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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



The 2012 AusDBF National Championships will always be remembered for the sad passing of long time paddler and Dragon Boat enthusiast – Peter Bristow. In only the second race of

the State Racing day the South Australian team had its first race and in a shocking end to the race, Peter sadly died at the finish line. The State racing was understandably cancelled as a mark of respect and all of the South Australian paddlers participated in a very moving tribute to Peter at the lunch break on the first day of club racing. DBSA held a Memorial Race Day on the Torrens on April 28th which was well supported and a fitting remembrance to a paddler we all knew and respected. Peter's favourite race was the Long Course Event and at the suggestion of his club, Power Blades, the Board has renamed the race the Peter Bristow Long Course.

"Peter Bristow"



Unfortunately our State Team did not then have the opportunity to compete at the National Championships but it is worth noting that DBSA contributed over \$9,000 to the costs of the Premier Team and in addition another \$1,500 in subsidized entry fees for the Grand Masters and Great Grand Dragons. At the last President's meeting it was resolved to maintain the same subsidies for all in our attempts to further boost the Premier Team's talent pool.

Although our State Championships were several months ago, the results are published in this newsletter (page 4) and it is really great to see a good spread of winners which is a testament to the growing strength of our competition.

Five South Australian Clubs qualified for the Club Crew World Championships in Hong Kong in July this year and four have registered to compete – all are training extremely hard and we look forward to the success they deserve.

The Port Pirie Masters Games Dragon Boat event was held on the 21st April at Solomontown Beach and although the weather was cool and damp, the competition was close and feedback was all very positive from those who attended. We had 112 competitors registered and numbers were a little down on the last games but it still turned out to be a very enjoyable day in true Masters style.



"Port Pirie Masters Games"

Most clubs are taking advantage of the Meeting Room at our venue – The Sailing Club – and if you need a venue for a meeting please contact me to confirm a

booking. Please remember it is our facility and we are responsible for keeping it clean and tidy – if you use it please leave it clean. There is no charge to use the meeting room but if you wish to use the Gallery Space, there is a charge applicable.



"The Sailing Club"



"The Sailing Club – Meeting Room"

On Sunday 24th June we will be thanking our volunteers with a luncheon at The Sailing Club. DBSA volunteers and their partners have been invited and we hope that they will all be able to attend – we rely heavily on our volunteers and this will be just a small token of our appreciation for their help in enabling us to enjoy our sport.

On a last note on housekeeping – please ensure that when boats are stored in the Aquatic Reserve boat shed they are aligned with the yellow lines at the back of the shed. This will give people enough room to access lockers and the mezzanine storage area.

Good luck to all who are competing in Penang and Hong Kong – have a safe and successful trip.

John Holland
President - DBSA.

DRAGON BOAT PADDLERS DEATH A REMINDER

The recent death of Powerblades and state team member Peter Bristow will be deeply felt this next season. Peter Bristow aged 61, began dragon boat racing in 1986.

Only recently retired Peter leaves behind a wife, adult children and grand children. Many South Australian paddlers have been touched by Peter through his roles as state and club coach and by his friendliness, willing to instruct, and his warm smile. Peter was regarded as an athlete, one of the state's best and strongest paddlers and a leader in the dragon boat racing fraternity.

Life is frail and dragon boating intense. No one's body goes on forever but Peter's death can served to remind us of the importance of health and wellness and regular and reasonable training and of making every second of life count.



"Peter and his wife Bernice celebrate a Club Award"

ASD CEDUNA

Adelaide Sea Dragons Ceduna members ventured down to Smokey Bay to participate in the 100th Birthday Celebrations of the Smokey Bay Jetty which has recently undergone some major renovation.

An integral part of the celebration was to be a race between six homemade rafts which were locally built from recycled materials.

The atrocious weather reduced the race field to two craft, one of which broke up at the start leaving the intrepid Sea Dragon girls with all the glory. The large crowd doubted the sanity of our girls but in true Sea Dragon spirit they took on the challenge and displayed to the crowd that with determination, team-work and strength, they are the best.



"Smokey Bay crowd"



Pictured on the raft clockwise: Raelene Knowles (front) Judy Gower, Courtney Rogers, Di Warmington, Kate Meier and Sharon Spry.

Raelene Knowles – ASD Ceduna

FOREFRONT BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY



You would all know Pat Doogue from Subsonix as the enthusiastic team mascot! After being involved with MYOB as a certified consultant for the past 17 years, Pat has decided to expand his business. As well as providing MYOB support/training and being a registered BAS agent, Pat and his business are now registered tax agents.

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ADELAIDE SURVIVORS ABREAST

Adelaide Survivors Abreast Dragon Boat Club wishes the Copper Coast members all the best for their new venture in heading out on their own. ASA is very proud to have introduced dragon boating to the Copper Triangle and have especially enjoyed the close relationship with our members from that area over past 3 years. We look forward to meeting them on the water and continuing the friendship that was forged in the early days of their introduction to dragon boating activities. ASA also wishes to thank them for their good wishes to Steve in wishing him a speedy recovery from his current medical setback.

ASA is holding a quiz night on Saturday, 4th August at the Western Youth Centre, Marion Road, Cowandilla. Only \$10 a ticket, with tables of 10 being the format for the evening. This bi-annual event is a major fundraiser to support ASA's plan in competing in Venice in 2013. A percentage of takings on the night will also be donated to a cancer-related charity. For tickets please contact Mary-Ann Holt on 0432 068 180.

NEXT DRAGON'S BREATH

Next Dragon's Breath Articles and Pictures are due:

Friday 12th August 2012



500M Racing

CATEGORY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Premier Open 10	Water Warriors	Black Dragons	Subsonix
Premier Women 10	Phoenix	Black Dragons	Sea Dragons
Premier Mixed 10	Water Warriors	Phoenix	Subsonix
Masters Open 10	Black Dragons	Power Blades	Sea Dragons
Masters Women 10	SADA	Sea Dragons	Black Dragons
Masters Mixed 10	Black Dragons	Power Blades	Water Warriors
Premier Open 20	Subsonix	Black Dragons	Power Blades
Premier Women 20	Sea Dragons	Black Dragons	SADA
Premier Mixed 20	Black Dragons	Water Warriors	Power Blades
Masters Women 20	Sea Dragons	SADA	
Masters Mixed 20	Black Dragons	Power Blades	Water Warriors

2000M Racing

Premier Mixed 20	Black Dragons	Subsonix	Sea Dragons
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200M Racing

Premier Open 10	Phoenix	Water Warriors	Black Dragons
Premier Women 10	Phoenix	Black Dragons	Sea Dragons
Premier Mixed 10	Phoenix	Water Warriors	Black Dragons
Masters Open 10	Subsonix	Black Dragons	Power Blades
Masters Women 10	Sea Dragons	SADA	Black Dragons
Masters Mixed 10	Sea Dragons	Black Dragons	SADA
Grand Masters Women 10	Sea Dragons	SADA	SADA
Grand Masters Mixed 10	Sea Dragons	Power Blades	Black Dragons
Premier Open 20	Black Dragons	Power Blades	Water Warriors
Premier Women 20	Black Dragons	Sea Dragons	SADA
Premier Mixed 20	Black Dragons	Sea Dragons	Phoenix
Masters Open 20	Black Dragons	Power Blades	
Masters Women 20	Sea Dragons	SADA	
Masters Mixed 20	Black Dragons	Power Blades	Water Warriors

	Champion Club Points	
Black Dragons	10 Gold	49 points
Sea Dragons	8 Gold	31 points
Power Blades		19 points
Water Warriors	2 Gold	16 points
Phoenix	4 Gold	15 points
SADA	1 Gold	15 points
Subsonix	2 Gold	10 points

Points allocated: Gold = 3, Silver = 2, Bronze = 1.