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BOATSHED BULLETIN FEBRUARY 2007 FROM THE CAPTAIN

SA 1st Grade Championships

Congratulations to all of our rowers who took part in this 2-day regatta at West Lakes. Here are our 1st grade champions from TRC...

LWM2- Beau Gora and Mostyn Clarke

JW1x Alana Monson

YW1x Alana Monson

U17W1x Peta White (Charles Amiel Trophy)

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Taking a Break from Rowing

One of the Torrens names missing from last week's regatta program was that of Jared Schar. Sadly, Jared has decided to have a break from the constant effort and huge time-commitment that comes with rowing in the SASI squad and state teams. Those who know Jared will join me in wishing him success with his teaching studies as well as involvement in water polo, and hope that he will stay in touch with all of us at the club. We've admired the way Jared has started his rowing career....from humble beginnings at CBC.....a stunning win with the SA youth crew in 2005....Kings Cup in 2006.....and yet always maintaining supportive contact with the younger rowers at TRC. Always on for a bit of fun, the gentle giant has taken part in the Walsh Shield and even coxed our master's crew to a win (and waved mid-race to the crowd) on the Torrens at the beginning of this season. All great athletes need a rest from their sport at some stage.....let's hope Jared finds the hunger to row again soon.

Our Rowers Head for the Nationals

With this year's National Championships to be held in Nagambie, Victoria, a solid representation of SA crews will occur. A number of Torrens rowers are packing their bags for this regatta to be held in mid-March. Of course we all wish them the very best of luck with their racing, and hope that they have a beaut time away with their team. Some of our rowers are seasoned campaigners and will no doubt be looking to impress the Australian selectors in the finals of their events. Others will be dipping their oars for the first time at this level of competition and hoping to gain valuable racing experience. Here's the red-and-white team...

Maja Fiddler U23LW1x, U23LW2x, OWLW4x and SA LW4x .

Beau Gora SA LW4-, U23MLW2-, U23MLW4-, OMLW*+.

Annalise Johnston SA W8+.

Alana Monson SA WY8+ and U19W1x and U19W4-.

Jessica Molsher-Jones U17W2x, U17W4x and U17W1x

Peta White U17W2x, U17W4x and U17W1x

Daniel Marryat U19M1x, U19M2x and SB1x

Libby Marryat U171x and SG1x
Alex Ricketts U174x and U171x
Phil Blesing, TRC Womens coach

Nationals Fund

Thanks to the TOMS, this fund is off to a promising start. I'll be asking all other crews to make a small personal donation to the TRC 2007 Nationals fund, to help pay for accommodation and boat transport for our young rowers. I know that they will greatly appreciate your support.



Masters Regional Championships

While our younger rowers prepare to travel interstate, our masters head to Mannum on March the 3rd for a special regatta which is held every two years in a country SA centre. Torrens has a team of 20 rowers entered for battles in mens, women's and mixed categories, in all classes of boats. With Henni also celebrating her 29th birthday that day, it should be a lot of fun.

Boat Reservations

The closure of Torrens Lake is likely to cause increased pressure on the use of TRC boats at West Lakes. To avoid disappointment, please use the boat-reservation board, have boats returned by the promised time, and please take extra care with the many crews on West Lakes.



TRC Rower Profiles

Writing about members of Torrens Rowing Club is fraught with danger....what do I say?....what don't I say?.....who have I left out?

I've decided to profile two members from our club each month.....who knows, you might end up being Mr June or Ms August!

Peta White

Peta is a bubbly young member of our Senior Women's Squad. Remarkably, at 15yrs of age, and having rowed only since April 2006, Peta last Saturday won the state under 17 single scull title, and with it the inaugural Charles Amiel Cup (there is a lovely photo of Peta with Margaret Lord and Charles on the SARA website). She has come to TRC through the SARA Talent Catch program run by Christine McLaren and coached by John Curtis. Peta, a year 10 student at Saint Peters Girls, is able to juggle alongside of her rowing an active involvement in the Princes Music Theatre Company and maintains a loving friendship with her buddy, Zoe the wrinkleless pug. Asked how far she would like to go with her rowing, she answered, "as far as possible", and casually, "the Olympics would be good".

Bill Carey

In a sport that often attracts “hard cases”, Bill Carey stands out as one of the true gentlemen of rowing. He started his rowing career at the same time as the CBC Rowing Club was founded and ended up as the stroke of their first eight in their maiden Head of the River race held on the Torrens. Bill joined Torrens Rowing Club at the same time as he began his studies in genetics and competed for the club with a string of SA lightweight championships until it came time to devote all of his energies to a PHD. The career that followed saw Bill running the Referral Laboratory at the Women’s and Childrens Hospital, focusing on genetic diseases in children. Recently retired, Bill and his charming wife, Wendy, have been boosting the stocks of Qantas with frequent overseas visits. When Masters rowing started up in the late 1980s, several of the CBC old-boys formed a crew, a relationship they have managed to maintain to this day. At 63 years of age, Bill and his mates find themselves rowing F-grade, still “mucking around” in boats, and still having a great time together. What only a few of you may know, Bill is the TRC “Webmaster”...he maintains our TRC website, which is about to undergo a complete overhaul, resulting in a new look, and the use of interactive members pages for training and racing.

FROM THE SECRETARY

There’s Plenty Happening at your TRC !

Starting March 11, you will see plenty of beginners boating up at the TRC. Our training courses for WEA beginners and TRC intermediate classes are fully booked, with classes scheduled for most weekends until the middle of July.

Lets hope that they translate into lots more members for the club!.

The finance sub-committee has begun the daunting task of preparing our budgets for next season. Expect to see some significant changes as your committee looks at all facets of the club and prepares to fully launch the city boatshed as a function centre, come the new financial year. It will be our aim to book the club on at least a fortnightly basis to people wanting a function venue. And don’t forget the club when booking your next function.

Don’t forget, the Captains Cocktail Party – 12th May, 2007 – details to follow, what a blast, “easy all”, make mine a pint, bartender !!

The venue has been booked, the menu finalised, so what am I talking about!, why it’s the increasingly popular TRC Annual Dinner, see you on Saturday 16 June, 2007 at the Torrens Parade Ground venue. Want to sit with your favourite group, start organising now! – here’s a tip, get someone to act as a table captain and let the secretary know of the numbers – to ensure that you don’t miss out.



Looking for some fun and entertainment on a Thursday night, why not join your friends down at the club on Thursday “Members” Night. Why not make it this Thursday night, the 22nd, it’s the second round of the Walsh Shield – 250 metres, “splash and dash” champagne challenge fours. Come and cheer/jeer your mates as they do battle for the crown. Then join us for pizza and “drinkies” afterwards

NEW MEMBERS – Say Hi, and please make them feel welcome

Catherine Schaefer

Ross Hendry

Georgina Miller



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