

## Perth Pirates Newsletter

***Pirate Pride! Pirate Power! Pirate Passion!***

***September 2011***

### ***1. Training – Thursdays are back!***

From Thursday 15 September we will be back to Thursday trainings . so yes, you can now have 3 spiffing Pirate training sessions per week!

The weather is warm, Edie is hot to trot and it's time get stuck into training . technique and distance hauls to build us up for the 12km Bridge to Bridge at the end of October!

### ***2. Pirates Committee for season 2011/12 and AGM stuff***

The Pirates Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 21 August and what a knees-up it was. We laughed, we cried, we hugged and we occasionally let out excited squeaks.

Your committee for 2011/12 season was duly elected and so this year your every Piratery whim\* will be lovingly tended to by:



<i>Treasurer</i>	Sue %Curly Sue+Konning
<i>Secretary</i>	Sue %Shitzu+Akerstrom
<i>Membership</i>	Lyn %Lovely Lady of the Lycra+Freeman
<i>Vice-President</i>	Ange %et to do something silly to be anointed with a Nicknameõ but wait..it will come+Ashby
<i>President</i>	Dom %Madame Lash+Mecoy

We are still looking for a Team Manager . if you are keen, have a chat to Dom or Kristin.

The revised Pirates Constitution was also endorsed by the members at the meeting.

As we wrapped up the year, we gave our thanks to the previous year's committee, who worked tirelessly throughout the year to make Pirates a great Club . a huge thank you to Linda, Lyn, Shitzu, Sue Konning, Steve, Kristin, and Aly.

Thanks also to all the other members of the club that chip in and help out along the way during the year, in particular:

- Vic , Bob, Ray, Christian and Mick . for maintenance and manly fixing of things
- Rod . for assistant coaching, along with Courtney and Christian
- Gary , Gary and Stu . for towing the boats to regattas
- Team Managers . Kristin was ably helped by Rod, Ross and Tall Fi
- Bartenders . Alan, Lyn, Jeanette, Vic and Courtney
- Volunteer extraordinaire . Ritha

We hope we have covered everyone . so many Pirates lend a hand in different ways throughout the year . everything and everyone helps the Club!

*\*Note . some whims maybe subject to a few drinks firstõ*

### 3. Upcoming Paddling Events



Time to grab your Pirate dance card and mark it up for a stack of fantastic events and regattas!

#### **Sunday 30 October – The Bridge to Bridge Classic.**

About 12km of distance paddling from the Narrows up to the Left Bank in Fremantle. A mighty incentive destination for a Pirate!

#### **Saturday 5 November – Boddington Regatta**

The famous Boddington splash and dash regatta is on again. Pirates have taken out the trophy for this event before so this is a great day trip regatta.

#### **Friday 11 November – Mercedes College Year 10 Regatta**

Running a regatta for 150 year 10 girls . it's every Pirate's favourite thing! This is one of the Pirates' biggest fundraising events for the year . bringing in over \$3500 for the day. Yes, it's a work day, but if you can spare the day or even half a day to help out, it would be great.

If you are available to help out, please email Dom on [dmeccoy@westnet.com.au](mailto:dmeccoy@westnet.com.au)

#### **Sunday 13 November – First Grand Prix Regatta**

The first regatta in the DBWA Grand Prix season. There will be 10s and 20s racing, and of course the lovely 2000m dash. Pirates need to be ready to send out a big message in the first regatta so get ready to bring it!

#### **Sunday 27 November – Rotary Club/Telethon Corporate Regatta.**

Held just around the corner from our home turf at Riverside Gardens, Bayswater, this event will see club vs club racing, plus corporate racing.

#### **Sunday 11 December – Second Grand Prix Regatta**

Like the first. But second.



*The crew decided maybe it was time to lay off the pies...*

## 4. Other Events

### “Darts Club Quiz Night”

On Saturday 24 September, the Maylands Darts Club will be holding a Quiz night at the Club, starting at 7pm.

This is a great opportunity to support one of our fellow Maylands Club and show that Pirates are not just pretty faces. OKō well we are not just finely tuned athletes.

OKō well we don't just lift heavy things real good like.

So gather a few mates, put together a table of 6 to 8 people - at the fabulous price of \$10 a head.

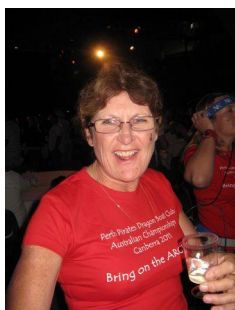
Bookings are essential, so give Archie a call on 0409 370 053.

### “Lunch with the Stars”

Cockburn Dragon Boat Club is kindly hosting an opportunity to meet and greet the West Australian contingent of the Auroras the Australian National Dragonboating Team, after their recent triumphant return to our shores from the World Championships in Tampa.

Get the inside track on their training regimens, new ideas for training, fitness and paddling technique in a social atmosphere. Take the opportunity to have a beverage or two, enjoy finger food, and get together with the rest of the Dragon Boat paddling community for a social gathering before the season gets into full swing.

This event will be held at the Swan Yacht Club, Riverside Drive, East Fremantle on Sunday 25th September 2011 from 12:30 . 3:30pm. The cost is \$22 per person and this includes finger food, wine, beer, & soft drinks. Please contact Paula on pvcottingham@hotmail.com or by phone on 0407 915 708.



## 5. Get well soon!

A big Piratery %Get well soon!+ to long term Pirate Cheryl, who broke her leg while on a recent skiing trip. We hope that you were at least doing something suitably spectacular and but respectfully remind you that falling off a dragonboat is probably less painfulō

We really miss you at training Cheryl and hope that you are back to 100% soon! XXX..

## 6. Thought for September

Parrots are the preferred pirate companion. Monkeys are an acceptable substitute, unless they fling their poo at people. Then they are an **awesome** substitute.

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