

River Rumours

MANAWATU POWER BOAT CLUB INC. NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

April 2012

Last newsletter of the season

This is the last newsletter of the season. The next will be after the 50th AGM. The notice for the 50th AGM will be sent out shortly

Nationals

Lake Kaniere, Hokitika

Story & Photos by Phillip Hoskyn

5 Members of the Manawatu Club travelled South to represent us at the Nationals this season.

Tony Hall was driving the Peter Jones Hydro "Obsession" in the GNH & GP Class.



Tony looked good in the boat but they damaged a bearing in the driveline gearbox area and only went out in two races.

Brenden Hall was driving in "Foreno Tapware" in ModH, GNH and GP Class. Brenden was to be in "Armageddon" but because it wasn't ready they took the "Foreno Tapware" boat instead.



Wasn't much luck for Brenden as the boat would not fire for some of the races and when it was running it was well off the pace with engine problems.

Tony Arthur had "Fast FWD" there for the ModH and GNH. Tony was going to take his Clubman's "Buzz" but that had a gearbox failure at Wanganui just days before his trip to Rotoiti, Southland and Nationals Regattas.



Tony Arthurs boat ran a little better than previously after the boys in Invercargill did some

modifications to the boat it was a long trip for the Tony and Anne Arthur who raced at Lake Rotoiti and Southland.

Brodie Mathieson went down in "D-Tech Motorsport" he was entered in ModH and GNH.



A weekend to forget for the Mathiesons as things went wrong from the start with a broken starter motor almost stopping them from taking part in warmup. A replacement was scrounged off the Rage Team and the boat was comfortably in second place as it approached the Chequered flag it ground to a halt with electrics. It failed again to start the next race and more spares were sourced before eventually a broken prop put them out for the weekend without ever finishing a race.

Phillip Hoskyn took down "Pincoya" for the Clubman's, F3 and FV classes.



Pincoya was way off the Pace with all the boats down there running huge race props the overladen Pincoya didn't even come close to being competitive. Getting DQ for jumping the

start did not help matters. I had a great time though and learnt a few tricks

Success was to elude all our Club Drivers in their events. All the Hydro's suffered from breakdowns to curtail their chances of good places and the Clubman boat lacked a decent prop to be up with the leaders.

King of the Nationals

- 1st Malcolm Jamieson "KRB"
- 2nd Raymond Hart "The Boss"
- 3rd Allan Ballantyne "Rage"

NZ GP

- 1st Mike Harvey "Aquanaut" 800pts
- 2nd Jeff Price "Lone Wolf"
- 3rd John Ryan "Dancing Bear Too"

NZ Formula One

- 1st Luke Sharp "Promt Parts" 700pts(by just 1 second on corrected time.
- 2nd Anthony Robinson "Design Windows" 700pts
- 3rd Malcolm Jamieson "KRB" 394pts

NZ Modified Hydroplane

- 1st Allan Ballantyne "Rage" 800pts.
- 2nd Brenden Hall "Foreno Tapware " 600pts
- 3rd Alan Wells "Endorphin Rush" 450pts

NZ Grand National Hydroplane

- 1st Mike Harvey "Aquanaut" 800pts.
- 2nd Allan Ballantyne "Rage" 600pts
- 3rd Shane Harvey "Eagle Rock" 450pts

NZ Formula Three

- 1st Andy Morris "Road Runner" 800pts.
- 2nd Brian Railton "Mad Dog" 569pts.
- 3rd Wayne Wells "Sonic the Hedgehog" 450pts

NZ Clubmans

- 1st Brian Railton "Mad Dog" 700pts, Missed the overall time difference.
- 2nd Andy Morris "Road Runner" 700pts.
- 3rd Wayne Wells "Sonic the Hedgehog" 450pts

NZ Formula V

- 1st Peter Crowle "Uncomfortably Numb" 800pts.
- 2nd Andy Morris "Desert Storm" 600pts
- 3rd Colin Chapman "Hot N Sticky" 450pts

NZ Mod VP

1st Steve Burns "Burn Out" 800pts.
2nd Peter Crowle "Uncomfortably Numb"
600pts.
3rd Cadman Irvine "Screamin-C-Man" 450pts.

NZ Pro Com

1st Richard Smith "Balistic" 800pts.
2nd Craig Stevenson "Kaos" 525pts.
3rd Shane Martin "Kermit" 394pts.

SI F1

1st Anthony Robinson "Design Windows"
2nd Malcolm Jamieson "KRB"
3rd Luke Sharp "Prompt Parts"
4th Sam Hughes "The Situation"
1st & 2nd were tied as were 3rd & 4th so they
were decided on time.

SI GP

1st Mike Harvey "Aquanaut"
2nd Jeff Price "Lone Wolf"
3rd Allan Ballantyne "Rage"

SI Pro Com

1st Carl Ryan "Whateva"
2nd Craig Stevenson "Kaos"
3rd Richard Smith "Balistic"

SI GNH

1st Allan Ballantyne "Rage"
2nd Mike Harvey "Aquanaut"
3rd Shane Harvey "Eagle Rock"

Kaniere Electric Cup

1st Raymond Hart "The Boss"
2nd Sam Hughes "The Situation"
3rd Jeff Price "Lone Wolf"

Ngakuru Club Weekend

21st & 22nd April

Story & Photos by Phillip Hoskyn



A great turnout of Boats from Manawatu with "The Phantom", "Tempo Too", "Inject the Venom", "Going Going Gone", "Pincoya", "Anarchy", "Buzz", "AWOL", "Mad Dog Maddi", "Dire Straits" & "Havoc"

The Clubman's had 13 boats in the class and they were run in two groups to make life easy on the timekeepers. However the last race of the weekend was a Ten Boat Scratch race which was a lot of fun. Wins were shared around with all the drivers and the Handicapping kept things very honest.

The Wellers had the 3 juniors running and they were mixed in with the Clubman's boats very fast on the pace and one of them took their first spill while passing Dire Straits for the lead. Next year sees the fields grow to even bigger numbers



The Phantom and Tempo Too took part in the North Island Grand National Hydroplane Title but they both failed to finish with problems that took them out for the rest of the weekend. The rest of the Hydro's didn't fare much better and the only one to finish both races was Nigel Zander in "Helter Skelter" becoming the 2012 NIGNH Champion.



Michael Robertson did quite well in Going Going Gone putting together some good results in his class and learning more about the boat.



The Denham boys were happy to just get some more miles on the boat and spent the whole weekend giving there crewman rides in the boat.



Member Profile Gary Nagel

Gary Nagel started racing in 1978. At the time he lived in Paraparaumu and worked at the Wellington City Council as a drainage inspector.

He got into boat racing because friends Kevin Meech, Jeff Pilcher etc were already involved in the sport.

His first race boat was a C class inboard Grey Nurse with a Mowag 1300cc engine onboard. This boat was named 'Ketchum'. Gary raced this boat for 2 years before selling it.



The next boat Gary owned was a 26' fishing boat which he intended to do up. But when his mates were busy getting their boats ready for the race season he sold the fishing boat and brought Wings from Scott Dennis for \$600 on trailer and renamed the boat 'Instead Of' On the back was a brand new stinger which cost \$3100 but never needed any work doing to it.



In this boat Gary was regularly third behind Scott Dennis and Rick Bullen.

His greatest achievement in the boat was winning the open outboard cup the Velco Cup at Ohiwa Harbour. The water was rough as hell and he was up against two boats with 150 merc's on the back. George Danes came up to him and said to Gary to put his foot down and he'd ride over the waves. It worked!

One of Gary's most memorable moments came in this boat at Blue Lakes.

Gary Nagel took INSTEAD OF out for a spin to make sure everything was still going Okay. Back he comes to the boat trailer, but when he normally slowed down the boat decided to keep going — up the trailer, over the top and parked itself neatly on the back of Gary's ute!! Yep, fair and square. An inch either way and it would have been damaged. Poor Gary — he won't live that down for a while. The same thing nearly happened on Sunday but Gary was 'better prepared' this time and whipped the wheel round.

With the strong winds coming down the lake, Gary had literally surfed in as he got on top of some big waves, and no way would the tunnel slow down, but it was certainly a new way of getting your boat parked.

Gary then brought a second boat called Wings from Scott Dennis and called that boat 'Instead Of' as well.



Later he brought 'Fulla Rum' from Rick Bullen and named this boat 'Overdue'

Between 1985 & 1995 Gary owned a transport business and owned several trucks over the years.

When he'd finished racing 'Overdue', Gary brought a fishing boat called 'Sunbird'. He was the rescue boat at many meetings with Lance Henn and Leigh Marsden on board as crew.



Later Gary came across an offshore 20' boat built by the Ryan Brothers called Striptease. His idea was to do up the boat but he ended up selling it.

Gary's wife Sally was a long time secretary of the Manawatu Power Boat Club. When she died in 1995 from a tragic accident Gary donated the Sally Nagel Memorial Trophy to the club and this is hotly contested by boats in the up to 3 litre inboard class. Peter Stillwell was the first to win the trophy. Paul Robertson is the current holder of the trophy.

SOUTH ISLAND TRIP 2012/2013 SEASON

Tony Hall would like to arrange a South Island trip in the 2012/2013 season.

It is hoped that two South Island clubs will hold regattas on consecutive weekends.

Tony Hall will be in charge of organizing the trip and will most likely look at arranging a raffle for those interested in travelling to sell.

Please contact Tony Hall if this proposed trip is of interest

UPCOMING EVENTS

Manawatu Power Boat Club Special General Meeting Subject: Clubrooms

5th May 2012
Levin Club Inc
262 Oxford Street
Levin
Start Time 6:30pm

(note this venue is different to that in the initial letter invite)

Central Zone AGM

Saturday 3rd June
10:30am
Levin Club
262 Oxford Street
Levin

65th NZPBA Annual Conference

13th & 14th June
Comfort Quality Inn Hotel,
223 Cuba Street
Wellington

That's all for Now

Regards

Rochelle Dennis