



# THE BOW-BALL BULLETIN

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GOOD SPORTS

## Newsletter of Hawthorn Rowing Club

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### HEAD OF THE YARRA

Thank you to all those involved in volunteering their time to help stage the 2008, and fiftieth running of Head of the Yarra. Whether you helped in the set up, the planning, the sponsorship, on the day, or any other myriad of ways possible – THANK YOU. Once again it was a well run event, and many thanks are due to Mal Coe for his management of the whole event.



In between dealing with bitter complaints about a variety of HOY things (mostly draw and grid stuff in the final week) and organisers wondering why they sometimes bother putting in so much effort – a little help comes along when disaster threatens and time begins to run out.... Here is an example of what goes on behind the scenes finding volunteers with a minimum of fuss and aiding the success of the event run and managed by volunteers:

Volunteer A had their sister in doing HOY stuff at their workplace for them (volunteer name and place of employment withheld). A sister that Volunteer A either has shocking dirt on, or is owed money from! Turns out the sister is living with Volunteer A at the moment (rent free)... and is not even member of the club. She's paying big time now by helping with HOY. Many thanks to Volunteer A and to the sister.

Oh, and mark it in your diaries now for next year: the expected date is Saturday 28 November 2009 (subject to approval by PV and RV)

### AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION – EQUIPMENT FUND

HRC has been able to extend the ASF project for new equipment. As you would be aware this is a tax deductible donation that helps the club purchase new equipment. The new donation form is available on the website at

<http://www.hawthornrowingclub.com/Documents/ASFDonation08.pdf> or in the committee tray near the bar.

### REGATTAS:

As of this 2008 / 2009 season, clubs MUST nominate their BRO to be working on the day at the time of placing entries.

Rowing Victoria has also changed the way it is able to offer training in becoming a Boat Race official. This training is now conducted in a formal class/seminar type environment just like the Coxswain Course and Coaching courses for those of you that have sat through them. The only difference at this point in time is there is no fee.

The rules relating to clubs competing at regattas have also seen some changes which mean we are likely to face fines, or be disqualified from competing if we fail to provide a BRO when required to do so.

As a result of these changes to the BRO regulations the Club is in the process of organising that a course for becoming a BRO be held at the club. This will be the first in the season and we hope to arrange at least another before the end of the season. We require club members who attend regattas and any regular regatta supporters who may be interested in participating in

this small way, to become BRO's. Parents of the juniors are also encouraged.

Please contact the secretary for more details.

The current list of names we may draw upon for HRC BRO duties include:

Marc Alexander\*  
 Josh Cananne  
 Andrew Carson  
 Alan Hayes\*  
 Jacqui Hempel  
 Emma Herschell\*  
 Fiona Hilbert  
 Richard James\*  
 Rhedyn Law\*  
 Jennifer McKenzie  
 Linda Norwood (Forsyth)  
 Alison O'Connor  
 Leanne O'Connor\*  
 Marcus Presser\*  
 Chris Scarff  
 (\* indicates not members of the club)

#### The season so far.....

We have had a few people competing over the course of the season so far at the Head of the Goulburn, Bendigo Regatta, Melbourne Head and Head of Barwon. The numbers have been good and the age's ranging from Juniors to the Old Boys (Sorry Beagles, you have moved up a category due to retirements at the end of last season)

We are looking forward to a very successful season from now, especially considering that we can focus on the rowing now that Head of the Yarra is over and done with for another year.

There are some smaller regattas coming up, but the one that we are planning for a large contingent is Rutherglen. Entries for HRC will close on THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER. The rowing development committee will meet not long after that to allocate boats. No late entries will be accepted due to Christmas and Rowing Victoria closing their offices over the break. For a list of the preset, please have a look at the RV website.

REMEMBER – ONLY ACCREDITED COXSWAINS ARE ABLE TO COMPETE – PLEASE MAKE SURE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE COURSE.

And don't forget to do the BRO course too!!

## UPCOMING REGATTAS

Sat 10/01/09 Murray Rowing Association  
 Rutherglen

Sun 11/01/09 Murray Rowing Association  
 Rutherglen All races 500 metre sprints  
 HRC entries close 11 December 2008  
 Heaps of masters categories

To get your entries in – contact (preferably by email) the captain.

## THE FLEET

It is time again for everyone to be reminded of what the design crew weight is for the fleet. All boats have an optimum average crew weight for which they are designed. If an experienced light weight crew was to row a boat designed for heavy weight rowers they would be disadvantaged by having the boat sit too high in the water, and a similar but opposite principal is true if a heavy weight crew was to row a light weight boat, but with the added disadvantage of extra wear and tear on the light weight boat.

We all need to be aware of this and consider what is happening to the fleet, particularly our more competitive boats in the fleet.

Contact a member of the Rowing Development Committee (Fiona Hilbert, Bruce Winnen, or Neil Courtney) for information about which boat is best suited to your crew's average weight.

## GOSSIP & MEMBERS NEWS:

- **Fiona Clark** (nee Hill) and **Virginia Brumby** (nee Webb) and **Tanya Newman** have all had bubs this year!
- Well done on the efforts of **Jill Stansfield** standing for council elections in the City of Boroondara, in the ward of Studley. Cr Phil Healey, however, had the upper hand, and held onto his seat.
- A photo spotted on the Age website... at the Spring Racing Carnival!



- Past members **Nick Kuchin** and **Wendy List** were married in the Botanic Gardens on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Nick joined the club in 1993 and was a part of the inaugural Swinburne University crew that raced in Perth in Oct 1993, coached by Chris de Guingand. Nick stayed with Hawthorn for many years and is featured in photo's around the shed as a rower and also a successful coach. Wendy was the cox of the WA Youth VIII before she met Nick at UWA boat club. Wendy moved to Melbourne in 2000 joined HRC and coxed many crews here. Nick and Wendy now live in Hong Kong where Nick is a pilot, flying 747's and Wendy is still involved in finance. In attendance were past members **Rhys Tyrell** as best man, **Shane Duffy**, **Greg van Prooyen** and **Sarah Wisely** who is also flying 747's out of Hong Kong. The reception was held at Fenix at the top end of our main straight after a quick stop at the Hawthorn shed for some photo's. The four days surrounding the wedding were a magnificent reunion of old friends from all over Australia and the world.



*Rhys Tyrell on Left, Greg van Prooyen on Right*



*Nick Kuchin 7, Greg van Prooyen 6, Shane Duffy 3, Rhys Tyrell Bow, around 1993*

## ALISONISMS:

- The rest of the Beagles may think of it as an Alisonism that **Mal Coe** recently became engaged to Patty. Seriously, (and now that you have a couple of months off from Head of the Yarra) we all wish you well for the wedding in January (and note it doesn't clash with Rutherglen!).
- For a real Alisonism... **Alison O'Connor** helping out on the Friday prior to HOY, was heard exclaiming "I've turned green". She had been helping on the production line shifting slabs of VB, and in effect her chest had turned green!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Christmas Twilight Regatta** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 5pm  
Includes good fare and races for all including the juniors.

### *A note from the editor:*

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