

Edition 42 – June 2011

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

President's Message – June 2011

Welcome to the last edition of Dragons Breath for the 2010-2011 year.

The National Championships were held in Canberra from the 31st March to the 3rd April and South Australia had six clubs competing in the Club Crew events and the majority of our clubs had representatives in the State Team. Black Dragons, Phoenix, SADA, Sea Dragons, Subsonix and Water Warriors all travelled to Canberra and an impressive list of their medal wins is included at the end of this report. In State racing, we were not quite as successful as we were in Adelaide in 2010 but the results in the older age groups were very good – we just need some more younger paddlers to commit to the State Team.

State Vs State Nationals Results

Grand Masters Open – Gold
Great Grand Dragons Mixed – Silver
Grand Masters Women – Silver
Great Grand Dragons Women – Bronze
Masters Open – Bronze

DBSA has taken delivery of a new Kayak Pro ergo and this will be available for use by clubs on application, once we have settled into the new premises.

We have signed the lease for the Sailing Club and work has commenced on renovating the boat ramp to enable us to launch and retrieve our boats. Materials have been ordered for the storage alterations and work should commence after the long weekend. We will then have to arrange painting/maintenance working days to bring the interior of the building up to standard.

Thanks to Cheryl Watson and Jenny LeRay who have volunteered to work with the DBSA/PAAF Fundraising Group to arrange the opening function for the premises – I know they would appreciate help from anyone else who can assist. Please contact Chris Wood – chris.wood@senet.com.au if you would like to help.

On Tuesday 25th May DBSA was contracted by a company called Corporate Challenge, to conduct a corporate team building session for MGA Insurance Brokers. This was an extra large event on the Torrens requiring four boats and at least 14 volunteers. Thanks to all who helped launch, sweep and paddle in the event – not only was it

A considerable income earner for the Association but it also identified a significant sponsorship possibility.

There are two Masters Games Dragon Boat Competitions later this year. On August 27th the Mildura Masters Games Dragon Boat event will be held in Mildura – entry forms are available at www.milduramasters.com.au.

The Australian Masters Games Dragon Boat event is being held from October 7th to 9th on the Torrens and registrations are now open. At the close of “early bird” registrations we had no competitors and I sincerely hope that interest will pick up over the next two months – we now have two interstate clubs registered.

Our race program for next season has been scheduled and we will be utilizing the Rowing Course for racing after the New Year. The only problem at this stage is the date for the State Championships which again clashes with a State Rowing Championship. At this stage it appears that we will again have to race the State Championships at Aquatic unless we hold our Championships after the Nationals which are scheduled for 31st March to 5th April – this needs to be discussed with the Race Committee and all options investigated.

From this year DBSA will be running a Murray 100 which will coincide with the Marathon Canoe Clubs event. Black Dragons and Sea Dragons will be racing in the inaugural event over the June long weekend and we will be promoting the event for next year and hope to attract at least 5 crews to race over the three days.

Don't forget that registrations will fall due on July 1st and I look forward to seeing you all back in training for the new season which is scheduled to commence on 25th September.

John Holland
President - DBSA.

“Work commencing on the boat ramp at the Sailing Club.”



NATIONAL CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MEDAL WINNERS

Adelaide Sea Dragons

Grand Masters Women 10 - 500M - Gold
Grand Masters Women 10 - 200M - Gold
Grand Masters Mixed – 2,000M – Silver
Grand Masters Open 10 – 200M – Silver
Masters Women – 2,000M – Silver
Grand Masters Mixed 20 – 200M – Bronze
Grand Masters Mixed 20 – 500M – Bronze
Grand Masters Open 10 – 500M – Bronze
Masters Women 20 – 500M – Bronze

Adelaide Black Dragons

Grand Masters Mixed 10 – 500M – Gold
Grand Masters Open 10 – 200M – Bronze
Masters Open 2,000M – Bronze
Premier Women 10 – 500M – Bronze
Premier Women 10 – 200M – Bronze

SADA

Grand Masters Mixed 10 – 200M – Silver
Masters Women 20 – 200M – Bronze

Adelaide Phoenix

Premier Mixed 10 – 200M – Bronze

CALLING ALL ENTHUSIASTIC DIY'S

Our (partial) move to 'The Sailing Club' is almost upon us. We would like to plan a team to do some renos (renovations).

Not a lot of work needs to be done, but it would be nice to clean the place up to really make it 'ours'.

Painting will be our main job so if you may have some time please let us know. We also have an old commercial fridge to fix, a door to be gyrocked, and windows to be sealed so if anybody has those skills please send your details to: Pat Doogue at patsubs@optusnet.com.au or phone 0415 83 4633.

FUNDING AVAILABLE NOW

Move It! Making Communities Active Program

Have you got an idea to get people moving?

Move It! provides funding for projects to help inactive people to break down the barriers holding them back from participating in physical activity and help them enjoy the benefits of being involved in an active, healthy community.

Interested sport and recreation organisations are encouraged to attend an information session on 2 June 2011. Registration is essential. Call 7424 7708 for further information or www.recsport.gov.au

Applications close Monday 18 July 2011.

CLUB ONE / SPORT SA LARGE GRANTS PROGRAM

June 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 Thursday 30th June 2011.** The program overview and the application form are available on the Sport SA website: www.sportsa.org.au.

SPORTSA



TALENT TO NURTURE

Paddlers may have seen this article over April in the Messenger Newspapers, but did you know these bright talented young canoeists also paddle with Subsonix. The group are off to compete in Europe and are also being looked at for future Olympics. They have been heard to say that while the canoe gives them a personal sense of achievement, they love the camaraderie and teamwork in a Dragon Boat.

We hope that they have a long future with both sports.



NEXT DRAGON'S BREATH

Next Dragon's Breath Articles and Pictures are due:

Monday 20th June 2011

be active go for a paddle