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Next Meeting

9th June 1997

8.00pm

Burswood Clubrooms

Bon Voyage Keith and Leslie

Our sincere thanks and best wishes go with Keith and Leslie Brooker as they embark on their round Australia adventure. They have both made an invaluable contribution to the club in recent years as the new committee members are quickly realising.



Leslie receives her award for Best Member



Keith makes his final speech as Commodore

The club wishes you a safe journey and we look forward to your support and further involvement on your return.

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COMMODORES COMMENTS JUNE 1997

It is comforting to know that the P.D.R.C. now has a full committee for the 97/98 year with the appointment of our new secretary Leonie McGlew and treasurer Jeff Hodgkinson. Our thanks goes to both of them for helping us out of a tight situation.

The Spitpost Marathon (The first race of the season) was held in challenging conditions on the Sunday the 18th of May. The turnout for the race was excellent with 42 boats fronting on the day equalling past records for the event. As the rivers fill all looks good for some big fields and exciting racing for the rest of the season. Many thanks to Arthur Fairhurst and his family and all helpers for a job well done in trying conditions.

With the Blackwood Classic getting nearer Lyn Berloth has once again volunteered to organise the event and is in the process of filling her race committee now. The 3 day event takes an enormous amount of effort and is the premier power dingy race of the year. People who would like to be a part of this great weekend should contact Lyn on 398 1800.

In this issue you will find the new club calendar so stick it somewhere obvious. No excuses for missing any important events. This includes our first social night at Burswood being a quiz night so be sure not to miss this one.

Watch out for this years scrutineer. He is on the ball and is playing it by the book to ensure racing is fair and your boats and motors are right and he will not be accepting silly excuses. (You can expect silly excuses to appear in dinghy ditties so beware. Ed.) His advice is "Make sure you are reading your rule book." If you have any queries don't hesitate to contact Rin Rutherford (Scrutineer). All rule amendments were issued two months ago so make sure you are up to date. Any queries contact the secretary. See you on the water....

Dennis Peach

GENERAL NEWS

It has been brought to the committees attention that some of the trophies that have been presented at past events have not been up to standard. They have had faults like event names misspelt or have been poorly assembled. If you have recieved any trophy from any event that you are not happy with please bring it to the next meeting or contact Dennis Peach to arrange to have the problem remedied.

The WA Speedboat Club is having a Hangi Dinner (Kiwi banquet where the food is cooked underground by hot coals) at the Burswood clubrooms on the 7th of June. All are welcome. The event starts at 4.00pm with dinner served at 5.00pm. It will be accompanied by live entertainment. Anybody interested in attending should contact Tracey (354 4785) or Linda (399 7061) to get a ticket. Cost is \$30 adults, \$10 children 10-16 and under 10's free.

PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

The following proposed addition to the specifications will be debated and voted on at the 9th of June General Meeting.

New Specification

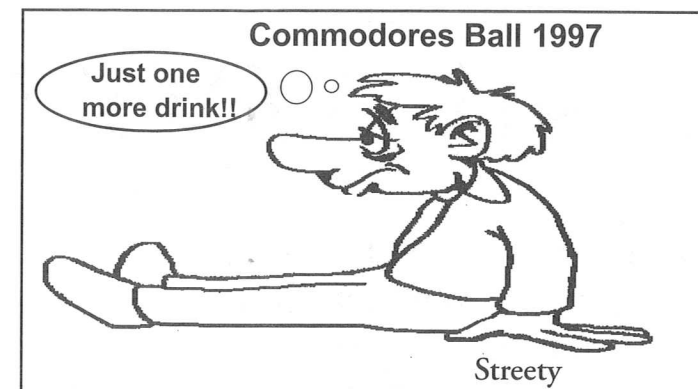
Outboard motors, parts and accessories used must be those which are manufactured for the Australian market and are readily available to the Australian public through the relevant manufacturers dealerships.

The use of imported outboard motors, parts and accessories other than those supplied direct to Australian dealers from the manufacturer is not permitted regardless of any written authorisation submitted.

Proposed: Rin Rutherford
Seconded: Ian Williamson

Any members who have not yet visited the Burswood clubrooms and may be unsure as to where they are, they are located on the foreshore at the Burswood Casino complex and can be accessed from great eastern highway coming

from the causeway taking the first entrance into the casino complex and then the first left which runs parallel to the foreshore and leads you to the clubrooms.



If you haven't heard about it yet then you must have recently been abducted by aliens. A quiz night is being held at the Burswood clubrooms on Friday the 13th of June (Yes thats black Friday). Grab a group of friends(not just club members...we'll take anybody) and make a night of it. Supper will be provided and the club bar will be operating with drinks provided at the usual bargain prices. If you have any queries or wish to purchase tickets contact Shane Tregurtha on 0419 045 674 or Scott Bennett on 249 4747. This is the first social event for the year so make sure you're there and enjoy a night out at the new Burswood clubrooms.

Want to see a photo of yourself in the magazine. Ever wondered why you haven't had one in it before. Have you ever thought about supplying one of your own?? As editor of the dinghy racer I would appreciate any material that anybody has to contribute to the newsletter be it a photo, a cartoon, a joke, a bit of goss or general or technical information of interest to other racers. If anybody feels they have talent as a cartoonist or photographer or any suggestions for a particular type of column or any other suggestion of ways to improve the content of the "Power Dinghy Racer" Don't hesitate to contact me on my mobile 0419 433088 or phone or fax me at home on 9317 1043.



REMEMBER, SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE
DUE ON 31ST OF MAY. YOU NEED TO
BE FINANCIAL TO RACE

The Commodores Ball 1997

The transformation of the Burswood Clubrooms for the Commodores Ball from a bare room to a five star venue was truly amazing. Thanks again to all who were a part of this.

The night was nothing short of a huge success with proceedings ending at dawn. Other than having a good time the Ball also marks the end of the racing season and is the event where trophies are presented to all class winners and special awards are presented.

The awards winners on the night were;

8HP STANDARD

CLASS WINNER: Shane Tregurtha
SECOND: Brent & Kerry Barden
THIRD: Glenn Paul

8HP SPORTS

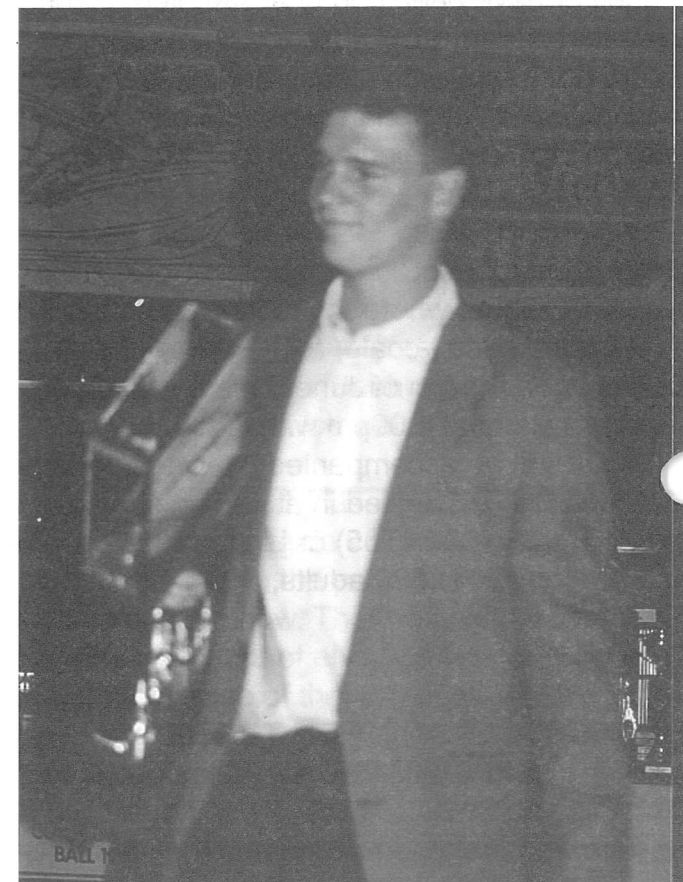
CLASS WINNER: Jay Branson
SECOND: Marie Branson
THIRD: Kim Bolvary

10HP SPORTS

CLASS WINNER: Russell Wilson
SECOND: John Goodbody
THIRD: Greg Barndon

BATHTUBS

CLASS WINNER: Scott Bennett
SECOND: Justin Ferguson
THIRD: Justin Skewes



Winners are grinners...Senior Club Champion
Shane Tregurtha

F8 ROOKIES

CLASS WINNER: Shane Barden
SECOND: Mathew Branson
THIRD: Scott Goodbody

F8 MENS

CLASS WINNER: Jeremy Paull
SECOND: Jay Branson
THIRD: Rob Branson

F8 LADIES

CLASS WINNER: Jamie Webb
SECOND: Kasey Coates
THIRD: Jenni Leek

F10

CLASS WINNER: Dan Rutherford
SECOND: Tyron Wilson
THIRD: Rebecca Rutherford

Special presentations were also made on the night for recognition of special contributions to the club, exceptional performances and in some cases some forgettable performances. The winners of these awards were;

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

Peter Street

COMMODORES TROPHY

Leslie Brooker

FLIPPER AWARD

Rin Rutherford & Jenni Leek

DUMMY SPIT AWARD

Ian Williamson

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION

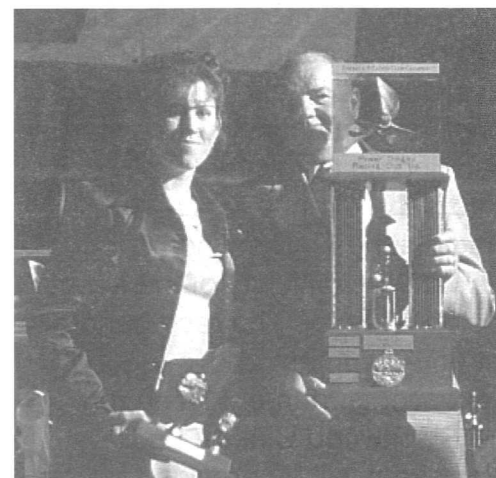
Shane Tregurtha

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPION

Tyron Wilson

BEST MEMBER TROPHY

Leslie Brooker



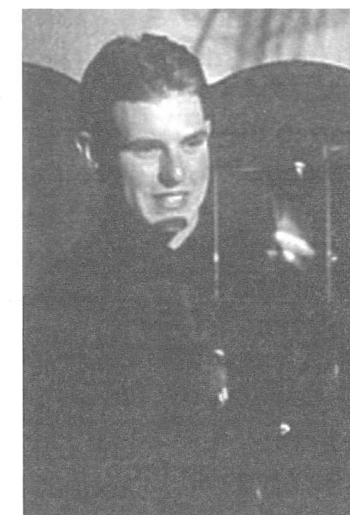
Jamie Webb Receives her trophy for
winning ladies F8 from Glen Skewes



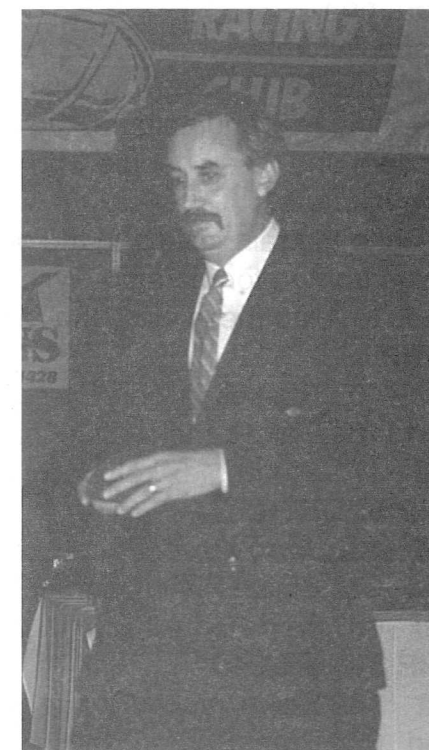
Scott Bennett Bathtub Champion



Colleen and Glen Skewes kicking
up their heels



Dan Rutherford F10 Champion



Life member Peter Street



Keith Brooker, Jay & Marie Branson

SPITPOST MARATHON WRAP

All of you not so dedicated souls spare a thought for the hardcore (or is that hardcase) individuals that fronted up for the start of the 1997 Spitpost Marathon.

A special thanks to all people involved in the organisation of the event including the race director, scutineer and helpers, the intrepid sausage sizzlers and those people who provided boats for turn markers

Despite the rain, cold and the gusting wind 42 boats fronted for the start. With the race shortened to 1 lap these were the results.

10HP

1st	105 Russell Wilson/Garry Tanner	34.06
2nd	184 Dan Rutherford/Jenni Leek	38.24
3rd	171 Stuart Maxwell/Harry Burgess	39.32

8HP SPORTS

1st	138 Jarrod Street/Scott Bennett	38.21
2nd	177 Blaise Paris/Donna Elliss	39.50
3rd	007 Tom Hodgkinson/Michael Prosser	40.12

8HP STANDARD

1st	142 Steve Brown/Shane Ballarine	38.58
2nd	028 Brent Barden/Kerry Barden	39.09
3rd	165 Steve Bilj/ John Spanghero	40.26

Comments from the race director, Arthur Fairhurst

My first impressions of this years race was forgetting the keys to the lock on the club trailer. When you combine this with the fact that at 6am visibility was almost non-existent and the weather was at best, cyclonic. Plus I heard my wife say to me more than once, "What are we going to do with 150 rolls and sausages and nine kilograms of onions?" In many respects the start to this years spitpost wasn't the greatest.

But the sausage sizzle sold out thanks to a record entry of 42 boats made up of 9 10HP entries, 8 8HP sport and 25 8HP standard many of which were new crews including many family and one mother/daughter entry which I think may be a first.

The race was shortened to one lap due to the treacherous conditions on the water, a decision which most crews seemed thankful for.

The race itself went on without much drama with only 6 DNF. The most unlucky boat of all had to be boat 139 which overturned within 50 meters of the finishing line and had to be towed in.

Trophy presentations were soon after the race. Unfortunately neither Colin or Darrell from Seasport Marine who co-sponsored the race with Tony Maxfield Racing were available to present trophies, leaving the job to Tony Maxfield.

I would like to thank formally both of the race sponsors in helping to make this event a success.

Footnote:

Had the first few boats arrived at the como jetty about ten minutes earlier they would have found two very wet young men sitting on top of an upturned rubber duckie with my son Ben saying "You can't flip a rubber duckie!!" (seemed like there was a bit of it going around. ed.) and his friend John, a farmer from York not used to boats saying "Does this normally happen Ben?". Ben replied "I'll never live this down if this boat is still upside down when Frank arrives!"

Arthur Fairhurst

THE SUNNYSIDE DOWN

By the time you read this the second race of the season, The Nannup Cup, will have already taken place. The next race on the calendar is the Sunnyside Down event. With recent rains the water level should be looking good for the 'Sunnies'. The event is set to take place on Sunday the 13th of July potentially with a start at Bridgetown depending on the water level.

For new competitors the event offers a great introduction to negotiating Ti-trees, some log jumps and rapids with the difficulty of the event depending on the water level. The race generally has a low impact on equipment and is a good lead up to the next events, namely The Avon Descent and The Blackwood Classic 250.

Final details of the event will be provided in next months edition of the dinghy racer.

SCRUTINEERS COMMENTS

In response to queries raised by members the following clarifications have been made.

1) Over board discharge of cooling water ie. re-routed by tubing to the tiller arm or elsewhere will be regarded as a safety modification. (Basically to save the driver looking behind him during the race to check the tell tail.)

2) All parts not specifically listed as removable in the rule book and originally fitted to the motor delivered as new, must be fitted to the motor. These items include; Air silencers, thermostats, oil pumps and reservoirs, lighting coils and timing screws.

3) The rules committee is presently considering the use of the word reliability (Rule 8.3) with regard to the obvious connections with safety. Your comments at the next general meeting would be appreciated.

The Trading Post

Members who wish to advertise their goods or services in the Power Dinghy Racer should contact Blaise Paris on 0419 433088

FOR SALE

Surfacing propellers,
new and used. All in good condition. Contact Tim on 9279 6839 (A/Hours)

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Mercury 8hp strengthened. Prop and fuel tank included. Ph. 343 1707 (A/Hours)

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

8HP STANDARD

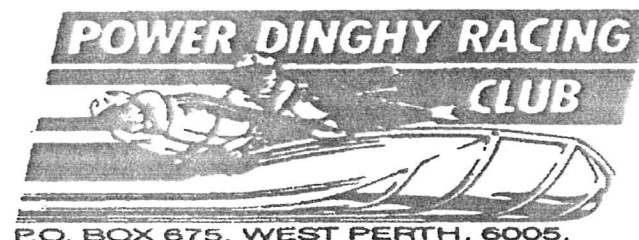
Steve Brown	100
Ballarine	100
Kerry Barden	80
Brent Barden	80
Steve Bilj	60
John Stanghero	60
Jarrod Elliot	40
David Johnson	40
Tyron Wilson	20
Peter Barden	20

8HP SPORTS

Jarrod Street	100
Scott Bennett	100
Blaise Paris	80
Donna Elliss	80
Tom Hodgkinson	60
Michael Prosser	60
John Coates	40
Leigh Hindle	40
Barradeen	20
Stent	20

10HP SPORTS

Russell Wilson	100
Garry Tanner	100
Dan Rutherford	80
Jenni Leek	80
Stewart Maxwell	60
Harry Burgess	60
Cliff Hills	40
Scott Overstone	40
Daniel Culley	20
Michelle Martin	20



1997/98 CALENDER OF EVENTS

03 May 97	Commodores Ball & Presentation Night	Burswood
12 May 97	May General Meeting	Burswood
18 May 97	Spitpost Marathon (D)	Point Walter
01 Jun 97	Nannup Cup (R)	Nannup
09 Jun 97	June General Meeting	Burswood
13 Jun 97	Black Friday Quiz Night	Burswood
13 Jul 97	Sunnyside Down (R)	Bridgetown
14 Jul 97	July General Meeting	Burswood
20 Jul 97	Avon Descent Scrutineering	Bayswater
26/27 Jul 97	Avon Descent Practice Days	Northam
02/03 Aug 97	Avon Descent	Northam
11 Aug 97	August General Meeting	Burswood
07 Sep 97	Peel Pursuit (D)	Heron Point
08 Sep 97	September General Meeting	Burswood
14 Sep 97	Blackwood Classic 250 Scrutineering	Burswood
27/28/29 Sep 97	Blackwood Classic 250	Bridgetown
13 Oct 97	October General Meeting	Burswood
19 Oct 97	F8, F10 \$ Tubs Pre-season scrutineering and Rookie orientation day	Burswood
26 Oct 97	Bunbury Carnival (C)	Bunbury
10 Nov 97	November General Meeting	Burswood
15/16 Nov 97	Northam Regatta (C)	Northam
29 Nov 97	Adults Christmas Party	To be advised
07 Dec 97	Burswood Christmas Bash and Childrens Christmas Party (C)	Burswood
08 Dec 97	December General Meeting	Burswood
12 Jan 98	January General Meeting	Burswood
24/25 Jan 98	Busselton Festival (D)	Busselton
09 Feb 98	February General Meeting	Burswood
15 Feb 98	Rockingham Regatta (C)	Rockingham
08 Mar 98	Burswood Enduro (C)	Burswood
09 Mar 98	March General Meeting	Burswood
11/12 Apr 98	Fredericks town Cup - Easter (R)	Albany
20 Apr 98	April General Meeting/Annual General Meeting (Deferred one week due to Easter Weekend)	Burswood
26 Apr 98	Rookies Presentation Day	To be advised
09 May 98	Commodores Ball and Presentation night	Burswood

For insertion in next newsletter;

All Formula 8 - 10 drivers and intending drivers.

Would all persons intending to compete in either Formula 8 or Formula 10 events for the 1997-98 season please fill out the enclosed questionnaire so as to advise the committee on the classes of craft that will be running this season

The committee will be working to ensure that we have a full field of entries at each event to avoid the shortfall of last season where some events could not be run for championship points.

Your prompt assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

All Formula 8 - 10 drivers & intending drivers

Name

Phone No.

A.Hours

CLASS

Ladies

Mens

Rookies

If competing in more than one class please state ;

Please forward to P.D.R.C. P.O.BOX 675, West Perth 6872

NEWS FLASH

THE PDRC
PRESENTS
THE
BLACK FRIDAY QUIZ NIGHT

AT THE NEW BURSWOOD CLUBROOMS

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

GEOFF KEMP RETRAVISION

FRIDAY 13th June

Doors open at 7PM

Quiz starts at 8PM

Drinks on sale at club prices

Light supper provided

\$15 per head

So quickly organise your table of six

DONT WORRY NO BOAT QUESTIONS

RSVP 9th June

BE IN THE RUNNING FOR GREAT PRIZES

CONTACT SHANE ON 448 7555

OR SCOTT ON 249 4747

DINGHY DITTIES

We believe a group of members may be starting a collection for the poverty club members. If you think you can help with old motor parts, tinned food or blankets perhaps you could bring them to the next meeting

New carburettors for Mercury and Mariner 10hp motors now readily available at all Siberian Mercury Mariner dealers

Famous Quotes

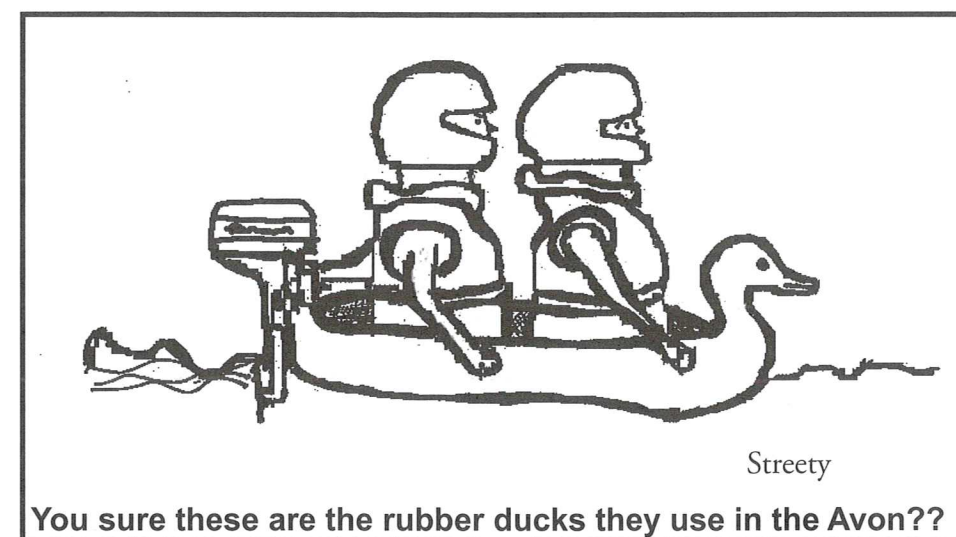
"This ship is unsinkable!"

Captain of the Titanic

"This rubber duck is unflippable!"

Shane Tregurtha

Dinghy Ditties are brought to you by ??Who??. If you have any hot (or cold) goss to add why not make an anonymous call to Blaise Paris on 0419 433088.



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