



Model Boat Club of NSW
10th February, 2010 Newsletter

Hi Members,

Its been a little while now since our last news letter and we've had a number of things happening.

Xmas BBQ – 13th December

Our Xmas BBQ was well attended with an enjoyable BBQ Lunch, Open Water, a Team Enduro and Hot Lap events.

The Team Enduro was a lot of fun with a mixture of Gas, Nitro and Electric boats fighting it out over a 30 minute duration. Contestants comprised many new members as well as some of the old hard heads. A couple of the new members were heard saying after the race "*....that was fantastic, we should have these more often*".

The Hot Lap session again proved to be a good test of drivers' skills with only a few people being able to complete two laps without:

1. Breaking the start
2. Cutting a buoy
3. Crashing

This is another type of event that is proving popular and will help build the racing skills of our Members.

Round 5 Race Day – 10th January

We had two heats of racing, good conditions and another tasty BBQ Lunch.

Once again there was a good roll up for 'A' Mono with 8 boats competing on the day. Brian McKellar took the points on the day with two wins which enabled him to take back the lead in the Club Championship from Vincent Shaw. New Member Graham Linnert had another good showing, coming away with 700 points to keep himself up with the leaders.

This class has shown good growth lately and Round 5 saw Adam Tomvald make his 'A' Mono debut with a new boat that showed plenty of speed. Look out guys, once Adam adapts to the change from Gas to Nitro he will be a force to be reckoned with!

Round 6 Race Day – 7th February

What looked like being wet, miserable day, turned out to be a day with excellent racing conditions. We got through two heats of racing, with a number of Members sharing the CD responsibilities. It was good to see Bec Mason back in the CD role, bringing some organization to the “dazed & confused” Drivers who can’t remember their lane numbers.

‘A’ Mono and Open Petrol Sport Hydro were the best represented classes on the day.

In OPS Hydro the Club Championship Leader John McRae didn’t have his best day coming away with only 25 points, while Andrew Biddlecombe, coming back from a break, got a perfect score of 800 from two wins. However, John has a commanding lead and Andrew still has a lot of work to do to catch John who is 1,100 points in front.

In the mighty ‘A’ Monos the championship lead has changed for the 4th time this season. Graham Linnert, who should now be called “Mr Consistency” has taken over the lead by 300 points from Brian McKellar.

It just goes to show, that in these hotly contested classes, you can’t afford to miss out on a Race Meeting, remember, “Be there or be behind!”

Overall, the Club Racing has been fantastic and close!

‘A’ Outboard is another tightly contested class with 3 members very close on points and some excellent racing taking place. ‘B’ Mono is also close, with Laura Mason surrendering her Championship lead to Doug Wright. 16-25cc Petrol Mono, as usual, is shaping up to be a very close contest.

Hot News – Inter Club Challenge!!

Our next pond day on the 21st February has been cancelled due to the revival of the Interclub Challenge between MBCNSW and the Hunter Valley Club. We encourage all MBCNSW Members to head up to the HV club on this day to try and grab the away leg of the challenge. As an incentive to get as many people there as possible we will be scoring double Club Points for those who attend.

March 14th is round two of the Interclub Challenge and it will be held at Penrith.

Club History

The committee has started “interviewing” some of our longer serving members in an effort to capture the history of the MBCNSW. We are still looking for history so if you have some photos you can share or info please contact us on either the president email or the secretary email.

We will be approaching some more members shortly to gather as much of the clubs history as possible. The idea is we will then have a new page on the web site detailing the MBCNSW and hopefully will include some photos from different eras, allowing new members and the general public to see that the club has been around for some time now and it has evolved to be one of the best clubs in Australia.

Departure

Unfortunately we recently lost the one and only WILD BILL Bill Annabel as he has moved to Melbourne for work commitments. Bill has been a vital part of the MBCNSW and he will be sorely missed.

Bill we wish you all the best in you new adventure and hope you can make it back to the pond for some great CD work and some fun racing soon! Don't forget a few Coronas also.

See you all at the pond.

Regards
Committee - MBCNSW