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Spring Newsletter

What's Coming;

Season Opening Day

Sunday **1st. November 2009**, from 10 am onwards at the Club Rooms, Lake Waiholo, 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 4th October 2009, every Wednesday night.

Camping Weekend

The Camping at Lake Mahinerangi over the Waitangi weekend has been really popular, so we will do it again on the 5/6/7 February 2010..

Otago Secondary Schools Water Ski Tournament

The OWSC is organising a tournament to be held at Perkins Pond. **20th and 21st February 10**. For details check our calendar on the website.

Club Champs

The Club Champs will be, weather permitting, held on the **7th March 10**, at Lake Waiholo.

General Calendar

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

- Family Sundays -> TBA
- Season Closing BBQ 18th 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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President's Report

Two weeks ago I skied the last few days of the season at Treble Cone, at the close of one of the best snow seasons for many years. As we bid the mountain farewell on October 4th it seemed a real shame to be leaving behind metres of snow which will still be there in considerable measure, no doubt, at Christmas.

But, as we rounded the bluffs at Glendhu Bay on our way home for the last time this season, we saw shimmering on mirror water and with a backdrop of white gravel beach and majestic mountains, the Wanaka Water Ski Club's slalom course. My mood started to lift and I thought to myself: out with the cold and in with the (boat) crew!

Not's that the season's had an auspicious start. Five of us sat and shivered in Glyn's boat last Wednesday night at Henley, four of us skied, only two of us had more than one short ski, and no one really enjoyed it. Glyn had his smallest Clun night petrol bill for years. My toes were still numb when I got home, but at least I could say "we did it."

It will be an interesting season this year. While in Wanaka to snow ski I took the chance to catch up with the Wanaka crew and their club is coming along nicely.

Along with the course at Glendhu they have a number of inboard ski boats and recently a number of their members attended ski school at Stoney Park in New South Wales (serious competition here). The Wanaka crew are keen to get together for a serious social ski event later on in the season.

The Club has decided to run an Otago Secondary School Water Ski Champs on February 21st 2010, venue probably Perkins Pond near Millers Flat. We have gained approval from Des Smith at the Otago Secondary School Sports Association and are working through promotional arrangements including sponsorship and a short video demonstrating to novice skiers how the novice and championship slalom courses



are run. We hope to have up to 35 skiers attending the Champs and will have a range of prizes in divisions for girls, boys and teams. All secondary school students under 19 on January 1st 2010 are eligible, and novices do not need to have run the slalom course before. We'll be running 'clinics' prior to the event so watch this space.

The calendar is included in this newsletter and I encourage you all to pick some events and come join in the fun. And on that note, it's time to say welcome to the 2009-10 water ski season!

Greg

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

Frosty Foot Midwinter Ski

Even though the Frosty Foot lies to date already 4 months back, the weather pattern we do experience currently is not too different to the day of the event.

I remember it as a cold, grey and windy day. The theme was "Pirates" and the turn-up was just fantastic. Numbers un-seen in previous years.

Unlike most OWSC members, I did turn up but didn't get to close to the water to "board any vessels" disguised as pirate, as Waiholo wouldn't have offered the healing effects (a decent salt water rinse) to get rid of the cold I had.

Again pretty similar to now; I haven't managed to go out with the "hard core group" to any of the club nights, as a nasty cold got the better of me. Again!

Anyway, as said before the turn up for the frosty foot was great.

We saw all variety of Pirates, Mermaids and anything else that live, on or in the water. One Pirate tried to "board the enemies boat" while jumping off the pier. The battle was lost, the boat took off and the pirate ended up submerged in the lake....guess the big ggrrrooarrrr could have been translated to f*% . And if the enemy had been any closer the loss of an eye or leg would have been inevitable.

Some of the Mermaids must have been visiting from the

North as their dresses didn't offer any protection from the nasty wind at all.

Red legs and goose bumps are certainly not the things mermaids represent...good on them for doing a round too.

Us non-skiers (not tough enough) were feeding the troops. The BBQ was also a welcome heat-source.

The rain soon started to fall as sleet, just the right thing for a Frosty Foot, so we moved into the Club House for the prize giving.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters all the entries received a prize.

And what great prizes there were; Biscuit, Vest, Gloves, Oil, Rope, etc. just to name a few.

All in all another great Club Day that requires pushing some personal boundaries.

Expect to see you all next year again.....



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A special thank you to this year's sponsors for their generosity. Our Frosty Foot event is growing in popularity every year, and a major contributor to the success of this event is the continued support we receive from these local businesses. If your thinking of boat maintenance or any boating equipment, then once again we ask that you give these guys your return support.

Kind Regards

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Family Fun Sundays

We as a Club decided to be more present at Lake Waihola.

Every first Sunday of the Month some committee members will be at the clubhouse. Weather permitting the BBQ will be on, the boats are in the water and the biscuits are blown up.

We would like to make this a family day that hopefully will become a fixed entry in your social calendar.

Sun 1 Nov	OWSC Opening Day
Sun 29 Nov	Club Day #1
Sun 20 Dec	Club Day #2
Sun 24 Jan	Club Day #3, including coaching clinic for students
Sun 28 Mar	Club Day #4
Sun 18 Apr	Closing day

The idea is to run this as an "Open Home" kind of event. Primarily for all the club members which are not able to make the Wednesday night, as well as for all the Wives, Partners and Kids, to join in the fun that we have on the water.

It doesn't matter if you just feel like catching up, learn how to ski or want to improve your technique and appreciate some good advice from some of our great skiers, bare-footers or wake-boarders, we will be there.

Maybe we get some of the fellow lake users interested in our Club or are just able to pass on some hints and tricks to have the best possible fun on the lake.

It would be great to see you there.

First Family Sunday will be the 1st Nov 09. Mark it bright red in your calendar.

The Committee

Club Nights

Club nights are every Wednesday 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 be there from 5pm till 9pm.

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Go for a look and enjoy.

Stefan

