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NEXT MEETING

August 10, 8.00pm.
The Palms, Cnr Rokeby and
Nicholson Rds, Subiaco

NEXT RACES

Moore River Sprint, August 30.
Blackwood Classic 250,
September 26, 27 & 28

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RACING "UPHILL" AT BRIDGETOWN

The 1992 Sunnyside Down attracted an original field of 21 entrants, unfortunately three withdrew before the start leaving a field of 18 to attempt the upstream challenge.

The 18 consisted of 13 standard boats which were started at 30 second intervals then a 10 minute break to the five sports boats.

The more adventurous hit the basin at full speed and some were rewarded with a five minute buffer at the Winnijup Falls regroup.

Four standard boats didn't make the regroup and the sweep boat was held at Checkpoint 5.

The crew of 191 kindly offered to check between CP5 and the regroup, found 081 and 103 and turned them back to CP5 where they subsequently withdrew.

RESULTS

Sports Dinghies

- 1 004 Don Haynes; Cleve Haynes
 - 2 059 Neville Watson; Bradley Watson
 - 3 062 Brodie Taylor; Kevin Green
 - 4 100 Kim Webb; Micheal Webb
- DNF 191 George Cox; Dennis Bell

Standard Dinghies

- 1 152 Ted Thompson; Paul Reid
 - 2 056 Peter Long; Neil Bailey
 - 3 146 Eric Austin; Graham Blincow
 - 4 131 Trevor Carter; Geoff Gardiner
 - 5 176 Bill Breheny; Chris Breheny
 - 6 048 M. Holbrook; K. Holebrook
 - 7 511 John Rossier; Greg Eller
 - 8 013 Trevor Thomas; Howard Thomas
- DNF 080 Todd Curdale; Perry Curtchett
DNF 133 David Gasnon; Steve Morris
DNF 103 Allan Bartlett; Dallas Grives

Upon 191's return the field was restarted at 1255 for a quick run back to Bridgetown.

The first boat was in at 1347 and the last competitive craft arrived at 1411.

Unfortunately 191 did not finish due to terminal motor troubles and 080 tried to bury their craft under a log.

One fat lip and some improvisation finally got them into the finish at 1530.

The SES were again invaluable with their communications and the crew of the sweep craft in Steve Fuller and Peter Waller must be commended for their perseverance.

All in all a great days racing without a major drama and enjoyed by all competitors, most of whom said they will be back next year.

DNF 111 John Haynes; Scott Bennett

Formula 8

- 1 128 Scott Bennett
- 2 100 Scott Webb
- 3 150 Kim Webb
- 4 113 Kerry Barden
- 5 059 Justine Watson
- 6 184 P. Pavlinovich

Bathtubs

- 1 059 Bradley Watson
 - 2 013 Trevor Thomas
 - 3 111 John Haynes
 - 4 071 Howard Thkomas
- DNS 150 Micheal Webb

Pee Wee

- 1 059 Narelle Watson
- 2 184 Daniel Rutherford
- 3 113 Peter Barden

PDRC COMMODORE'S REPORT

With final club dues in and Avon entries counted, the Committee has a final picture of the level of membership this year and the news is not good.

So far only 250 members have renewed, down from 396 last year.

It is apparent that the recession combined with the dramatic rise in membership fees due to the requirements for insurance, the "two race rule" and possibly, the death in the 1991 Avon, have all had a compounding effect on new members joining the sport.

While the committee was expecting a drop in membership, we were not expecting a fall of this magnitude.

As the PDRC has a number of fixed overheads such as the insurance, rent, newsletter etc, the loss of revenue will make it tough to stay out of the red this year.

It is obvious to me that the main reason that members have not renewed is that they are finding it difficult to finance the cost of racing and have therefore felt it unnecessary to renew their membership.

The fact is that if you are not racing this year you can still rejoin the club as a non-racing member without the need to pay the insurance levy which almost cuts the fees in half.

This way, they get to keep their number and receive all the other benefits such as the newsletter etc.

We need your help in keeping the membership levels up.

If you know anyone that has not renewed, please give them a gentle shove.

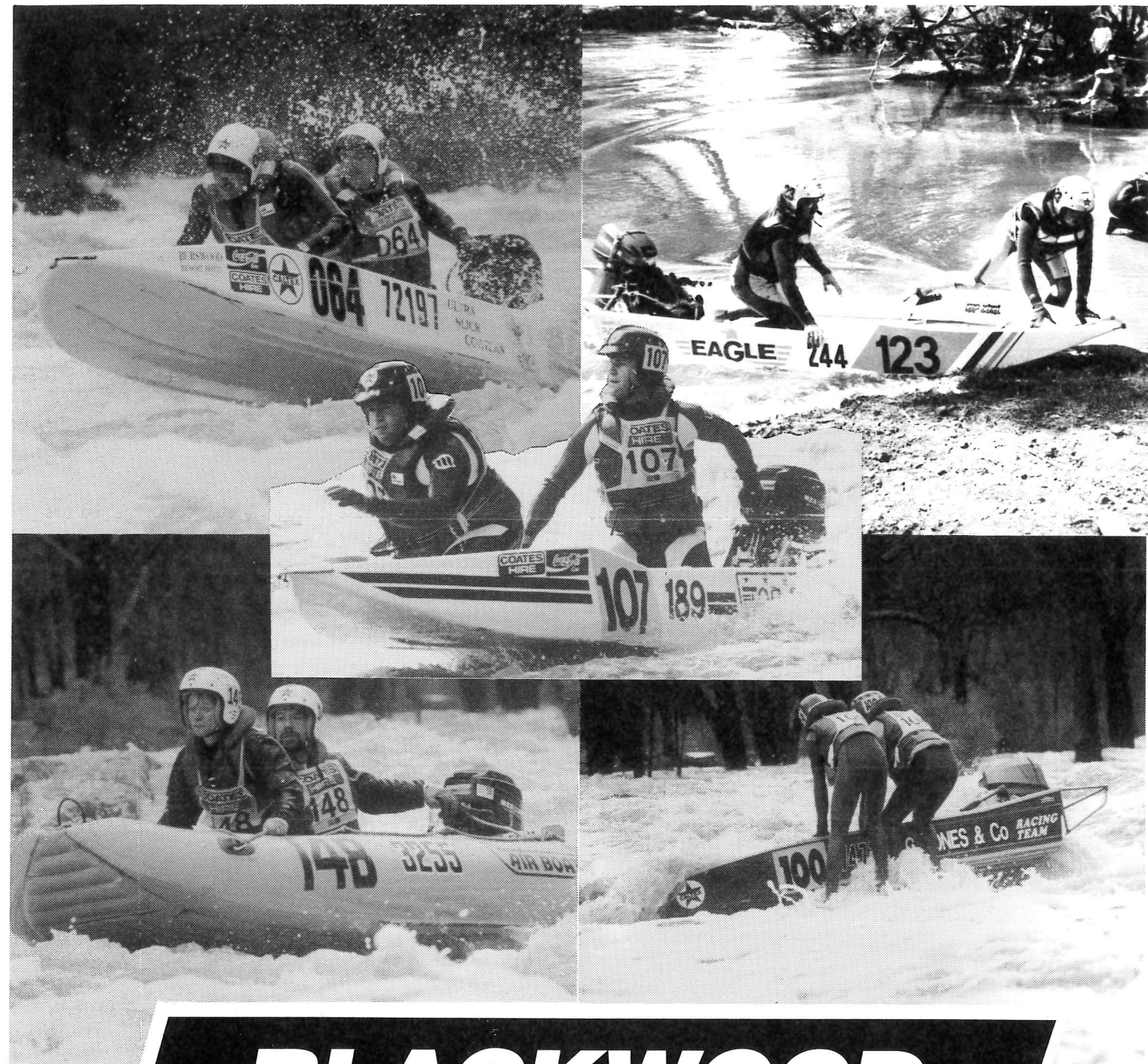
Peter Bevan
Commodore

**NEW PDRC
OFFICE NUMBER
490 1714**

Enquiries to Secretary
Lyn Berloth

Please send photos, stories and information
for publication to:

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BLACKWOOD CLASSIC 250

The world's longest Power Dinghy Race
Bridgetown to Augusta on the Blackwood River
September 26, 27, 28

RACEBOOKS OUT NOW!

**RED FLAG
REMINDER**

**PAY ATTENTION TO RED AND ORANGE
FLAGS AT THE AVON.
IF YOU GO PAST A MARSHALL
WAVING A RED FLAG YOU WILL BE
DISQUALIFIED.**



BLACKWOOD CLASSIC 250

The Blackwood River Sports Club Inc. is now accepting entries to the longest power dinghy race in the world for 1992. With emphasis on competitor safety, the committee is looking forward to an enjoyable weekend for all concerned.

Entry forms are available by purchasing the Classic race book from registration at this years Avon Descent. Alternatively, copies can be obtained by sending \$4.00 to:

Activ Industries, 16 Zoe St., Bunbury, WA., or Kate Collins, P.O. Box 380, Bridgetown, WA.

Included in the book will be all the information needed by competitors and support crew and will also contain sponsorship forms.

Proceeds from this year's race will again be directed to Activ Industries. As with all charities, Activ Industries are hard pressed financially, and we ask all entrants to make a big effort this year to give those less fortunate than ourselves a return from this event.

Entrants are urged to READ THE BOOK to familiarise themselves with all aspects of the race to prevent any misunderstandings.

Entries will be open until Monday, 7th September, 1992 and all entries received will be acknowledged by return mail. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the committee and will attract a 100% entry fee penalty.

Camping at the Nannup Caravan Parks must be booked with the Parks and camping at Sues Bridge is as last year (i.e. organised by C.A.L.M. with a fee to cover costs).

Please get your entry in early. Give us

your support and we look forward to some top racing on September 26th, 27th and 28th.

Any queries phone Kate Collins on 097 611453.

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 Jooede)

CLUB NEWS

W.A.S.D.A. has finalised the insurance for club members for the 1992/903 season.

For those who are unsure of the cover, here are the details.

PUBLIC LIABILITY \$5,000,000

PERSONAL ACCIDENT

Capital Benefit: \$30,000

Weekly Benefit:

Income Earners \$300

(1 x weekly salary to a maximum of the sum insured for 104 weeks).

Non income earners \$300.

Payable as 80% reimbursement of domestic home help/patient bedcare where deemed necessary by a duly qualified medical practitioner. 52 week period.

Benefits are reduced to 50% in respect of an injury/accident which occurs during travel to/from the event location.

There is a 14 day elimination period.

DINGHY DITTIES

There were some weird and wonderful kevlar concoctions at Avon scrutineering. Pick of the bunch were Craig Whately's and Ian Williamson's creation. Not only do they both look spectacular, their both blindingly fast!

Most of the hotties were up at the T-trees on practice day. Craig Whately was seen howling through the trees with a chopper on. Is this going to be his race strategy?

Water level was about 1.5 metres below last year's Avon level last weekend and is more likely to go down than up. This would make it the lowest Avon in five years. (Now we'll see the men sorted out from the boys).

After taking delivery of a very smart new boat built by Rod Thomas, Frank Berloth has decided to run the aircraft carrier. Apparently it is 1 sec faster over the Trinity course.

Russel Wilson wasn't deterred by the low water levels up the river on practise day...he decided to jump Extracts anyway. Unfortunately he came unstuck and took a whack in the back, enough to need six stitches. Maybe he will think differently on race day

A reliable source tells me that one of the Avon scrutineers asked one of our rubber duck crews "where's your flotation?" the club member was too dumbstruck to answer.

Justin Skewes had his 21st birthday recently. Congratulations Justin, you made it after all.

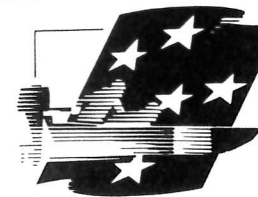
This year the financial pressure on the Avon Descent Association is greater than ever with a severe drop in entrants. They have been fortunate though, to retain their corporate sponsors Caltex, Coates and Channel 9. For the future of the event, it is imperative that these sponsors are all looked after. Please display their stickers PROMINENTLY on your dinghy.

Proposal to change the paragraph concerning kick straps as follows: 'To restrict the lift of the motor so that the propeller cannot come above the height of the transom'.

To read: To restrict the lift of the motor on a dinghy only so that the propeller cannot come above the height of the transom.

Proposed: Glen Skewes

Seconded: Colleen Skewes.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DINGHY ASSOC. ENTRY FORM

MOORE RIVER SPRINT

8 H.P. SPORT 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:
LICENSE NO. <input type="text"/>	LICENSE NO. <input type="text"/>
TEL:	TEL:

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: GLEN & JUSTIN SKEWES
44 CLEMENT DRIVE,
KARRINYUP W.A. 6018
TEL JUSTIN: 447 6424

ENTRY FEE: \$40.00 NON REFUNDABLE

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!

MOORE RIVER SPRINT

30th August 1992

Supplementary Regulations

ENTRY FEE:

\$40 per entry, non refundable. All entry fees over and above running costs will go to prizemoney. Entry must be on an official WASDA Entry Form.

CLASSES:

8 H.P. Sport. 8 H.P. Standard. Entry in more than one class is not permitted.

START ORDER:

Will be by ballot, Entries close 25.8.921.

REPLACEMENT PARTS:

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

WITHDRAWALS:

Entrants withdrawing during the race MUST advise the nearest check point official. Failure to do so will incur a \$50 penalty.

CANCELLATION:

Should the water level be too low to hold the event, the race will be moved to Baldvis Water Ski Park. Entrants should

contact 447 6424 to confirm venue before race.

START:

The proposed starting area is approximately 600m down stream from Cowala Road bridge.

Access to this point is via private property from the northern side of the Moore River. The property is currently owned by Mr Rob Rathbone, access though and camping on this property has been granted.

The position of the start may vary due to water level.

CHECK POINTS:

Checkpoint 1 is to be located at Benny Road Crossing. There is limited access to this crossing for support crew and spectators, unless in four wheel drive vehicles.

Checkpoint 2 is on private property and limited access only.

Checkpoint 3 is again privately owned, there is no vehicle access to this property. It is a 300m walk, making spectator access limited.

Checkpoint 4 is at Lancelin Road bridge. There is a parking area, this area is easily accessible to both support crews and spectators.

TIME:

The fastest boat should be able to

complete the approximate 50km race in a time of 2 hours, the slowest boat should take no longer than 5 hours.

Proposed start time: 10.00am

Scrutineering: Will be at 9.00am

Briefing: Will be at 9.45am.

Timing: Of the race is to be taken from the start line at Cowala Rd (downstream) from the bridge until Checkpoint 4.

FAILURE TO REACH CHECKPOINTS IN TIME:

Any boat failing to reach the above checkpoints before the cut off times instructed by the race director shall be removed from the water at the appropriate checkpoint.

RECOVERY:

Any craft breaking down shall be towed to the nearest checkpoint where it shall be removed from the water, and shall take no further part in the race.

The recovery of these craft will be by a sweep and recovery boat manned by two competent people with previous experience.

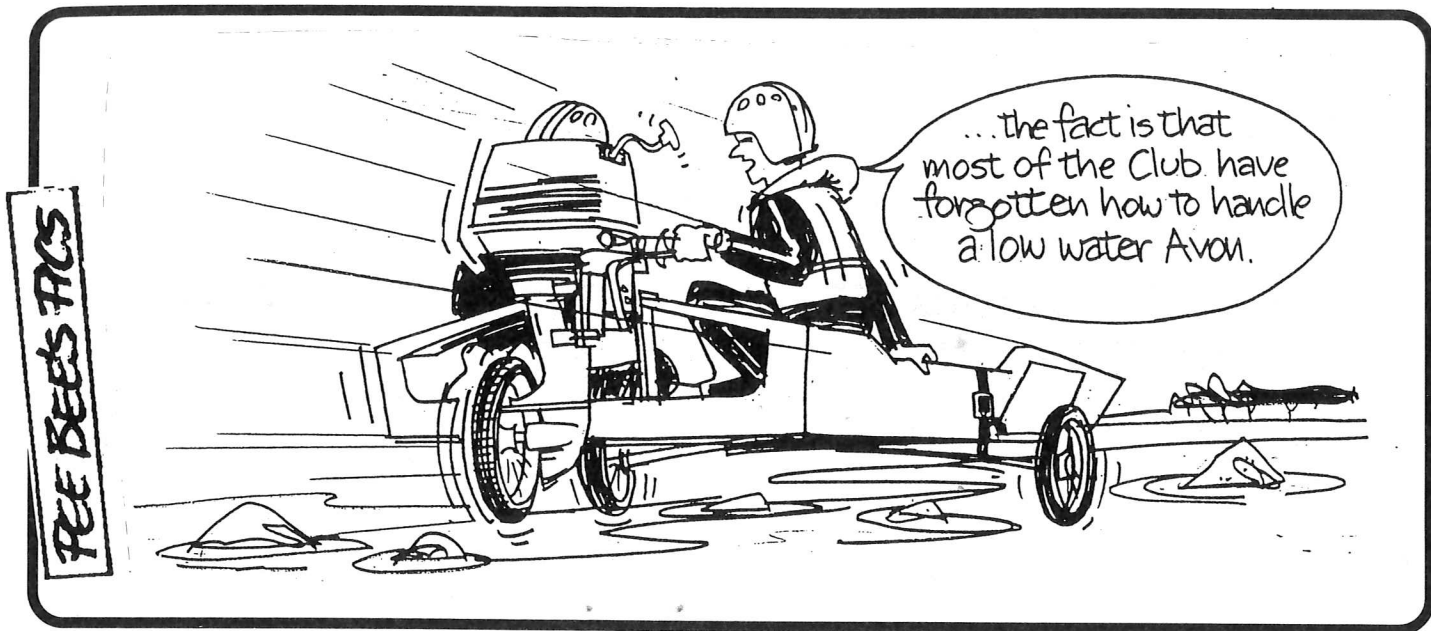
EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Medical Centre Gingin (09) 575 2300

Police Station Gingin (09) 575 2244

Ambulance Gingin (09) 575 2332

Club First Aid chest.



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CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

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DINGHIES TOP "20"

Russell Wilson	220
Justin Ferguson	220
Craig Whatley	200
Trevor Gerrick	200
Jill Evans	180
John Evans	140
Paul Tregurtha	120
Keith Parnell	120
Graeme Black	120
Dave Wallas	100
Dave Chester	100
Ralph Jones	100
Ian Williamson	100

Tony Maxfield	100
Daniel O'Neil	86
John Blenerhasset	86
Mark Tregurtha	80
Ron Robinson	80
Glen McNamara	80

BATHTUBS

Bradley Watson	100
Trevor Thomas	80
Justin Ferguson	60
Justin Skewes	40
Howard Thomas	20
Geoff Hall	6

FORMULA "8"s

Jan Wilson	100
Colleen Skewes	80
Kerry Barden	60
Mark Wilson	40
Justine Watson	20
Cobie Bevan	6

PEE WEE'S

Nova Bevan	100
Tyron Wilson	80
Kris Parnell	60
Todd Williamson	40
Narelle Watson	20