

BLACKWOOD 250 HONOURS TAKEN BY OUTFIT 117

On the east side of Blackwood river fronted 40 crews as they lined the river bank in front of support crews and spectators for the 1998 Blackwood Classic 250.

All crews with one thing on their minds, the easiest and for some the fastest way to Augusta by river.

Russell and Tyron Wilson led the field away and through the first stage as numerous teams miscalculated water levels at the second rapid only to find themselves part of the carnage that floated some upside down through the rapid flowing water. Goodbody and Peach out, Berloth & Pouw- Bray upside down, Williamson and Williamson gearbox, Street and Taylor holed, the list goes on. Fortunately the majority of teams managed to get back into the race, not so with the 162 entry who is yet to get their motor.

The field started to split up with Justin Skewes and Justin Howarth in the 117 entry working their way through as the Branson brothers had a race on their hands fending off last years winner s Kevin Williams and Luke Norton. *The unfortunate thing is that Kevin and Luke did not know what was about to*

greet them further down steam as their motor departed the boat *at Midments Bridge and came to rest somewhere on the bottom of the Blackwood.* (We have since heard that they have retrieved it with the assistance of a diver).Must have been something about that bridge because Stuart Maxwell and Harry Burgess saw it all happen while changing a gearbox.

With the competitors heading into Nannup Peter Kinnersly and Byron Jane were giving the front runners a scare in their first 10 h.p. drive with good times as the Bijl and Spanghero 168 duck led standard class to Nannup from their team mates in 168.



DAY 2 AND AWAY

Support crews and families waited on tender hooks for the first boat to arrive at Jalbarragup as every bee that hummed sounded like a boat coming.

The first loud hum bought the crowd to it's toes to see Daniel Rutherford 185 and Jarrad Elliott lead the 117 entry by only seconds as they headed under the bridge with a long gap back to 105 and 124 Berloth and Pouw - Bray who had worked their way back into the race.

Scott Bennett and Shane Tregurtha had moved into 3rd in the 8 sports class after losing valuable minutes at the start line changing a keyway while 2nd in 8 sports Brent and Kerry Bardon were stuck further upstream under a log.

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Next Meeting

9 NOVEMBER 1998
8.00 P M
BURSWOOD CLUBROOMS

COMMODORE'S REPORT

November 1998

Formula 8 and Bathtub scrutineering was held on the 18th of last month with a fairly good number of boats to start our circuit racing season at Bunbury on 25 October. The field was bigger this year with good numbers in all classes of racing, except Rookies which only had four. However, I believe there will be six at Northam. Thank you to Rin and the GFR team for running and sponsoring the event. The full results and the race report will be in next months newsletter. I hope there are some people with some good photos for the next newsletter of the artificial log jump supplied by G.F.R. Industries.

We Have now been given the use of the water at Burswood Australia Day so we need to decide at the next meeting if we are going to race there and what type of race it should be.

The social calendar happens over the next three months this year starting with the Christmas Party on 21 November. You can pay at the door. However, please ring Jenny and give an indication of numbers beforehand. Two weeks after the Christmas Party will be the Video night being held on 6 December. It is on the same day as the Burswood Bash with a BBQ tea in between. The bar will be open.

Do not miss either of these as they both have the potential to be huge. Early February will be that Golf Day! However, Jarrad needs numbers now so ring him on 0418 919 647.

Last months Meeting had a rather large agenda where a list of and existing issues were discussed. It was great to see over 50 members attending the meeting to discuss the issues advertised in the newsletter and I think the meeting was quite productive. However, we do need to keep throwing these issues around so a resolution can be made prior to the next AGM.

It was also good to see so many people with so many great ideas when it came to the promotion of our sport. However, it was very disappointing, when shortly after these discussions, when it was asked for some help to provide boats, etc and man the display at the Kelmscott Show, most people sat there not saying a word. Thank you to the few people who did help. Jamie Kelsey, Scott Bennett, Justin Ferguson, Kasey Coates, Paul Bickerdike, Gary Evans, Geoff Hall, Frank and Lyn Berloth and many thanks to Craig Smetherham for organizing it once again.

Dennis Peach

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**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS****September 1998 Points**

8HP Standard	
Alan Bijl	367
John Spanghero	367
Steve Brown	306
Dallas Grivas	246
Simon Champman	246
Kylie Martin	220
Kate McKenzie	220
Murray Brown	206
Peter Barden	206
Rob Branson	200
8HP Sports	
Jay Branson	400
Matt Branson	400
Scott Bennett	372
Glen Dicarlo	267
Brad O'neil	267
Steve Krause	252
Brent Barden	243
Kerry Barden	243
Troy Kitcher	182
Travis Robins	182
10HP Sports	
Russell Wilson	328
Tyron Wilson	328
Cliff Hills	292
Jarrad Elliott	248
Dan Rutherford	248
Justin Skewes	242
Justin Howarth	242
John Goodbody	221
Dennis Peach	221
Scott Overstone	212

BURSWOOD REPORT**BURSWOOD WATER SPORTS CENTRE**

Although progress in completing our Burswood clubrooms has been slow W.A.R.W.S.A. are now negotiating with several parties who are extremely interested in leasing out a section of the building as a function centre.

We are also amidst some exciting negotiations with the Burswood Park Board which may result in us completing the building, car parks and landscaping at a cost to them without loss to any part of our complex.

Negotiations are still in progress at present but I hope to have firm proposals to put to our members for discussion by the

November meeting. Exciting times are ahead of us and the patience of the PDRC members will be rewarded once this magnificent building is completed.

Members are reminded that this is your building and are asked to help maintain the area by cleaning up after events and when you are practising,

if you see other rubbish lying around please assist by picking it up.

Remember this is our clubrooms and we should look after it as such.

*Peter Street***LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Kevan

After another comprehensive last position in *The River Race* in September, a member of our support crew penned this letter prayer for myself and Brad Geary, and I thought after reading Keith Brooker's article in the last newsletter it probably was appropriate to share this with other club members.

Since this little prayer was handed to us, we have retired the only remaining 7.5hp Mercury still running in the club, bought a new 8hp Suzuki, a fiberglass boat and if we could stop going upside-down so often, who knows, we may even have a chance of not finishing last in every race we enter.

Regards

Chris Donnelly Boat #134

A PRAYER FOR CHRIS AND BRAD**The Lord is my support crew.****I shall not capsize.****He maketh me to speed over scary rapids.****He leads me through still waters.****He refuels my tank.****He shows me the righteous path through the water for the****W.A. Power Boat Association's sake****Yea though I pass through valleys in the shadow of****Bridgetown, I will fear no Ti Trees,****For Thou art with me,****Thy pit-stops and survey maps will comfort me.****Thou preparest a trophy I shall steal from my adversaries,****Thou hast anointed my head with two-stroke fuel.****My cup runneth over. (but my boat doth not.)****Surely deep flowing rivers shall follow me all the days of my life,****And I shall dwell with a "right-way-up" tinny forever.**

Blackwood 250

Don and Cleve Haynes still kept the competitive edge by only stopping for only one sandwich and a quick cuppa before heading into Sues Bridge.

The standard class still had a battle on for minor placing's as 168 Craine and Brindle were stranded on the bank with mechanical problems and not enough tools (*they must be very grateful to a friendly recovery crew who got them back into the race*) this allowed 122 Gary Evans and Craig Smetherham to move up into second with a duel for third between 068, 205 050, 017 and 016 all with a chance. *The novice team of Aaron Skeenbhom and Phillip Tapley winning out..* Both 068 Alan & Teena Robinson & 016 Sue Cotrill and Vicki Wesley were forced out of the race eventually by faulty fuel problems.

Sue and Vicki later put on a paddling exhibition for the crowd at the Augusta Hotel as the battled to try and get to the finish line only to be defeated by the weather. Their last comment was "beep beep beep" (sorry we have junior members).

WILD FRONT HITS SOUTH WEST

With the news of a front about to hit the south west (I thought we had that all weekend) crews anxiously hit the water in desperation to reach Augusta beforehand. Sorry they were too late as *the rubber duck teams smiled the glass boys quivered* . The fun of jumping the weir went out the window with water levels holding up so the only fun left was a hot cuppa and shower at Augusta.

Skewes and Howarth headed first into the gusts that were whipping up a storm in the estuary but after a few hairy moments managed to increase the lead slightly and hit the beach first for an outright win. Boats 105 and 185 still battled towards Augusta together with the Wilson outfit hanging on to second on overall time.

Alan Bijl and John Spanghero had a comfortable win in standard with the Branson Bros leading 8 sports from start to finish.



Beers For all

A large crowd gathered at the Augusta Hotel to see the trophy presentation and a large array of prizes given out as a few beers wines and Bourbons slipped comfortably down.

Peter Street

THANK YOU

To the following people I am extremely thankful for your assistance preceding and during the running of the Blackwood Classic:

Blackwood Classic Committee;

Glen Skewes, Keith Brooker, Lynne Berloth, Kerry Barden, Nick Carroll, Lee Goddard.

Assistant Race Director, Lesley Brooker

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THE 1998 BLACKWOOD CLASSIC 250 RESULTS

Craft no.	HP	Driver - Crew	Day 1	Day2	Day3	O'All Time
117	10	Skewes - Howarth	2.19.32	2.02.33	1.20.32	5.42.37
105	10	Wilson - Wilson	2.21.47	2.09.05	1.22.37	5.53.29
185	10	Rutherford -Elliott	2.24.18	2.09.23	1.20.59	5.54.40
127	10	Kinnersly - Jane	2.30.28	2.16.00	1.26.30	6.12.58
124	10	Berloth - Pouw -Bray	2.41.33	2.09.03	1.24.03	6.14.39
081	10	Barndon - Paull	2.30.46	2.18.09	1.31.11	6.20.06
051	10	Hills - Overstone	2.29.39	2.19.46	1.32.07	6.21.32
003	10	Hall - Massam	2.39.55	2.40.57	1.32.43	6.53.35
158	10	Watson - Watson	3.46.25	2.10.43	1.23.54	7.21.02
171	10	Maxwell - Burgess	4.13.12	2.14.43	1.25.37	7.53.32
138	10	Street - Taylor	3.03.30	3.15.19	1.39.45	7.58.34
004	10	Haynes - Haynes	3.59.39	2.52.20	1.51.19	8.43.18
111	10	Haynes - Bousfield	3.01.51	4.06.24	1.41.45	8.50.00
162	10	Goodbody - Peach	Withdrawn			
166	10	Williamson - Williamson	conditional			
024	10	Wilkie - Carboni	conditional			
049	10	Barnett - Mickle	Withdrawn			
053	10	Hall - Hanlon	Withdrawn			
140	10	Fitchett - Kelsey	Withdrawn			
163	10	Chittick - Chittick	Withdrawn			

Craft no.	Sports	Driver - Crew	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	O'All Time
144	8	Branson - Branson	2.39.09	2.24.40	1.35.40	6.39.29
028	8	Barden - Barden	2.55.20	2.43.39	1.34.27	7.13.26
150	8	Bennett - Tregurtha	3.06.07	2.33.55	1.34.30	7.14.32
202	8	Kitcher - Robins	3.08.38	2.39.48	1.45.48	7.34.14
017	8	George - Goddard	3.10.50	3.02.00	1.44.55	7.57.45
130	8	Tyrell - Tyrell	4.01.01	4.07.27	2.58.47	11.07.15
021	8	Dicarlo - O'Neil	conditional			
161	8	Barradeen - Stent	Withdrawn			
173	8	Williams - Norton	Withdrawn			

Craft No.	Standard	Driver - Crew	Day1	Day 2	Day3	O'All Time
165	8	Bijl - Spanghero	2.57.48	2.31.02	1.41.17	7.10.07
122	8	Evans - Smetherham	3.29.10	2.43.09	1.44.53	7.57.12
205	8	Skeenbhom - Tapley	3.18.52	2.53.52	2.03.40	8.16.24
071	8	Culley - Linton	3.46.42	3.03.04	1.53.01	8.42.47
050	8	Kirkham - Kirkham	3.30.54	2.59.20	2.17.40	8.47.54
168	8	Craine - Brindle	3.12.23	6.10.56	1.46.20	11.09.39
016	8	Cotrill - Wesley	Withdrawn			
068	8	Robinson - Robinson	Withdrawn			
216	8	Bickerdike - Harris	Withdrawn			

Fastest Team

105 Wilson - Wilson
202 Kitcher - Robinson
205 Skeenbhom - Tapley

Novice Award

205 Skeenbhom - Tapley

Veterans Award

018 Bardon - Paull

Best Prepared Entry

117 Skewes - Howarth

**TOWN OF NORTHAM
NORTHAM REGATTA
SAT 14 SUN 15 NOVEMBER**

DATE:	Sat 14th Sun 15th November 1998
RACE DIRECTOR:	Neville Watson
SCRUTINEER:	Rin Rutherford
ENTRY FEE:	\$30 per craft
ENTRIES:	Multiple entries \$50.00 (same id) Available at registration on the day
CLASSES:	Formula 8 Ladies, Formula 8 Men, Rookies, Bathtubs, 10hp Sports, 8hp Sports, 8hp Standard
SCRUTINEERING:	12.00pm Saturday
BRIEFING:	ASAP on day
START:	Sat 2pm Sun 10am
START ORDER:	Sat Dinghies F8's Tubs Sun f8's Tubs Dinghies
REPLACEMENT PARTS:	As per P.D.R.C. power dinghy specification 10.3
SCRUTINEERING REQUIREMENTS:	As per circuit racing, bathtub, and F8 competition rules.
RESCUE:	Recovery craft will be on the course.
COURSE DETAILS:	Short
PRESENTATION:	Following completion of the last event on Sunday
CATERING:	
ACCOMMODATION:	At local hotels and caravan parks. Or Watson's Farm (18km from Northam)
PRACTICE	After 12pm Saturday After 10am Sunday

MANY THANKS TO
CRAIG SMETHERHAM
AND ALL WHO HELPED TO STAGE THE
**KELMSCOTT
SHOW**

THE BURSWOOD CHRISTMAS BASH

DATE:	December 6
RACE DIRECTOR:	Jarrad Elliott
SCRUTINEER:	Rin Rutherford
ENTRY FEE:	\$30 per craft \$50 Multi entry (same race id)
ENTRIES:	Available at registration on the day
CLASSES:	F10's F8's Ladies F8's Men's F8's Rookies Bathtubs
SCRUTINEERING:	12pm
START:	1pm
START ORDER:	To be advised on day
REPLACEMENT PARTS:	As per PDRC specification 10.3
SCRUTINEERING REQUIREMENTS:	As per circuit racing, bathtub and f8's competition rules
RESCUE:	Recovery craft on course
COURSE DETAILS:	Short course
PRESENTATION:	Following the completion of the last event

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DINGHY DITTIES



I was sure they started with a motor on the back !!!!

A certain Newsletter editor "Mr Air Boats " was somewhat deflated by his Blackwood recovery boat experience. How does it feel to be the first person to put a major hole in the "new" recovery boats?

The crew of boat 168 took no chances in the Blackwood they carried a spare gearbox for their Suzuki. Day 2 saw them doing extremely well until the pinion gear gave way - but when they went to change boxes - no 10mm spanner! . A long, long wait for the recovery crew put them back on the water.....but last boat home that day!

There are a couple of drivers that won't be in a hurry to buy hot fuel at overnight camps again - now we know how far from Sue's Bridge an 8hp Mariner will get on a carbie full of juice!

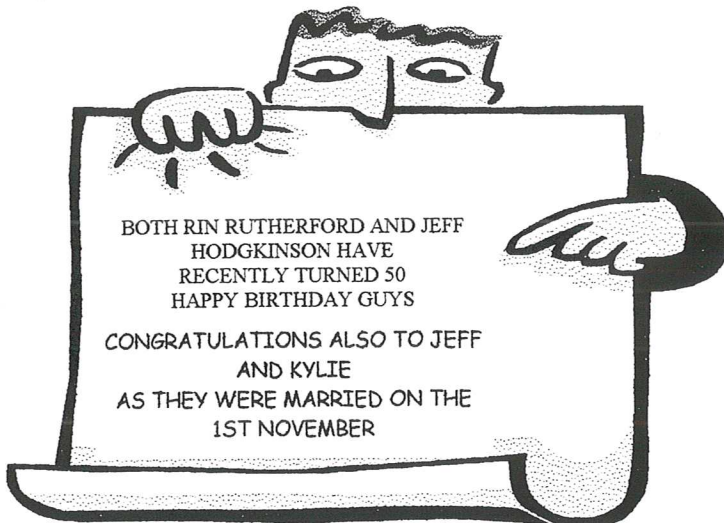
Some of the boy's at Jeff's bucks party tried horizontal bungee jumping until the bungee decided it had enough and took out four of them (put them in hospital).

DINGHY DITTIES BROUGHT TO YOU BY WHOM???????????



THANK YOU

Congratulations must go out to Cooling Bros Glass (Brent & Kerry Barden) and GFR Racing (Rin Rutherford) who due to the kind generosity of loaning out their Formula 8's on several occasions this season, allowed numerous events to be run for championship points when competitor numbers were down.



BOTH RIN RUTHERFORD AND JEFF
HODGKINSON HAVE
RECENTLY TURNED 50
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