



BoatShed Bulletin

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From the Secretary 7

Walsh Shield — Final Round Thursday Feb 3rd 05

The bar will be open from 6pm.

Rowers can enter on the night or via David Neall by email to secretary@torrenslowingclub.com

The overall winner will be announced at the conclusion of racing, and be awarded the clubs largest and oldest trophy at the Annual Dinner in May 05.

All members are encouraged to come along and race or have a drink



Tour Down Under - Sunday Jan 23rd 05

The club bar will open for the finale of Australia's premier cycling event!

Come along, have a drink, and enjoy the racing!

Bar open from midday till late.

Working Bee

The club needs all rowers to contribute a little of their time to ensure that our equipment is kept in good condition.

Working bees have been arranged for the following dates:-

Sunday January 30, 9am at West Lakes – general cleaning, painting oars and boat internals
Sunday January 30, 9am at Torrens Lake – general cleaning, painting oars and wooden boat repairs

Wednesday February 2, 9am at Torrens Lake – painting of both boat trailers and any leftover jobs from the Blighters
Further details in the Captain's report.

Please make sure you attend on one of the dates arranged.

Captain's Cocktail Party

Saturday 26th February 2005
7.30pm until late...

Promises to be a good show!



Captain's Report - Roly Dankbaar

Youth State Crews and SASI scholarships

The following members of the senior men's and women's squads tried out for these crews and scholarships.

Kate Shepherd, Ashlyn Johnson, Maja Fiddler, Annelise Johnson, Tara Ellis, Bec Harvey, Alex Penner, Beau Gora and Jarrad Schar.

The whole club is very proud of these young rowers for all of the extra effort they have made in striving to achieve an elite level in the sport.

Those who were not selected will no doubt be disappointed. Let's hope that they use this setback to become even more determined in achieving their dreams. All of us at Torrens want you to succeed with your rowing.

Maja Fiddler, Bec Harvey, Beau Gora and Jarrad Schar were selected in State Youth Crews. Maja, Beau and Jarrad won SASI scholarships. Hearty congratulations. All of us at the club look forward to watching you steadily venture into the rarefied atmosphere of champions.

Working Bees

Congratulations to all rowers on making it through the first half of the season without a major breakage of equipment. We are also fortunate that our coaches, apart from helping rowers with training, frequently make any necessary repairs to equipment. But why should our two Phils have all the fun?

Here's some jobs that require **every rower in the club** to contribute a little of their time.....yes, that means you. We are holding three working bees to enable everyone to attend one.

Sunday January 30, 9am at West Lakes – general cleaning, painting oars and boat internals
– **Blesing's Blackguards**

Sunday January 30, 9am at Torrens Lake – general cleaning, painting oars and wooden boat repairs
– **Baldwin's Blighters**

Wednesday February 2, 9am at Torrens Lake – painting of both boat trailers and any leftover jobs from the Blighters
- **Tonkin's Tyrants**

Jerome, the Torrens master "wiz ze sick French accent" often reminds me how Aussies always say, "Oh, I'm so busy!".....Yes we are *all* very busy.

That's why it is important that everyone makes a small contribution to this important club event.

Mentoring New Rowers

The two biggest gripes I hear from rowers concern the poor state of equipment and the frustration of rowing with less capable rowers.

The equipment scene at Torrens is improving at a good rate. Realistically, and barring breakages, it is going to take four or five years to build the fleet and gym to the level we all want.

But what about rowing with the new people? The boat rolls around (sick bags anyone?), the crew lacks rhythm and the bladework is straight from a horror movie. It's frustrating and demoralising for the entire crew, and as the blaming starts so the fun of stirring each other stops.

Yet for the long-term success of your crew and of our club, linking less experienced rowers with "those who have done it all" is the fastest way to build a large successful team. Look how the members of the "Oarsome Foursome" have been able to extend their rowing careers and look how much they are enjoying their rowing. If you are one of more experienced rowers, let's have a think.....Who were the rowers that helped you reach such a high standard? Who will you be rowing with in two years time? And at what level? How will you build your friendships over that time? Maybe the big picture requires us to make the most of this process of renewal, to invest a little of our time in our own rowing future, whilst still making time for the regular row in our best crew, where the magic of past years and long miles fuses us into that powerful creature whose sweet harmony with the water leaves only distant puddles.

Old Dogs – New Tricks

How's this for motivation? No fewer than 25 of our Torrens Masters have enrolled in the Summer Rowing Clinic run by SARA over four days in January. Tutored by some of the best coaches in the state, these older athletes have been making a great effort to improve themselves. My crew, coached by Olympian Amber Halliday, grilled her for all four sessions, trying to squeeze a full year's coaching into the brief time allowed. One of the highlights included watching (mostly tragic) video of our crews rowing at Murray Bridge. And just to show that Masters know how to do things with style, two of the sessions included a sumptuous breakfast.

Thanks to SARA for sponsoring this event, to our fellow club members for allowing us use of a number of boats, and to Anne Lippis who, with the help of Simon, turned on the usual Torrens morning banquet.

Of course we will be putting all of this new knowledge back into the club....."if only I could remember.....what she said.....about the catch".....

The Regatta Season in Overdrive

The next three months are going to test our ability to share the limited amount of equipment at West Lakes. Let's support each other at regattas and see if we can't sink a few of the crews from other clubs.

Happy Rowing



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STATE CHAMPS PARTY SUNDAY 13th FEB 2005



Bar open with beer, wine,
champagne, soft drink

\$3 Pints of Tooheys New all night!

BBQ \$5

Where: Torrens RC Clubrooms

Time: 2:30 - 8:30pm

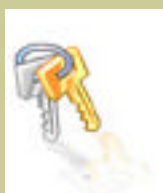
2004-05 Regatta & Social Calendar

JAN 2005	23	Tour Down Under—Bar open	TRC Clubrooms
	29	SARA Regatta	West Lakes
FEB 2005	3	Walsh Shield — Final Round	TRC Clubrooms
	5	Mannum RC Regatta	Mannum
	12	1st Grade State Champs	West Lakes
	13	1st Grade State Champs	West Lakes
	13	State Champs Party & BBQ	TRC Clubrooms
	19	Murray Bridge BC Regatta	Murray Bridge
	26	Port Adelaide RC Regatta	Port Adelaide
	26	Cocktail Party Fundraiser	TRC Clubrooms
MAR 2005	5	Schools & Master Regatta	Torrens Lake
	12	National Championships	Penrith, NSW
	19	School & 2nd Grade State Chaps	West Lakes
	19	Quiz Night Fundraiser	TRC Clubrooms
APR 2005	2	Head of the River Qualifying Regatta	West Lakes
	9	Head of the River	West Lakes
	16	3rd Grade State Champs	West Lakes
MAY 2005	7	SA Masters State Champs	West Lakes
	14	TRC Annual Dinner	TRC Clubrooms

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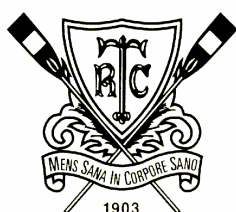
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- * Club Blazer
- * Club Tie
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- * Club Badge
- * Rowing Badge

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www.torrensrowingclub.com

Torrens Rowing Club (102nd Season) Annual Dinner

Saturday 14th May

Full details in our next
newsletter

Keep the night free!



1st Grade State Champs Sunday 13th Feb 05

All rowers are invited to the club after the final 1st Grade State Champs races have finished.

It will be BIG!

From 2pm until 9pm, \$3 pints of Tooheys New.

A BBQ will also be available at a cheap price!

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Secretary's Report - David Neall

Welcome to the New Year and I hope your crew is back "on the water" and working off that Xmas cheer!!

The Xmas season was a very busy time at your club, with the corporate sector entertaining their staff and clients in our first class venue. The club will benefit from this revenue stream and hopefully members will promote our facilities whenever the occasion arises. In my report to members in early 2004, I stressed the need to "grow" the membership as part of our business plan.

Currently, we have a combined total of 134 social and active members. This is, to the best of my knowledge, a record level of membership and is a reflection of the hard work that your committee is putting in to make our club "the boatshed" to row from. This heightened activity is leading to something of mini crises in terms of equipment and coaching resources. As reported elsewhere, the club has placed an order for a new coxed/coxless four which will go some way to relieving the pressure. However, the coaching "issue" remains. So here is your chance to give something back to the club – contact Roly Dankbaar and offer your services as a coach/co-coordinator to our ever growing squad of masters and beginners, even one night a week for a few hours would help solve the problem !. As I said before – "someone gave of themselves to give you a start – so what about returning the favour"

Continuing on in a similar vein, the question was asked of me recently, "well, just where does my membership fee go to?. The very simple answer is – of every \$1 we receive, 60 cents goes towards our insurance bill, the bottom

line is – our insurance premiums have risen by a staggering 60% since 2000. That leaves your management committee with the princely sum of 40 cents to

"do everything else". Clearly, this is an untenable situation and I must advise you that our fee structure will be reviewed accordingly. Our fundraising is dedicated to "new equipment" and the support of members is paramount if we are to maintain our fleet to an acceptable level.

The Xmas reunion was well attended by our younger and older members alike returning to the club to renew acquaintances and partake in some convivial good cheer!. These traditional gatherings continue to grow in numbers and are a sign that your club is well placed into its second centenary year. Our longstanding membership, i.e., the "TOMS" celebrated the festive season with a mid-morning row and luncheon at the club just prior to Xmas day. It was great to see the two eights and their supporters dining at the club after their row and enjoying the facilities.

Our oldest member, Doug Sanders, joined the "TOMS" for lunch and passed on various historical items to the secretary for keepsake. In particular, a medallion won by Doug as part of the winning Walsh Shield crew in 1932. Unfortunately, Remo Morelli was unable to attend due to ill health, but should be ready to "boat up" come March!!. Joining the group was John Webb, a very welcome visitor, a past oarsman and keen committeeman and making good recovery from a recent illness.

The Walsh Shield is into its final round with at least 6 competitors well placed to take out the final.

Currently, Terry Brown leads a tightly bunched field by one point. A good rollup at the member's night in December saw some 20 members racing in round two. Joining us on the night was Bruce Roberts, life member and past president. Bruce, whilst living in Port Lincoln has continued to be a very keen supporter of the club. Thanks to Gary Clode, another life member, a very important part of the club's history, the bow section of the "Zingari", the winning boat in the 1937 Kings Cup (won by South Australia) has been restored and is now mounted in the bar area. Gary is also restoring a number of other historical items and these will be on display at the club in the near future.

Events

Sunday 23rd Jan
Tour Down Under
- Club Bar will open

Thursday 3rd Feb
Final round of
Walsh Shield

Sunday 13th Feb
1st Grade State
Champs

Saturday 26th Feb
Captain's Cocktail
Party

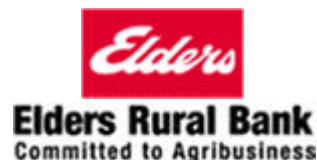
Wednesday morning
Coffee
7:30am until 9am

Thursday members'
nights
6:30pm onwards

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Committee Meetings

We have moved our Meeting nights to the 2nd Wednesday of each month 7.30pm at the Clubrooms
Next meetings
9th February
9th March
All members are welcome to attend.

The Committee

President:: Ian Russell
Captain: Roly Dankbaar
Vice-Captain: Marco Lippis
Treasurer: Anne Lippis
Secretary: David Neall
Coachs' Rep: Phil Blesing
General Committee
John Tonkin, Clara Tonkin,
Shirley Willis, Bianca Halliday,
Dianne DeBellis, Jan Ferguson.