

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.

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The 2012 season is well under way. The turn out each Saturday has been great. Some new members have joined this year which is a good indicator for the clubs future. The ladies handicap races at 1pm on non Presidents Cup Saturdays is well supported and the Presidents Cup remains a popular part of our race program. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Hacking Classic (from Gunnamatta Bay) as it clashed with another event on the State Calendar. The 'Rock' Trophy race to South West Arm and return is still on - scheduled for August 18. We will promote this amongst the Surf Clubs and the Ocean racers well ahead of 18 August. For non members of PNSW a \$10.00 single entry fee will apply.

The open day was better organised this year with thanks to the sub committee comprising Gary Melbourne, Dallas Newman, Lorraine Harper Horak and Margaret Ryall Egan. Many thanks also to the members who helped out for the day.

The new website is up and running. Race results are posted promptly – go to www.cronullasutherlandkayakclub.com

PNSW affiliation fees are due now. If renewing before June 30 the fee is \$55.00 including GST. After June 30 it will be \$66.00. Normally PNSW allow 1 month before having to re-join as a new member at further additional cost. Payment can be made online using the new PNSW system or the 'Register Now' facility. To use the PNSW system existing members have to have a 'user name' and log on. If you don't have a password then you have to request one which is activated for single use only, you then have the opportunity to generate your own password. Multiple family members may individually log on with their own user name and password. For existing PNSW members your user name (or number) is allocated by PNSW and can be found on the PNSW website. www.paddlensw.org.au

You may have noticed the turning can returned to the net on Saturday June 23. Having a common turning point that everyone must go around eliminates the practise of 'turning inside' a leading boat by following paddlers thus ensuring a fairer and equal distance for all. To place and retrieve the can requires a volunteer to do so. Geoff Hine had agreed to try this on Saturday June 23 however, we need others to come forward and follow his lead. All it takes is someone prepared to do a warm up lap before a race start and/or a warm down lap after the race and have a boat stable enough and roomy enough to carry the can, line and weight - alternatively, a drive to and from Wants Beach and carry out the placement / retrieval from the beach. Any member who may wish to share this job with others or has any questions may talk to any committee member who would be happy to assist. The best opportunity to do this is to indicate your willingness when registering for the race. Once we have enough numbers we can then allocate days this can be done. With the numbers we have there should be no need to do the job any more than once in a season.

The NSW State Marathon Championships are to be held at the State International Regatta Centre at Penrith on Saturday July 7 (singles) and Sunday July 8 (doubles). Some members of CSKC have volunteered to help officiate with jobs such as registration, number issue, marshalling, scrutineering, timing and safety boat crews will be carried out. At this point we have 10 members (all committee members) who have volunteered – for this the club will receive \$30.00 / volunteer. To share the work and the proceeds, the Sutherland Shire Canoe Club has provided 5 volunteers and some members of other clubs have indicated their intention to assist. CSKC is acting as volunteer coordinators for the event. There are a number of CSKC athletes who have entered. We wish them every success in their class and that they will enjoy good conditions on the day.

Sunday August 5th is our first social event for 2012. The Port Hacking cruise (postponed from Mother's Day in May) will take place. Some members have already paid their deposit. Others who wish to add their names should indicate their intention to Margaret as early as possible. Cost is \$25.00 PP (\$20.00 seniors/juniors) – departure from Gunnamatta Wharf 2.00pm sharp - liquor available for purchase from the bar. Bring your own nibbles – afternoon tea is provided. Margaret's contact details are email ryallsbelts@optusnet.com.au mobile 0417 686 581.

The presentation night will have a change in venue this year. After 3 years at the Woolooware Golf Club a change in scenery was considered. Margaret has been able to secure the Wanda Surf Club for Friday November 2. We intend to get caterers in and to use the Surf Club's bar. The Bate Bay clubs have been supporters of our club over many years. The more we can work together the better it will be for the sport.

The 2013 Australian Masters Games will be held in Geelong. This is the second games to be held there. The first was in early 2009 – the same year as the World Masters in Sydney. In 2009 it was held after the disastrous bush fires in Victoria and in the midst of the worst drought in Victoria's history. It was an emotional event and was affected by the lack of water in the Barwon. These games were well patronised by CSKC and despite the harsh conditions was enjoyed for its competition and socialising.

CSKC will be hosting race 8 of the Vajda 9 state series marathon on September 22. Helpers will be required for lead up preparation work and finish off on the day which should not interfere with anyone wishing to paddle. The marathon will be followed by our club race from which all proceeds will go to Sylvanvale. More on this as September approaches.

Thought should be given to the 2012/ 2013 committee. Our AGM will most likely occur at/ or near the last race of the season. At this AGM, besides electing the new committee, some changes may need to be incorporated into our constitution. This can only be achieved by a general meeting of all CSKC members for which the AGM is a convenient opportunity. The constitution changes are being reviewed by the committee at present and will be published prior to the AGM as per the statutory requirement.

That's it for now more to follow in issue 13.