

COMING Events

Happy New Year everybody! We are looking forward to a big year on the water this year and we are kicking off with the Cambridge Town Cup Regatta at Lake Karapiro in New Zealand's North Island on January 26 and 27. Twenty athletes from SRC will be competing in this prestigious regatta which is televised and widely covered in the NZ media. A welcome home to the team will be held on Sunday February 3 in Dedes Restaurant, come along and hear about how well the team went and I am sure there will be plenty of good stories to entertain us all. This is an important fundraiser for the Club and we hope to raise enough to cover all of their expenses.

Sydney Rowing Club's annual regatta will be held on Saturday 2 February at the Sydney International Regatta Centre. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this regatta and you can receive a copy of the sponsorship presentation by calling our General Manager – Russell Cooper on 9712 1199.

“Get out of the Boardroom and onto the Bay”

Expressions of Interest are being called for the 2008 Sydney 500 Corporate Rowing Challenge. The event will take place from Sunday April 20, with an Orientation morning at the boatshed and the gala Sydney 500 raced on Sunday May 18. Challenger Financial Services Group won the inaugural Sydney 500 Cup and it is up for grabs in 2008.

Why not get a crew together with your colleagues? Training takes place on the water one week day and a Saturday for four weeks – after which time you will be race fit and ready to take on the challengers. You can experience the euphoria that our athletes experience at the end of a sprint race.

It's not all hard work, with BBQ breakfasts on Saturday mornings in the sun on our boatshed deck, and the Sydney 500 Cocktail party is all part of the fun. Rowing is a unique sport, this is your chance to try something different.

Proceeds from this major fundraiser go toward rowing equipment and travel for our athletes, which enables them to compete at local, state, national and international levels.

You can make enquiries by emailing sydney500@sydneyrowingclub.com.au or by calling Paul Coates on **0415 242 046** or Jenny Cole on **0410 612 805**.

Thanks to all of you who support our fundraising activities. We appreciate every cent and every cent is put to very good use – watch out for some new and interesting events in 2008.

Jenny Cole



ROWER'S Rewards

As most of you know by now our new member rewards program called Rower's Rewards is up and running, but do you know how it works and all the benefits you can receive? You can earn rewards the same way as you did with the old system but now you can also earn points every time you make a purchase over the bar! All you need to do is hand the bar staff your membership card when you order a drink and you can start earning points.

Do you know what you can do with your points? You can:

- Purchase drinks at the bar
- Purchase vouchers for the Watergrill and Dedes
- Purchase items from the showcases

Don't forget to swipe your card at the Rower's Rewards Terminal when you enter the Club. You can win great daily prizes, check your balance of points and redeem vouchers.

You also collect your Birthday Vouchers at the Rower's Rewards terminal now too.

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GENERAL MANAGERS Report

I would like to wish all of our members a very happy new year and I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday period. It has been wonderful to see how much everyone is enjoying the redeveloped Club and we all appreciate your support. Summer is such a great time of the year at the Sydney Rowing Club and this one promises to be the best yet. Now that we have the building behind us everyone can relax and enjoy the new Club. Summer afternoons and evenings are perfect for relaxing out on the terrace, especially Thursday, Friday and Sunday when we have the bands playing.

I would also like to welcome all our new members and thank you for joining our Club. Since the beginning of September we have welcomed over 1000 new members!

We introduced Rower's Rewards at the start of December. All members should be aware that you can earn rewards points every time you make a purchase over the bar; just by handing over your membership card when you order your drinks. For even better ways to earn points you'll have to ask our staff next time you are in the Club. You can also spend your reward points over the bar; use your points to purchase great prizes from our showcases and to purchase vouchers for the Watergrill and Dedes. You should also swipe your card at the Rower's Rewards terminal every time you visit the Club because you could win points credited to your card, free drinks and raffle tickets. The Rower's Rewards terminal is also giving out birthday vouchers now. The postman will no longer be delivering your birthday gift from the Club, just visit the club during the month of your birthday and swipe your card at the Rower's Rewards terminal for your birthday gift.

Summer and autumn also sees the rowing season in full swing. Our rowers greatly appreciate the support of everyone who visits the club. This looks like being another great year for the Club as coaches Gary and Glenn have a wealth of young talent at their hands.

Finally, I would like to wish all our members the very best for a great '08 and encourage you to continue enjoying "Sydney's Original Rowing Club".

Cheers,

Russell Cooper
General Manager

ROWER'S REUNION

20th April '08

Contact Ray Green - 02 4782 3429

CAPTAINS REPORT January

2007 came to an exciting end with a lot of activity in the boatshed. The club has competed at a number of regattas including the NSWRA Spring Regatta, the Nepean Rowing Club Regatta, our own Head of the Parramatta Regatta and the NSW Sprint Championships. So far this season our members have won 67 races, and we look forward to many more.

Another NSWIS initiative is the NSW Blues Squad, designed to select and train a number of athletes aged Under 21 who will compete for the state in the Men's and Women's Youth Eight races at the National Championships. NSW has a proud history in these events, and to be selected into such a squad is quite an honour; congratulations to Dom Grimm, Tom Quilty, Kurt Spencer, Alex Berzins, Renata Dare, Sarah Handley, Georgia Separovich and Gabriela Poletto. The crews to represent NSW will be announced shortly after the State Championships, so we wish all athletes bidding for selection the best of luck.

The rowing squad recently returned from a training camp in Taree where we were the guests of the well known oar manufacturer Howard Croker and his wife Kaye. The team manager, Steve Handley, along with his kind volunteers Greg Kotoulas, Janet Mathews, Sharon Robertson and Jim Stride worked tirelessly to provide a perfect training environment for the team. Joining the SRC team was a small contingent from each of Newington College and PLC Croydon who worked hard to keep pace with the older and more experienced club rowers. The camp was a rewarding experience for all, and my deepest personal thanks to Howard and Kaye Croker for their hospitality and the volunteers for their patience and generosity.

A large team will depart for New Zealand to compete in the Karapiro Racing Inc. Number 2 regatta on 27th & 28th January. This team includes a Men's and Women's Eight, and other smaller boats, to keep up to date with the results from this tour; please visit the club website. There will be a fundraising dinner held on 3rd February to welcome the team home and help to cover costs of the tour; all are welcome and encouraged to attend what will be an entertaining night. For booking forms please visit the club website.

Simon Nola
Captain

GOLF NEWS

2007 was a great year; we played 13 rounds of golf at 9 different courses plus the annual Bill Bolger Matchplay Challenge Trophy which we managed to retain after a very close result. We had 3 rounds of golf this year where we had 28 players in attendance and averaged approximately 23 players a round this year which was excellent.

We held our annual presentation night and Christmas party at the Sydney Rowing Club and it was a pleasure to welcome our guests John & Barbara Langley representing the Sydney Rowing Club; John Bolger who some years ago donated two of his late father's golf clubs for the Billy Bolger Trophy and Margaret Thomas and her daughter Judi Brown with Margaret assisting in the presentation of the Graham Thomas Encouragement Trophy during the evening.

The revised format Club Championship was won by Amanda Bevan our first lady to win the club championship with very consistent play scoring 105 stableford points over the 3 Championship rounds the runner-up was Jim Riccord with 100 stableford points. The Alf McBurney Trophy was won this year by Neil Clarke we had two Runner-ups Andrew Stokes & Malcolm Graves who both scored 158 points. The most improved golfer was awarded to Paul Blackwell, the Graham Thomas Encouragement Award went to Paul Keating and the Captains Birdie Trophy was won by Andrew Stokes with 11 birdies.

We also had different winners at each of our points score games this year; the winners in order were Andrew Stokes, Jeff Ackland, Jason Shipton, Peter Carolan, Tony Dyer, Bernadette Shipton, Graham Stevens, Phil Canty, Bill May and Paul Blackwall. The 3 social team games were 2B Canadian Foursomes won by Roy Avis & Warren Partington, 2B Ambrose won by Roy Avis & Errol Dawes and the 4B Ambrose won by Andrew Stokes, Jim Riccord, Richard & Margaret Trimble.

I would like to thank the committee for their support this year; Captain Norman Gilmore, Treasurer Jim Riccord, Secretary Jim Schofield, Handicapper Bernadette Shipton and our Social Secretary Phyllis Gilmore. We also recognise our sponsors who provide us with the prizes for our games Abbotsford Hardware, Ambassador Trophies, Birds Smallgoods, Cellarbrations Liquor, Dedes Restaurant, Garry White - First National Glebe, Lo Sfizio Pizzeria Ristorante, Meeke Engineering, Sydney Rowing Club, Tooheys, Yellowtail Wines and Wareemba Meats please support them when ever you can.

Linda Watt-Smith - Chairman

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB



FRIDAY NIGHT MEAT TRAYS

Kickstart your weekend with Friday nights at SRC

Pick up one of our fantastic meat trays! There are 25 gourmet meat trays to be won. Tickets go on sale at 5pm and the draw is held at 6.30pm. Every \$5 worth of tickets you buy gives you an entry into the Major draw on the last Friday of every month to win a \$150 Coles Myer Voucher! Then from 7.30pm onwards enjoy the sounds of our guest artist to get your weekend going.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS MEMBER'S NIGHT

Member's badge draw - 5 draws are held every Wednesday night between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. Jackpot increases by \$250 every week and restarts at \$3,000 the following week if won.

ENTERTAINMENT

We have some great new entertainment happening in the Club.

We have some fantastic live acts lined up every Thursday and Friday night and Sunday afternoon. We will be featuring great acts such as the Dan Barnett band, Michael McGlynn, Tavoi, Nicky Kurta and Sam and Jamie.

BIRTHDAY VOUCHERS

Don't wait for the postman!

You can now receive your birthday present from the Club by swiping your membership card at the Rower's Rewards terminal. Make sure you swipe your card during the month of your birthday to receive your gift.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

ENTERTAINMENT Schedule 2008

January

THURSDAY 6.00 - 9.00pm

3rd - SUI ZHEN
10th - MICHAEL MCGLYNN
17th - TAVOI
24th - NICKI KURTA
31st - GUY DUTTON

FRIDAY 7.30 - 10.30pm

4th - TAVOI
11th - SEVEN YEAR ITCH
18th - GUY DUTTON
25th - OCTIVE

SUNDAY 3.00 - 6.00pm

6th - DAN BARNETT QUARTET
13th - MICHAEL MCGLYNN TRIO
20th - NEILSEN GOUGH TRIO

February

THURSDAY 6.00 - 9.00pm

7th - MICHAEL MCGLYNN
14th - MICHAEL MCGLYNN
21st - TAVOI
28th - NICKI KURTA

FRIDAY 7.30 - 10.30pm

1st - TAVOI
8th - JIG ZAG DUO
15th - ACCOUSTIC SHOES
22nd - MIDNIGHT SUN
29th - TIM SHAW

SUNDAY 3.00 - 6.00pm

3rd - DAN BARNETT QUARTET
10th - VENUS MUSIC
17th - NICKI KURTA TRIO
24th - CHOCOLATE JAZZ

March

THURSDAY 6.00 - 9.00pm

6th - ANDY MAMMERS
13th - NICKI KURTA
20th - TAVOI
27th - MICHAEL MCGLYNN

FRIDAY 7.30 - 10.30pm

7th - TAVOI
14th - 2 FOLD
21st - GUY DUTTON
28th - THE DEEP DUO

SUNDAY 3.00 - 6.00pm

2nd - PETER MORGAN TRIO
9th - MICHAEL MCGLYNN
16th - DAN BARNETT QUARTET
23rd - GYPSY RYTHMS TRIO
30th - NEILSEN GOUGH TRIO

Trading hours

Bar & Lounge

Mon - Tues 10.30am - 10.00pm
Wed - Thurs 10.30am - 11.00pm
Fri - Sat 10.30am - 12.00am
Sun 10.30am - 10.00pm

Watergrill

Mon - Fri 12.00pm - 3.00pm
6.00pm - 9.00pm
Sat - Sun 12.00pm - 9.00pm

Dedes Restaurant

LUNCH
Tues - Fri & Sun 12.00pm - 4.00pm
DINNER
Wed - Sat 6.00pm - 11.00pm

WATERGRILL

MENU

Thai Beef Salad with fresh herbs and aioli

Cold Seafood Platter - king prawns, smoked salmon, Sydney Rock Oysters & octopus vinaigrette

Hot and Cold Seafood Platter - Sydney Rock Oysters, king prawns, smoked salmon, octopus vinaigrette, 1/2 shell scallops, tempura prawns, fish cocktails, marinated baby calamari & fries

Blue Eye fillet grilled with fries, tomato, mint salsa and salad garnish

Risotto Marinara with prawns scallops, baby calamari, mussels, tomato and a hint of chilli

We have a deliciously tempting selection of fresh cakes, pastries and biscotti to choose from, and a full range of quality espresso coffee on offer.

For all of the great romantics out there, Dedes is having a special Valentines Day dinner. Please call **9712 5503** for booking details.