



OWSC Newsletter

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# Spring Newsletter

## President's Report

### What's Coming;

#### Season Opening Day

Sunday **1st. November 2008**, from 10 am onwards at the Club Rooms, Lake Waihola, to officially open the season. This is a Family day out Skiing, Tubing, etc. with BBQ at the Club Rooms.

#### Club Nights

Starting with daylight saving after 5th October 2008, every Thursday night.

#### Camping Weekend

The Camping at Lake Mahinerangi over the Waitangi weekend has been really popular, so we will do it again in 2009.

#### Club Champs

The Club Champs will be, weather permitting, held on the **7th March 09**, at Lake Waihola.

#### General Calendar

All these dates are also on the calendar on our web-site.

- Relay Race 21st Feb. 09
- Family Sundays -> TBA
- Season Closing BBQ 19th April 09

During the season we will also run coaching and fun days, trips to other lakes and the occasional fundraiser.

#### Full Calendar can be found on:

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Welcome to you all to the 2008/09 season. The last half of winter seemed to be very long and very wet, so some warmer weather, lots of daylight, and still waters (fingers crossed!) will be a welcome change. Walking home along Portsmouth Drive tonight with the sun glaring off mirror water, I got thinking of "carving butter" on the old slalom ski - got me pretty excited I can tell you.

Glyn Burrows has taken a break from being Prez this year but is on Committee as IPP (incredibly persistent person.) Michelle Burrows has taken over as Secretary and Laurence Simpson is our new Treasurer. Also new to the Committee this year are Katherine Caderas and Mike Brensell. On behalf of the Club I extend my thanks to outgoing committee members and office bearers for their creative thinking and hours of dedication.

This year the snow ski and water ski seasons overlap by a week or two, with daylight saving starting before the ski fields close - one day I am going to do both on the same day! Club nights will commence on the first Thursday of the daylight saving season, which is 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Believe it or not, the water can be reasonably warm by then and the weather very settled (OK, yes, it can be bloody

cold too) and it seems that November is the month it turns to custard again, after which it can take to after Christmas to settle again. It pays to get out early when the weather is good. It seems a long while since we had a really warm, settled ski season, so it's odds on for better luck this time around.

Our club is all about getting people together and partici-

great to make up some ground on other regions who have purpose built ski lakes on their doorstep. Speaking of which, we do at least have Perkins Pond near Millers Flat (a bit far for a Club night) and we will again be arranging some coaching. Perkins also have a number of tournaments during the year.

But we have some events planned already listed in the



pating, whether skiing for fun, skiing to win, or watching and encouraging the rest of the family get into it. We are a small club and our ski lake is not ideally set up for an audience to watch from shore. Waihola also catches just about every breeze going. The Committee is this year looking at options for improving our situation by finding a better venue for events including purchasing a floating slalom course, and looking at either improving our site at the lake or finding an alternative venue. It would be

Calendar and I encourage you all to mark these in your dairies as "must dos." In an increasingly PC world of increasingly sedentary lifestyles, we all need to get more exercise, take a few calculated risks, enjoy the local outdoors, and above all have fun.

*Greg Sise*

Subs are due! Pay by 30th November and receive a \$5 discount – don't miss out. Subs form at end of this newsletter.

## What to do through Winter

I know most of you hang out for the daylight saving from the moment the waterski season ends. A long wet winter, as we had in Dunedin, can affect the psyche.

As for me, a decent winter should never end! Being kind of a "mountain boy", I couldn't get enough of the white stuff. And the snow fairy was kinder to me, and like minded folks, this year then in previous ones. If you probably ask me right now; what's your favourite sport? I had to say snow skiing. Con-



Coronet Peak August 5th

sider myself as an experienced skier (unlike on the water) where no obstacle can't be overcome. Until I went skiing with Glyn B., another snow board converted guy, at Coronet Peak! Beautiful day, lots of snow, down on the M1 (so none of the Off the Pist stuff) I had a massive crash, bang - onto my right shoulder. Still convinced Glyn did give me a push!

My shoulder or what's within this joint, must have had a massive hit. Eight weeks on and I am still require physio, as the movement is still limited. Sorry Glyn, I may use this as a excuse for not turning up on the occasional Thursday night.

Besides having this injury early into the season, it didn't stop me to go up Central as much as I could.

Did have two glorious days at Treble Cone with Greg S. and Steve J.

Good to see Steve back onto skis again. Even if he was looking for his skis after lunch one time, believing some f\*&^% stolen them, and standing basically for 10 minutes right in front of them! Must have been that special way you've placed them, Upside Down, that you didn't spot them.

In Europe you at least could have blamed the coffee with schnaps that affected your



senses.



Greg is, just as on the water, hard to keep up with. The only time I couldn't keep up, was when he took me down off piste, uncovered a sharp rock which carved a huge chunk out of my base. Good to know these are obstacles normally unknown to water-skiers.

Anyway, the guys I went skiing with will most likely agree, they were cracker days.

And yes, if you are not really fond of the white stuff, there are better places and ways to spend winter!

Just as Peter Downing and Glen Mackay did, nothing wrong with spending the time in the Northern Hemisphere summer. Both went to the US to work and ski at ski-schools over there.

I have heard both of them have lifted their game a few notches.

Would be good if some of that is rubbing off at club members, I certainly could do with some. But also wonder if Waiholo still can offer what they after now!

Our club season has already started last Thursday. And who wouldn't miss the first ski for anything.....Glyn! He did try to convince the frequent skiers to



Look at that calm lake....

join him, but everybody chickened out.

I did receive a text on Friday; Had an awesome night at lake last night with new member Brian Olson and his family. Lake temp isn't so bad. See you there next week!

On this note I say;

Way to go boys!

And yes, I hope to see YOU there next week, too!

*Stefan*

## Otago Water Ski Club (Inc)

### President

Greg Sise  
454 2488

### Secretary

Michelle Burrows  
454 6077

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Laurie Simpson  
454 5450

### Committee

Stefan Caderas  
Glyn Burrows  
Mike Brensell  
Steve Maunsell  
Steve Joint

**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**

Glyn Burrows  
454 6077

## Club Nights

Club nights are every Thursday night.

If you keen to join us, you must book a spot on a boat.

To be part of the crew, it is essential to;

- Contact (cell phone) Greg -027 499 5261 or Glyn -027 454 6073 by 5pm the previous night
- If the lake is rough, we are most likely at Henley. Cell phone coverage is poor down there. This move will be announced on notice board at the club house
- Show up on arranged time. We will look at having two session; 1st @ 4.30pm  
2nd @ 6.00pm

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Go for a look and enjoy.

Stefan





**SUBSCRIPTION FORM FOR 2008/09 SEASON**

**!! Subs are due by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008. Please be prompt !!**

**SINGLE ..... \$40.00**

**FAMILY ..... \$50.00**

**KEY ..... \$7.00**

(Key is optional for new members or when locks are changed.  
Key gives access to the Club's Rooms at Lake Waihola.)

**Pay on or before  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and  
receive a \$5 discount - \$35  
single or \$45 family**

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\*EMAIL ADDRESS 1 .....

EMAIL ADDRESS 2.....

(\*As a cost saving measure we are emailing newsletters and other communications. If you have email, please supply us with your email address.)

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED \$.....

Tick this box if you require a receipt: .....

Privacy: The club wishes to distribute your contact details to all club members. Tick this box if you do NOT want your contact details included in the membership list.....

Note: Non-financial Members cannot participate in Club Events or use the facilities.

**Please mail your cheque to Box 545 by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008 ..... Thank You!**

For any enquires please write to above address, or phone one of these people:  
Greg Sise, President, 03 454 2488 or 027 499 5261  
Laurence Simpson, Treasurer, 489 5450 or 027 299 5121  
Bank account: Otago Water Ski Club, Westpac trust, Moray Place, 03-0905-0932945-00



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**Dunedin**

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Water skiing is a sport the whole family can enjoy, from pre-schoolers to grandparents. The popularity of the sport is evident with the high number of people skiing around the Otago waterways. We as a club offer members a number of activities ranging from recreational through to competition skiing.

Water skiing is one of those rare sports where the whole family can participate and enjoy as a family unit. The OWSC offers facilities where, coaching and club events to help make your skiing safe and more enjoyable.

### **CLUB ROOMS**

The club has their rooms located on the Lake Waihola Domain adjacent the ski lane, in fact virtually on the water line. The facilities include a shower, toilets, range, Zip for hot water, large BBQ and a large lounge over looking the lake. Keys are available to financial members.

### **COACHING**

The club runs coaching days and nights to cater for all types of skiing. We bring in Kiwi coaches with international experience to provide in-depth coaching to all levels. Like any sport, hints on technique make the task that little bit easier and much more enjoyable. Learners to competitive skiers find these sessions helpful.

### **SLALOM & TRICK SKIING**

Slalom skiing through a course of six turn buoys provides the ultimate challenge to the competitive skier and a challenging goal to the recreational skier. During organised events we add training buoys to our slalom course on Lake Waihola to make it easier for novices to get a clear run.

### **TRICK SKIING**

We also have available a pair of trick skis from the club rooms which means that club members can experience this form of the sport without the financial outlay of a dedicated pair of trick skis.

### **BAREFOOT SKIING**

This has been popular over the years and coaching sessions are run from time to time for those interested in skiing without skis.

### **SKI JUMPING**

Does this sound like fun? The jump, permanently anchored at the southern end of Lake Waihola, is the latest addition to the club's permanent facilities, costing over \$10,000. It is also the most exhilarating form of waterskiing and we even have two pairs of jump skis for those who wish to adding jumping to your repertoire.

### **COMPETITIONS**

Each year we run our own club champs with events for all of the disciplines above subject to numbers. We also run an annual Southern Regional event on Lake Waihola with the Southland club which attracts competitors from all age groups. We have recently set up new slalom turn buoys for novices to 'cut their teeth on' while learning to make it through the full course.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The club has both family and individual senior subscriptions – SEE FORM OVER PAGE.