



Autumn Newsletter

President's Report

What's Coming;

FROSTY FOOT

Sunday 13th June 2010 at 11 am at the Club Rooms at Lake Waihola, followed by lunch at the Club Rooms. A mid winter ski can be lots of fun, if a bit frosty!

AGM

August 2010, date and venue to be advised.

2010/11 Season

This will kick off with Club Nights starting with daylight saving after 4th October 2010. During the season we will also run coaching and fun days, trips to other lakes and the Club Champs.

It's great to look back over this season at what the club has achieved: the list is quite long.

Starting with the obvious, we have finally managed to move the jump from the Waihola domain opposite the club rooms, to a paddock nearby. Not only was the jump unsightly but also a safety hazard given the number of kids that used to play on it. Effectively now in storage,

club arranged and ran at Perkins Pond on 21st February: a report is included in this newsletter. It was extremely gratifying to see so many keen young skiers giving it a go. The format we used encouraged skiers of all levels to do their best, and gave everyone a fair shot and at least two good skis. We're looking forward to running the event again next year.

get time to do the chores around the house and 'chill out' away from slalom courses. That said, it won't be long until the skis come out again one last time this season:

Frosty Foot is on Sunday 13th June.

See you there!

Greg



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we're able to bring it back into use anytime we like or, more particularly, to make it available to someone else who might like to use, e.g. at Perkins Pond.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the inaugural Otago Secondary School Champs, which the

Finally, our finances are in the best shape they've been for some years, on the back of higher subscriptions, club room bookings and fund raising.

I ski nine months of the year, either on water or on snow, but I look forward to the rest period from April to June when I

Frosty Foot Midwinter Ski

OWSC Club House—Lake Waihola 11am Sunday 13th June 2010

\$10 entry fee

This year there will be again a potluck lunch in the clubrooms.

There will be prizes for participants in the skiing.

We encourage stupidity in this event:

- Fancy dress
- Nude skiing
- Crazy towed inventions

We discourage:

- Wet suits
- Dry suits
- Shivering
- Crying like a girl
- And general softness

So harden up. Suck it up. And see you there.
No excuses will be accepted.

Contact me for any inquiries

Greg

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We will have a potluck
lunch in the
clubrooms.

The club a year in review

Goosh in one week time Corner Peak is opening for the Season. Where did the summer go? Or the autumn for that matter.

I can recall that back in October '09 some of us where sitting around a table with a beer in our hands, looking forward to another



great water ski season. Not shy to indicate what we would like to have achieved by the time the club champs are held again. In my case I was keen on improving the bare-footing, as I more or less successfully stepped back into it, or should I say onto it, again last season after many years of absence.

Really fired up/encouraged by Glyn's purchase of a new training bar for his boat at the start of the season, I should have spend hours on the water not sure what happened. Unlike some other members for me, it was a one off and just didn't got around to it again.

But Glyn's purchase was a great investment, various members did have a go at barefooting, very much to Glyn's likening.

Must have been so rewarding for him, to have all this new "footers" stepping back into the boat with a grin from ear to ear.... Karla, Vanessa,

Michelle,
Steve and
lots more.
Even his 10-

year old daughter Jamie did had a go and is pretty hooked.

Somehow I have the felling we did spend more time on the river than on the lake.

I believe Greg did mention that the season was not the greatest.

So again lots of free skiing, which

doesn't suit everybody, especially with the OWSC champs looming in March.

In early December Steve, Glyn and myself went up to Queenstown for a ski weekend with some intention to do more footing on Lake Wakatipu. As many times before the conditions weren't entirely in our favour and *Anemoi*¹ must have been sitting on Walter Peak while blowing of steam.

What a great opportunity to try out an Air-Chair. Demonstrated by the owner on how it is done Steve and Glyn had a go....it looked easy enough. But was it? The guys on the boat certainly had a good laugh.

Then over X-mas and New Year it was the same old story; it didn't matter were you were, the water was most likely un-ski-able. Sadly those conditions continued more or less right through March. It was either windy, raining or simply to cold to go out and challenge

the elements.

Due to poor weather most of our annual events had to be cancelled too; Family Fun day/January, Mahinerangi Camping Weekend/ February, our Club Champs in March and worst of all we didn't use our portable ski course once. ☹

There has to be a big THANKS to the guys from R&R to provide us with a Test Ski nite that has given every member the opportunity to try&ride the latest from the likes of HO and RADAR. What a great turn up. Favourites were soon picked and bank balances were checked.....hope R&R had some sales out of it. And the BBQ sausages were tasty too. Thanks again.

As Greg already mentioned the running of the Secondary School Champs in February had to be the highlight of the Season. Great skiers, great weather and nice water. Can't wait for next year.

It was fantastic to see that so many talented young skiers are following the interested we as a club would like to promote.

Out of that whole build up to these champs, even we have gained four young skiers, that are really keen to come out every week. Actually they are so keen if a club nite had to be skipped, great disappointment set in.

The Club did attract more new members then most years before. Great effort; now it is up to the committee to keep them interested.

However we do seem to struggle to get everybody interested on a regular base

on the ski @ club nite.

We are running the club nite a bit different then most clubs, due to not having a club boat with dedicated drivers, it makes running a roster with "pre-booked" time slots hard.

Using the Club house as a base is not that feasible, as driving from and to the Club house for pick up is quite time consuming. As there are not many choices, we will most likely stick with the current concept; that interested skiers need to get in touch with the club nite organiser the nite prior, to book a seat.

However I have heard rumours that we may combine the Waitangi weekend camp with the club champs to make use of the location, weather, lake, portable ski course, etc.

Also planning to put more emphasis into the monthly



family Sunday ski day.

So we as a committee already are thinking about the next season on how we can make it another fun filled one.

Till then, be safe, enjoy the skiing on the white stuff (if you do) and see ya at the Frosty Foot Day – Sun 13th June.

Stefan

¹*Anemoi (in Greek) are wind gods*



2010 Otago Secondary Schools Water Ski Champs

The Otago Secondary Schools Water Ski Champs were held on a scorching Central Otago day, Sunday 21st February, at Perkins Pond near Millers Flat. This was the first time this event has been held and it exceeded all expectations with 21 entries from all over Otago, a high standard of skiing and very positive feedback.



The event was open to all students Year 9 and above and enrolled at an Otago secondary school and under 19 years as of 1 January 2010. All entries were from Novice slalom skiers: five girls competed in the under 15 division and two in the 15 and over division, and the boys were split eight under 15 and six 15 and over. The full results are attached.

The teams event was scored based on the best three scores from each school. Blue Mountain College and Mt Aspiring College drew for first place with South Otago High in third place.

Format

The format was designed to be fair, and to give skiers of all abilities and slalom experience at least two good skis on the day. In Round One all skiers were required to complete the narrowest (and hence easiest) of three courses starting at 40 km/h, then 43 km/h and finishing at 46 km/h. Skiers were first given a practice pass of the six-turn course at 40 km/h, and then were allowed one mistake (a 'second life'). Skiers who completed the course at 46 km/h proceeded to Round Two on the middle course, and all others stayed on the narrowest course.

Round Two's format was the same in all other respects as Round One, and skiers who had a clear pass at 46 km/h went on to Round Three, the Championship Round.

The Championship Round was run on the widest course (the course that experienced slalom skiers use), once again with one practice pass, but this time with sudden death on the first miss thereafter. Fourteen skiers reached this round and the competition was very close.

The feedback received from parents, in particular, was that the format worked well, that all skiers understood the format and the rules, and that skiers enjoyed the challenge of progressively skiing more and more difficult courses. It was obvious from the skiing and the discussions that took place that most skiers rose to the challenge and improved their skiing leading up to and during the event.

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Organisation

The event ran very smoothly, with skiing starting just after 9 am and continuing with three very short breaks until the completion of Round Three at 3 pm. Prize giving commenced at 3:30 pm and was over by 3:45 pm, giving everyone ample time to return home. All competitors received a lunch consisting of two BBQ sausages, drink, fruit and Cookie Time biscuit. A Portaloos was available on site, and competitors could also cool off in Perkins Pond itself. St Johns ambulance was in attendance on the day.

2011

Although no date has been set, the popularity and success of this year's event bodes well for a 2011 Secondary Champs, and for growing interest in the sport. A challenge for OWSC, and for other clubs in the region, is to look for opportunities to further engage and encourage young skiers, for example through additional tournaments or similar activities during the 2011/12 ski season.

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