

Perth Pirates Newsletter

Pirate Pride! Pirate Power! Pirate Passion!

May 2011

1. Winter Paddling – better than sex!*

Well the mighty Pirate passion is still strong and we'll be continuing to train three times a week over winter.

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.45pm

On the water by around 6.00-6.10pm. If you think you will run late, text Lyn on 0413 387 281 or Dom on 0417 986 281 and we can swing back past the beach after warm up to collect you and make disparaging remarks about your tardiness.

Sundays 9am to 10am, then coffee!

We'll have hard(ish) workout for around 45 minutes, then return to the beach at 10am to collect paddlers looking for a lighter session. We shall then paddle to the coffee shop, order what you like, have a casual coffee, and then a paddle home.



"Paddle with us! We're normal!"

So bring a few \$ for coffee and please note that if you order a long, flat, black, de-caff, mochacino late with sprinkles on the side and half a marshmallow we may laugh at you

**Note, may not actually be better than sex.*

2. "Scratch" Regatta invitational – Sunday 26 May 2011

No, a scratch regatta is not the long lasting, embarrassing and itchy result of Pirates late night shenanigans (you know who you are)

Sunday 26 May 2011 Pirates will invite other clubs to come to Maylands where we'll mix up the teams and paddlers and just get out on the water for some fun racing action.

On the water at 10am, we'll do a range of 500m and 200m races and then finish up with a BBQ at the Club. Everyone can just bring their own food and we'll communally cook and chat and possibly have a shandy or two.

We've already had interest from Cockburn, Fremantle and Amazons so it should be a good day. Don't worry if you have only just started paddling, this is a great way to get the feel of racing.

3. Lycopodium Team-Building event

On Sunday 1 May, the Pirates hosted a team-building event for 80 people from Lycopodium as a fundraiser for the Club. It was a perfect day, with flat waters, a dotting of the eyes ceremony and even a couple of dolphins just metres from the beach . couldn't have timed it better!

A **massive** thanks and ARGHH to all the Pirates that helped out on the day . Shitzu, Lyn, Edie, Jan, Nick, Aly, Mick, Courtney, Rod, Ang, Graeme, Allan, Timbalina, Garry, Ray, Isabelle, Karin, Ryan, Linda, Bob, Anne, Stu, Helen, Mark, Jeanette, Christian, Dave, Aly's mum and Linda's kids . with all of you there, the day ran so smoothly.

We have had excellent feedback from the day and raised around \$2500 for the Club. Great effort guys! Our Corporate Events flyer is attached if you want to spread the word.

4. Nationals 2011

Well the mighty Pirates winged their way to sunny Canberra (which was surprisingly sunny) for the Australian Championships. The premier national regatta was held in an amazing setting, with Parliament House behind and the Australian War Memorial in front.

The Pirates did themselves and their State proud, making it directly into 3 semifinals and missing out on a grand final by an agonizing 4/100s of a second. Argh!

A huge thanks to Steve for coaching and to Kristin for herding the cats as Team Manager and ensuring we had a great trip with fabbo accommodation. Plus Hot Cotton for sponsoring our social shirts. We looked spiffing!

And we just won't mention the flashing, **The Gok**, Bob's lactose intolerance, table manners (or lack thereof), weird dancing and bungee jumping. Nope. Won't mention it.

Thanks also to our honorary Pirates Mark, Neville, Roslyn and Rochelle, who embraced the Pirate spirit (perhaps a little too much?!) and were a fantastic addition to the Pirate crew. Bring on the ARGHHH!



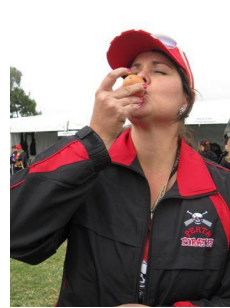
Cap'n Steve is HAPPY!



It wasn't that cold...



Pirate Yoga pose



Aly does an egg



They look soooo innocent...

Well done also to the Pirates that competed in the WA State Team . Christian, Kristin, Bob, Linda and Dom. Hopefully next year in Melbourne we shall see many more Pirates in the State Squad!



*Curly Sue sez:
"See you at the Nationals 2012!"*



Welll.....something to aim for next year



Dancing cheek to cheek



Shy types, aren't we?



Shitzu shakes it!

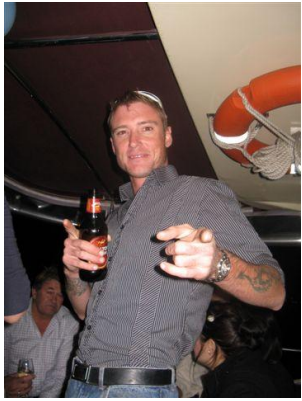


Um..the next race is when now?



They are just good friends..

5. Pirates End of Season Windup – Pirates went Posh! (almost)



Mick sez :How you doin'?"

The Pirates equivalent of the Oscars was a fabulous night of nights out at sea (OK.. river) on the Miss Sandalford.

Everyone wore pants (most of the time) and enjoyed an evening of drinkie-poos, nibbles and scintillating conversation.

On the night we celebrated the annual Pirate Awards, which acknowledge the paddlers and people that make this club great.



Here's Johnny!

Best Team Person Male	Steve
Best Team Person Female	Dom
Pirate Personality Male	Steve
Pirate Personality Female	Edie
Most Improved Paddler Female	Danielle
Most Improved Paddler Male	Brendon
Best and Fairest Male	Christian
Best and Fairest Female	Courtney

And the Pirates equivalent of the Nobel Peace prize . which is the Most Valuable Pirate . was awarded to a well deserving Lyn Freeman. Kisses all around!! Mwah Mwah!



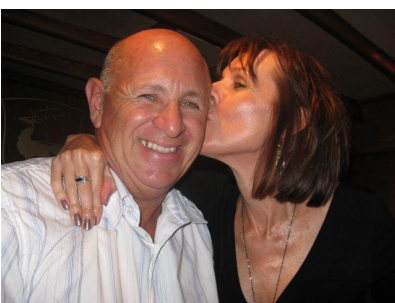
Beware the lady in red!



Yes...Vic had a very happy birthday!



And the winner is...Edie!



Tastes like chicken?



Hugs all around



Happy, Happy, Happy Linda!

A huge thanks to the good people at Sandalford for giving us an amazing deal and an amazing night with a beautiful boat and outstanding Sandalford wines.

6. Responsible Service of Alcohol training



Now we know that ~~responsible~~, ~~alcohol~~ and ~~Pirates~~ are three words that are not often seen in the same sentence, but it can happen!

It would be great to have a few more Pirates with their RSA accreditation, so more of us are able to hop behind the bar to help out after training or for the odd event.

The Maylands Sport and Recreation Club will reimburse you if you do the online course, you may be called upon to volunteer behind the bar.

Once you have done the course, the lovely Lidia will meet with you to go through usage of the till.

The following is the information you will need regarding the people who want to do the RSA course.

1. Visit www.workbehindabar.com.au
2. Select ~~Purchase course~~. It will come up with \$75 so select that
3. Next screen is a register screen - then fill it in with your details
4. When you register, it automatically logs you in
5. Terms and conditions . Select ~~agree~~
6. Purchase a course and that's where you put in the discount code **PH67RDWJ**
7. Pay with your credit card or paypal. **WE GET A DISCOUNT SO ONLY PAY \$55.00**
8. If you have problems don't log out immediately ring Clubs WA on 9312 1655 and they will help you through.
9. Bring your receipt to the Club to give to Lidia, and you will be reimbursed the \$55.

Go on Pirates! Answer the call!

7. Thought for May



Now look.

This dude on the left here.
Do you know why?

They call him the Count.
Because he loves to count things.

Now if a purple dude on Sesame St with some puppeteers hand up his clacker can still count .

**.....Why can't Pirates count in the boat?!?!
C'mon peoples!**

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