



# Autumn Newsletter

## President's Report

### What's Coming;

#### FROSTY FOOT

Sunday 22 June 2008 at 11 am at the Club Rooms at Lake Waihola, followed by lunch at the Club Rooms. A mid winter ski can be lots of fun, if a bit frosty!

#### AGM

August 2008, date and venue to be advised.

#### 2008/09 Season

This will kick off with Club Nights starting with daylight saving after 5th October 2008. During the season we will also run coaching and fun days, trips to other lakes and the Club Champs.

Another season past and what a great season it was for most. It was a little bit of a cold start to the season this year but warmed up quickly. There were some big improvements in most members' abilities due to some good coaching from Kerry McHarrdie (Perkins Pond) and Amy Bing (Lake Crichton). Unfortunately no funding was available this year for coaching, so all coaching was self funded. Also we were very

lost the opportunity to prove our skills in competition.

Club membership has fallen dramatically this year. It seems a lot of our old members who have supported the club for many years but have not been active in the sport have dropped away. If anyone has friends and family that are active skiers socially, some encouragement to join the club would be greatly appreciated. Remember its

weather suddenly went cold. Some hardy families carried on regardless of the cold. I heard Laurie Simpson's and his girls Vanessa and Ashley were still out in 10-degree water late in April. That's real commitment! Well done.

I am going to commit myself to organising some great family days through the winter and into the new season.

We have Frosty foot day coming up next month. Always a big day. Weekends at Mahinarangi are one of the best family events we have. Snow skiing is very popular among members and we may be able to get cheap passes for organised weekends.

So keep an eye on you in box and join in the fun.

*Glyn*

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Yeap, that JUMP went fine.....

unlucky with weather on club events, and we all

not all competition, we have a very strong family fun and social side to our club, especially with so many young kids getting up for the first time this year.

The season finished very abruptly when the

## *Frosty Foot Midwinter Ski*

# OWSC Club House—Lake Waihola 11am Sunday 22nd June 2008

\$10 entry fee

This year we have decided to have a potluck lunch in the clubrooms.

There will be prizes for participants in the skiing.

We encourage stupidity in this event:

- Fancy dress
- Nude skiing
- Crazy towed inventions

We discourage:

- Wet suits
- Dry suits
- Shivering
- Crying like a girl
- And general softness

So harden up. Suck it up. And see you there.

No excuses will be accepted.

Contact me for any inquiries

Glyn

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clubrooms.

## Club night's vs Family days

Well it is true; club nights have become or always were a pure male affair. Besides the occasional ski by Nina (Glyn & Michelle's exchange student) and Kelly (new member) the presence of our female members are scarce. Honestly a shame. At the beginning of the

season there were serious plans to have a women's night only. I thought way to go!

Wonder why it didn't happen?  
Finding a suitable day?  
No boat? And where was the Chippendale boat driver with that encouraging coaching ability?

Or was it just simply the lack of support from us guys for this great idea!

But hang on, the coaching I know of, Perkins and Creighton, is run by women. So



Next generation of club members....

That's why I am enjoying the BBQ Club nights and the occasional Sunday Family ski day. It is not die hard course-skiing but pure socialising, with the opportunity for other family members, most likely the women and super star children to get in a ski or two.

should we bring the ladies along more often as we perhaps could learn a thing or two and we simply don't know it?

per star children to get in a ski or two.

*Stefan*

No doubt it is hard to fit an extra event into our busy working week and

## OWSC goes global

Yes, we are in the final stages to start up our own side on the World Wide Web.

The URL address was secured ages ago. But as the initiators rather spend their prime time on the water then on the web, the development simply never happened.

I guess a lack of whiz IT members didn't help much neither.

With little knowledge from a previous website, I did offer to give it a go. This was right at the beginning of this season (which is sadly nearly over). The committee thought it would be a great platform to attract new and younger members, which use the Internet and not the yellow pages to find what they are looking for.

Greg and myself created a brief on who we would like to reach with

the site and how we would like to present ourselves as a club.

Pretty much at that time John Hussey joined the club, a fanatic Wake Boarder and professional Web-Designer..... perfect timing.

Things moved on pretty quickly from there. It also prevented me from getting frustratingly lost in cyber space.

John nicely created a website based on our initial idea.

We are keen to keep it simple. It will contain an online membership form, info regarding the club (with map of our location),

calendar for events, photo gal-



lery, how to contact us, etc.

By the time you will read this, we should be only a couple of weeks away to offer you the latest of the OWSC a mouse click away.

Will keep you posted

*Stefan*



## Simpsons Training Day Perkins Pond

Waitangi Day 2008-02-06

We had arranged for some Ski Training at Perkins Pond for Ashleigh and Vanessa



with SkionEdge and like a fool I got suckered into training as well.

The day started well enough no cloud, no wind, temperatures climbing as the day went on and only us getting trained in the morning, later Glen (Mackay) was to turn up.

First up was Ashleigh she was the one that was closest to single ski prior to training and Kerry just had to sort out position of body head etc figure out foot position etc.

On Ashleigh's second session Max was doing the training and was

using Kerry's big Connelly ski she had a first run didn't like the ski so put on our HO Siren for the next run, dropped the ski went 10 meters and Splat, next attempt, up dropped the ski and damn well stayed there after going up and down the pond a couple of times they had to stop the boat

cause she wasn't going to let go and she needed to do it again to prove it wasn't a fluke. So third go same result.

On Ashleigh's third session couldn't quite get up again probably by that stage a long day

But cant wait to get out again unfortunately we haven't been out since because of the days Injury count.

Vanessa & I different kettles altogether Vanessa hadn't really tried prior to training and so Kerry had to do as she did with Ashleigh but also build up her confidence on the second ses-

sion she was dropping one ski and was able to stand with the one foot dragging behind but was not able to get it into the kicker, this was pretty much the same for the last session although she is looking a lot more stable on that one foot it wouldn't have taken much more to complete the day.

Me this will be short since owning the boat (14months) I got up on double ski's once not good after about 7 or so attempts so wasn't expecting much from the day to get an improvement. I got up every time with



them so I was wrapped by the third session, with Glen coaching I was dropping a ski and was able to stand there for a while same problem couldn't quite get it in the back binding, unfortunately on one attempt I

had my foot too close to the ski the ski kicked end result was a spectacular exit from the one remaining ski and a broken toe carried on for another couple of attempts but that was my day completed.

In between our sessions Kerry and crew showed us how it should be done it was good to watch, the highlight of the day was being in the boat when Glen was wake boarding and landed a flip none of us had ever seen that before.

Thanks Kerry, Warren, Max, for a great day out next time try to send me home uninjured

Don't tell Carol but I've

found the perfect replacement for the Panther all I need now is way to hide the money.

*Laurence*



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**FOR SALE FOR SALE**

## Reinell Bow-Rider

- 1991
- 18 ft
- 150 Merc XR6
- 270 hours on 1993 motor

Yes this fantastic boat is for sale. I am considering up-grading to an inboard, so am offering my pride and joy to you.



- Plenty of storage.
- Great wake
- High five stainless prop
- High pole
- Bare foot boom
- Recently painted tandem trailer with LED lights

All that for only **\$20,000**

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## Last Minute News

We are on line.

Still a few things to add and smoothen out. But if you Google for **WATERSKIING DUNEDIN** you will find us.

Or an easier way:

[www.otagowaterski.org.nz](http://www.otagowaterski.org.nz)

So you are only a mouse click away to find out what the club is up to, amuse yourself at the latest pics, and more.

Go for a look and enjoy.

Stefan

