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NEXT MEETING

Sept 13th, 8p.m.
The Palms, Cnr Rokeby and
Nicholson Rds

NEXT RACE

●BLACKWOOD CLASSIC 250
2nd, 3rd, 4th October

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE

●AVON RESULTS

21st AVON DESCENT

The 21st Avon Descent has indeed come of age with some of the closest racing seen for some time in all the dinghy classes.

Although no time records were set, Trevor "the Guru" Gerrick became the first dinghy racer to win 4 Avons in a row. This beat the previous record set by John "Teabag" Faull in the early 80's.

Trevor now joins Russell Wilson and John Goodbody in the 4 wins club. He has also underlined the importance of a good deckie, in that it is not just the driver who wins races.

Scrutineering

With scrutineering being the traditional Easter Parade for everyone to show off their new boats, it was a shame the weather was not more accommodating (as a result most people had to resort to flash units for their spy cameras).

Making up for the weather was the crew at Foothills Marine. Their much appreciated sausage sizzle and coffee warming up some less than sizzling bodies (apart from the O'Connor's promo girls).

As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, the standard of preparation was high. Some of the more interesting design features were : bow covers, glassed-in transoms, divinice sides, and longitudinal fuel tanks. This was quite apart from a few unusual hull designs.

O'Connors Tavern - White Water Party

For some, the white water started flowing (and the tall tales) on the Wednesday night before the Avon at O'Connors. The sponsors of boat 096 putting on a good little spread.

The night provided the perfect opportunity for everyone to get into practice for their fisherman's tales (as if practice was needed) of the "my boat is so fast" variety.

With the stories out of the way it was soon down to the serious (for some) business of the Avon.

Sports

With Trevor winning it goes without saying that Craig Whatley and Team Velmade did it again. Their new high tech space shuttle coming up with goods for a flag to flag win.

While on the face of it the win may of appeared to be a stroll in the park. The challengers were breathing down their necks right up until the home stretch.

In the initial stages it was the two Rob's (123) and Ronnie & Graham (200) taking the challenge to Velmade. Boat 105 suffering an early set back (bent prop) in their manta ray design. Both 123 and 200 however suffered a case of zigging instead of zagging (200 in particular at Extracts) in the ti-tress to 105 to close the gap to 158. John Goodbody & Kevin Green (162) also had a good run to be well placed in the top five.

With the start of Day 2, 105's advantage in the ti-trees was lost in the run to Posselts.

Boat 200 with Roach on the tiller was driving as though someone had the Baygon at the ready to snuff him out. Unfortunately they tripped over some of their extra legs further down the valley to end their chances of an outright win.

Much the same could be said of 123. The nose (of the boat) almost ready to drop off by the time of reaching the finish. A little eskimo hello with a tree at Emu's doing the damage.

This left 105 and 162 to fight it out for the podium places. With a short in the electrics, 105 could not keep in touch with 162, dropping back to third.

When it came to Garratt road, everyone had their stop watches out calculating corrected times. In the end the top six placegetters had a spread of roughly 15 minutes.

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PDRC COMMODORE'S REPORT

Congratulations to all those who finished this year's Avon Descent. Especially those who not only beat the river but those that gained a place. Trevor and Craig once again proved time, effort, and money are unbeatable. Not to mention having team work and good old fashioned know how. Well done guys.

In general the race was run exceptionally well, with no real visible hiccups. A credit to NADA in the race's 21st year. With the Blackwood only weeks away an old team is now in place to operate the event on behalf of the BRSC. David Whitney as Race Director and Kim Epton as Deputy Race Director. I am sure this duo will ensure this year's Blackwood will be a special event.

At the last WASDA meeting the supplementary regulations were tabled. And hopefully all previous problems are now corrected.

A notable change for the Blackwood will be the Alloy class with two divisions. One with movable transoms, one with fixed transoms. If you are interested in racing alloy class then please ring Kim Epton.

This year please treat the Blackwood with as much seriousness as the Avon and prepare your entries correctly for scrutineering.

CLUB NEWS

Rule Amendment Proposal

Amendment to Rule 17.12 Competition Rules to State:

Where a competition is comprised of numerous events or heats (e.g. Boatkhana, Circuit Racing) points for each event shall be allotted on the following basis. Exception shall be made for the first Event of each group where both Heats shall race for equal points.

Group 1	Group 2
1st 10	1st 7
2nd 9	2nd 6
3rd 8	3rd 5
4th 4	4th 2
5th 3	5th 1

Note : These rule amendments fall in-line with Rule 9.6 of Bathub & Formula 8 Rules.

Proposed - P. Street

Seconded - G. Skewes

Rule Amendment Proposal

Delete Rule 3.1A and 4.1A and replace with - Marine and Harbours registration numbers to be affixed on both external sides of the craft immediately forward of the transom.

Proposed - G. Hall

Seconded - L. Berloth

Rule Amendment Proposal

Delete Rule 3.1B and replace with - Marine and Harbours registration label to be visible and affixed on the inside of the transom on the port side of the craft.

Proposed - G. Hall

Seconded - L. Berloth

Rule Amendment Proposal

Amendment to Rule 4.2 Power Dinghy Specifications :

Addition to Rule 4.2 -

1. Adhesive computer cut-out numbers may be adhered to a painted bright canary yellow solid background.
2. Measurements as per 4.2(a).
3. Numbers must be Black and of Fuji - Cal2 Long Term Vinyl - 50 Micron or equivalent - 7 year vinyl. As supplied by qualified suppliers.
4. Competitors must make available to the scrutineer proof of supply including quality of material.

Proposed - P. Street

Seconded - G. Skewes

Rule Amendment Proposal

Change of name for the Pee Wee class to Junior's Formula 8.

Proposed - Ben Fairhurst

Seconded - Todd Williamson

Avon Photos by the Official race Photographer will be available at the next meeting

ATTENTION ALL BATHTUB DRIVERS

A weigh in station for all Bathtubs to be held at Foothills Marine, 1716 Albany Highway Kenwick on Sunday 19th Sept. Between 9.00 am and 12.00 pm. Any enquires ph 490 1714. Must bring all gear ready to race.

NOTE: All placegetters in bathtub races will be weighed as part of scrutineering.

SWIMS

Swims for Blackwood Classic 250 to be held on 28th August between 12.00pm & 2.00pm.

DINGHY DITTIES

Recession - What Recession ?

This year's Avon saw a large number of brand new glass boats make a debut appearance. It would seem the drop off in numbers has come from the back end of the field. Immediately after the race, a number of the top finishers had already sold their rigs for a tidy dollar to start on next year's design. After all next year's Avon is only 11 months away.

With all the spy camera work you would of thought Rob De Joode would of got it right. The finishing state of his boat resembled the 1991 158 machine - something to do with a natural stress point.

Craig's retirement is short lived. Rumour has it he is driving boat 096 in Moore River. Craig must feel too young to be sitting in a rocking chair whittling boats.

Attack of the camera boat jinx or was starring, writing, producing, directing in the "Apocalypse Frank" epic too much for 124 in the Avon ?

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

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Sports	Standard	Alloy
Trevor Gerrick 300	Dennis Peach 440	George Cox 280
Craig Whatley 300	Mick Chittick 440	Graham Blinkow 280
Frank Berloth 266	Cameron Wilkie 147	Jamie McAllister 160
Grant Powu-Bray 266	Peter Carboni 147	David McAllister 160
Justin Skewes 200	Kim Webb 100	Colin Heitman 120
Peter Hink 200	Michael Webb 100	Howard Bathgate 120
Russell Wilson 140	Keith Parnell 100	
Justin Ferguson 140	Graham Black 100	
Rod Thomas 140		
Justin Howarth 140		

RED FLAG REMINDER

BATHTUB & F8 SEASON FAST APPROACHING

Avon wrap-up continued
Standard

The question on everyone's lips was whether the "new kids on the block" could knock off the established runners.

The result was close. But in the end they did.

The pairing of Mick Chittick & Dennis Peach proving to be as tough to beat (so far this season) as Team Velmade (high praise indeed).

As with the sports field, the competition was close, although the field spread out after the first four home.

Parnell & Black (190) turned up in their "Old Faithful" to give 163 a run. They even finished Day 2 in front. But not enough to make up the difference in time from Day 1.

Most people would be interested to see what the 190 crew could do if they had a new speed machine to take for a burn down the valley.

With Cameron "Stretch" Wilkie forgoing the relative sanctuary of sweep boat duties came a lesson in displacement. A tin boat sinks and an air boat does not (at least when its got no holes). This lesson was rather painfully learned at Emu's where his boat is still making its way to Garratt road, Red October style. Nevertheless it made for some interesting vision for those who were there.

While on the subject of sinking, the fancied 011 Team of Ralph & Brent had similar flotation problems. A rather large (is there any other kind) hole in their boat on Day 1 slowed them down on Day 2. A 4th place given the damage was a noteworthy effort.

Alloy

This year saw the running of the alloy class good and proper. With the class originating from the BRSC, the favourites George & Graeme (191) didn't disappoint.

Once again the times for the podium placegetters were close with only a few minutes between them. In particular the tussle for 2nd between the McAllister's (035) and Colin & Howard (132) ended in a 14 second time difference (not quite as close as the 1 sec. difference for 13th spot in sports).

After being unable to get a tin aircraft carrier built, Peter Bevan went for a more sedate 2nd-hand design. His "tour" down the river proving very fruitful. Peter being very competitive on Day 1, however the plot got lost (almost with the boat in the high water) on Day 2.

Note: Official Race Pictures available at next club meeting for viewing and ordering .

P.D.R.C. CLASSIFIEDS

For additions to this section please contact the office on 490 1714

WHERE TO GO

SIGNWRITING - NUMBERS ETC.
COMPUTER LETTERING. PDRC
MEMBERS DISCOUNT :

Jarrod Street Ph 249 4154
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ALUMINIUM WELDING :

Frank Berloth 398 1800 -
(Racing dinghies, engine
reinforcing, fuel tanks, transom
frames etc)

SURFACING PROPELLERS :

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Arthur)

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SERVICE:**

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Ready to race. \$2,500. See David
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Make an offer. Ph 490 1714

3 bathtubs ready to race. Ph 490 1714

Team Velmade - anything &
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458 4716.

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John Haynes ph 459 7023.