

# WESTOZ WAKEBOARDING NEWSLETTER- JANUARY 2012

Wow...hasn't this season just flown by? I struggle to comprehend that we have already completed our 5<sup>th</sup> State Round and we are now rapidly approaching the State Titles on 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb and Nationals at Bonney Ski Park which will be both be here before you know it. Closely following the AWWF Wakeboard Nationals on March 12-15, WA also plays host to an IWSF world tour stop at the Mandurah Crabfest on the Mandurah foreshore on the 17-18<sup>th</sup> of March. It looks like it is going to be a huge couple of months for Wakeboarding in WA.

The round 5 comp was yet another sensational day with 47 riders competing which was yet again, a sensational turn out. It was great to see numbers increasing in both the Junior Rookie and Invert divisions. All Heats and Finals were conducted on the Rec Lake behind the very impressive brand new Team 210 Super Air Nautique generously supplied by Mark at Nautiques Western Australia. There was a lot of positive feedback on a lot of aspects of the new Team 210 from looks, performance, fuel economy and handling right the way through to the huge launch ramp it also dished out. So without further ado, here is a wrap up of what went down;



The Rookie Junior division sponsored by the Wake Park Mafia had a list of 8 riders competing. In the final it was Brayden Trevena who took out another first place honors working his way up from his 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the last round. For the second comp in a row Tyler Kennedy got onto the podium in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a great ride. Jakob Maciaszek was closely behind in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Zac Tattam only just missed a spot on the podium to go home in 4<sup>th</sup> spot edging out Kai Hogarth for 5<sup>th</sup>. Chelsea Trevena did a great job to earn 6<sup>th</sup> ahead of newcomer Brayden Fidge whilst Bailey Tattam did a fantastic job to round out the Junior Rookies in 8<sup>th</sup> place.

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The Rookie Grown Up Female Division sponsored by EBM Insurance was fought out between Kathie Wright who earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in her first comp ahead of Sarah Trevena who moved 2 spots to go home in 2<sup>nd</sup> with a solid run ahead of Lisa Hogarth in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. These girls are rapidly improving from comp to comp which makes me think there is a fair bit of practice going on between rounds!

The Rookie Grown Up Male Division also sponsored by EBM Insurance, again gave the old boys a chance to mix it up and show off their skills. Todd Kennedy combined another solid two passes to finish on top of the podium. With the form he is in we should see him move up to the wake to wake divisions next year. Identical to their lovely wives Gavin Trevena and Mike Hogarth took out 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively with a couple of great sets and former President Steve Furnedge made another appearance to finish up 4<sup>th</sup>.



The Straight Air U16 sponsored by The Wake Coach-aka Kuri Wickliffe division again had the usual suspects with 4 competitors roughing out another tough battle. Jackson Hays stepped up his riding this round to finish well clear of Zach Trevena. Zac took out 2<sup>nd</sup> place by the closest of margins ahead of the other Zac- Leeson. Tyler Tattam put in another solid effort against the older kids to finish up 4<sup>th</sup> on the day



The Bonneys Ski Shop Female 16+ again had 5 girls pitting themselves against each other for a spot on the podium. Kristy Pike after a horrific crash in Round 4 with great form and finished well clear of the pack in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Continuing her recent good form, Michelle Maciaszek moved up one spot from round 4 to take out 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the podium ahead of Symonne Kennedy who rode well with a sore hand to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Landing majority of her jumps in the flats-Bec "Go Big" Millward snuck into 4<sup>th</sup> place ahead of Mel Hays who put in a gallant effort on and off the water throughout the day as an almost full time dock marshall. We all hope to see Gerogia Peach back on the water with these girls soon after a recent complicated appendix surgery. Get well soon chicky!

The Bonneys Ski Shop Male 16+ division again another tightly fought out Final. I (Tim Maciaszek) was fortunate enough to move one place up the podium from round 4 and grab the 1<sup>st</sup> place spot by a narrow margin to finish ahead of Rhys Edwards who is proving to be a tough competitor in this division. Similar to round 4 Lee Tattam rounded out the podium in a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Adam Chatfield rode his first comp and took home 4<sup>th</sup> place with a great ride finishing ahead of Tim Gilotti inn 5<sup>th</sup> place. "Stand in" President Gavin Jones was unfortunate to have a few falls in the final and slid to 6<sup>th</sup> place after his great ride in Round 4 which saw him take home the win.



The Liquid Elements Invert Division was dominated again for the second round in a row by Jeremy Playle who grabbed the top spot with his inverts and variation of regular and switch riding. He finished just above his close mate in Dave Ellis who edged out Ayrtton Paris to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup>-still earning a place on the podium. The big pop and style of Riley Middleton had him ride his way to a 4<sup>th</sup> place ahead of Austin Jones in 5<sup>th</sup>-who was keen to get on the big bird to go see Scotty Kell. Peter Gallagher narrowly took out the 6<sup>th</sup> place spot ahead of resident Bonneys mad man Sonny Tilbury-who can be seen at 5am most mornings on the Pro Lake sneaking in a set or two before work.

# LIQUID FORCE

The Liquid Force Inverts Advanced division was only a two rider affair. Despite dominating the qualifying heat earlier in the day with a pile of smoothly executed grabs, inverts and spins, Marcey Wellstead was out done in the Final by Jonny “Irish” Crawford’s massive barrage of tricks and large glides. Jonny earned crash of the day for a massive attempt at a whirly which resulted in him getting annihilated in front of the whole crowd on the final trick of his pass. To her credit Marcey rode extremely well and may well have earned a “Wild Card” entry for the IWSF World Tour Stop in March-we will keep you posted!



The Jet Pilot Open Pro proves that consistency and patience will always pay off in the end. We saw a number of the top club riders become victim to the massive wake on the Team 210 which we were told by a number of riders took them by surprise as they overcooked and crashed on a few tricks due to the extra hang time provided to them. Not surprisingly 3 out of the top 4 finishers in the Open Pros were all Nautique owners/riders. Kuri Wickliffe continued his reign of dominance after a recent switch to the Ronix Australia team to take out the top spot with another finals pass full of glides, mobes and off axis spins. Rob Caratti was the surprise package of Round 5 clawing his way to 2<sup>nd</sup> in Open Pros with his usual large, but also recently acquired technical style including a super smooth whirly in the Final. Michael Kealley was grinning from ear to ear all the way through his finals pass as he just loved every hit of the Team 210 wake. This was reflected in his podium finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a great overall consistent run. Fresh off the plane from Black Diamond Ben Luckens was evidently tired after a big week of training. He still threw down one of the tricks of the day with a massive grabbed Tantrum to Blind to open his pass. His second fall on the return pass though relegated him to 4<sup>th</sup> place ahead of Christian Robinson in 5<sup>th</sup> who managed to hold on to a fallen trick for 3/4 the length of his second pass in the final getting skull dragged back to the dock after a number of unsuccessful turtle back attempts without letting go. It was unfortunate that C-Robs final run wasn't similar his heat which had him placed 2<sup>nd</sup> after a heat full of highly technical regular and switch spins and grabs to blind way out into the flats.

Due to an early start (7am) and great teamwork from all the committee members, riders and family volunteers, we were able to run all heats and finals on one lake and have everything wrapped up before 6pm. This is a great achievement considering the logistics of arranging and running a one day comp with 47 riders in attendance. Everyone that put in to make it possible should be very proud of their efforts.

As always, a huge thanks needs to go out to all the members and newcomers that came down to make this another awesome round. We have enjoyed taking the club to new heights this year with help from all the committee, members, volunteers and major sponsors who include Nautique Western Australia, Jet Pilot Australia, Masterline, Liquid Elements, Bonneys Ski Shop, Wake Park Mafia and The Wake Coach and all of the 100 club members. Without the support of all these guys our club rounds just wouldn't be possible, so we encourage everyone to support the club sponsors wherever possible.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, I am sure you have all noticed down at your local river, dam or lakes with the large number of boats now frequenting all areas. Now is the time for everyone to be vigilant on the waterways more so than ever to ensure that we all have a great day on the water incident free. In addition to this the Swan River Trust has conducted a safer waterways review (See link below). This review will affect each and every wake boarder in WA as there are a number of changes and closures being tabled to current recreational ski zones at Deep Water Point and Belmont. We urge that you all take a few minutes to review these proposed changes and post constructive comments to oppose them, as if they do take place, all the rivers, dams and lakes we all ride on now will become even more crowded, congested and extremely dangerous for us and our families.

<http://www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au/trust/strategy/Content/Home.aspx>

On another note we recently had some bad news that club stalwart and genuinely great guy, George Peach, recently fell ill and had to be hospitalized. We here he is making a great recovery already hassling his nurses and as a club everyone wishes Georgie a full and speedy recovery and appreciate that he and Di need to have some time away to relax and recover so from all of us here at Westoz Wakeboarding...Get Well soon buddy!

**See you all at the State Titles on 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 at Bonney's WA Waterski Park!**

**Big Tim**

### **Calendar of Coming Events**

State Titles	Saturday February 25th	Bonney's Water Ski Park
AWWF Wakeboard Nationals	12-15 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	Bonney's Water Ski Park
IWSF World Tour Stop	17-18 March 2012	Mandurah Foreshore