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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



President's Message – October 2011

Our new Dragon Boat Year has commenced and there has already been a lot of activity and a number of events.

Our AGM was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> August at our new headquarters – The Sailing Club, which is

almost ready for us to start using as a training venue. At the AGM, Julie Clinch announced that she would not be seeking re-election to the Board as Vice President Female and her resignation was accepted with regret and we thanked her for her twelve years of service on the Board. As a result of Julie's withdrawal, the following Board Members were elected unopposed –

PRESIDENT	JOHN HOLLAND
VICE-PRESIDENT FEMALE	MEG VINE
TREASURER	JENNIFER BOULD
COMMITTEE MEMBER	STEVE CLINCH
VICE-PRESIDENT MALE	RICK FRENCH
SECRETARY	CHRIS WOOD
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PAT DOOGUE NATASHA PATAKI

The DragonBoat SA Annual Report is available on the DBSA website and if anyone has any questions arising from the report I am happy to follow them up for you.

The Mildura Masters Games Dragon Boat event was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> August and was very well run by DBSA and our fantastic team of volunteers. Two South Australian Clubs, SADA and Sea Dragons, joined with six other clubs from Victoria and New South Wales for an excellent days racing in 12 categories – DBSA has been asked to organize this event again in 2013.

Our Racing Season got off to an early start on 25<sup>th</sup> September with the Torrens 10s event. We had some technical difficulties on the day and although we had the river booked for our event, there were a number of other "happenings" on the river that day which all presented us with challenges. There are a number of areas we need to address to keep our days running on time and the clubs can assist by ensuring that boats return to the loading areas as soon as a race finishes and crews are ready to load for the next race. We all need to proceed directly to the start and get into position as soon as possible and not "hang back". We are addressing the training of our volunteers and we should see an improvement in all areas with their increased experience.

We had been working on the planning of the Australian Masters Games Dragon Boat event for over twelve months and our hard work bore fruit on October 7<sup>th</sup> when the event "kicked off". The weather was very kind to us

and we enjoyed 3 days of competitive and friendly competition. We had about 400 competitors from fifteen clubs from, ACT, NSW, Qld, Tas, Vic and SA and I'm sure that a number of new friendships were formed and old ones renewed. The spirit of the games was excellent and the volunteers did a fabulous job in ensuring that everything went to plan and the Dragon Boat experience was enjoyed by all.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> the Finance Tactics Pub and Corporate Challenge will be held and it is shaping up to be one of our biggest Challenges yet. The Flight Training Centre has increased their participation, a new fitness centre category has been created and club crews are training more corporate teams than ever before.

We welcome two new sponsors to our sport – MGA Insurance Brokers enjoyed a corporate activity on the Torrens and enquired about boat naming rights. As a result they have committed to a five year agreement for naming rights on one of our Torrens boats which you should all have noticed now bears their name. Tina Pupello from Finance Tactics has offered to sponsor our upcoming Pub and Corporate Regatta and has offered in excess of \$1,000 in prizes for the day.

At the recent Board Meeting we discussed offering naming rights to our events to potential sponsors and packages are being put together. We have actually "borrowed" the idea from the Cruising Yacht Club who seek sponsorship for their races days for quite reasonable amounts and a number of these sponsorships are taken up by members to publicise their businesses. We are looking to do the same and offer the sponsorships to our members and a normal race day would cost about \$200. Everyone should have seen the State Team email from the High Performance portfolio and I hope that people are seriously considering trying out for the Premier Squad. DBSA is keen to get the best paddlers in the State paddling in our Premier crew and will be financially assisting the crew to participate in Melbourne in 2012.

At the recent AGM I highlighted our revised Member Protection Policy which includes the new requirements for child safe environments. Clubs who have junior members or who regularly have interaction with juniors need to have their prescribed position holder's police checked and reviewed. I suggest that everyone familiarises themselves with the policy which is available on our website.

After a lot of work by a number of our Members, The Sailing Club is almost ready for regular use. An opening day is planned for November 12<sup>th</sup> and most Clubs have committed to being involved. It promises to be a great day and will highlight that the Dragons are alive and well in Port Adelaide and are open for business. A lot of effort is going into making this launch day a truly memorable occasion and I urge you all to be involved.

Good luck for the season ahead

**John Holland**  
President - DBSA.

# MASTERS MARSHALS BOAT HOLDERS



## THE AURORAS

### High performance in our sport – the International arena

Nine South Australians were part of The Auroras campaign in Tampa in August.

Alison Burgess (Premier) Dave Brugioni (Grand Masters) Karen Graetz (Masters) Liz Thomas (Grand Masters) Bryan Buttery ((Masters) Marcel Kucmierz (Grand Masters) Peter Alchin (Masters) Thomas Jaeger (Grand Masters) Steve Clinch (Masters Ass Manager)

Here are the results, this effort moved Australia to third in the world rankings.

#### 2000m

Senior A	(Masters)	Mixed	3 rd	Bronze
Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Mixed	5th	
Premier		Mixed	7th	
Senior A	(Masters)	Women	1st	Gold
Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Women	2nd	Silver
Premier		Women	4th	
Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Open	6th	
Premier		Open	8th	

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Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Mixed	5th	
Premier		Mixed	7th	
Senior A	(Masters)	Women	2nd	Silver
Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Women	2nd	Silver
Premier		Women	3 rd	Bronze
Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Open	4th	
Premier		Open	6th	
Masters men entered in Premier Category in 10's Boat				
Premier	(Masters)	Open	2nd	

#### 200m

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Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Mixed	4th	
Premier		Mixed	8th	
Senior A	(Masters)	Women	2nd	
Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Women	3rd	
Premier		Women	3rd	
Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Open	4th	
Premier		Open	8th	
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Premier	(Masters)	Open	2nd	Silver

#### 500m

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Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Mixed	5th	
Premier		Mixed	4th	
Senior A	(Masters)	Women	3rd	Bronze
Senior B	(Grand Masters)	Women	2nd	Silver
Premier		Women	4th	
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The next step from here is the 2012 Auroras campaign. By the end of Sept there will be information released to assist in the recruitment of the top paddlers from each state, here is some pre-release info to be used as a guide until confirmed. Pre selection fitness tests to be completed between November 19<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Training camp One - Dec / Jan 2012  
 Australian Championships - April 2012  
 Camps 2 & 3 - following Aus Championships.

The Nov dates are definite, as soon as we have more info we'll forward it on!

## FINANCE TACTICS TO SPONSOR DRAGONBOAT SA'S 11<sup>TH</sup> PORT CHALLENGE - 6 NOVEMBER

Since starting Dragonboat racing 3 seasons ago I have been amazed that a sport covering all ages (16 to 60+), both sexes and varying degrees of fitness there is little sponsorship or promotion at a state and national level. Having raced in KL after our first season I was surprised to see how many young people were involved – and how fit they were! There were few competitors over 30yrs of age.

For the last 2 years I have donated funds to Water Warriors to assist with new polo tops and rashies for racing. This year I feel it is time to “spread the word” to get young (and not so young), fit people of both sexes interested in Dragonboat racing. Hence the idea to sponsor a “Fitness Challenge”. This is aimed at Gyms, Personal trainers and their members/clients to see who has trained the fittest group of people in Adelaide.

Nothing like a bit of personal pride riding on this..... First prize will be 20 gold class cinema tickets (2 for each paddler) valued at \$780.

Second prize will be 5 wine coolers and 5 picnic blankets (with our logo on it).

Third prize to be confirmed.

I hope that by doing this on Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> there will be good interest created and new memberships flourish! Good luck to all and may there be a lot of fierce, fast, furious action on the day!

Tina Pupello, Finance Tactician  
 "It all starts with the right loan"  
 Phone 8294 0246 M/0412 038 279



### WHY YOU SHOULD USE TINA PUPELLO AS YOUR FINANCE PROFESSIONAL.....

- I am the only Female Finalist for Broker of the Year SA/NT 2004 and 2005 (Professional Lenders Network of Australia).
- Recognised as a Sales Master in 2006, 2008 & 2010 (PLANs Top 200 brokers nationally)

- With 27 years experience in Customer Service and Retail Sales Roles, **over 76% of my business is repeat with, or referred by**, my current client base.
- I hold Diplomas in both Business Management and Finance Management.
- I am a member of **MFAA** (Mortgage and Finance Association of Australia) and **COSL** (for dispute resolutions).
- I have a good relationship with the various Business Managers, and credit teams, of each of the lenders I work with.
- I believe in spending time with my clients to find out what is important to them.
- I like to take a "**holistic**" approach to my client's financial situation and look at their short and long term goals.
- I explain loans, structures and investment possibilities in **laymans' terms**
- I do **not** charge my clients a fee for my mortgage broking services as the lenders pay me.
- I am available to visit clients at home, work or see them in our office.
- In conjunction with my Loan Administrator, we have processes in place to stay in contact with my clients during the loan application procedure.
- We have a referral reward programme in place for my clients to refer others.
- We have experience in **Debt Reduction, Wealth Creation and Personal Budgeting**.
- I personally invest in real estate, be it established homes, vacant land speculation, renovating, developing or building.
- I am aware of the costs, tax deductibility and potential profit that can be achieved with investing in the various forms of real estate.
- We have access to **RP Data – the property profile information software** – to help you make an informed decision about buying, selling, refinancing or developing
- To assist my clients I have formed excellent relationships with each of the following:
  - Financial Planner
  - Accountant
  - Furniture Removalist
  - Family/Estate Planning Lawyers
  - New home Building Sales Consultant
  - Real Estate Agent
  - Private (short term) funder
  - Conveyancer

## DRAGON'S BREATH PARADE

**Port Adelaide Artists Forum and Dragon Boats SA  
Presents the**

### ***'Dragon's Breath Parade'***

November 12th 2011 1 Jenkins Street, BIRKENHEAD.

The PAAF's 'Artist in Residence' Program 2011 will host local sculptor and community artist, **Steve Hayter**, to work with PAAF & Dragon Boat members designing and creating an enormous, fire-breathing dragon as part of an illuminated lantern parade officially launching the Sailing Club.

Steve will spend 5 days creating the dragon lantern with members help followed by 3 weeks where artists work

with local, community groups and schools creating up to 6 X 4 metre wide and tall lanterns that will be attached to specially made pontoons and either towed by dragon boats or motor boats.

PAAF extends an invitation for Dragon Boat members to spend an hour or so before or after practice to help gaff tape long canes and bamboo, cover the dragon shape with gluey paper or paint and glue sequins all over the dragon's body.

Other members may be able to assist the production crew with:

- the lighting of more than 600 candles,
- cable tying the lanterns to pontoons,
- towing the 4m X4m lanterns on pontoons with a motor boat
- as a pilot boat for the Production Manager during installation & parade
- making the 6m X 2m 'Sailing Club' fire picture and 6 fire torches
- positioning the fire picture over the river and igniting it

The '*Dragon's Breath Parade*' will be a spectacle that reflects, in process and presentation, both organisations spirit of place and our interconnectedness with local community.

The '*Dragon's Breath Parade*' will showcase the Sailing Club as an inclusive community resource and a safe, supportive environment to meet new friends and participate in projects on offer.

Steve Hayter's Marterclass begins – Monday 17th October till the 21st with community projects beginning 24th October till the 11th November.

Further information will be posted on PAAF's FaceBook page and on the noticeboard at the Sailing Club For specific detail of the event or workshops please ring Bob Daly or Kalyna Micenko – 8447 2345 or 042 760 8291.

## CLUB ONE / SPORT SA LARGE GRANTS PROGRAM

December 2011 round of funding - Club One offers large grants (up to \$5000) to not-for-profit State sport and active recreation organisations who are members of Sport SA and also community clubs and organisations that are endorsed by the state body which is a member of Sport SA. This program supports programs or projects that benefit the entire sport or active recreation by increasing opportunities for participation. **Applications close 5pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011.** The program overview and the application form are available on the Sport SA website:

[www.sportsa.org.au](http://www.sportsa.org.au) . Please forward this information to your members.

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## NEXT DRAGON'S BREATH

Next Dragon's Breath Articles and Pictures are due:

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**be active.** go for a paddle