



Perth Pirates Newsletter

Pirate Pride! Pirate Power! Pirate Passion!

March 2011

1. State Championships – 20 March 2011



They are smiling now....but they will make you hurt

This is it guys . the big one to finish off our WA season!

The State Champs will be on Sunday 20 March at Champion Lakes and the Pirates will be out in force again to capture some shiny medals!

Bring it on!

And, most importantly we've booked in at Nicholson's in Canningvale for dinner on the Sunday night.

So bring a change of clothes and please ð some soap. To get spruced up to head to the pub after the Champs are over and to enjoy a good night together afterwards.

2. Bunbury Tens State Championships

A bunch of hardy Pirates trekked south to sunny Bunbury for the State Tens Championships on the long weekend.

Pirates had a solid day, taking out silver in every Tens category we entered . Womens, Open and Premier Mixed. Not bad for one day of racing!

The highlight was at the end of the day with an amazing 1000 metre race. Ignoring the roller derby crashtackles behind us, the Pirate crew of 20 was neck and neck with Freo Swan . into the wind. It was a phenomenal effort, and almost anyone's race, but the mighty Pirate heart saw us pull away on the home call to take out the races by a handful of metres. The surge through the boat was incredible as the Pirates drove hard to win.



Eddie's smile hides the tiger beneath!

Dang we looked hot too!

A huge thanks to Kim %We know what you've been doing+Donohue and Anna %Gecko+Gill for leading the way as drummers for the many races throughout the day. We couldn't do it without you . bang on!



3. Australian Championships – March 31 to 3 April 2011



The Pirates are finally going to Disneyland!

OKō actually we are going to Canberra, but it's the next best thing with the Australian Dragonboat Championships to be hotly contested by paddlers from around the country.

Good luck to the Pirate crew (plus a few friends) travelling to Canberra to represent Pirates in the Club vs Club championships. A mighty Pirates ARGHH goes out to the squad:

*Sue +**Curly Sue**+Konning

*Sue +**Shitzu**+Akerstrom

*Danielle %**La Bombe**+Webb

*Linda %**Elbows Up!**" Oliver

*Cheryl %**Not drowning but sweeping**+Branch

*Aly %**Been ta Bali**+Pollock

*Vic %**Miiiiiiiiiiiictor**+ Finkelstein

*Christian %**I am the Egg Man**+ Mueller

*Alan %**Sue's going to be late**+ Konning

Liam %**Young and Strapping**+ Rawlins

*Kristin %**Breggers**+ Priest

*Helen %**Where's Wally?**" Rawlins

*Lyn %**Lovely Lady of the Lycra**+ Freeman

*Dom %**Madame Lash**+Mecoy

*Anna %**Gecko**+Gill

*Steve %**Cap'n Steve**+Davies

*Gary %**McKiwi**+McDougall

*Bob %**LungeBob Squarepants**+Oliver

*Andrew %**Dancing Queen**+Gill



Pirates also give a hearty ARGHHH and welcome to our guest paddlers Mark Kusin and Neville McNeill from Forza, Roslyn Webb from Bunbury Crewsaders and Rochelle Bishop from Mandurah.

Welcome to the Pirate crew guys . but be warned about two things, you may come home from Canberra with a nickname you may not necessarily deserve, and secondly, once you've had red and black, you just might not go back!

You put your left leg in...no right...no left...damn!!!

Well done also to the Pirates that are in the WA State Team . Christian, Kristin, Bob, Linda and Dom.

4. **Pirates End of Season Windup - Friday 9 April 2011**

The legendary Pirates End of Season Windup will be held on **Friday 9 April**.

A special venue experience is being planned . stay tuned, but mark the date in your diary guys!

You can purchase dinner and drinks and wed also hand out the Pirates Awards.

This is always a great night to celebrate a hard fought season!

Put on your party pants! Really. Please wear pants of some sort.



"Will there be eggs at the windup?"

5. **Pirates Awards**



The annual Pirates Awards acknowledge the paddlers and people that make this club great. There's Best Team Person, Pirate Personality and Most Valuable Pirates for you to vote for. The Coaches will also select the Most Improved Paddler and the Best and Fairest.

Over the next week, make sure you grab a voting form at training or fill out the attached form and email to Secretary Sue %Shitzu+Akerstrom on suziq@inet.net.au or Garry %can untangle the Cox Vox+Crow on Garry.Crow@rdl.wa.gov.au

Forms due in to these guys by Sunday 20 March to be in the running to win a car*.

"And the winner is.....Curly Sue.....Curly Sue...Curly Sue...."

6. **Corporate Fundraising Events**

Recently the Pirate hosted delegates WAFEX as part of their annual conference. They enjoyed fun and frenzied team building session and really found out about the joys of dragonboating.

These corporate events are a great way to raise funds for the Club . if you know of anyone that would like to have something like this, or even a mini regatta, please contact Dom. We can provide a variety of experiences for them. Hopefully mostly pleasurable.

7. **Superb Sponsors**

Thanks again to our fabulous sponsors, who collectively feed us (Maylands IGA), make us look good (Hot Cotton), keep us caffeinated (Kiss Café) and ensure our equity to investment trade portfolios are yielding maximum returns on a quarterly basis (Chalice Financial Services). What the?

Each newsletter, we will feature a different sponsor - we encourage all Pirates to support our sponsors as much as they support us.

Check out the info on Maylands IGA in this edition.



*May not actually resemble a carō .Or anything actually. Do you think weqe frigginmade of money??! Sheesh! Just vote, OK?

8. Welcome to new paddlers



A huge Pirates welcome to our new (and newish!) paddlers . Johnny, Erin, Anj, Mick, Nick, Isobel, Liam, Shannon and Ryan.

Welcome aboard guys . you are now part of the Pirate family.

We do know that's kinda scaryō but youđ learn to love it!

Trust usō .weqe Pirates.

Reallyō õ .tee hee hee.

9. Some special thanks

A huge thanks to Abbe Powell for taking the great Pirates photos you see in this newsletter. Abbe certainly captured the spirit of the Pirates in full swing and we thank her for providing them to us. Keep an eye out for more in the next newsletter.

A hearty Pirate AGHHHH to you!

10. Warm wishes to one of our favourite Pirate friends

Pirates send a big warm hug and ARGHH to honorary Pirate Ritha, who always helps us as our much needed Club volunteer at regattas.

Ritha recently underwent a knee reconstruction and all Pirates wish her the very best for a speedy recovery . we hope you will be up and hopping mad like the rest of us very soon Ritha!

11. Maylands Mayhem

Friday nights at Maylands are back on! You can grab a tasty, great value meal and soak in the ambience of the club on a lazy Friday night.

Not to mention the great bar prices. OK. Wedđ mention them. They are great. We love them.

So support our home base and get on down to the Club for a spiffing nosh up.



12. Thoughts for March

Quote #1: %Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read+ Groucho Marx

Quote #2: During the fire alarm at Bunbury: "Awww... why did we have to get the firemen who *didn't* make the calendar?" Sue "Curly Sue" Konning

Garry channels Olivia Newton John – Getting' physical, physical...

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