



2011 Auroras – Congratulations Queenslanders

THE DRAGON'S HEAD

The 10th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships will take place from 3-7 August 2011 inclusive in Tampa, Florida, USA, with the Opening Ceremony on Tuesday 2 August 2011. The Championships will be held on the Seddon Channel Race Course, between Harbour Island and Davis Islands near downtown Tampa.



IDBF have been notified by 32 members countries of their intention to participate at these championships from:- Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Hungary, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Macau, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Senegal, Singapore, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and the United States.

The following Australian crews will be competing in Tampa:

Grand Masters - Open, Women, Mixed

Masters - Women, Mixed

Premier - Open, Women, Mixed

For this event and for future international campaigns AusDBF will only send teams in divisions or categories that are genuinely of international standard and are worthy of wearing the Australian Coat of Arms. It was disappointing that the younger teams (Youth and Juniors) will not be going to Tampa for these Championships. It's also unfortunate that there will not be a Masters Open team participating.

QDBF would like to congratulate the Queensland paddlers who have made the final selection and will now represent Australia and wish you every success as you have earned the right to be part of the crews to challenge the rest of the world in dragon boating.

Queensland paddlers who have made the final selection to the AusSquad

Grandmasters

- Blair Gamble Coach (BRD)
- Ann Hubbard Manager (BRD)
- Sue Beith Asst Manager (BRD)
- Di Long (BRD)
- Diane Peglas (BRD)
- Emilia McDonald (BRD)
- Judi Row (Te Waka)
- Ewen McDonald (BRD)
- Gary Kerr (BRD)
- Ian Vivian (BRD)
- Micah Roberts (Broadwater)
- Norbert Gaulton (BRD)
- Paul Langley (Redcliffe)

Masters

- Janelle Gamble (BRD)
- Tracy Evans (BRD)
- Vanessa Mercer (BRD)
- Wendy Coll (Te Waka)
- Dallas Piwari (BRD)
- Mark Eriksen (Te Waka)
- Martin Coll (Te Waka)
- Mitch Wilson (BRD)

Premiers

- Jasmine Robinson (Te Waka)
- Kirby Sefo (Te Waka)
- Kirsten Lange (Lanakila)
- Peta Byram (Lanakila)
- Rowena Coghill (BRD)
- Adam Rarity (BRD)
- Alexander Dalgleish (Te Waka)
- Benjamin Green (Broadwater)
- Vaughan Eriksen (Te Waka)

Juniors in Queensland Dragon Boating – Information Session

An information session is being held on Saturday 18th June, 2011 at Sports House, 8 Castlemaine St, Milton, Brisbane from 10-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.

If you are attending please **RSVP by 13th June** to QDBF by emailing events@qdbf.com.au

Various members have expressed the following concerns regarding our Junior Teams:

- Lack of numbers in individual clubs prevents Juniors from training or competing as a solely Junior Team.
- Gradual slide in the number of Junior Paddlers joining or remaining within dragon boating.
- We will not continue to get AusDBF permission to have our State Junior Team compete as a composite club team at the Crew vs Crew at the Australian Championships.

Two proposals have been received from QDBF members to create a Junior Club/Development Squad for all Queensland Juniors which would allow them to compete at local, State and National regattas as a team, a basic summary of roles under these proposals is as follows:

QDBF'S ROLE

- Formation and Registration of a Club (Name to be decided);
- Code of Conduct, Constitution and Registers;
- Supply of Uniforms to Junior Club Members;
- Supply of Club Equipment;
- Assistance with Travel Costs for Juniors to attend training sessions at different localities;
- Appointment of Coaches and Managers and
- Oversight of Club.

CLUB'S ROLE

- Allow their Juniors to be part of the proposed Juniors Club.
- Commit to allow their Juniors to attend the Junior Club training, as well as their own club training, and participate as members of the Juniors Club.
- Assist the QDBF and Junior Club by allowing them use of boats and other equipment necessary to assist in training etc.

QDBF is inviting input on these proposals or alternative proposals from all interested clubs and invites all interested parties to attend this session.



Queensland juniors who attended the States Championships 2011

Upcoming Event:

Dragon Boating in Goondiwindi – September 2011

Dragon boating is coming to Goondiwindi, as a part of the Gourmet in Gundy Festival. There has been huge interest shown from the locals in starting a dragon boat club in Goondiwindi, which is approx a 3 ½ hr drive from the St George Dragon Boat Club. From this demonstration dragon boat festival racing during the Gourmet in Gundy, it is hoped enough ongoing enthusiasm and interest will be shown to initiate the foundations of a new club in this area.

The Border Rivers Chamber of Commerce Inc. proudly presents the 13th Annual Gourmet in Gundy food, wine, art and music festival on September 9-11, 2011. Set in the Cultural Centre Gardens on the Macintyre River this year's theme "Paddock to Plate" relates to relaxed entertaining and lifestyle in rural regions.

The weekend will showcase regional activities and events, fine food, award winning wines and where talented artists display an amazing array of work.

Goondiwindi welcomes the Cycle Qld 2011 arriving on Friday September 9th for the start of the Goondiwindi to Brisbane cycle ride.

On Saturday Marshall St retailers will be buzzing while the Dragon Boat Race practise and training session will be happening at the Macintyre River boat ramp.



The Goondiwindi Race Club Gourmet Cup Spring race day starts at 1pm at Gunsynd Park and the Goondiwindi Gun Club 2 day Open Shoot on both Saturday and Sunday is happening at the Goondiwindi Gun Club site on Goodar Rd.

Gourmet Food, Wine, Art & Music Festival is on Sunday Sept 11th from 10am – 4pm. There will be a fantastic line up of 30 wonderful exhibits taking up all available space and showcasing award winning wares from beef, coffee, sushi, and wine to fresh berries and ice cream.

Sunday will see Dragon Boat races on the Macintyre River, with the assistance of the St George Dragon Boat Club and their members, and officials from the Queensland Dragon Boat Federation.

The weather is usually perfect, the setting ideal and it is just the time for a visit to Goondiwindi to join the hundreds of guests who are enthralled by the variety and diversity the weekend brings



Funding Approved - Round 67- Ended November 2010 – Community Gambling Benefit Fund

Congratulations to Clubs for having their Grant Applications approved in the latest Round with the Community Gambling Benefit Fund. The clubs have just been informed in the last two weeks of their approval.

While it is frustrating having to wait up to five months to hear whether your club is successful, once the Round of funding has closed, it is exciting and rewarding to hear that your club has succeeded in gaining funding for much needed equipment.

Manly Dragons-\$35,000- to enable Manly to purchase a safety/rescue RIB plus equipment.

BRD-\$10,000- for a boat trailer and sign writing.

A few clubs did submit their funding applications in the last round, and while they were unsuccessful this time, their submissions are re-entered into the next Round automatically. Good luck to these clubs.

Other clubs have also been successful in their applications to Sport and Rec for Club Development Grants for amounts from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

While QDBF is assisting as many clubs as possible using the Dept of Communities Sport and Rec Development Grant, it is up to each club to apply for equipment and club development grants in relation to their Club's needs. QDBF will assist in this, and will write letters of support when asked.

Expressions of interest for AusDBF coaching & official courses in Brisbane

OFFICIAL'S COURSE August 2011
COACHING COURSE September 2011

QDBF is planning on holding AusDBF's Level 1 Coaching and Official Courses in August and September, 2011.

For these courses to go ahead, a minimum of 15 attendees is needed.

Please send your Club's expression of interest in attending one, or both, of these courses, with numbers of attendees to:

Karen Jarvis - development@qdbf.com.au - by 30 June, 2011.
If there is not enough interest, these courses WILL NOT BE HELD.



Sweep Training Course – for beginners to the very experienced

On: Sunday 3 July, 2011

At: Wynnum Manly Yacht Club, 542 Royal Esplanade, Manly

Times: 10 a.m. to 12 noon- Beginners, Trainee, Provisional Sweeps- From Level 0 to Level 2

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.- Accredited-Level Three- to the very experienced- to include 2000m turn race techniques

BBQ for lunch of hamburgers/sausages will be provided (through the QDBF Sport & Rec Grant)

All sweeps from beginners to the experienced who are keen to further their knowledge in the art of sweeping, from basic techniques, to turn race and racing techniques.

There is a difference between a sweep who can sweep in a straight line at training, to a sweep who can gain their team the extra metre in competition, racing in a straight line.

Come along and find out how!!!!!!!

Please RSVP to Paul Jarvis (SMS 0418 931 434) or email jarvispk@bigpond.com by 27th June if you are attending.

Thief at Broadwater Dragons

Broadwater Dragons have had their Club's equipment/storage box stolen from their training site at Royal Pines Resort Boat Ramp, sometime between Wednesday night, 18th May and Sunday 22nd May, 2011.

The large tool box was locked and chained to the club trailer and contained paddles, life jackets, lights, torches, GPS watches.

The chains were cut with a bolt cutter, and the tool box stolen.

If any club hears of any second hand dragon boat equipment being for sale, as described above, please advise Karen Jarvis at Broadwater Dragons on 0407 445 774.

From Mackay DB Club – on the North Qld Regatta – Round 1

The majority of our club travelled to Townsville to participate in the first of the NQ Regatta Tri-Series on the 15th May. We eagerly looked forward to it and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to put our training into practice. The Townsville ladies did a magnificent job in putting together the race day and venue. The venue was excellent and now we are more aware of all the work required to pull together such an event.

We are to host the July regatta in Townsville and are looking forward to the challenge. Fortunately we are also able to use these regattas for sweep accreditation which we will make use of. Well done Warren!

Officials Course – 4 of our members attended this course on Saturday. It was very enlightening and those that attended will put the knowledge gained to good use during the planning and running of the Tri-Series. It was also very interesting to hear Janine, Karen & Paul's personal Dragon Boat Racing stories – regional, state & international.

A huge thank you to QDBF for assisting in sending Janine, Karen & Paul to assist and for the funds to equip our Regatta packs.

For the North Queensland region this is a very positive step forward. Having access to more competitive events will not only raise community awareness of this fantastic sport but also provide the paddlers with more reasons to continue training.

Lee-Anne Dunn, President, Mackay Stingers

From DA Mackay

On behalf of the 11 Dragons Abreast Mackay members who travelled to Townsville I want to express our appreciation for the efforts made by all involved in making the inaugural North Qld Regatta so successful.

With anything being tried for the first time, there's bound to be teething problems but these seemed to be minimal and we feel that as the day progressed everyone became more aware of what was required and I'm sure that the experience will ensure the success of future regattas. We're very much looking forward to the 2nd & 3rd regattas as we thoroughly enjoyed this one.

It was a great opportunity for three of our members to take the steps required to become accredited sweeps.

Finally, the venue was excellent and how lucky we were to have a beautiful mild, sunny day.

Anne Tunnah, DA Mackay



The teams at the Opening Ceremony



Dennis Fitzpatrick-Dotting of the eye Ceremony



Townsville DBC



The Timekeepers



DA Mackay in action



THE DRAGON'S HEAD

From Cairns DB Club – on the North Qld Regatta – Round 1

On May 15th 2011, on the beautiful Ross River, the very first ever North Queensland Dragon Boat regatta was held, between, Townsville, Cairns, Mackay Stingers and Mackay DAA clubs.

Our club, Cairns Dragon Boat Club/Coral Sea Dragons, travelled down with 22 crew, some family members and our boat. Our crew consisted of experienced, not so experienced, and a few very new paddlers.

For most of our crew, it was the very first time they had been to a regatta, and raced against other boats.

The weather was typical north Qld, "just another day in paradise", the Townsville Dragon Boat Club arranged the fantastic venue, and put together a great regatta. The day started with news sweeps being assessed by Paul Jarvis from Broadwater Dragons, and all passed with flying colors.

The competition was fierce, with Mackay Stingers coming out the overall winning club, but Cairns members all went away with a great feeling of satisfaction, having achieved a heap of seconds and a third.

The men versus women challenge race was a fitting final to the day.

We are excited about the coming next 2 regattas this year, and we are sure we will give the other clubs some fierce competition.

A final big thanks to Cheryl Oats, and her club for a memorable "FIRST" NQ Regatta, and to Paul and Karen Jarvis (QDBF) along with Janine (AusDBF Course Presenter), for their invaluable assistance on the day.

I must also mention the 2 guys in the support boat who were out there all day, well done guys!!!!!!!

Dennis Fitzpatrick
CDBC President



ASADA at QDBF State Championships 2011

Many of you may have noticed the presence of an Asada inspector and four chaperones at the recent QDBF State Championships.

QDBF did not request nor pay for this testing. Our event was selected by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (Asada) and the Queensland Government as part of a State Government funded program to expand the banned substances testing program into lower profile sports.

Dragon Boating in Queensland receives considerable Government funding via the Department of Sport & Recreation

at club level and by QDBF. There is an onus on Government to ensure the sports they support with funding adhere to the Code concerning drugs in sport.

The Code places all responsibility on the athlete. Paddlers are responsible for checking the status of all substances prescribed by their doctors by *checking your substances* or by phoning the Anti-Doping Hotline 13 000 ASADA (13 000 27232) this is a confidential service.

Asada have an extremely informative, user friendly website www.asada.gov.au this covers many issues such as Testing, Substances, Rules & Violations & Education.



There are moves a foot to introduce 'retroactive' Therapeutic Use Exemptions **TUE's** for Dragon Boat paddlers on **cancer treatment drugs**. This means that if a paddler on cancer treatment therapy is drug tested at a regatta and is advised of a positive doping control test, that paddler may apply for a 'retroactive' TUE through ASDMAC. Therefore they will not require an in advanced TUE.

This is yet to be officially confirmed with ASADA, and with the Dragon Boating community.

Tweed Dragons
Bushies & Dragons Bush Dance
 Band: 'Playing Possums'

Date: Saturday 25th June 2011
 Time: 6.30pm (Band starts 7pm)
 Place: Piggabeen Community Hall
 Piggabeen Road
 Cost: \$30 (Supper included)
 BYO drinks and nibbles

Lots of lucky door prizes!

For tickets contact Norm Hunt on 5590 9354 or Mobile 0407 162 619

Classifieds

If you or your club has any items for sale or purchase please send to the QDBF for inclusion. Items will be listed for two consecutive issues unless advised that they have been purchased. An item description, cost, condition and contact details are to be supplied.

This is a free service to all Queensland dragon boat clubs and their paddlers.

Send your classifieds to marketing@qdbf.com.au by the first weekend of each month. These items are to be paddling related from paddles, paddle bags to dragon boats and trailers and also can include lease items.



Dragon Boat Trailer for Sale

We purchased a boat with this trailer however being based at Sydney International Regatta Centre out in Penrith we never take the boats anywhere.

We also have an outrigger trailer at our disposal.

Details are:

- Overall length tailgate to tow ball is 12.65-metres.
- Width inside the side buffer blocks is 1160 mm
- Length of roof section from top of the side to apex of the roof is 850 mm
- Roof support tube is 30 mm RHS
- It was built to tow a Champion boat.

We are looking for \$4,000 ono for it, although we are also open to offers.

Currently registered in NSW and insured.

Contact:

Gil Swadling

Pendragon Panthers DBC, Penrith NSW

Mob: 0439 881 303



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