

# River Rumours

## MANAWATU POWER BOAT CLUB INC. NEWSLETTER

### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

March 2012

#### 100th EC Griffith Cup & AE Baker Cup

Congratulations to Steve Mathieson for his 3rd placing in the 100th running of the EC Griffith Cup and 3rd placing in AE Baker Cup both held at Lake Karapiro.

At first we all thought Steve had managed a first in the EC Griffith Cup after GP1 and Fair Warning were disqualified in the first heat for coming in before the yellow flag was put out. This was later overturned with GP1 taking home the EC Griffith Cup.

#### Wanganui Motor Boat Club Regatta

March 10th & 11th 2012

#### Story & Photos by Phillip Hoskyn

Great weather put on by the River City for the regatta but the tides were too high and it was a case of watch the trees go by for much of the day.

By the Time Racing could get underway the ramp was partly blocked by stacked driftwood limiting the width and the number of Boats going in at once. The Club lacked support from a number of its members so just two Tractors were in operation.

The Clubman's Boats were lucky enough to have a Motorbike Quad to help them in and were always in the water in quick time.

#### North Island F3

F3 Tunnels Hostile Grant Pedder and Manawatu's Scott Dennis in DSR Racing were supported by a lot of the Clubman's Boats to get their title run.

The Clubman's boats knew they would be lapped on the long course but that didn't matter the fight for third would be close.

Grant Pedder had the pace to take both races quite easily with Scott in 2<sup>nd</sup> both races quite happy to just be finishing after two bad seasons with the new Boat.

Bayden Sprozen in Mad Dog Maddi left the rest of the Clubman's behind in both races to take out third overall.

Pincoya and Rochelle Dennis in Anarchy ran side by side for the whole of Race 1, I think I just piped Rochelle going over the line.

AWOL Vicky Marshall and Rampage Bryce Bennett were on different props and setups testing the Boats

"Newcomer" Jamie Knight in Havoc was a bit off the pace probably the boats set up at fault as it only just arrived from the South Island.

Race 2 was more of the same although Pincoya Missed the Start after running out of fuel and Havoc was a nonstarter after the new boy flipped the Boat in a demonstration race between heats.

1<sup>st</sup> Grant Pedder Hostile  
2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Dennis DSR Racing  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bayden Sprozen Mad Dog Maddi



*Jamie Knight clinging onto upturned Havoc*

## North Island F2

No Manawatu Boats in the field and two of the Tunnel Boats Garin Keane in Too Keane Too and Kevin Thorburn in Jafa pulled out of racing due to the Logs in the river they just didn't want to wreck their gear.

Just three boats started the Heats. Sam Hughes in The Situation, Jamie Hargreaves in Instigator and Steve Hughes who brought back one of his old boats to get it racing again in Atomix(ex The Business).

Sam had the wood on his Father in race 1 beating him home by just a few lengths Jamie finished third.

In Race two Steve had made some changes and had the old boat flying reversing the finish by beating home Sam Hughes with Jamie third again. The race was decided on Race time and Sam beat his father by just 300's of a second.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sam Hughes The Situation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Hughes Atomix
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie Hargreaves Instigator

## North Island Pro Com

Inject the Venom had an electrical gremlin and it caused him to DNS both heats after leaving from the ramp and coming to a stop while milling around. Race one was a tight affair with Richard Smith in Balistic,

Ben Ryan in Dancing Bear and Adam Parker in The Interceptor all very close at times throughout the first race.

Balistic crossed the line in first from Dancing Bear and The Interceptor Dean Probyn pulled out and Undacover and Razzle Dazzle were back off the pace a bit.

Heat two looked to be cracker with Richard Smith coming out of Turn one in front but ran over a Log bending the Fins and putting him out of the Race.

Adam Parker and Ben Ryan were side by side for most of the Race and Adam won but only just over Ben Ryan. Jason Buttimore finished 3rd in Lucky Break from Paul Reed and Ian Warmington. winning the Title with 625pts was Adam Parker from Ben Ryan and Richard Smith's win in Heat one was enough to give him third overall.

**Sundays Racing** was a case of watch the trees again for the better part of the day. Once the racing got underway there was plenty of action to watch.



## Carl Augustine Memorial



4 Manawatu Hydro's Midnight, D-Tech Motorsport, Fast FWD and Tempo Too were joined by Lakelands Daniel Pollack in Undertaker the Race was a good battle for second as Steve Mathieson in Midnight stormed away to win the Race.

Daniel Pollack held onto second place over a hard charging Brodie Mathieson in D-Tech until Brodie managed to get by on lap 2 Tracy Gapper in Tempo Too got by as Daniel broke down on the last lap. Finishing 4<sup>th</sup> was Tony Arthur in Fast FWD.

This was Steve's 13 straight win in the Carl Augustine.

### Goldmist Hydro Cup



Jamie Knight was pretty keen to win this race as the Robinsons whom put up this Trophy and Jamie's Father had many a battle back in the day. The Phantom had too much pace for all the ModH boats the GPS clocking him at 174kph during the race. Midnight got a bad start but worked his way past everyone for second place. D-Tech and Tempo Too raced very hard and close before D-Tech took at third on the very last Lap.

### Fred Robinson Memorial



It was a tight battle for the win with Kent Dunlop Razors Edge and Steve Rosewarne in Bold Move going head to head until Razors Edge cut out on the Corner on lap 3. Finishing in 2nd was Ben Ryan and 3rd Jason Buttimore just beating home the recovering Razors Edge

### King of the River



Steve Hughes had moved into the Stealth Tunnel Boat and no one could match his pace as the GPS had clocked him at 212kph during the race.

Sam Hughes managed to come home 2<sup>nd</sup> . and Kent Dunlop turned the Tables on Steve Rosewarne beating him home for third.

### River City 3000



Manawatu had young Michael Robinson driving Going Going Gone the youngster very nearly did enough to win the race pushing Alan Steiner to the Limit in Misty Blue and it was on the last lap when Misty Blue just in Front stepped sideways giving the youngster a bit of a fright as he was coming up Alan's Inside. Bruce Packer came home third with Dale Penderghast in Brayka 4<sup>th</sup> .

## Member Profile

Sorry no member profile this month. I did receive all of Dick Henn's scrap books but have not had a chance to look them over and do his profile justice.

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Keith Eveleigh

### THE ARMY LAMENT (ode to the deck of cards)

This is the story of a soldier brought before his Commanding Officer for playing cards while on sentry duty.

When asked by his CO what he had to say for himself the soldier replied;

SIR;

This deck of cards is my military history book.

The CO said to soldier please explain

The soldier then began,

When I look at the Ace or one it reminds me that there is but one thing I want out of the army

And that Sir is me,

When I look at the Two it reminds me of the Corporal and the times that he has put me on this sentry duty,

When I look at the Three it reminds me of the Sergeant and that there is a place for him but they have'nt dug it yet,

I look at the four and it tells me that there are four ways of doing things;

The right way, The wrong way, The army way, And the way I do it,

I look at the Five it reminds me of my five day a week civvy job that I will never see again,

When I look at the Six it reminds me that it took me six seconds to sign the dotted line to join the Army,

I look at the Seven and it tells me that this is Sunday or the Sabbath and that the Army will never let me rest,

I look at the Eight and it reminds me that I thought an eight hour day was a long time,

When I look at the Nine it reminds me of the Doctor and a cure for what ails you,

When I look at the Ten it reminds me of the ten commandments known in the army as Routine Orders,

When I look at the Jack or Knave known in the army as the Provost or military police a necessary evil,

When I look at the Queen it reminds me that I am wearing her uniform

I knew it was never meant to fit me,

When I look at the King it reminds me that there is but one known in the army as the RSM,

There are four suits in a deck of cards which is more than I can afford on my mufti allowance

There are 13 tricks in a deck of cards but none of them is clever enough to get me out of the Army,

There is 52 cards in a deck that is the number of times that I have been charged for playing cards.

There are 365 spots on the deck of cards and that Sir is the number of days I expect to get on CB now that I have finished my story.

Folks this story is true I know.

BECAUSE I WAS THAT SOLDIER.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 24th & 25th March

**Manakau-Auckland Speedboat Club**  
Regatta

Masport Cup  
North Island GN  
Moult Gold Cup

### 7th & 8th April

**NZPBA Nationals**  
**Lake Kaniere**

### 21st & 22nd April

**Lakeland Power Boat Club**  
**Lake Ohakuri, Ngakuru**

*That's all for Now*

*Regards*

*Rochelle Dennis*