

BLAZING PADDLES



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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 29th April 7.30 p.m.

As our constitution only allows members to hold a position for 2 years— **we'll need a new President, Secretary and Editor.** All positions are open and nominations are welcome.

Many do not require too much input, and meetings will now be held every 2 months. See inside for details



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**Sunday Shed Opening
From Sunday
April 6th
Shed will open from
10.30 a.m. (not 8.30 a.m.)**

Last Twilight Time Trial Wednesday 2nd April

Come along and enjoy the last of a very successful season of Time Trials. We have seen up to 32 boats on the water this season which has been a great effort.

There will be a BBQ afterwards to celebrate and to swap stories, so please come prepared to stay. If possible bring a plate of salads or desserts to share.

Also: **what comes next?** Sunday morning time trials haven't been popular, what other alternatives are there???

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Upcoming Events

April 6 Race 2 Narrabeen

April 19—20 BGCC Touring W/E Nelligen—Shallow X'ing

April 29 BGCC AGM 7.30pm Sports House

May 3 Race 3 Berry

May 11 Mothers Day Mayhem 10.30 BGCC

May 24 Viking Venture—Sutherland

May 31 Race 4 Cooks River, St George CC

June 8 Katherine River Canoe Marathon

July 6 Race 5 Forster

July 26 Race 6 Windsor

August 10 Hacking Classic

August 17 Race 7 Wyong

Sept 14 Race 8 Lane Cove

Sept 27 Myall River

Oct 11 Race 9 Woronora

Oct 18-19 24 hour challenge BGCC

Nov 1 Hawkesbury Classic—Familiarisation paddles:

19/07, 9/08, 30/8, 4/10, 25/10 see NSWCI for details

Wednesday Twilight Time Trails

BBQ after the race. First boats away 5.45pm

Daylight savings ends 6 April, so last twilight time trial will be Wed 2nd April—think about winter TT's? , what options suit? Sunday 9.30am or maybe Sat mornings??

From April 6th Sunday shed opening will be from 10.30 a.m.

Mothers Day Mayhem

3 km

Sunday 11th May

10.30 a.m.

Touring Weekend—Nelligen

The BGCC Touring Group—"Just around the next bend" will be going for a paddle from **Nelligen to Shallow Crossing** on **Saturday 19th April**. We will be camping at Shallow Crossing (no facilities) and paddling back to Nelligen on Sunday. The distance is approx 22 km. Participants will need to arrange their own boats and transport. You could elect to take your cars to Shallow Crossing and drive back if you wanted to make it a one day paddle.

Start time will be about 10 a.m. depending on the needs of the participants.

Camping gear should be carried in boats

For more info, contact Karen on 6288 2059, or Patricia

Red Cross Murray Marathon

To mark this year's 40th RCMM, David Rizolli [142 Haywoods Rd, LAL LAL Vic 3352)

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is putting together brief anecdotes to complement a history of the event.

Factual, dramatic, sad or funny; all contributions will be acknowledged.

I am sure some BGCC members would have something to offer.

Cheers, John L

Wetspot also has the following on offer:

Epic paddles now in stock, \$60 off for club members on the mid wing mid flex 2 pce

Two multisport boats second hand in store from \$1500



Epic seakayaks are a true Mirage beater for the Winter series. In stock now

We can also get Epic K1s if you want to keep up with the Joneses

Paddlers serving paddlers at 13/68 Wollongong Street, Fyshwick.



Minutes BGCC Meeting 7:30 p.m. 3rd March, 2008

1. **Welcome:** 7:40 p.m. - Welcome to all present.
2. **Present:** Helen Tongway, Jacqueline Wicks, Mike Wootten, John Harmer, Danny Galbraith, and Steve Harmer.
3. **Apologies:** Patricia Ashton, Carolyn Williams, Russell Lutton, Renee Todd, John Preston and Anthony Buykx.
4. **President's report:** The Wednesday evening handicap races are very popular this summer. BGCC was well represented at the Sate Champs with several medals collected – well done to all those who took part. The possum problem is still a work in progress. The last triathlons of the season have been well provided with paddlers.
5. **Treasurers report:** Accounts paid: Lakeside Leisure Centre, \$332.10, Dec. pool hire; NSWCI, \$648.00, membership fees; Danny Galbraith, \$566.50, Seiko stopwatch/printer; NSWCI, \$150.00, club affiliation fees; Barry Marshall, \$140.00, boat and paddle stickers. Accounts payable: PO Box, \$70.00, box rental; Jacqueline Wicks, \$62.48, web-site provision by Pair. Total deposits of \$2,103.00 and pay outs of \$2,804.75. Danny moved that the accounts be accepted. Seconded by Steve. Carried
6. **Minutes** from previous meeting: Mike moved that the Triathlon Report be reworded to:
“John L is going to start talking to TACT about providing boats at fewer events, but we need to know what effect having less income will have on the club.” And that they then be accepted. Seconded by Jacqueline. Carried
7. **Business arising** from minutes:
 - i) Update on LUG, NCA, water-skiers, etc. John H will go to the meeting in March. Ongoing
 - ii) Beginners' Course – Still need to decide if we want to run regular “Come and Try” Sunday mornings. There still seems to be a lot of interest in canoeing. Ongoing
 - iii) Rash shirts – 12 rashies still left to sell, plus club caps at \$15 each. Renee will enquire about getting perhaps a smaller number of club singlets from Racing Line. Also enquire about getting some more club polo (style) shirts and perhaps some more rash shirts. Ongoing
 - iv) Increasing the number of qualified Club Coaches. Patricia and Karen are just about qualified, while Brendan still has his assessment to complete. Others still to complete their coaching courses. Ongoing
 - v) Jacqueline has sent a letter to GIO to find out the details of the insurance for the club boats in the Club Shed and on club trailer being towed by non-club vehicle. Also to find out what our excess might be. Enquiries to be made about possible cover from AMII and others, re cover in transit. Ongoing
 - vi) Danny will buy some suitable crossing cover (7m @ \$43.45 = \$304.15,) for the power cord for cars to drive over. Ongoing
 - vii) Steve H to get an electrician to get some of the Club Shed fluorescent lights replaced and safety check and tag all the portable electrical equipment in the shed. Ongoing
 - viii) Danny will bring along to the next meeting, a photo of what he thinks is a good design for the perpetual trophy for the Rainer Swoboda Memorial Award, to be given at the club's birthday party. Ongoing
 - ix) This year's 24 Hour Relay Challenge will be on the weekend of 18th/19th October. This will be Full Moon time and in good time for the Hawkesbury on 1st November. Ongoing.
 - x) John has had no news from the Director of Parks about some more sand on our beach. Decided to spend about \$100 next summer on getting a truck load of sand dumped on the river-bank ourselves. Ongoing
 - xi) Renee to enquire about getting the club's listed phone number in the local phone book for the next book (by Nov.), but need to organise a new system before the listing. Ongoing
 - xii) Danny G has sourced a protective case for the stopwatch - it still to come. (About \$63) Ongoing
 - xiii) A new Mirage 730 (double sea-kayak) decked in club colours, to the cost of (about) \$3,200 is still being made. (Quote still to arrive.) Ongoing
 - xiv) The order of combination of Canoe Polo boats and necessary equipment - 2x “Option 1 – Package” of Dagger (plastic) Vampire boat, Shotover paddle with alloy shaft, Neoprene spray deck, Focus polo PFD, helmet and facemask at \$1,400 (total \$2,800) have arrived. Finished
Danny moved that the accounts be accepted. Seconded by Steve. Carried
 - xv) John H has a 4-drawer metal filing cabinet ready to be put into the Club Shed for the storage of club records. But we need the possums permanently out before it moves in. Ongoing
 - xvi) Up to \$150 worth of Adjustable paddle-joiners (hopefully 5 paddles) to be installed into club paddle shafts. Probably at Wet Spot. Anthony and Danny still to do. Ongoing.
 - xvii) Poor response to request for Club Shed key-holders to volunteer to open the shed on Sunday mornings – but thank you to those few who did volunteer. Patricia to send out a list of people still to have their turn. Ongoing
 - xviii) The future of our Triathlon Assisting - and the money earned – if we take on fewer events? John L still to talk to TACT about this idea. Ongoing
 - xix) Juniors and their paddling care. Should get people who will be coaching juniors checked by police records for anything that might preclude them from so doing. We ask parents/guardians to remain at the river while we are out with their charges. Ongoing
 - xx) Which leads to Child Protection legislation and what coaches and assistants need to do. No actual cover (yet) in ACT, but we need to be prepared and follow the NSW guidelines. Ongoing

8. Correspondence In:

- * CBA Bank Statement, 2nd Feb, balance \$27,232.81;
- * Lakeside Leisure Centre, \$332.10, January Invoice;
- * NSWCI summary of events leading to Special General Meeting, Homebush, 2 p.m., Saturday 15th March
- * NSWCI – Invoice, showing \$1,100.00 paid and \$40.00 still owing, for memberships
- * Coral Sea Kayaking are offering club members a discount of 10% on extended tours for this coming season.
- * Invite to Grants announcement, with Andrew Barr
- * Letter from AC with their view on NSWCI's financial situation
- * TACT cheque for \$600.00 (T7805)
- * Paperwork for ACT Govt Grant of \$2,000
- * Aust Post invoice fro PO Box rental, \$70.00 if pd by 31/3/08
- * SA Marathon Canoe Club info on Murray 200 race
- * 2008 Women's High Performance Coaching and Officiating Scholarship Program Grants are now open. Applications will be accepted until COB Friday 28 March 2008; ten x \$3,000 scholarships
- * TACT, cheque for 17th Jan Tri, \$132.00
- * Seton catalogue
- * Weird iiNet Invoices, again
- * 'Holistic' cleaning service
- * Kayak for Kids info – Sun, 30th March
- * Aust Post signatures form.
- * *Canberra Times* coupon comp.

9. Correspondence Out:

- * ACTSport – event dates for Canoe Polo for 2008, for their website
- * ACTSport – club contact details.

Danny moved that the correspondence In and Out be accepted. Seconded by Steve – Carried

10. Business arising:

- i) Payment of Accounts? John moved that cheques be written for NSWCI, \$40, membership fees; Jacqueline Wicks, \$68:48, Pair ISP fees. Seconded by Helen – Carried
- ii) Correspondence concerning the NSWCI meeting on 15th March was discussed. The difficulty of making a decision as to how to vote on the proposed motions to be put to this meeting due to lack of first hand knowledge of the issues was discussed. Resolved to consult/discuss these issues with members of other clubs, BGCC club members, NSWCI Board members at the Burley Griffin Bash weekend before making a decision on the issue. A consensus of the opinions of those present indicated a no vote for both motions. Ongoing

11. **Conveners Reports:** Canoe Polo – Andy not present, but he is to tell us what equipment needs repairs, throwing out, replacing, etc. Two sets of new equipment have arrived. Cheesecake Challenge on 25th/26th March at Phillip pool. Team went to Melbourne, with the men's A Grade coming 5th in the comp. This was a trial for the Aust Canoe Champs in Melbourne over Easter.

Flat water racing – Plenty of BGCC people competed in the NSW State Marathon Champs at Nelligen on the Clyde River on 23rd/24th Feb. The National Marathon Champs will be at Penrith over Easter (25th-28th March.) and NSWCI Marathon Committee has asked for helpers for this event too. And next weekend is our own Burley Griffin Bash – Race 1 in the NSWCI Marathon Race Series, plus our 32nd BG Bash. All help thankfully received.

Social – We have some Lovely Ladies (and some Marvellous Men) who have volunteered to “man” the club's Food Stall over the weekend. Many thanks to one and all. And on Saturday evening we will be holding out annual Spit Roast by the River. All welcome - \$20/person. A SOCIAL CONVENER is needed. White Water – No report

Touring – We had an impromptu tour to Kangaroo Valley a few weeks ago which was again very pleasant. Still working on the next tour. (April?)

Property Manager – Thank you Steve for continuing to work on possum-proofing the Club Shed. The tree situation is still to be looked into. The 6-months' boat storage fees are overdue and need to be sent out to those storing their boats in the Club Shed. Boat storage space was discussed and a shed-use sub-committee will make decisions about this.

Membership Secretary – Now have 180 members. Going well

Triathlon – Last one coming up on Thursday plus a **Thank You breakfast on the 16th @ 8.30 – 9 a.m.** John will speak to TACT re requirements and whether or not we can reduce numbers etc after this season. Thank you to all those who took part, they will all go in a draw for a prize at the Birthday Dinner. We will have to work on a better system for people to sign on - as John is always first away, nobody's been signing - will that effect insurance? or is it more for us to keep track? It was difficult to get sufficient helpers over the Australia Day long weekend, so thank you to all who were able to help. Cheques are coming in, but income will be less than in previous years (with fewer events, about \$2,300.) John L is going to start talking to TACT about providing boats at fewer events, but we need to know what effect having less income will have on the club.

12. General Business:

- i) Date for the AGM – to be held on Tuesday 29th April at 7:30 p.m. at Sports House Hackett. Need to book a meeting room.
- ii) Cathy was not present to give a talk about the club's internet connection/web site, etc.

13. **Next Meeting:** 7:30 p.m. Monday 7th April, 2008, at the Club Shed. Phone 0418 861 613

14. **Blazing Paddles deadlines:** 16th March and then 20th April, 2008

15. **Anything else?** The World Masters Games will be held in Sydney next year – 2009 – so why don't we start thinking about organising ourselves as a group to go and take part. Book accommodation, wear a 'uniform', pool travel, etc.

16. **Meeting Closed:** 9:23 p.m.

WE NEED YOU!!!!!! The annual AGM will be held in April and we'd love to see some new committee members. Most positions don't require a lot of time and some positions like Social Convenor could be shared by several people. (We already have a volunteer to organise the next Club Birthday Dinner). Committee meetings will be run once every 2 months, however, President, Secretary and Treasurer will probably need to meet more often to sign cheques, etc. This could be done at the river or where and when convenient.

If you have some ideas on how the club could cater for its members, or if you have some time to get involved, send in a nomination form or come along to the meeting. (for details on positions see March *Blazing Paddles* or talk to Helen or Patricia.)

BGCC Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 29th April 7.30 p.m.

Sports House 100 Maitland Street Hackett

NOMINATE.

VOTE.

ELECT YOUR NEW COMMITTEE.

At the bottom of this page is a nomination form. Please use it to nominate a club member (yourself even) for a position on the committee. Make sure your nominee is willing to take on the position then get the form seconded by another club member. Not too hard, is it? Just three signatures!

In April each year, all committee positions are declared vacant and all club members are eligible to stand for and vote on, all positions.

The positions include:

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
Editor	Property Manager	Social convener	Public Officer Web Master
Publicity and Sponsorship		plus several discipline conveners.	

The first five listed positions may be held by a club member for no more than two consecutive years. The other positions can be held indefinitely, but it is much better for all concerned if these jobs are also shared around.

This coming year you will also have the opportunity to help your club in many small ways. The ongoing, everyday jobs are to be spread throughout the membership so that no longer will the few be responsible for everything getting done. Everyone can do their own small bit to lighten the overall load.

Supper will be provided.

NOMINATION FORM

I: _____ (nominator)

Wish to nominate: _____ (nominee)

For the position of: _____ (position)

Signed: _____ (nominator)

I second this nomination _____ (seconder)
(signature)

I accept this nomination: _____ (nominee)
(signature)

Post nomination form to:
BGCC
PO Box 341
Jamison Centre ACT 2614

or: Hand the nomination form to a
committee member

or: Bring nomination form to the AGM

27th February,

3 km: LTK1 - Karen Owers, 29:40;

5 km: LK1 - Gabrielle Hurley, 24:21;

MMR1 - Michael Peedom, 31:10;

LLR1 - Helen Tongway, 32:48;

LTK1 - Joy McDermid, 35:26, Roslyn Hickson, 35:30;

MTK1 - Danny Robson, 35:42;

8 km: LTK1 - Julie Quinn, 47:40;

10 km: MK1 - Steve Harmer, 44:20, Brendan Cowled, 44:39, Chris Elliott, 46:55(PB), Shane Lund, 47:26, Trent Birkett, 48:01, Scott McDermid, 52:05;

MK2 - Chris Dobbie & Neil Dobbie, 45:08;

MTK2 - Barry Owers & Simon Stenhouse, 45:40;

MSS1 - Pete Garbutt, 48:30, Craig Kentwell, 55:08;

MUR1 - Dan Smith, 48:20, Steve Hanley, 50:25 PB;

MTK1 - Mike Wootten, 54:39, Damian Woods, 57:20;

MLR1 - Robert Peters, 54:17, Richard Fox, 54:50, Barry Marshall, 55:10, Jason Baldwin, 56:26, Danny Galbraith, 61:31;

LTK1 - Hayley Sakkara, 57:39, Patricia Ashton, 59:13, Danielle Winslow, 59:15

LSS1 - Keri Vaughan, 63:03.

Winner of the Smarty Pants "closest to nominated time" was Trent Birkett at plus 1 second.

12th March,

5 km: MK1 - Paul Hartlipp, 31:15;

MMR1 - Sam MacDonald, 32:27;

LTK1 - Roslyn Hickson, 33:00, Robin Robertson, 37:49, Danielle Cribb, 36:30;

MTK1 - Danny Robson, 33:40;

10 km: MK2 - Brendan Cowled & Mark Halpin, 41:45, Chris Elliott & Scott McDermid, 44:25;

MK1 - Steve Harmer, 44:17, Jason Chen, 53:22, Jason Baldwin, 55:31;

MSS1 - Trent Birkett, 46:47, Scott Hunter, 51:23, Craig Kentwell, 55:34;

MTK1 - Barry Owers, 49:24, Mike Wootten, 54:55, Damian Woods, 57:00;

MUR1 - Steve Hanley, 50:19; LTK1 - Hayley Sakkara, 57:01;

MLR1 - Danny Galbraith, 59:14; MTC1 - Frank Kingma, 60:38;

LSS1 - Carolyn Atkinson, 64:59; LLR1 - Helen Tongway, 66:28.

Winner of the Smarty Pants "closest to nominated time" was Mike Wootten at minus 5 seconds.

26th March,

3 km: LTK1 - Karen Owers, 27:11;

5 km: MSS1 - Shane Lund, 24:02;

LTK1 - Danielle Winslow, 29:13, Roslyn Hickson, 31:53;

MTK1 - Danny Robson, 31:19, Damian Butcher, 33:30;

MMR1 - Mike Peedom, 31:22, Ivor King, 36:08;

10 km: MK1 - Brendan Cowled, 44:26, Jason Kendall, 44:26, Chris Elliott, 47:31, Mark Dawson, 48:14, Barry Owers, 49:50, Jason Chen, 52:38, Jason Baldwin, 55:46;

MSS1 - Jeremy Ross, 46:21, Scott Hunter, 51:09;

MLR1 - Simon Stenhouse, 46:51, Russell Lutton, 49:43, Richard Fox, 55:30, Danny Galbraith, 59:43;

MUR1 - Dan Smith, 47:31, Anthony Buykx, 56:42;

MTK1 - John Preston, 51:48, Mike Wootten, 54:12, Damian Woods, 56:1(PB);

XTK2 - Julie Quinn & David Baldwin, 52:08,

MTC1 - Frank Kingma, 61:34;

LTK1 - Jane Fisher, 65:34;

LLR1 - Helen Tongway, 65:43.

Winner of the Smarty Pants "closest to nominated time" was Karen Owers at minus 20 seconds.

6th March,

5 km: MMR1 - Michael Peedom, 30:36;

LTK1 - Joy McDermid, 34:37, Carol Elvin, 41:27;

8 km: LTK1 - Jane Fisher, 50:07;

10 km: MK2 - Brendan Cowled & Mark Halpin, 42:11;

XTK2 - Gabrielle Hurley & Simon Stenhouse, 45:10;

MK1 - Steve Harmer, 45:54, Jason Chen, 54:03;

MSS1 - Shane Lund, 47:39, Pete Garbutt, 50:24;

MUR1 - Dan Smith, 48:43, Steve Hanley, 51:06;

MTK1 - John Preston, 52:04, Mike Wootten, 54:27;

MLR1 - Robert Peters, 55:12, Barry Marshall, 54:17, Richard Fox, 55:25, Jason Baldwin, 56:26, Danny Galbraith, 59:09;

LTK1 - Hayley Sakkara, 58:44, Patricia Ashton, 59:07, Danielle Winslow, 62:49;

MTC1 - Frank Kingma, 60:42;

LSS1 - Keri Vaughan, 62:40;

LLR1 - Helen Tongway, 65:17(PB).

Winner of the Smarty Pants "closest to nominated time" was Jason Chen at plus 3 seconds.

19th March,

3 km: LTK2 - Brianna Tulley & Stephanie Ritherdon, 27:12;

LTK1 - Karen Owers, 27:39;

5 km: MK1 - Barry Owers, 25:20;

MTK1 - John Preston, 25:39, Danny Robson, 30:59;

MMR1 - Mike Peedom, 30:40;

LTK1 - Roslyn Hickson, 32:21, Robin Robertson, 34:53, Danielle Cribb, 36:12, Joy McDermid, 38:35;

7 km: LTK1 - Jane Fisher, 45:55;

10 km: MK2 - Brendan Cowled & Mark Halpin, 41:53;

MK1 - Chris Elliott, 46:36, Jason Baldwin, 57:17;

MSS1 - Shane Lund, 48:19;

MTK1 - Mike Wootten, 54:31;

MUR1 - Anthony Buykx, 54:49;

LTK1 - Julie Quinn, 57:33(PB);

MLR1 - Richard Fox, 54:53, Danny Galbraith, 57:44;

LLR1 - Helen Tongway, 65:03(PB).

Winner of the Smarty Pants "closest to nominated time" were Mark Halpin & Brendan Cowled at minus 7 seconds.

**Shed Opening Times
From April**

**Wednesdays 4.30 p.m.—6.p.m.
Sundays 10.30 a.m. — 12ish**

Depending on interest we may run time trials on Sunday mornings from 10.45 a.m.

The shed may also be open for those training on

Monday 4.30 p.m. — 6 p.m.

Saturday 8.30 a.m.—10.30 am

Please check as training groups have somewhat disintegrated over the season!

Here are some Burley Griffin Bash and Divisional Race 1 stories:

Quoting David Baldwin <david.baldwin@bilbys.org>:

On Sunday Julie and I did the Burley Griffin Bash - a 30km paddle race over 2 laps of the lake.

We started at the boat shed in Molonglo Reach. There was a 14 km race as well - only 6 boats actually entered the 30 km, maybe another 25 in the 14 km. Apparently the previous day there had been over 100 boats in a 20 km race. It was all a bit confusing. Anyway, the 30 km boats were first away, followed by 14 km doubles 2 min back, 14 km men another 2 min back and 14 km women another 2 min later. At the start a K1 and K2 got a good start down the river. I tried to stay with the double, but dropped off at the first bend and sat in 3rd watching them slowly pull away with the K1 gaining a steady lead. It was a fine calm morning - great for paddling on the lake. At Commonwealth Ave bridge a 14 km double caught me - a fast looking Supersonic. I was able to hold off the rest of the 14 km paddlers getting to their turnaround at the end of Black Mt Peninsula in 36:44 (measures at about 6.7 km). I could see a few half marathoners finishing along the bike path as I headed to the rowing course. The first turn at the dam took me another 22:13 (3.6 km/10.3 km), and I got a surprise when I turned to see a red boat not far behind, but quickly realized it wasn't Julie. I passed Julie at the bottom of the rowing course a few minutes later. She was just ahead of a guy in a Mirage 580 sea kayak. Back to the Black Mtn buoy took me 22:28 and I was passed by the red TK1 here. He slowly pulled away. I was starting to feel a bit tired after 15 km, and this was starting to affect my stability in the boat which reduced the amount of power I could get as well. I was also getting a really sore bum and tight calves. I hadn't eaten anything yet, so decided to pull in at the Boathouse turn around (33:13 4.6 km/18.6 km) for a quick stretch, feed and a pee. I swallowed a Gu, muesli bar and half a powerbar which hit the spot and I was on my way again. I passed Julie near Kings Ave bridge. Near Reconciliation Place one of those lake cruises boats pulled out ahead of me and I had to work out where it was going to avoid having to paddle through its wash too much. At the museum I saw the K1 heading to the finish - he did around 2:38 for the 3 km I think. Back down to Black Mt Peninsula it got really hot and sweat was starting to run into my eyes. Return trip to Black Mtn Peninsula was 30:12, and it was welcome relief as I turned to be paddling into a steady breeze. I passed Julie again near Spinnaker Island then the sea kayaker near the museum. Central basin was starting to chop up a bit with waves reflecting off the walls making it a bit lumpy in places. Back to the Boathouse was around 30:00 again, and even though I knew I wasn't going to break 3 hours I powered on up the river, getting to the finish in 3:06:57— 42:04 for return trip from Black Mt buoy, a fair bit slower than the first part of the race to get there!

Paddling route and km marks: <http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=1691970>

A good hit out before Jindabyne. A few useful lessons about eating well before each paddle leg. The 9.5 km legs will seem pretty short in comparison as long as there aren't too many waves!

From Steve Hanley: The second 10 km was hard, obviously I need to do more races over 10 km rather than only race the club TT.

My Jindabyne report (without many photos) is at

<http://svana.org/sjh/rides/scmulti08/>

It was great to see so many people out on the Saturday for the Divisional Race. There were lots of club members around both to race and to help out.

Well done to Jennie Williams, one of our juniors who has only been paddling a few months. Jennie took part in the 10 km race on Saturday and came back for a 5 km in the Bash on Sunday. Hopefully we'll see more of her and the other juniors who have a regular training session on Fridays with Barry Owers and Helen T.

Not having done much training and no longer distances for quite some time I wasn't feeling too optimistic about my times for the Divisional race. I was quite pleased with the start, I was able to get away near the front of the pack, only to drop back very quickly! Hayley and Damian were soon in front of me, and while I had hopes of keeping up with them for a while, I thought I'd lost them. So I was quite pleased to see Hayley had rudder troubles and Damian being the gentleman he is, had stopped to assist. Which left them behind the main pack, but put them in my reach. I was able to wash ride Damian and some other paddlers for most of the 1st half, taking the lead for a short while on the way back, before catching up to Hayley again at Weston Park. Finally lost her at Kings Ave when she jumped on the wash of a faster paddler who'd suffered some misfortune earlier on. Still I was quite happy with my time and condition by the end of the race, although I vowed I would train more seriously for Berry!

Patricia

NSWCI Marathon Series Race 1, Canberra, Saturday 8th March, 2008.

After being fooled into choosing the wrong weekend, due to the not widely disseminated change of date for the Canberra Day holiday, BGCC members rallied to help and to take part in our own marathon race before they headed off on their long weekend at the coast. The weekend also coincided with a Men's Health race near Sydney on the Sunday, so some of those who might normally stay for the weekend, headed back to the big city after competing in our race.

Despite these handicaps, we enjoyed a beautiful weekend of racing in next to ideal conditions and with only a small reduction in numbers from last year's count. We had 133 people in 106 boats for the Divisional Races and 36 people in 33 boats in the Burley Griffin Bash.

A full set of results can be viewed at: www.bgcc.org.au/tcms/tcms/events/18

But of local interest were the following BGCC members:

20 km: Division 1: 2nd, Brendan Cowled/Mark Halpin, 1:30:48; 5th, Steve Harmer, 1:37:02.

Division 3: 3rd, Renee Todd/Jason Slade, 1:43:00; 6th, Dan Smith, 1:43:02; 7th Chris Dobbie/Neil Dobbie, 1:44:07; 10th, Chris Elliott, 1:49:59; 12th, Barry Owers, 1:53:25.

Division 4: 1st, Gabrielle Hurley/Nikki Dukes, 1:42:49; 5th, Shane Lund, 1:47:50; 11th, Bede Richardson/Darren Drewsen, 1:52:25; 14th, Steve Hanley, 1:54:33.

Division 5: 1st, Samantha McDonald/Lachlan Pini, 1:50:44; 2nd, Mitch Laizans/Bradley Rodda, 1:50:55; 4th, Alex Smith/Alex Zeller, 1:52:23; 5th, Scott McDermid/Sabina Prusa, 1:52:25; 7th, Russell Lutton, 1:55:27; 8th, John Preston, 1:55:35; 10th, Paul Dart, 1:56:00; 17th, Richard Fox, 2:01:40; 20th, Brenton McDonald, 2:10:09.

Division 6: 3rd, Robert Peters, 1:56:08; 4th, Mike Wootten, 1:56:12; 6th, Danny Galbraith/John Jackson, 1:57:36; 9th, Scott Hunter, 2:02:44; 13th Hayley Sakkara, 2:06:35; 15th, Patricia Ashton, 2:08:11; 16th, Craig Kentwell, 2:09:53; 17th, Gemma Altinger/Vincent Thomson, 2:10:29; 18th, Frank Kingma, 2:12:27; 19th, Damian Woods, 2:12:39; 20th, Richard Smith, 2:15:38; 22nd, Helen Tongway, 2:21:23; 24th, Keri Vaughan, 2:39:43.

15km: Division 7: 1st, Phoebe Davies/Siabhan Jolly, 1:37:56; 2nd, Lee McDermid/Alexandra McDermid, 1:40:24.

10 km: Division 8: 1st, Barry Marshall, 1:29:36; 2nd, Beth McDonald, 1:35:54; 3rd, John Lockie, 1:36:16; 4th, Sian Mahoney, 1:43:33; 6th, Carolyn Lutton-Williams, 1:50:24.

Division 9: 8th, Carolyn Elvin, 1:09:14; 10th Jenny Williams, 1:41:41.

Before, during and after the races, a bevy of wonderful club members and their family members helped in many ways to make the race work smoothly. So thank you to John Harmer, Mike Wootten, Steve Harmer, Russell Lutton, Dan Smith, Damian Woods, Brian Lay, John Lockie, Bob Collins, Barry Marshall and probably many others I missed seeing doing their bit to help. But a special thank you to our ladies and gents who manned (personned??) the food stall and kept our visitors and locals well fed – Sylvia Dobbie, Joy McDermid, Andrew Williams, Jill Roberts, Carolyn Williams, Nancy Smith and others I didn't see (as one of the last boats in, I often miss what has happened earlier in the day!)

Some of the crowd at the presentations.



For those who were able to stay in Canberra, particularly our camping friends, the Spit Roast by the River was enjoyed by all who dined out with us. (And the excess food made beautiful beef sandwiches the next day.)

32nd Burley Griffin Bash

Sunday was another beautiful paddling day, with 6 boats/7 people opting for the 30 km course and 28 people in 24 boats paddling the 14 km course and one junior completing the 5 km course. Because of the local long weekend and people dashing off to other places, there was a bit of a change of personnel, though with John H still running the starts and my daughter Margery still on the stopwatch. Jill R helped me in the tent with entries and results, while new club members Keri Vaughan and Robert Peters took over the Food Stall and kept us all well fed and cared for.

Despite our date miscalculation and the slightly smaller numbers of competitors, we were still able to make a respectable profit overall, of about \$1200. So, a big thank you to all helpers and paddlers and I hope you all had an enjoyable weekend of paddling and socialising.

Helen Tongway.

Could members, especially those taking part in races etc, make a note of any 'memorable' happenings for awards later in the year!

Burley Griffin Bash

Sunday 9th March, 2008, Molonglo Reach.

30 km: MV45K1: Ian Hofsetter, LCRK, 2:37:28;
MV45TK2: Peter Murphy/Paul Wetherbee, WBCC, 2:48:42;
MV45TK1: John Preston, BGCC, 2:59:13;
MV35UR1: David Baldwin, BGCC, 3:06:57;
LV35UR1: Julie Quinn, BGCC, 3:19:23;
MV55LR1: Richard Smith, BGCC, 3:27:44;
14 km: MV35UR1: 1, Randall Fitzsimon, BGCC, 1:10:02, 2,
Bruce Goodall, LCRK, 1:10:13, 3, Anthony Buykx, BGCC,
1:16:52;
XV45UR2: Christine Lalor/Warren Lopez, WCC, 1:05:45;
MOTK2: David Hobbs/David Ikin, CCCC, 1:11:40;
XV45TK2: Clare Monger/Stephen Brett, CCCC, 1:11:46;
LV45K1: Margi Bohm, BGCC, 1:12:03;
MV45TK1: 1, Craig Dodd, CCCC, 1:13:51, 2, Mark Gawler,
BGCC, 1:23:34;
MV35K1: Jason Baldwin, BGCC, 1:15:46;
MV45LR1: Clayton Norman, WCC, 1:16:37;
MV55TK1: Mike Wootten, BGCC, 1:16:38;
MV55LR2: Danny Galbraith/John Jackson, BGCC/WCC,
1:16:41;
MV55MR1: Barry Marshall, BGCC, 1:18:17;
MV35LR1: 1, Richard Fox, BGCC, 1:18:56, 2, David Molo-
ney, 1:32:03;
LV45TK1: Lynette Woodburn, BGCC, 1:24:51, Rhonda
Lowe, MWKC, 1:34:26;
MV55LR1: John Lockie, BGCC, 1:25:37, 2, Bob Collins,
BGCC, 1:27:07;
LOpenTK1: Leah Crockett, CCCC, 1:28:18;
LOpenLR1: Sharon Henstock, 1:29:11;
LV55K1: Dianne Chellew, JP, 1:31:21;
LV35LR1: Therese Smith, BGCC, 1:38:10;
5 km: LU14TK1: Jenny Williams, BGCC, 0:42:32.

These are the results from Sunday 9th March, 2008, of the Burley Griffin Canoe Club Inc. (BGCC), hosting of the 32nd annual Burley Griffin Bash, held at Molonglo Reach.

A total of 31 boats with 36 paddlers took part in this competition.



Debbie and I have been in the USA and Canada competing at the World Masters Cross Country Skiing Championships. On the way back through Vancouver we visited the Museum of Anthropology. I thought this Kayak / Canoe on a Corolla size car might be a suitable funny picture for Blazing Paddles.

Obviously, it is a seagoing canoe from the Native Tribal area around Vancouver. It is carved from one Red Cedar log. Quite a job to get on and off the car unless all the family was present I would think.

Regards,
Warren and Debbie Feakes

LABUAN-BRUNEI INTERNATIONAL EXTREME KAYAK CHALLENGE

20 -21 April 2008

A kayak race designed for the highly skilled kayaker. The race will be in a double format covering a distance of 92 km across the Brunei Bay. Participants are provided with Special Ocean-going kayaks by the organizers. Total of RM34,000 in cash prizes and trophies waits for winners

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ALL MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST FILL IN THE 'SIGN IN' / LOG BOOK WHENEVER THEY GO INTO THE SHED. This means **ALL** members, whether they are using their own boats or club boats, or taking boats out (for triathlons, maintenance or races etc).

It appears many members are not filling in the book which is a requirement, as stated in the Handbook p14, "Access Restrictions" -

Everyone is required to sign the log book whenever they enter the Club Shed to use their own or BGCC boats and/or equipment. Failure to sign the book could lead to them losing the right to hire a key to the club shed."

A reminder that **Non members are NOT allowed to use club boats.** If you have a family member or friend who would like to join you for a paddle, they must fill in the appropriate forms and make payment (\$20 day membership + \$5 boat use fee)

If you have any problems or solutions — apart from putting in cameras and security type entry please let the committee know.

Patricia

2008 Australian Marathon Canoe Championships – Penrith, NSW

The National championships were held over Easter on the famous Penrith Lakes rowing course which featured in the Sydney Olympics. According to press releases the organisers were very pleased with the sportsmanship, competitiveness and the high quality of the racing provided by the competitors over the two days. Many races ended in sprint finishes including the feature K1 event which had the crowd on its feet as the competitors attacked and counter attacked each other. The pressure applied by the strongest competitors on the water and during the portages was competitive sport at its best. No quarter asked and none given. The races in which our club members featured were no less intense.

Easter Saturday was cool and cloudy with intermittent light showers and fluctuating breezes. The temperature was comfortable for racing at 8:00 a.m. when the first paddlers were called up to the line. The showers intensified as the morning progressed and those who began racing at 11:00 a.m. had the worst of the conditions.

Renee Todd was our first paddler away. Competing in the **Veteran 35 Women K1** class **Renee** got off to her characteristic fast start. A tough battle with Sarah O'Connell-Brechin (NSW), Nikki Duke (NSW) and Renae Watkins (NSW) ensued. The group split up as the pressure was applied with O'Connell-Brechin first home followed by Duke, **Todd** and Watkins. **Renee** was pleased with her podium finish but felt she could have done better. The next day she did just that.

Renee Todd Vet 35 Women K1 (21 km) **2:03:02.17** 3rd place.

Barry Owers and **John Preston** were next to paddle. **Barry** decided to compete in the **Open Men TK1** race whilst **John** was forced to race in the **Veteran 45 Men TK1** because there were not enough competitors in the 50's age group. 15 TK's started together and immediately a small bunch formed on the front consisting of Alex Morgan (Qld), Andrew Coutts (Vic), Andrew Napper (Qld) and Jason Slade (NSW). By the first turn these guys had a 30metre lead over our **Barry** and Craig Dodd (NSW) who were working in tandem. Some 15metres further back was **John** with the pack tailing away into the distance. The front pack slowly pulled further ahead and eventually cracked and split on the last lap. **Barry** pulled over and emptied his kayak during the third lap which cost him time initially but with a lighter boat he quickly made up the lost time and put pressure on to the top 2 finishers in his class finishing within 2 minutes of first placed Napper and within 10 seconds of second placed Slade. **John** chased Dodd for third in the 45's but Dodd was too consistently strong and **John** had to settle for fourth. Incidentally the first 2 places in the 45's were actually faster than the open winners.

Barry Owers Open Men TK1 (21km) **2:06:20.96** 3rd place.

John Preston Veteran 45 Men TK1 (21Km) **2:07:41.36** 4th place.

Gabrielle Hurley was leading her race in the **Veteran 45's Women K1** event when she felt out of sorts and pulled out of the event. This handed the event to Lorraine Harper-Horak (NSW). **Gabrielle** rested up for the rest of the day and was able to start the doubles on the Sunday.

Russell Lutton attacked from the word go in the **Veteran 60 Men TK1** event. He battled valiantly with Don Pocock (Vic) for the Gold medal. Don pulled away slightly in the latter part of the race and was able to hold Russell out despite his strong, consistent effort. **Russell** was sure of Silver when John Lisica (Vic) and Andrew Anderson (NSW) wilted under the pressure.

Russell Lutton Veteran 60 Men TK1 (14km) **1:20:01.71** 2nd place.

Hayley Sakkara's time for the **Open Women TK1** race did not appear in the official results however she courageously battled the worst of the weather conditions and tough competitors to finish in 3rd place.

Novice K1 paddler **Chris Elliott** made a good fist of his first National's appearance and toiled very hard over the full 23 km distance in the **Under 18 Men K1**. He handled the portages very well and maintained a good consistent pace and technique. **Chris** was impressed with the high standard of the competition and is using this as motivation to make further progress in marathon racing. **Chris** came in 15th and was only 3 minutes outside a top ten place. A number of his competitors failed to finish the course.

Chris Elliott Under 18 Men K1 (23 km) **1:57:19.98** 15th place.

Easter Sunday was a much more pleasant day weatherwise. The cloud cover was thin and the sun broke through to make racing conditions warm but pleasant. It also saw our club earn its first and only gold medal for the championship.

In the **Open TK2** event over 21km **Renee Todd** combined with Jason Slade from Central Coast Canoe Club to win in a time of **1:55:20.44**. The couple made a very strong start and were never really threatened by their opposition winning by almost 10 minutes.

Competing in the **Veteran 50 Men TK2** event **Russell Lutton** and **John Preston** combined as a new paddling partnership to win 3rd place. After overcoming some initial steering problems, during the frenetic start, the two old boys knuckled down to a steady pace and came home strongly in **2:07:45.82**.

Brendan Cowled and **Mark Halpin** competed in the **Open Men K2** event which contained a very hot field of elite paddlers. Things got off badly when the race organisers moved the race forward 2 hours but failed to change the information on the web page. As a consequence **Brendan** arrived thinking he had two hours before race start when he actually had 5 minutes! Nevertheless the lads made it onto the water on time only to be blown away by the speed of the start. The field quickly broke up into 4 distinct groups. Our boys toiled hard over the 33 km and 6 portages and came home in 12th place out of 17 starters in a time of **2:46:08.56**.



Perhaps next year we could have more of our club members' race in the Nationals. The event is not only for elite paddlers. All standards are catered for and the racing is hard and exciting. Just being a part of the event is a buzz. Next year's National Championship is to be held in Caloundra Queensland, see you there.

John Preston

Penrith Course

Triathlon Season

Once again Thank You to all those members who took part in the Triathlon's this season. There were many times we actually had more boats than required and we were able to sufficiently cover all the races TACT requested us for. Apart from the money we raise (approx \$3200-) we are doing some good, supporting local sport and fellow sports people: Louise Gates sent this in:

Thanks again for organising all these this summer. I know I have not done any, however I have competed in a few triathlons. Last Sunday (2nd March) I competed in one with some friends, with one swimmer being legally blind. She would like to thank the person who paddled with her to help her find the way. It was much appreciated.

We also held a Thank You breakfast on the 16th, which saw those attending enjoying freshly made pancakes with ice-cream, jam, maple syrup or lemon, and bacon and egg sandwiches. Afterwards several of us went for a leisurely paddle to the wetlands. A lovely way to spend a Sunday morning.

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Yvonne Wallace sends us this note of her experience bringing back a kayak into Australia from New Zealand:

"Following a recent (awesome) whitewater paddling trip in New Zealand, we were shocked to have our kayaks impounded for mandatory quarantine by AQIS when re-entering Australia in Sydney. This is a new step taken by AQIS that appears to have been brought into force during late February 2008.

'Didymo' is a pest algae that has been rife throughout New Zealand rivers for several years. We took what we thought were the endorsed steps of cleaning all our gear thoroughly with disinfectant and leaving it to fully dry for over 48 hours, which has been the accepted practice up until recently. Unfortunately we had no knowledge of the new ruling and consequently now have to foot the bill of freighting our boats back to Perth from Sydney (cold treatment takes 24 hours and is free, but the pick up/freight is the importer's cost)."

Circumnavigating Australia

Another female paddler is soon to attempt this mega- adventure challenge. Kelvin Lewis sends us this:

"Starting in October, German kayaker, Freya Hoffmeister, plans to paddle around Australia. Here's a link to her blog: <http://freyahoffmeister.blogspot.com/> ." She has paddled around the South Island, New Zealand, meeting Paul Caffyn, who may have inspired her to have a go at Oz!

Local paddler, Sandy Robson, paddled the entire east coast and some of the north-west coast solo last year. See her website.

2008 NSW State Marathon Championships – Nelligen



Edwards Constructions
NSW State Marathon Championships



A warm sunny day greeted a small contingent of paddlers for the State Championships in Nelligen. It's a pity that the races in the 10 Race Series draw bigger numbers of competitors than the state titles. Nevertheless these races give paddlers an opportunity to race against people their own age in traditional classes.

The Saturday morning race was the Nelligen Challenge which saw an interesting array of kayaks and kayakers race around the 6km course. The warm weather made for a pleasant paddle although somewhat tough for those who really put in.

A number of BGCC members participated and the results can be seen below.

The mid afternoon races were the actual state Championships for single kayaks. The weather was still warm but the NE wind had picked up which made the second section of the race difficult as it blew into the out going tide. Many of our club members earned podium finishes with some tight competitive racing in a range of classes. While the wind was an impediment for some it did actually blow the weed off the course which made for better paddling.

Sunday was a bit hotter and the NE wind came up a bit earlier. Once again a number of BGCC members had very good races in a range of double kayaks. The standard of racing was high and competitive. Although one crew member from our club did actually record a time in the doubles TK race that was almost 25 minutes slower than his time in a single TK!

The results for both days' races can be found below.

John Preston

OPEN K1

Brendan Cowled 6th 2:06:19

WOK1

Renee Todd 2nd 2:16:38

VET 50 TK1

Barry Owers 1st 1:58:22

John Preston 2nd 2:02:15

LONG REC 1

Russell Lutton 1st 1:33:45

Helen Tongway 4th 2:32:38

MED REC 1

Barry Marshall DNF

UNRESTRICTED SKI

Simon Stenhouse 1st 1:41:42

TK2 - Junior - mens

Chris Dobbie Neil Dobbie 2nd 1:48:56

Mitchell Laizans Bradley Rodda 3rd 1:57:01

Paul Dart Vincent Thomson 4th 1:59:26

Alex Smith Alex Zeller 5th 2:00:38

TK2 - Junior - womens

Lee McDermid Alex McDermid 1st 1:50:06

Siobhan Jolly Phoebe Davies 2nd 1:56:36

TK2 - Junior - mixed

Lachlan Pini Samantha McDonald 1st 1:55:53

Scott McDermid Sabina Prusa 2nd 1:56:51

TK2 - Open

Brendan Cowled Barry Owers 1st 1:46:04

Renee Todd Jason Slade 2nd 1:46:58

TK2 - Vet 35

John Preston Peter Fane 2nd 2:23:20

TK2 - Vet 55

Russell Lutton Ian Castelle-Brown 1st 1:33:02

LR2

Bernie Craggs Helen Tongway 2nd 2:03:16

Sorry if I've missed anyone, there were no clubs listed.

For a full rundown of results see:

<http://www.nswmarathon.canoe.org.au/site/canoeing/nswmarathon/downloads/2008%20State%20Champs.pdf>

Patricia

Agenda BGCC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday 7th April, 2008

Club Shed, Molonglo Reach, Morshead Drive, Campbell. Phone 0418 861 613

1. **Welcome:** 2. **Present:** 3. **Apologies:** 4. **President's report:**
5. **Treasurers report:** Accounts paid: NSWCI, \$40.00, memberships; Lakeside Leisure Centre, \$664.20, February pool hire; Danny Galbraith, \$304.15, electrical cord protective cover; Jacqueline Wicks, \$68.48, Pair web-site hire; Helen Tongway, \$411.10, provisions for Bash Food Stall, stamps, certificate card, etc.; Kayaks Plus Pty Ltd, \$3,278.00, canoe polo equipment; Patricia Ashton, \$63.40, steaks, ice, etc; John Harmer, \$112.80, gas cylinder, lights, bread, etc.
Payable: Deposits:\$ Approx balance: \$26k Grants: Paperwork done?

6. **Minutes** from previous meeting: (See last *Blazing Paddles*)

7. **Business arising** from minutes:

- i) Water-skiers & LUG, etc., March meeting- any news? (John H)
- ii) Beginners' Courses – Need to decide on how to go forward with new people in the club. What training/coaching are we going to offer? Perhaps monthly “come and try days”? (Helen, Patricia)
- iii) Rash shirts and club caps – interest in short-sleeved rashies, T-shirts? (Renee)
- iv) Progress on Qualifying some Coaches – news on our 3x flatwater trainees? And the 2x canoe polo trainees? Plus other volunteers? (Patricia, Andy)
- v) Any news on the level of insurance cover we have on club boats, traveling, etc. (Jacqueline)
- vi) Have we finished buying crossing covers the electrical cord over the car- & bike-paths? (Mike, Danny)
- vii) Club Shed light replacements & safety tags for electrical equipment in shed? (Steve)
- viii) Any progress re a design comp for memorial award in memory of Rainer Swoboda? (Danny, John H)
- ix) 24 hour relay –18th/19th October, 2008. Any news? (Helen)
- x) Wait till next summer to get some more sand for the boat-launching beach? (John)
- xi) Any progress re a club phone number (Renee)
- xii) New protective case for Seiko timer/printer? (Danny)
- xiii) Quotation/price/progress on a new Mirage 730 to join the club's fleet? (Danny)
- xiv) Progress re buying Canoe Polo batts and other equipment handling of “old” gear (Andy)
- xv) Awaiting possum-proofing for 4-drawer filing cabinet to keep the club records. (John/Jacqueline)
- xvi) Up to \$150 worth of adjustable paddle-joiners (hopefully 5x paddles) installed into club paddle shafts – probably at Wetspot. Anthony and Danny to do.
- xvii) Roster of key holders and coaches for Sunday mornings – times?
- xviii) The future of our Triathlon Assisting – and the money earned – in view of the difficulty in getting people to help in this venture.
- xix) Juniors and their paddling care – what has happened? (Helen & Barry O)
- xx) Child Protection legislation and what coaches and assistants need to do?

8. **Correspondence In:**

- * CBA Bank Statement, 3rd Mar, balance \$26,531.06; * TACT, cheque for 17th Jan Tri, \$132.00
- * Lakeside Leisure Centre, \$664.20, February Invoice; * Aust Post PO Box rent, receipt \$70.00
- * Kayaks Plus Pty Ltd Quote/Invoice for Canoe Polo equipment, \$3,278.00
- * NSWCI summary of results of Special General Meeting, Homebush, 2 p.m., Saturday 15th March
- * Letter from AC with their view on NSWCI's situation * Weird iiNet Invoices, again
- * Paperwork for ACT Govt Grant of \$2,000 * Aust Post signatures form.
- * Aust Post receipt for PO Box rental, \$70.00 * *Canberra Times* coupon for comp.
- * National Pen offer – 50x pens/\$1.99 ea, 100 pens/\$1.89 ea, etc. – with club details printed on them

9. **Correspondence Out:**

- * BGCC vote on the future of NSWCI
- * Completed ACTSport Survey

10. **Business arising:** i) Payment of Accounts: NSWCI, memberships \$?;
ii) Club response to NSWCI letter re its possible defuncting.

11. **Conveners Reports:** Canoe Polo – Annual Cheesecake Challenge – how did it go? Nationals?
White Water

Flat-water racing –Series Races 2008 – 8th & 9th March, in ACT; Nationa Champs at Penrith over Easter?

Social: Mothers' Day Mayhem, 12th May. Club Birthday Party in June? Jane fisher to organise?

Touring –Still working on the next tour. April – Kangaroo Valley?

Property Manager racing number-holders on club boats?

Membership Secretary – now have 180? members.

Triathlon – Finished for this season. Plans for next season?

11. **General Business:** * Renewed interest in extending club shed/plans/etc. (Bob Collins) * Talk on club website, from Cathy
2008 AGM – Tuesday 29th April. Need to book a room at Sports House? Who to do?

12. **Next Meeting:** 2nd June, 2008, at? 13. Blazing Paddles deadlines: 16th March and then? (April? May?) 2008.

14. **Anything else?** 15. **Meeting Closed:**