in the POWER DINGHY RACER to:  
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## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DINGHY ASSOC. ENTRY FORM

## NANNUP HOTEL CUP

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

### 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	CREW
NAME: .....	NAME: .....
ADDRESS: .....	ADDRESS: .....
..... P.CODE: .....	..... P.CODE: .....
TEL: ..... LICENSE NO. <input type="text"/>	TEL: ..... LICENSE NO. <input type="text"/>

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.

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.

ENTRY FEE  
\$40.00 NON-REFUNDABLE

Signature of Parent or Guardian  
THIS IS A CLOSED EVENT.

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

# FREDERICKSTOWN CUP 1992

## Albany Results

### DINGHIES

#### 8 H.P. SPORTS

- |    |            |            |
|----|------------|------------|
| 1. | F. Berloth | Time 47.16 |
|    | B. Bardon  |            |
| 2. | N. Carroll | 52.38      |
|    | M. Healey  |            |
| 3. | N. Watson  | 52.57      |
|    | B. Watson  |            |

#### 8 H.P. STANDARD

- |    |               |       |
|----|---------------|-------|
| 1. | I. Williamson | 48.08 |
|    | T. Maxfield   |       |
| 2. | R. De Jooode  | 50.00 |
|    | R. Gerrick    |       |
| 3. | J. Haynes     | 53.18 |
|    | S. Bennett    |       |

### FASTEST RUBBER DUCK

John and Jill Evans 56.33

### BATH TUBS

- |    |               |
|----|---------------|
| 1. | Justin Skewes |
| 2. | Brad Watson   |
| 3. | John Haynes   |

### FORMULA 8

- |    |                |
|----|----------------|
| 1. | Kim Webb       |
| 2. | Scott Bennett  |
| 3. | Colleen Skewes |

### PEE WEE FORMULA 8

#### Group 1

- |    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 1. | Justin Watson   |
| 2. | Todd Williamson |
| 3. | Chris Parnell   |
| 4. | Cory Bevan      |

#### Group 2

- |    |                |
|----|----------------|
| 1. | Narelle Watson |
| 2. | Leigh Hindle   |
| 3. | Tyron Wilson   |
| 4. | Nova Bevan     |

**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RACE IN 1992 AVON DESCENT, BOTH DRIVER AND CREW MUST HAVE COMPETED IN BOTH THE 1990 AND 1991 AVONS OR TWO WASDA EVENTS AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1991.**

**RED FLAG REMINDER**





## RULES CLARIFICATION

### Proposals

I propose that the following motion replace clause 3.6 of standard dinghy specifications.

Only propellers as supplied by the manufacturer for that model motor shall be used. Bronze propellers shall not be used. Metal may not be removed from the propeller with the exception of repairs made to the leading edges of the propeller blades. Propeller blades may not be cupped or the pitch altered. Damage to leading edges of the propeller blades may only be repaired by cutting the edge back. The cut must be perpendicular to the surface of the blade (ie. After the repair is made, the leading edges must be square and the entire back and front surfaces of the blade must remain intact.)

The transom shall be permanently fixed by nothing less than 6mm bolts and nylock nuts.

I propose the motion that the motion carried on the meeting of March concerning motor height and propeller diameter be deleted.

Proposed: Rob De Joode

Seconded: Rob Gerrick

The following motions have been proposed by WASDA for acceptance into the PDRC Competition Rules and Specifications.

- 1) The scrutineer for a WASDA event may not compete in that event.
- 2) Rule 17.10. Championship points for the Avon Descent and Blackwood Classic 250 to be double the points for other events, i.e.
 

1st: 200	4th: 80
2nd: 160	5th: 40
3rd: 120	

 Starting 2 (not placegetters)  
 Finishing 10 (not placegetters)
- 3) A new race class to be adopted for dinghy racing called ALLOY CLASS.
  - Boats must be aluminium with one piece transom.
  - Motors must be 10 years old or older.
  - Propellers must be new. (ie. manufacturer's and straight from box)
  - Other specifications as per Standard Class.

- 4) Rule 21.1. (Outboard motor after handles... to read) propellers including those carried in the boat during the course of an event to meet class specifications.
- 5) The WASDA and PDRC championship to include trophies for both Sports Dinghies and Standard Dinghies individually.

### 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  
 TRANSDOM 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)

## CLUB NEWS

Pee Wee Racers – don't miss the Pee Wee Presentation to be held at Pizza Hut, Innaloo at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9. Adults: \$9.50 per head. Pee Wees: \$6.50 per head. Book your tickets with Colleen Skewes on 447 6424. Friends and relatives are welcome.

There will definitely be an event on June 14. At this stage it is likely that it will not be held at Rouse Head. It will probably go ahead at Burswood and will be for championship points.

## DINGHY DITTIES

Anyone that reckons Kim Webb hasn't got his head screwed on had good reason down at Albany. He was seen in one race with his helmet firmly planted on his head . . . backwards!

The Annual Dinghy Club Skins Gold Tournament held at Albany on Good Friday, had a number of racers showing good form with the little white ball. At \$5 per hole, per player, there was more money in the Skins than the Dinghy race!

Frank Berloth might have the 'boat-to-beat' at the moment, but it hasn't kept him any drier. Heading into a strong wind on the Kalgan River, the aircraft carrier got some air under it at top speed and literally took off before doing yet another legendary 'Berloth-double-sommersault-with-twist-and-pike'. Frank apparently came up spluttering "honest, it wasn't me!"

Rob 'Pretty Boy' De Joode lived up to his reputation down at Albany. On Saturday night before the dinghy race he was seen having his hair moussed and blown by Colleen Skewes. Something about leaving his hairdryer home again.

Just how fast these Suzuki's are, is still a subject of debate. At Albany, Ian Williamson's Suzuki was first in standard and second fastest overall, just two minutes behind Frank Berloth in sports. Not bad for standard!

Details are being worked out at the moment and will be included in next month's newsletter.

Last minute starters for the Commodore's Ball can still get tickets from Colleen Skewes on 447 6424. Tickets cannot be confirmed until the club receives the money so send your cheques in quickly. So far it looks like the numbers are going to be bigger this year so get yourself organized. Rumour has it that a major announcement that will benefit all racers will be made at the Ball so don't miss the rage of the year. Book Now!

# NANNUP HOTEL CUP DETAILS

The event will remain unchanged from last season and with the success it achieved last year, is sure to attract a big field. This year there will be a KAROKE NIGHT at the Nannup Hotel on the Saturday night as well as the normal presentation function on Sunday. Race entries receive a free meal coupon for the skipper and crew at the presentation with meals available for other patrons at \$7.50 per head. There will be a band at the presentation so it should be a great night.

### Supplementary Regulations

#### ENTRY FEE

\$40 per craft

#### CLASSES

8 H.P. Sports

8 H.P. Standard

#### REPLACEMENT PARTS

No replacement parts other than those specified under clause 9.1 of the WASDA rulebook.

#### WITHDRAWALS

Entrants withdrawing during the race MUST advise race officials. Failure to do so will incur a \$50 penalty.

### PROGRAMME

Saturday, May 30, 8 p.m.

KAROKE. Nannup Hotel, Sunday, May 31.

7.30 a.m. SCRUTINEERING

8.30 a.m. BRIEFING

9.00 a.m. START

6.00 p.m. PRESENTATION

### RACE DETAILS

Event commences on the riverbank next to the Council Caravan Park for scrutineering and briefing.

The start will take place there unless low water conditions necessitate it being moved downstream.

The finish will be at Sue's Bridge.

### GRID ORDER

Based on finish positions of last year's Nannup Cup. Other starters will be placed in the order their entries are received.

### SCRUTINEER:

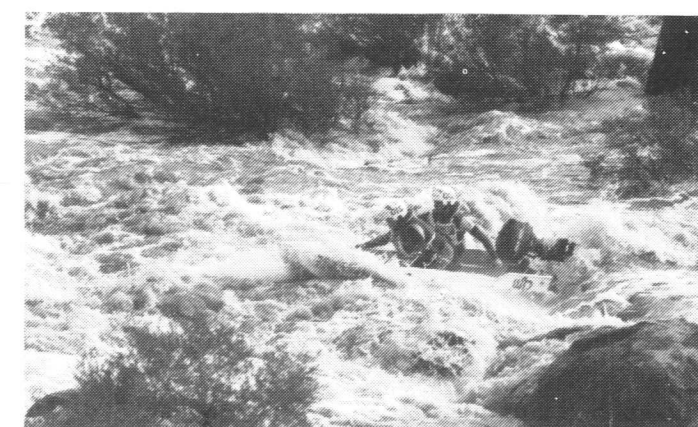
Geoff Hall

### RACE DIRECTOR:

Tay Overstone 349 2384

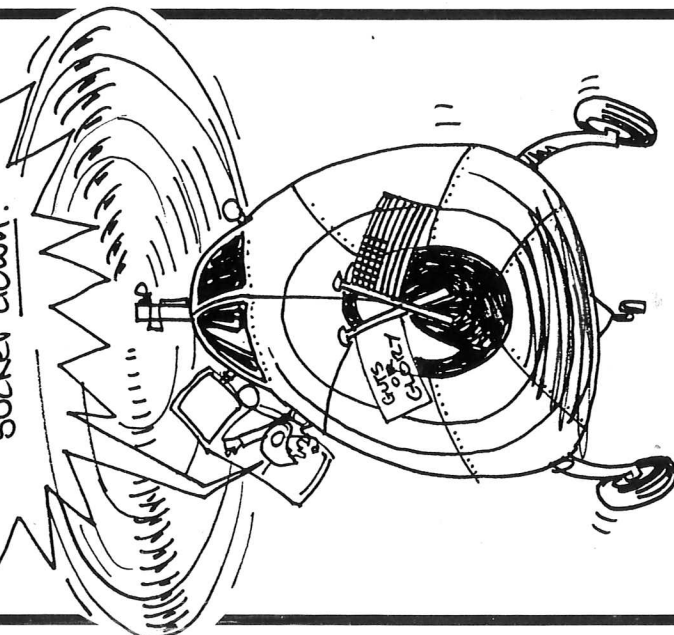
### ACCOMMODATION:

Nannup Hotel (097) 56 1080



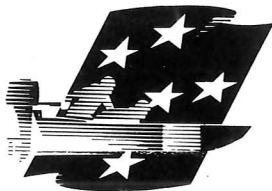
**FREE BEER'S TICS**

Chopper to  
USS Indianapolis -  
Slow down a little ol'  
buddy while I put this  
sucker down!



This aint the  
\*##@#! Indianapolis  
and I aint slowing down  
for no \*##@#! one while  
I've got a :##@#! Suzuki  
UP my clacker!!

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## POWER DINGHY RACING CLUB

*invites you to*

### THE 7th ANNUAL COMMODORE'S BALL AND W.A.S.D.A. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTATION NIGHT

Saturday, 16th May, 1992  
Le Mirage Centre, 76 Francis St., Northbridge.

Pre-Dinner Drinks 7.30pm • Dinner 8pm — Smorgasboard, Beer and Wine

Dress: Black Tie  
Cost: \$45 per head

R.S.V.P.  
Colleen Skewes — 447 6424  
Lynne Berloth — 490 1714