

I also understand that there are other 'not for profit' sporting organisations that now find themselves in the same position as us – our shed was built in 1997 so I suppose we had it good for 12 years!

Our builder has now given us a start date of 26 October '09 so the Committee will now arrange to empty the shed of boats and large equipment items by Sun. 25 Oct. '09. As the construction is very basic, it should not take too long to get it to 'lock up' stage. We can then help Barry put on a roof, move boats back in and construct some racking in the extension.

The whole process may disrupt our paddling arrangements and involve volunteers ferrying boats around a bit. It could also extend to our 24 Hour Challenge, however, I am sure we can arrange access to the shed for this event (particularly for power, cooking and a hot shower).

On 2 October '09 I represented our Club at a Community Forum run by Territory & Municipal Services (TAMs) about service provision by that Department. During the discussions about services provided by Parks, Conservation & Lands, I met the Manager of Parks and Reserves, who indicated he would be keen to get together with our Club to address some issues that may concern us. Things such as the services provided at Molonglo Reach, condition of the River and Wetlands, litter etc. An independent organisation called RiverSmart has also approached us about arranging a joint venture – a 'Paddle-a-thon' to raise community awareness about river health and amenity values. We may also arrange a joint inspection and bit of a clean-up of the Wetlands when the weather improves.

I see this as an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of our Club within TAMs and the

ACT in general, as well as providing us with an opportunity to perhaps help with an important Community service. I am now going to try to get the 3 organisations together to plan something. More on this one later.

Finally, it is still good to see so many keen Club members at our time trials. Also I take my hat off to those who have paddled through winter to take part in the NSW Winter marathon series and get fit enough for the Hawkesbury, our 24 Hr Challenge and the Murray.

Bob Collins
President

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Hawkesbury Classic 2009



As usual a number of BGCC members headed up to Windsor for the Hawkesbury Classic. The Hawkesbury Classic is a world famous overnight event which involves 111 km of paddling through the tidal waters of the Hawkesbury River from Windsor to Brooklyn. The following article is a short profile of some of our paddlers who entered this competition.

John and Steve Harmer.

John is one of only 2 people who have paddled every Hawkesbury Classic since it started. That's 33 Classics! John is 61 and Steve is nearly 39.

John wrote the following:

"My canoeing experience began in 1974 during a holiday in Echuca. I was sitting on the bank of the Murray watching the Murray Marathon at the end of day three of that event. I thought "I can do that". Back in Canberra in February 1975 I bought a 13' canoe which was totally unsuitable for racing but I didn't know that. My first ever race was the 1975 Nepean 100 Miler which was a disaster because of the unsuitable boat. I learned a lot about canoe racing and then in 1977 for the first Hawkesbury I had a more suitable boat but I was not ready and it took me over seventeen hours and almost killed me.

I never gave up on that Nepean 100 Miler race and from 1978 to 1987 I finished ten times before that event ended. I also did the Murray in 1977 and 1978. For thirty years I have wanted to do the Murray again but I can always think of better things to do between Christmas and New Year.

Steve's canoeing experience began at age four with that 13' canoe and at age seven he had his first kayak. Much of the next few years were taken up with touring on the many lakes and rivers around here. The Burley Griffin Bash was Steve's first racing experience because we had lots of pre-teen kids active in canoeing in those days. He was Canberra's first ever Australian Marathon Champ when at age twelve with his brother Michael he won the sub-junior class at the 1983 Championships.

Through the early '80s my whole family travelled all over NSW competing in marathon series races and club events. At age sixteen Steve and Michael paddled the 1986 Murray Marathon.

Steve and his brothers Michael and James took up playing canoe polo in about 1985. Steve still plays canoe polo and this week is at the World Masters Games competing. In 2006 he was in the Australian Canoe Polo team at the World Championships in Copenhagen.

At one stage we had thirteen boats stored in the garage. Not enough room for the cars.

Back to the Hawkesbury. After a few years I became addicted to paddling 111 km at night and in 1988 Steve, who is now also addicted, paddled with me for the first time and has done so every year since. I have paddled the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic 32 times and Steve 21

times and we have no thoughts of stopping. Every Hawkesbury is different, the weather, moon and tides see to that. Some years there is fog where visibility is only a few metres, some years the moon is so bright visibility is perfect (once I saw a rainbow in the moonlight after a shower). Unfortunately this year there will be almost no moon. Three times weather has cut the event short. Twice for wind and once because it rained so much the roads beyond Wiseman's Ferry were unsafe for land crews. One thing never changes and that is the feeling I have when we paddle around the last bend and the finish line comes into sight - that can't be beaten.

Our boat is a C2. For the uninformed that is a 6.5 metre canoe paddled with single blade paddles. We usually finish in around eleven hours. C2 is not a popular class and some years we are the only ones in the class.

Frank Kingma

Frank is racing in his 21st Hawkesbury and is eyeing off at least 25. Frank is a quiet achiever in the club. Last year he set a record in the 50+ Racing Class (C). He feels his training this year hasn't been good enough over winter but a move to Brisbane later in the year should see an improvement in this area for next year's event. Frank didn't disclose who it was that was doing his land crew work for him but if they have similar experience to Frank he is obviously in good hands.

Darryl Coventry

Darryl is 41 years old and making his Hawkesbury Classic debut. Darryl has some experience paddling K1's and K2's as a child. In the 1990's he paddled

a surf ski around the islands off Cape York. Darryl will be paddling an Epic V10 ski. In a recent Sunday morning club time trial Darryl set a personal best time and also performed well in the Myall Classic which was conducted in difficult conditions (see Darryl's article on this race further in this issue). While Darryl's goal is to finish the race it would not be surprising to see him be competitive in his category. Darryl's land crew is Cecilia Burke.

Roslyn Hickson

Roslyn is 24 years old and making her Hawkesbury Classic debut. Roslyn has been paddling for 2 years and is a product of our beginners' classes. Her main aim is to complete the distance but would like to set a record and / or win her class. Roslyn is paddling a TK2 with Paul Hartlipp and hopes that during the course of the event she doesn't have to kill him. Paul has been dubbed "Sir Whingealot" which might give some indication that Roslyn is in for a long night on the water. Roslyn has paddled over 20 km once in one of the Hawkesbury familiarization paddles. Husband Danny and Tony Murphy are doing the land crew work.

Paul Hartlipp

Despite 30 years paddling experience 48 year old Paul is making his Hawkesbury Classic debut. "I'm a former (sadly) whitewater boater who's done some flat water racing. I did an "Empire State Games" in Buffalo, New York in a K-4 1000 race with a German X Olympian. It didn't help, we came in second. Got my *ss kicked in Washington DC in a Marathon team selection race. My friend Pete and I also did the Tupper Lake 44-miler in a 4/32 C-2. But it was fun. In

whitewater, rivers include the Moose, Black, Gaulley, New and Beaver. In the US have also done the Ottawa at the higher water levels. I walked most of the Raquette, it was just too scary. On the New River you see the world's largest span bridge. It is closed down once each year so people can base jump from it. That thing is huge even though it is hundreds of feet over your head when you paddle under it."

Paul is Roslyn Hickson's paddling partner in the TK2. They were considering paddling the notorious "Sharkbait" but found it would sink during wash riding. The urge to paddle a K2 was dismissed when they decided "discretion is the better part of valour" and settled for a more stable boat, hence the TK2. Paul is wondering why he's doing this event after memories of the 44 miler come back. Perhaps in the dark, on Saturday night, as they paddle into a strong tide they may wish they had listened to that inner voice that questions one's reasons for doing these things. Paul's main aim is to finish the race and have a good time. Paul believes he has an open mind. He hopes that his broad definition of "open" is open enough. Post race interviews with Roslyn and Paul could be interesting.

Robin Robertson

After graduating from BGCC beginners' classes 2 years ago Robin is entering her first Hawkesbury Classic. Robin's paddling partner (Russell Murphy) believes that at 54 years of age she is old enough to paddle a TK. Robin has completed a number of 20 km races and time trials and is quite content to finish these distances near the back of the field. This cautious approach could be a factor in Robin's success in the Hawkesbury. Robin is going to be paddling a Long

Rec double Mirage with Russell. Her aim is to complete the race alive, probably a goal that Russell shares. Robin coyly refused to divulge any other information and is relying on Russell's dad (Tony) to tend to their needs as land crew.

Russell Murphy

Russell has 11 years paddling experience and has recently come out of paddling retirement. This is his first Hawkesbury Classic but will no doubt use his experience to advantage, which should please and encourage paddling partner Robin Robertson. Russell claims he has 'not been mental enough' to compete in this event before and one can only wonder at the enormity of the epiphany which he has experienced in order to consider himself ready for the 111 km. Tony Murphy is land crewing for the pair. Russell felt he'd like to share a thought with club members: "Before I started training for this race I was a K1 snob. I thought I might get something as slow as a TK when I get old (like 50). You would not have caught me in anything as large as a long rec., except if I was crossing the Bass Strait. I have been convinced though that long rec boats have their place on flat water". Interestingly Russell refers to the event as a 'race' whereas this 'r' word was not mentioned by paddling partner Robin. Tony Murphy, as land crew, could have an interesting night, particularly since he seems to be land crew for Robyn and Paul as well.

Danny Galbraith

Danny is competing in his 6th Hawkesbury classic and admits to being in the +50 age group. He is relying on the experience of his Bennett / Epic

paddle which has done the last 3 Classics. Danny's results for his 6 Classic appearances are:

2004 Double Mirage Open LRec2 10:42

2005 Double Mirage Open LRec2 10:36

2006 Double Mirage Open LRec2 11:01

2007 Single Mirage M+50 LRec 11:55

2008 Double Elliott Vortex M+50 Rec2 Race record 11:16

2009 Single Rocket M+55 UN1 better than 10:53:30 (Anthony's time in the Rocket in 2003)

Danny's aims for the race are finishing, after remaining upright, being the only competitor in the +50 UR1 and therefore getting a class win. Danny is racing solo this year in a Horizon Rocket. The decision to go solo is based on previous partners needing too much time out of the boat for a wee. (editor's questions: "Do people actually get out of the boat to wee?" "What's wrong with a pump?"). Danny's land crew usually consists of family members Kris, Amanda, JJ and Antho. While they care about his well being he's not sure they care enough to stay up all night. It's a certainty that come race weekend they'll be there as usual supporting him to the end.

Randall Fitzsimon

When requested for information Randall wrote: "Rumour has it right. I'm paddling this year with Mark McDonald. We're both older than we behave but not quite old enough for a special category. We're both seasoned adventure racers but this will be our first Classic. We initially thought we'd paddle a double racing ski but have since opted for the double Mirage on the basis that we can maintain a similar speed in this to the ski over a long distance with more comfort and the added benefit we can carry pretty much everything we need for the duration. On this basis we

intend to only stop once for a quick leg stretch and a food and water refill at the half way check.

We think we can finish reasonably well up the order for the Long Rec classification but I hasten to add as this is our first we don't know what to expect so will be happy with our best on the day – whatever that ends up being.

We'll be ably supported by our significant others – Celia Street and Sharyn Sparreboom. I may be going in it but, I'm pretty boring and can't imagine anybody being interested".

As humble as Randall is, for those of us who may have seen him in action, it would come as no surprise if he and Mark did very well.

Tom Hick

This is Tom's 2nd Classic. Tom is a quiet achiever who plays his cards close to his chest. While being pleased to finish last year, this year his aim is to go faster and still finish. While admitting to being closer to 50 than 40 he is still learning. Improved times in the club time trials and the experience of the tough Myall Classic should see Tom's main aim be achieved. Tom is paddling an Epic V12 Ski and Neville is his land crew.

Richard Fox

Richard is paddling in his 3rd Hawkesbury Classic and is into his 3rd year of paddling. In 2007 he placed 2nd in V40+ Long Rec Singles. Unfortunately in 2008 he pulled out at Dargle. He considers 2008 to be a bad memory and hopes to eradicate the psychological pain by finishing this year in 10.5 hours. Richard still bares the scars of 2008 and at least wants to finish the race this time. In the future he hopes to go under the 10 hour mark and then

he may consider giving this race away. Until then he's on a mission. Results through this year have steadily improved and it wouldn't come as a surprise if he exceeded his expectations especially since he's paddling the Time Traveller in the same age group and division as previously. Richard's wife and sister-in-law are performing land crew duties. The expected conditions on the night are not conducive to a faster time.

Patricia Ashton

Patricia is paddling with Helen Tongway and readily admits to being nearly 50 years old. She sees this as a disadvantage because they have to paddle in a 'young' age group. Helen is slightly older (see below).

Patricia wrote "I've been paddling for 6 1/2 years - mainly up and down the Molonglo River. This will be my first Hawkesbury Classic, the only other 'long' marathon I've done was the Murray last year, other than that just a few Winter series marathons. This year I'm paddling with Helen - I figure she's done it several times and knows the way, so I'll just follow her! We're confident we'll finish so while we're not 'going' for a record in our class, it should be achievable if all goes well. Having said that, we'll be happy enough with a finish!! We'll be using Helen's Mirage 730.

We've got a bit of a quandary re the land crew - as far as I know (at the time of writing this) we haven't actually got one organised. David has said he will if there's no-one else, and we've approached several people, so we will be there but don't know who will be looking after us yet! (Stan was pretty adamant'No') (editor's note "I'm sure that he could get a few rounds of

golf in during the night, what's wrong with him?").

I'm looking forward to it - being over! The more I hear about it the less it appeals really - it definitely sounds challenging, more so than the Murray. Don't know if I'm doing enough preparation butmy 'coach' (Bob) says all will be well. He was right before

Helen Tongway

This is Helen's 8th Classic. She claims to be a decade older than Patricia and looking forward to retirement! Helen is an experienced paddler "About 20 years worth - the first decade in canoes only (the Murray in TC2 with David in 1993, in TC1 in 1996 & 1997 and in C2 with Frank Kingma in 2000) and the last 7 or 8 years mainly in sea kayaks (many NSW marathon races in my single Mirage and with several different partners - David, Jill Roberts, Patricia Ashton, Leonie Bubb, and Frank Kingma - and the 2008 Murray with Frank, in double Mirage). Helen has experienced highs and lows in her 8 Classics "1999: Vet40XC4, race stopped at Wiseman's Ferry because of weather; 2000: XC4, with Frank Kingma, Jill Roberts and Ross Williams, we still hold the record for Vet 40, 10:00:47; 2003: Vet50LR1, got to 'E', Dargle Ski Gardens; 2004 and 2005: Vet50LR1, got to 'I' Wiseman's Ferry in both years; 2007: Vet40XLR2 with Frank Kingma, 10:44:43; 2007: Vet50LR2 with Bob Collins, 11:55:50." Helen's main aim is to finish but record setting and class winning would be 'nice'. Helen has persuaded Diane Roberson and her friend Mary to take on the task of land crew. Both Helen and Patricia are very grateful to these ladies. Helen would like to know if anyone knows where to get

hold of night vision aids – and she doesn't mean a torch

I'm sure all club members wish these competitors the best of luck on the night. Thanks should be afforded to the unsung heroes of the Hawkesbury Classic, the various land crews. They have a job to do that is more difficult than the one the paddlers embark upon, yet all the glory goes to the paddlers.

Results for some current, past and sometimes BGCC members:

Frank Kingma	C1	11:05:39
John & Steve Harmer	C2	11:30:50
Randall Fitzsimon/Mark McDonald		
	LR2	9:08:16
Richard Fox	V40LR1	10:32:32
Tom Hick	V50 UN1	11:20:52
Mike Rowland	V50UN1	14:09:02
Robin Robertson/Russell Murphy		
	XLR2	15:12:19
Sarah/Alex Zeller	XTK2	10:59:21

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See club website for information

Murray Marathon

YMCA Murray Marathon
27/12/09 – 31/12/09

The Murray Marathon is on again this year. For more information on the main race and a variety of shorter / less arduous options go to murraymarathon.ymca.org.au/

Marathon Report

Race 9: WAGGA WAGGA

The Quantum Kayaks Marathon 10 series is all but over for the year. The latest race was held at Wagga Wagga on the fast flowing Murrumbidgee River. The river this year had a lot more water in it than in previous years where some dangerous snags made life a little too interesting for some.

A small band of BGCC members made the trip to our neighbour's race. Conditions on the day were quite good but the paddle into the current is always hard and should never be underestimated. Richard Fox and Russell Lutton have had some ding-dong battles throughout this series with Richard being the big improver. He performed well in Division 4, finishing 5th in a time of 1:56:57. Russell, flying the flag for the Batemans Bay Club (goes better when he represents BGCC) was not far behind Richard coming 6th in a time of 1:59:12. Frank Kingma's Hawkesbury training has been effective as seen by his 4th place in Division 6 in a time of 2:04:53. Not far behind was Paul Hartlipp who seems to have been in every race available this year. Paul came in 5th in 2:07:08. Helen Tongway & Patricia Ashton came in 11th in a time of 2:16:20. Roslyn Hickson was 12th in 2:21:12. In the 15 km Division Carolyn Williams, under the BAK flag, was placed 5th in a time of 1:48:56. Russell Murphy got 7th place in a time of 1:54:09 and Robin Robertson was 8th in 2:08:17.

**QUANTUM KAYAKS MARATHON
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paddleNSW website for more
information plus online registration**

MYALL RIVER CLASSIC

***Paddling in 40 knots of wind – Tips
from the Myall Classic by a novice:
Darryl Coventry***

Saturday 26th of September 2009 – A ***gale warning is current for coastal waters*** – what an understatement. What a way to start a race

1. Hold canoe down on ground with something really heavy.
2. Add more weight
3. Get three people to help you launch said canoe.
4. Paddle to start line in sharp short breaking waves and try to hold still.
5. Hear gun.
6. Try and stay upright!
7. Thank god your ground crew has helped you in and will be around at the finish to help you out.....well maybe, but we'll get to that bit later.

This was the day that three BGCC members, Danny Galbraith, Tom Hick and Darryl Coventry decided to participate in the Myall classic. Under normal conditions this would be considered a picturesque paddle in the pristine wilderness that is the Myall Lakes. And, this is 'gonna be a great hit-out for Hawkesbury!'

We all did pretty well pre-race, excellent accommodation arranged by Danny and Kris – fantastic breakfast of poached eggs and a big hit of caffeine to keep the senses alive. Lots of pre-race banter – comments of – Just survive! All we want to do is finish and, is the race actually going to happen? Discussions of tactics and one point that Danny kept making – Don't get caught up in the start hype, you will do better if you take it easy off the line – brilliant advice for a marathon virgin! All this whilst looking into a red sky.

Well we started and I can collectively agree that I was definitely one of the last ones off the line. It was amazing to watch people sprint – knowing full well that they have 47 km of pure crap ahead of them. Here we are just poking away – straight into 40 knots of wind, dust and eventually cross chop. Very hard paddling was had at about 8 km/hr, and not a rescue boat in sight.

At this time we all kind of separated – while it was our intentions to stay together this didn't happen. Danny got his rhythm, I got on the back of a TK2 that had stopped and rejoined the race after picking up weed. Tom found his stride and paddled onwards.

This was where this race got interesting. At about 12 km into the race me and my new friends in the TK2 (off which I managed a lot of wash surfing) started going through the field. A bit of a game started – first the double mirages, then the single rec canoes and finally the skis. All was going well down to the turn and now we were definitely in the top third of the field. It was about this time that we realised that we had been paddling downwind! And, the turn has been moved – this race has been shortened! Imagine having a lovely stroll along a moving flat escalator, now turn around, pick up a bag of concrete and tie both your legs together, now walk against the escalator. This will explain the next 19 km of this race! My friends in the TK2 had now gone silent – I have now fallen in and recovered whilst trying to consume a shot of caffeine and the canoes that were in front of us appear to have stopped!

It becomes amazingly lonely when the canoe that you were paddling with takes a shortcut and you miss out. I was about 10 km from the finish line and challenging my own mortality. There was nothing else to do – you couldn't look out the front without getting salt in your eyes, you just had to look down. As once years ago I would have said from a sailboarding point of view – the wind was 'awesome'. Now I am stubborn and this was not going to beat me!

Funny how feelings can change – there is the finish line and I'm over – 3hrs and

57 seconds later. Hey I might have done alright, can't wait to see my beautiful ground crew and partner, Ces.....

Oh, crap, shortened race, she's not expecting me for at least another hour and a half. Oh well, just stand up and get out of the.....Oh crap, can't stand up.....Oh Crap canoe and I are being blown back into the channel with the now rapidly running tide. I know, look to beach and someone.....no the crowd is just watching me DROWN! Finally from about 4 layers back in the crowd an elderly voice calls out – Do you want a hand? Thank that man profusely – now where is that beer!



Danny, Darryl and Tom.

Stories from the others:

Danny's survival techniques kicked in when he decided to add substantial distance to his race by avoiding areas of high chop and high wind, I think he was just sightseeing.

Tom was having a blinder until he had to play tag and go chase with his boat - Yes Epic V12s are capable of acrobatics and should be able to enter the gymnastics for aerial twirls – man cannot swim that fast!

I actually won a trophy for the open men's overall, don't ask me how. I didn't beat all the men, just the juniors –

for it was a legendry old fart “who kicketh my butt!” Must be that I was just plain stubborn or something.

The after race company, fireworks, pizza and cold beer made this a weekend not to forget. The drive home – the damaged boats and the angst – well that’s another story!

Thanks must go to Danny Galbraith, Chris Galbraith and Cecilia Burke for the tips, the comedy, the accommodation and the care that made this an unforgettable experience.

NOTE: Don’t let your ground crew have too much fun – something about bakeries etc etc etc.....



Looks like fun

WORLD MASTERS GAMES



The World Masters Games were held in Sydney last week. A full report will be available in the next Blazing Paddles. If you can’t wait until then, check out the WMG website. We had a number of fantastic results from Margi Bohm, Gabrielle Hurley, Russell Lutton, Barry Owers, Tony Pobjie and Simon Abbott.

Tuross Paddle

The weather was great – not something we had a say in, so it was good to see blue skies, not too much wind and some warm sun. The house was right opposite the boat ramp, overlooking the lake and the ocean, with a deck out the front and a big cosy lounge room – plenty of room for the 7 of us. So with some good company, some fancy navigational aids and a fleet of Mirages (plus one Prijon) we set off for a days’ paddle around Tuross Lake.

We’d heard there were 3 dolphins ‘trapped’ in the Lake, and managed to meet them within about 15mins of being on the water! That was quite exciting, not something we flatwater paddlers often get to experience! We spent about 5 hours out on the water with pleasant breaks for morning tea and lunch. The scenery was pretty, plenty of water, some shallow but none we had trouble with, lots of birds and fish and not too many other boats.

We’d been told that the Boatshed Café was the place to go after a paddle – you can moor your boat right outside the café, or even get served while in your boat. Luckily for us, the Café had re-opened that very day after a winter break and a change in ownership, so we were able to enjoy a drink near the end of our paddle overlooking our boats and the lake.

That evening we had a 3min walk to the Pickled Octopus (part of the Boatshed complex) for dinner. This proved to be a great choice – the food and wine were lovely – and though there isn’t much of a view of the lake at night it would be quite impressive during daylight hours! However, being their first night back in business after winter, they were keen to close up early and ‘encouraged’ us to

move on well before 9 p.m. Still, more congenial than the Tuross Country Club would have been. Luckily for some of us it was only a short stagger back to the house!

Sunday morning we continued our 'tour' – by driving down the highway to the bridge over the Tuross River and put in there for a paddle. This was probably a bit more scenic than the lake – we were able to just cruise for an hour or so then turn around and head back. We did turn off the river and headed down Bumbo Creek towards Bumbo Lake, however we ran out of time to explore this fully – something for next time!

Everyone had a good weekend, it was an easy, leisurely outing – it was just lovely to be able to sit back and enjoy the paddle, enjoy the scenery and enjoy the company.

Patricia.



Beautiful

**Hawkesbury Canoe Classic
Results at:**

www.canoeclassic.asn.au/files/draft-results1.pdf



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