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## Next Meeting

11th August 1997

8.00pm

Burswood Clubrooms

# SUNNYSIDE DOWN.... AND THAT'S WHERE SOME GEAR STAYED



Jarrad Elliot and David Johnson find the right shoot at the rapid

Never underestimate the power of a river. If you want confirmation of this just ask the crew of boat 012 who didn't recover their rig for a week after the event when it became lodged underwater in a log jam. They weren't alone. The river also claimed two Tohatsu 10hp motors as well (Boat anchors are about all they're good for some would say) Other than these incidents the race was relatively trouble free with most crews successfully completing the event.

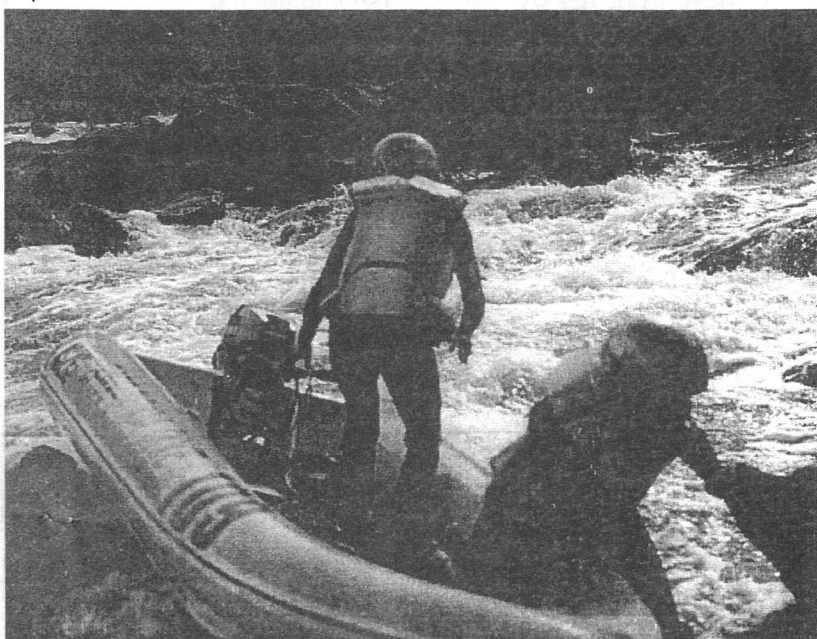
Taking out 10hp were Jon Faull and Justin Ferguson

in boat 129 followed by Justin Skews and Justin Howarth in boat 117 with John Goodbody and Dennis Peach rounding out the places.

In 8hp sports Donna Elliss and Blaise Paris (177) were victorious followed by Jay and Maree Branson in boat 144. Third place were Tom Hodgkinson and Michael Prosser (007).

In 8hp standard Brent and Kerry Barden made it a hatrick with their win. The Miss Maud team of Kylie Martin and Caroline Edmiston made a great improvement on last years result moving from 2nd last to second. In third place were Steve Brown and Shane Ballarine (Boat 142)

Thanks to Scott Bennett who stepped in at the last minute as race director and to all the other people (Glen Skewes, Jeff Hodgkinson, Leonie McGlew, Dale Goodbody and the sausage sizzle team) and all the other helpers who pitched in to make the event such a success.



Winners of the novice award mother and daughter crew Lee and Leanne Chapman (109) not content to just shoot the rapid stop in for a quick chat with the crowd midway through.

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**COMMODORES COMMENTS**  
August 1997

By the time you all get to read this newsletter there will be a lot of us feeling very stiff, sore and sorry for ourselves not to mention the condition our boats and motors are going to be in. With the Avon at the level it is now and now rain forecast it would be safe to say that we had a low one. However there will always be a handful of competitors that come out of it smiling. After the Avon Descent when we have all recovered the committee will be planning a film night comprising unreleased footage of the 1997 event. It is expected to take about 4 weeks to put together. Details will be in next month's newsletter. Don't miss this one as we will have all of the exciting spills captured from the various media channels. We will also endeavour to have some photos for viewing and of course the bar will be open.

There were not a lot of new matters arising at this month's general meeting however the change to the club logo and colours was brought up and discussed further at the committee meeting. Ideas raised at this meeting will be put to the floor at the next general meeting. Please be there to have your say as the results of this discussion will be put into a formal proposal to be voted on at the following meeting.

Don't let the water level of the Avon put you off the Blackwood Classic 250 because there is a very good chance this one will have good level judging by the conditions for the Sunnyside event. Lyn Berloth could still do with some more helpers to put the event together. If you can help in any capacity do contact Lyn and help lighten her load. To offer your assistance you can contact Lyn on 9398 1800. Lyn will be at the next meeting for an update.

Must go now because I've still got heaps to do for the Avon. I'd like to wish all competitors the best of luck and hope you all had a safe race down. Regards....

*Dennis Peach*



**THE BLACKWOOD CLASSIC 250 IS ON THE LONG WEEKEND AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER...DON'T MISS IT!!**

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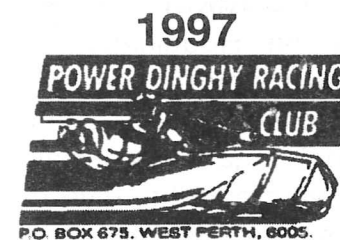
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## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

### 8HP STANDARD

Steve Brown	260
Shane Ballarine	260
Brent Barden	186
Kerry Barden	186
Allan Bijl	106
John Spanghero	106
Glenn Paull	87
Kylie Martin	86
Caroline Edmiston	86
Ray Payne	81
Rob Branson	66
Cyril Branson	66
Jarrold Elliot	61
David Johnson	60

### 8HP SPORTS

Tom Hodgkinson	200
Michael Prosser	200
Blaise Paris	180
Donna Elliss	180
Jarrold Street	101
Scott Bennett	101
Troy Kitcher	86
Travis Robins	86
Cliff Hills	80
Sarah Hills	80
Jay Branson	80
Maree Branson	80

### 10HP SPORTS

Russell Wilson	181
Justin Skewes	180
Justin Howarth	180
Dennis Peach	120
John Goodbody	120
Jon Faull	106
Justin Ferguson	106
Gary Tanner	100
Jenni Leek	86
Stewart Maxwell	86
Harry Burgess	86
Dan Rutherford	81
Tyron Wilson	81

## The Hodgkinson Perpetual Trophy

Jeff and Tom Hodgkinson have kindly donated a perpetual trophy for the Avon Descent. It will be awarded to the power boat team with the fastest time in the event, regardless of class.

It has been created to give recognition to the large quantities of time, money, preparation and innovation that are required to win the great race.

To add historical significance to the trophy it will display all the names and the finishing times of the outright winners of the power boat class dating back to the original event.

The trophy will be presented at the finish of the event at bayswater, but more importantly at the first dinghy club meeting after the event. You are all encouraged to attend this meeting as it will be an opportunity to have a closer look at the trophy, view all of the photos and video footage of the event and relive some of the big moments of the event.

After a short stay with the winners the trophy will be on display in a cabinet at the new club rooms.

## Apologies from the Editor

When faced with the prospect of spending countless unrewarded hours producing this magazine or countless unrewarded hours playing boats...wweelll.....I'm afraid I took the playing boats option, hence the smaller than usual size of the newsletter. But I promise i'll make it up to you all with a bumper issue after the Avon Descent. I would be very keen to hear any race or campsite stories you may feel are worthy of dinghy ditties or any other contribution you may have. Ed.

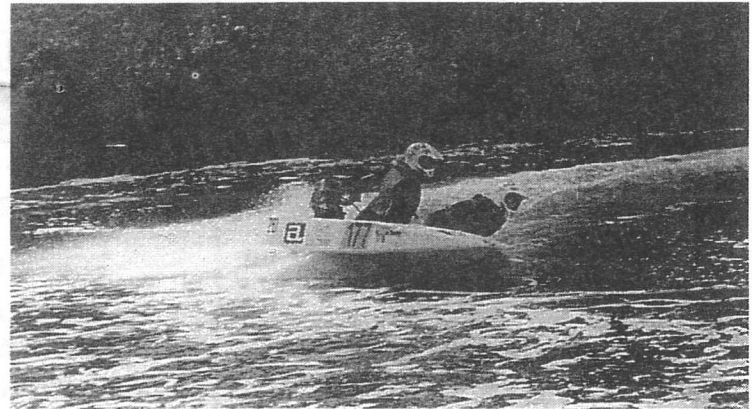
## The Blackwood Classic 250

As in past years, the Blackwood Classic will be held on the long weekend at the end of September. For people who may not have raced it before, it is a 250km event raced over three days from Bridgetown to Augusta. It is a challenging event combining all types of conditions including rapids, tree thickets, log jumps, fords and long winding pools.

It is a great opportunity for a weekend away and some great racing in a relaxed and social atmosphere.

Further details of the event will be available at the next general meeting. Make sure you are there. Any queries can be made to race director Lyn Berloth on 9398 1800.

If you have raced the Avon and are starting to suffer withdrawal, don't wait till next year, get into the Blackwood!!



Donna Elliss and Blaise Paris cross the line for 8hp Sports victory.

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