

Newsletter



Northern Beaches Dragon Boat Club

August 2005 Issue

Welcome everyone to the 1st newsletter for the 2005 - 2006 season. The new Dragon Boat season is starting.

Open Day

On Saturday 3rd September we will have our first open day. This will run from 10 am till 12 noon. So please let your friends know this date. We need as much publicity and exposure as we can get, especially early in the season, as I would rather new paddlers join earlier in the season than later so as not to disrupt training too much.

So please post the flyers that have been sent out to everyone, at your workplace, gyms, clubs, shopping centers, anywhere they can be seen (and legally posted). Alternately, new paddlers are welcome every Sunday at training.

If anyone needs a copy of the flyer, let me know and I can email this to you, alternately, Maria has printed off a lot of copies of these which can be picked up from my place if needed.

We also need paddlers on the day to assist with the Open Day, talk to prospective new paddlers and show them how to paddle. A lot of you started from open days and first impressions do count a lot, so you know what to expect, so please make the effort to come along and help.

There is also the possibility that we may do something as well on the following Saturday (150th anniversary in Manly) but I will let you know later if we decide to do something.

Training

Training is being held every Sunday at 9am starting from September 11th (we will move to 8am when it is warmer). Weeknight training will start with daylight savings. I would also like to introduce time-trials for selections into the different teams if possible and also early morning training sessions later in the season when it is warmer.

Subscriptions

The cost for membership to the club will be \$175 for the season. This covers race entry fees, boat hire, public liability insurance, individual and club membership to Dragon Boats NSW and race uniform.

An increase in fees this year is due to a number of reasons including DBNSW Inc increasing individual membership fees (which are covered by your club membership fees) and increasing race entry fees. DBNSW Inc has also introduced new paddler photo ID's which means, no ID, no race, therefore passport photos are required from everyone as well as all forms both club and DBNSW. If anyone does not have a copy, please let me know otherwise they are available for download from our website or will be available at training.

Payment for club membership can be made at either the open day or at training on 11th September, otherwise can be made by either direct deposit or EFT to:

Account: Northern Beaches Dragon Boat Club

Bank: National

Account No: 546915835

BSB: 082299

Please put name as referral when transferring funds

Race Schedule

Sunday 9th October 2005, venue - to be announced (TBA).

Sunday 6th November 2005, venue - TBA.

Sunday 4th December 2005, SIRC Penrith .

Saturday 14th January 2005. somewhere on the Central Coast.

Saturday 11th February 2006. Chinese New Year, Darling Harbour.

Saturday 25th March 2006, NSW State Championships, Penrith.

In addition to these races, there are also events in Canberra, Grafton, Shellharbour, Ulladulla, Taree and Forster.

The races that we will ultimately be entering will be decided later but it is expected that we would be entering all local events.

Coaches and sweeps

Anybody interested in becoming a coach or sweep then contact Geoff Taken on 0418239980. We need more sweeps and coaches (Love them or hate them, we need coaches and trainers). We will not be allowed to race in the womens category without our own accredited female sweep, so I would like to see all girls give it a go.,

Committee

The committee for this season is

Geoff Taken - President - 0418 239980, 99719361 - gtaken@optusnet.com.au

Maria Hedley - Secretary

Carmen Bekker - Treasurer

Sue Taken - Registrar

Terry Jones - Equipment Manager

Sponsorship Manager - Louise Higgins

Pauliina Uitto - Ordinary Member

Cassandra Natrass - Ordinary Member

Promotions, Media & Marketing Manager - If anyone is interested in taking up this position of, it is still available.

In addition, Tim Van Der Griend is our new webmaster, Bev Jones will be looking after uniforms, Cassandra Natrass is our First Aid Officer and Sue Leeds will be our Social Events Co-ordinator.

Sponsorship

We are still trying to find sponsors for the club. The membership subscriptions do not cover all costs incurred by the club but we try to keep these as low as possible and supplement these by sponsorship.

Louise Higgins is in charge of sponsorship, so if anyone has any contacts for sponsorship or knows a company who desperately wants to give money to a poor Dragon Boat Club or can help with supplying uniform or can assist in some way, then either let her or myself know.

Website

Our website has all information on the club as well as membership forms. The site can be found at www.nbdbc.com

Finally

If anyone has anything that they could contribute to the club, then please contact any of the committee members. The more people that can help, the better for the club.

If anyone needs to contact me by phone, I can be reached on 0418 239980 or at night, on 99719361 (or on the mobile).

See you all on the water,

Geoff Taken