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NEXT MEETING

September 8, 8.00pm
The Palms, Cnr Rokeby and
Nicholson Rds, Subiaco

NEXT RACES

Blackwood Clasic 250
September 26, 27 & 28
Blessing of the Fleet October
24 & 25

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CRAIG WHATLEY AND TREVOR GERRICK BLITZ AVON

Hot favourites, the Velmade boat 158, taught everyone a lesson in the 1992 Avon Descent when they beat the next boat home by a staggering 23 minutes.

It is probably more than ten years since the Avon has been won by such a big margin. When you consider that the level was relatively low compared to recent years you can appreciate how fast this team really is.

Day one of the Avon was fairly predictable. The first grids made it to Cobblers pool without many surprises in the results.

Boat 158 had already established a firm grip on pole followed by boat 200 of Ron Kitcher and Graeme Keesing, four minutes behind with Russel Wilson and Justin Ferguson (105) sixteen minutes behind, quickly followed by Justin Skewes and Peter Street (117).

With jagged granite poking through the white water at Extracts at all angles, it was interesting how the front runners approached the problem. The Wilson/Ferguson team's approach was 'full tilt'. Full speed and a spectacular tilt into the pool! Funnily enough, they still managed to get going faster than boat 200 which decided to portage.

With the exception of the Rob De Joode/Rob Gerrick boat (123) which flew, the quickies without good grid

positions were finding the going tough.

The Ian Williamson/Tony Maxfield combination (166) took it easy to preserve their gear (mistake!) and John and Ian Goodbody, who switched to their tinnie at the last minute when they saw how low the water was, were off the pace.

The 001 entry of Peter Bevan and Tom Blaxell found out how light and glassing was on their ex-Whately boat when they struggled into Extracts with a de-laminated bottom after showing early form.

Frank Berloth, who is, trying to lose his 'crash-n-bash' image was taking it fairly conservatively and came in fifth.

John and Jill Evans (188) put the wind up everyone when they bought their rubber duckie into Cobblers in sixth position a minute ahead of 162.

After all the usual merriment and lies at the overnight campsite, it was on in earnest at 11am the next morning.

After consistent rain that night, the water level had come up nearly a foot, providing very racible channels through the granite in the valley.

Boat 158 leapt out of the gate first and was not seen again. After a blindingly fast run home they were out of the water, showered and changed before the next boat was in.

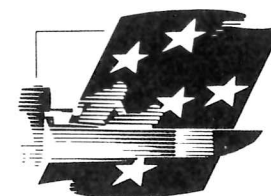
Down the valley, some parts of the bank looked like wrecking yards. A huge number of boats were taken out at Harts and Sids took out its fair share as usual.

On the run home, 200 lost time allowing 105 and 124 to sneak past with 166 sneaking up to fifth position in Sports.

In Standard, Rob De Joode and Rob Gerrick (123) won by nineteen minutes. In fact the only boats that beat his time were the first three sports boats.

Second was Bob and Geof Massam (121) with Ralph Jones and Brent Barden filling third spot.

Despite the lower than usual number of entries, the Avon this year was an outstanding event.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DINGHY ASSOC. ENTRY FORM

BLACKWOOD PRACTISE

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:
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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.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

THIS IS A CLOSED EVENT.

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



**RED FLAG
REMINDER**

**BLACKWOOD PRACTISE DAY ON
SEPTEMBER 12 IS NOW A WASDA
SANCTIONED EVENT REQUIRING
\$25 ENTRY FEE.**



PDR COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Northam's Avon Descent Association once again excelled in the organisation of this year's event. When you consider that just five months ago, they were still waiting for the findings of the Coronial Inquiry to be handed down you might appreciate how much work has been done in a short time.

I think the publicity this year has greatly improved as well. Not only was there more, it was better. The writers are now treating dinghy racing as a sport with more stories about 'who's doing what' rather than the usual rubbish about the water level and the campsite.

NADA's professionalism should be an inspiration to all the sport's Race Directors. We should be making a bigger effort to improve the standards in all our events.

It doesn't go un-noticed by the sponsors either. Gerry Post was very pleased to announce at the race presentation, that Caltex, STW9, Coates and all the minor sponsors had renewed their contracts for the 1993 race.

On behalf of all dinghy racers, I congratulate Gerry Post, Jim Smith, Rex Adams and the rest of the committee on an outstanding effort.

OK Commodores aren't perfect either. In the last Racers Column I stated that you didn't need to hold a current license to hold a number. Lyn Berloth has been very quick to point out that I was wrong. In fact you **must** have a license to hold a race number. Oops! Sorry.

Peter Bevan
Commodore

AVON PHOTOS AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING

CLUB NEWS

Blackwood Classic

The practise day for the Blackwood on September 12 is now a WASDA sanctioned event and requires an entry form filled out and an entry fee. The form and the fee must be submitted to the organisers at 10.00am Saturday at the carpark at the Blackwood start. THIS IS NOT A RACE. No championship points will be awarded. It's just that the organisers want to keep an eye on who's in the river. Blackwood scrutineering for non-country members will be at 9.00am Sunday September 13 at Hines Reserve. It is compulsory for all metropolitan entrants to attend. There will be no scrutineering at Bridgetown for Perth members.

Blessing of the Fleet.

The previously published calendar of events had the wrong date in for the Blessing of the Fleet. The actual date is October 24 & 25.

This year's event will be bigger and better than ever with tubs, Formula 8's, Pee Wees, Dinghies and the popular rubber duckie races. The entry fee will include lunch on the deck at Lombardos. Don't miss this one. Put it in your diary now.

York.

Due to a variety of reasons, including environmental concerns and the lack of a Race Director, the York event has been cancelled. Scratch that one out of your diary.

Bathtub Rules.

The newly drafted set of rules for Bathtub

DINGHY DITTIES

The Velmade Team put some of their winnings to good use after the Avon with a barrel in the factory for club members and the like. Winners are grinners, aren't they Rob!

After making the comment in last month's Dinghy Ditties, about the fact that russell wilson would be approaching Extracts with a little more concern after nearly chopping himself in half at the weir on practise day, I have to eat my words. What does he do? Goes and hits it again absolutely flat chat and barrel rolls it off the top! Word has it that he's not walking too well at the moment.

Anyone that has been listening to the rubbish about Suzukis not being strong enough should take a look at 1am Williamson's, Peter Bevan's and Kim Bolvary's motors. they came out of the race as good as new.

It seems as though the Mariner and Mercury motors are coming out with varying sized ports. If you intend buying one, it might wise to measure the ports first befor eyou sign on the dotted line. If you are unsure, speak to Frank.

racing will be circulated at the next meeting ready for voting on at the meeting after that. If you have an interested in tubing and would like a set of the draft rules sent to you, give Lyn Berloth a ring on the club number.

Car Rally.

The annual spring social event this year will be a car rally on Sunday October 10. The \$15 entry fee for each car includes venue entry and free drinks and chips for the kids.

There will also be a clown to organise games and prizes for the kiddies as well as good prizes for the rally. Gas BBQ's are at the venue. Bring your own lunch and refreshments.

Start will be at 9.00am sharp at the Causeway Carpark just downstream from the bridge. Don't miss this one. It will be a fun day for the kids.

This year's Adults Christmas Party will be a Progressive Dinner held on Saturday December 12. The committee plans to have a double decker bus kitted out with a bar and disco for the event. Only about 40 couples can attend so if you want to go want to go, book early with Lyn Berloth.

The Kids Christmas Party will be held at Herrison Island on November 29. More details in next Racer.

Proposals

Motions on Bathtub and Formula 8 rules to be voted on by Bathtubs and Formula 8 racing members only.

Proposed: Geoff Hall

Seconded: Gary Evans

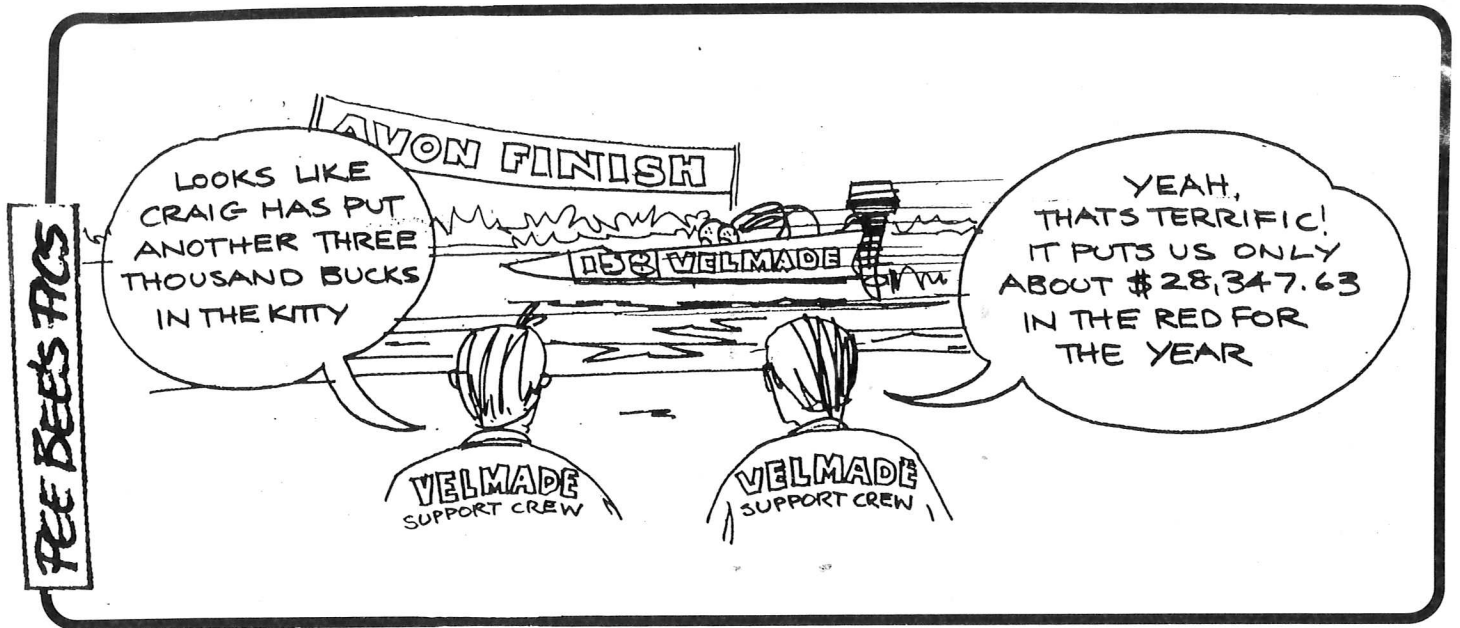
AVON RESULTS

Standard Class

1 123 8STD ROBERT DE JOODE	ROBERT GERRICK	22 01 42 13 1	73 02 14 37	1 03 56 50
2 121 8STD BOB MASSAM	GEOFFREY MASSAM	4 01 58 43 5	87 02 16 18	2 04 15 01
3 011 8STD RALPH JONES	BRENT STAN BARDEN	3 01 48 26 2	78 02 36 14	3 04 24 40
4 029 8STD CON PITSIKAS	KEN GRIFFITHS	12 02 09 17 7	92 02 36 23	4 04 45 40
5 148 8STD KEITH BROOKER	MARY VESSELS	5 02 11 54 9	94 02 39 45	5 04 51 39
6 168 8STD KEVIN JOHN PRATER	SIMON FORREST	16 02 01 25 6	90 02 54 08	6 04 55 33
7 087 8STD RICKY FRANKLIN	MAL FRANKLIN	7 02 17 58 11	100 02 43 54	7 05 01 52
8 132 8STDA COLIN HEITMAN	HOWARD BATHGATE	5 02 11 55 10	95 02 56 10	8 05 08 05
9 080 8STDN TODD IAN CUREDALE	PERRY AARO CRUTCHETT	21 02 23 07 15	105 02 48 06	9 05 11 13
10 092 8STD RONALD EDW ROBINSON	TREVOR GOR CARTER	7 01 57 02 4	84 03 30 56	10 05 27 58
11 031 8STD GREGORY BR MOILER	MICHAEL DELICH	6 02 22 01 14	104 03 06 17	11 05 28 18
12 049 8STD DAVID BARNETT	DARRELL MICKLE	11 02 29 46 17	109 03 08 52	12 05 38 38
13 081 8STD GREG ALAN BARNDON	PETER TIM TRIVETT	17 02 20 43 13	102 03 18 49	13 05 39 32
14 082 8STD ANDREW EATON	MARK FISHER	18 02 38 05 23	118 03 18 40	14 05 56 45
15 091 8STD KEVIN COX	GRAEME HASSON	21 02 37 44 22	117 03 20 13	15 05 57 57
16 048 8STD MARTIN RIC HOLBROOK	KELLY HOLBROOK	18 03 16 40 32	131 02 48 26	16 06 05 06
17 133 8STD DAVID GANNON	STEPHEN PA MORRIS	15 02 36 43 21	116 03 53 23	17 06 30 06
18 176 8STD WILLIAM BREHENY	CHRISTOPHE BREHENY	8 03 21 15 33	132 03 11 02	18 06 32 17
19 037 8STD KEVIN GOODALL	JOHN BYERS	18 03 55 49 38	139 02 49 16	19 06 45 05
20 053 8STDA ROBERT RIBBANS	DAVID RIBBANS	13 02 25 30 16	106 04 27 29	20 06 52 59
21 101 8STD GREGORY RO OVERSBY	ANDREW JOH PARKIN	15 03 05 28 30	129 04 01 33	21 07 07 01
22 022 8STD DARREN AUSTIN	WAYNE AUSTIN	6 02 33 15 20	113 04 36 02	22 07 09 17
23 154 8STD BRIAN JOHN WHITEHEAD	TONY HARBISON	16 02 32 29 19	112 04 47 25	23 07 19 54
24 104 8STD ANTHONY MUSGRAVE	BEVIN MAXWELL	9 02 52 49 27	125 04 29 04	24 07 21 53
25 063 8STD JON RANSON	PAUL FATHERS	20 02 52 46 26	124 04 53 16	25 07 46 02

Sports Class

1 158 8SPT CRAIG WHATELY	TREVOR GERRICK	1 01 23 28 1	68 01 59 42	1 03 23 10
2 105 8SPT RUSSELL WILSON	JUSTIN FERGUSON	1 01 34 13 3	70 02 12 07	2 03 46 20
3 124 8SPT FRANK BERLOTH	ROGER AMBROSINO	4 01 39 39 5	72 02 15 52	3 03 55 31
4 200 8SPT RON KITCHER	GRAEME KEESING	1 01 27 40 2	69 02 34 10	4 04 01 50
5 166 8SPT IAN WILLIAMSON	TONY MAXFIELD	16 01 45 23 9	77 02 18 50	5 04 04 13
6 064 8SPT KIM BOLVARY	ALLEN VAUGHAN	4 01 52 46 11	80 02 22 40	6 04 15 26
7 162 8SPT JOHN GOODBODY	IAN GOODBODY	1 01 49 47 10	79 02 34 10	7 04 23 57
8 002 8SPT DAVID WRIGHT	MEHELLE HOLLAND	7 01 57 37 14	85 02 34 57	8 04 32 34
9 117 8SPT JUSTIN SKEWES	PETER STREET	9 01 37 26 4	71 02 57 55	9 04 35 21
10 185 8SPT GERALD VIN WELLS	TRICIA KAY WELLS	11 02 04 42 18	91 02 36 23	10 04 41 05
11 188 8SPT JOHN EVANS	JILL EVANS	3 01 44 58 8	76 03 07 58	11 04 52 56
12 061 8SPT MARK INNES	CHARLES BOLT	5 02 17 03 22	99 02 38 40	12 04 55 43
13 109 8SPT KEVIN LAWRENCE	GEOFFREY LAWRENCE	11 01 57 38 15	86 03 03 25	13 05 01 03
14 135 8SPT ROD THOMAS	JUSTIN HOWARTH	23 02 01 20 17	89 03 05 28	14 05 06 48
15 004 8SPT DON HAYNES	CLEVE HAYNES	8 02 12 18 19	96 02 55 48	15 05 08 06
16 115 8SPT TREVOR SCARFF	DAVID GENTRY	22 02 14 50 20	97 03 07 57	16 05 22 47
17 096 8SPT TAY ANTHON OVERSTONE	DAVID ANTH SNOOKS	13 01 56 01 12	82 03 50 27	17 05 46 28
18 067 8SPT JAMIE PAUL GEORGE	FREDERICK GEORGE	12 02 46 20 30	121 03 05 52	18 05 52 12
19 175 8SPT GREGORY CH JOHNSON	MICHAEL JO JOHNSON	13 02 59 50 32	127 02 52 35	19 05 52 25
20 045 8SPT BRIAN STAGG	RODNEY WRIGHT	6 02 34 08 27	114 03 22 13	20 05 56 21
21 008 8SPT KEVIN DARR GREEN	BRODIE TAYLOR	3 02 35 24 28	115 03 25 57	21 06 01 21
22 098 8SPT BRIAN RICH WYATT	BRUCE JAME PARNHAM	16 02 47 09 31	123 03 18 07	22 06 05 16
23 110 8SPT JOHN COATES	JOHN ALFORD	14 02 28 43 25	108 03 51 42	23 06 20 25
24 140 8SPT ROSS FITCHETT	BRETT HODGE	14 02 21 12 23	103 04 11 25	24 06 32 37
25 041 8SPT CHRIS BUTTERWORTH	MELANIE RIBBANS	22 02 16 18 21	98 04 30 47	25 06 47 05



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CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

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DINGHIES TOP "20"					
Craig Whately	400	Ian Willamson	140	Kerry Barden	100
Trevor Gerrick	400	Keith Parnell	121	Colleen Skewes	80
Russell Wilson	380	Graeme Black	121	Scott Webb	80
Justin Ferguson	380	Paul Tregutha	120	Mark Wilson	40
Frank Berloth	245	David Wallace	101	Justine Watson	40
Brent Barden	220	BATHTUBS		Cobie Bevan	5
Rolf Jones	220	Bradley Watson	200	Peter Pavlinovich	5
Rob De Joode	201	Trevor Thomas	160	Steven Webb	1
Rob Gerrick	201	Justin Ferguson	60	PEE WEE'S	
Jill Evans	185	John Haynes	60	Nova Bevan	100
Roger Ambrosino	185	Howard Thomas	60	Tyron Wilson	80
Geoff Massan	160	Justin Skewes	40	Kris Parnell	60
Bob Massan	160	Geoff Hall	5	Todd Williamson	40
John Evans	145	FORMULA "8"s		Narelle Watson	20
Tony Maxfield	140	Jan Wilson	100	Peter Barden	
		Scott Bennett	100	Daniel Rutherford.	