



Winter Newsletter

2007/08 Season
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President's Report

There doesn't seem to be a lot to say as I sit here at the computer on a cold winter's night. The only skiing anyone is talking about is up the hill and not on the water where it should be.

Frosty foot wasn't held due to the high winds on the day that would have made it near on impossible to stay upright, and the day before would have been impossible to get a boat out of town due to the snow. So it's been a quiet winter in boating terms for most.

Sadly we are loosing one of our best workers/organizers/suppliers of

whatever O'Brien laminates has to offer Wayne O'Brien. Wayne has decided it's time for a change of climate and is going to live in Brisbane at the start of August. His wife Cathy who served as club secretary in the past will follow with the kids once Wayne works out what the hell it is he is doing over there.

I would like to wish the O'Brien family the best of luck for the future, thanks for all the hard work over the years, and I'm hoping it all turns to custard and you have to come back soon. We'll miss ya love!

Well I hope the winter passes quickly this year and we have a better summer than last year. Bring on global warming!!

Glyn



Aurevoir Big Fella!

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Annual General Meeting

It's come around so quick! The event you've all been waiting for (not!) - the OWSC's AGM.

Traditionally this was held at the Waiholo Tavern, but this year it's a change of scene and it will be held in town:

Tuesday 21st August
Kensington Tavern
Dinner 6:30 pm
AGM 8 pm

All members and interested parties are invited and will be warmly welcomed.

We need a quorum so mark this event in your social calendar now!

See inside for the agenda.

Editorial

It's been some time since a newsletter went out—the last was November 2006. We have had a change in Editor in between but otherwise, no excuses.

We'll do better next season. Feedback would be welcomed on the new format.

It was another busy year applying for grants and running fundraisers. Following our success last year one could be excused for thinking 2 in a row would be unlikely.

But this year we achieved \$6,000 in grants from gaming charities which was applied to:

- assisting with travel expenses for Glen Mackay's trip to the NZ Na-

tionals at Kai Iwi lakes near Dar-gaville, where Glen reached the final and finished 7th in the Boy's under 18 slalom

- new chairs for the Club Rooms
- subsidising two coaching days at Perkins Pond with the On Edge ski school
- resurfacing the club's ski jump

We also did a very successful sausage sizzle outside Mitre 10 Mega on Sunday 10th June. Mitre 10 supply a kiosk, barbeque including gas, and hundreds of hungry customers passing by each day. I have never been so busy at work in my life!

The committee has this year decided

to adopt a new, more modern and spectacularly colourful logo, shown above.

The logo features one of our members on ski, and a random wakeboarder. It therefore contains the message that the club welcomes wakeboarders (and in fact towed water sportsters of many ilks including chair skiers, barefooters, pyramid skiers, biskitters, etc.)

There is a strong emphasis on Otago colours and the overall look and feel is designed to appeal to a wider range of present and potential members.

We have also secured the domain name www.otagowaterski.org.nz, but no point in looking it up yet as we don't yet have a web site. But we will!

AGM Agenda

- Minutes of the 2006 AGM
- Matters Arising
- Financial Accounts
- Election of Officers
- Subs for 2007/08 season
- Appointment of Auditor
- General business

A Busy Year

Despite the lack of newsletters, the 2006/07 season was pretty busy. The calendar included the Water Ski NZ Nationals at Kai Iwi Lakes in Northland (yes, we had a member representing us there!), club camping weekend at Lake Mahinerangi 3/4 February, the new Club Relay event at Waihola 25th February, Club Champs at Waihola 3rd March, Southern Regionals at Perkins Pond (near Millers Flat) 10th March, and not one, but two professional

coaching weekends at Perkins Pond with Kerry and Brendon of the On Edge Ski School. Kerry and Brendon were assisted by Tom the American, who demonstrated slalom skill on the 12 m rope skiing at 58 km/h.

It was good news on all fronts at these events. Attendance was excellent and everyone enjoyed.

The bad news was we didn't run the Frosty Foot due to high winds.

Kensington Tavern, 8 pm, 21st August
Join us for dinner at 6:30 pm

We need eight members to form a quorum so please attend.

The club has a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and may also elect a Vice President and a Patron.

The committee must have at least four members in addition to the elected officers already mentioned.

Committee meetings are held once a month and generally last 2 to 3 hours.



The ladies relax after coaching at Perkins Pond



The winning team in the tug-of-war following the club relay

Some of the 'illegal' action caught on camera at the finish of the relay



Action at the Regionals!
(Ed: identity of youngest member of Sise family withheld.)



The club relay event was won by the 'Funky Chickens' team a.k.a. Maunsell family and associates!

Stop Press! New World Slalom Record Pending



Would you believe he recovers from this?

On 7th July in France, Jamie Beauchesne set a new world men's slalom record of 2 buoys on the 9.75 m rope length (a.k.a. '43 off' if you're in America.)

There is a great video available of Jamie's record run at Water Ski mag's web site: www.waterskimag.com.

The slalom buoys are actually 11.5 m from the centre line of the

course, so when Jamie skied around the two buoys, his ski handle was still 1.75 m from the buoy!

So to ski around the buoys he had to be at full stretch. An amazing feat.

The record still pending, ie. must be confirmed by the IWSF.

Results

Congratulations to all those who competed in club, regional and national events last season.

Unfortunately the club champs results have disappeared as I write this, but congratulations again to Glen Mackay who came 7th in the Boy's under 18 at the Nationals.

Glen also won the Boy's Under 18 at the Southern Regionals. Also at the Re-

gionals were Nick Mackay 1st Under 21 Mens, Andy and Pete Sise who came 5th and 6th in the Boy's Under 18, Glyn Burrows 2nd in Senior Mens 1 and Greg Sise 1st in Senior Mens 2 (Ed: there was only one competitor in SM2!)



Glen in action at the Southern Regionals

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Club Nights

Last season weekly club nights were well attended, often requiring 3 boats. Club night was Thursday, which seemed to clash less with touch rugby, Tai Chi, crochet and patch work classes, but who knows which night it will be this season?

The weather was not great on club nights—in fact it was the worst for years. There was a theory going around that Thursday was a bad day weather-wise, and that Tuesdays (last year's club night) were going better. This caused a bit of friction amongst the two camps—those who supported the fine Tuesday/crap Thursday theory, and those supporting the chaotic, random weather theory.

Club night this year has not been set, but expect details and a tentative season calendar to be published in September.

2007 NZ National Water Ski Championships

I wish to thank the Otago Club for the assistance provided to me to attend the National Championships that were held at the Kai Iwi Lakes in Northland from 30 January to 5 February 2007, and what a fantastic event it was. The weather was hot and the water temp was a warm 22-24°C.

I was able to practice at an adjoining lake with a slalom course, which enabled me to get a 'feel' for the water, which was quite different to here.



Kyle Eade jumping over 60m at NZ Nationals Kai Iwi Lakes

In the preliminary round of the Boys Slalom I only scored six buoys at 52 kph as I ran over No. 1 buoy on my 55k pass. Twelve competitors advanced to the final and I was 12th qualifier - Phew!

In the final I ran two buoys on the 16-metre line at 58k and was placed 7th.

It was great to watch the likes of Aaron Larkin and Kyle Eade, two New Zealanders who are highly ranked world-class competitors and to mix with the many other competitors as well. It was also great to take time out to see the ancient and mighty Kauri Forests and many other places too.

Once again many thanks for helping me get to the Nationals. It was a very rewarding and valuable experience.

Glen Mackay



The mighty Kauri Trees in Northland



Southern Region Competitors & Supporters at Kai Iwi