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Hello Members New & Old,

Welcome to the July edition of the good old H.V.M.M.C. newsletter.

In keeping with the recent tradition this latest version of one of the model boating fraternity's longest continually running publications (I just made that up by the way !) is somewhat shorter than editions published some years ago but it does have all (or most anyway) of the relevant information. It has.....

- 1/ Details about the next race date,
- 2/ Any important news and
- 3/ The latest pointscore for this new season and the final pointscore for last years as well.

Can't really ask for much now can you ?  
Read on eager beavers to catch up on the latest (and see how you fared last year !).

#### **Committee Re-Election and AGM**

That's it - it's that time of year again !

At the August race meeting, we will be required to elect a new Committee for the upcoming season and well as hold our annual A.G.M. If anyone is interested in nominating for a position (such as President, Vice-President or Secretary / Treasurer) feel free to put your hand- up and be counted on the day (you might just enjoy it !).

We will certainly be seeking a new president this year as our hard-working current President (i.e. Steve Louat) has decided not to stand for re-election due to work commitments.

On behalf of myself personally Steve and no doubt on behalf of the rest of the club thankyou very much for your tireless efforts over the last 12 months in ensuring that our club remains as one of the longest running and most successful clubs in the A.M.P.B.A. Good luck in your new role and we look forward to seeing you at the pond !

Lastly, in an effort to get racing underway earlier than we have been able to recently we have decided to re-establish the race-day committee. This committee will be responsible for the setting-up of the course, assisting with the timing gear, making sure the rescue boat is operational etc. Not a hard job but one that is absolutely vital - if you feel motivated why not stick your hand-up and help out !

Please note that given that we have to bold the elections and host the A.G.M. it's likely that we'll only get through two rounds of racing on the day.

#### **New Memberships & Renewals**

Lots of members have re-joined for the year (thanks very much) and our total number of members now stands at 38 (about 14 members short of last years high of 52).

I am also happy to report that Marland brothers have re-joined for another year of hard racin'. Thanks for joining up fellas and we look forward to seeing you at the pond !

## ***ROOKIES REPORT – July 2008!***

Well another year of racing has begun - it was the maiden run for some new boats, Mark Jordan's new boat a beautifully painted and decaled Ice rigger.

A new face in the crowd, Barry Craven with a spectacular hand built wooden open mono, which he drove very well for his first run in many years, welcome Barry and Rosie.

It proved a very expensive day for some with lots of crashes, although exciting for the spectators, not so for the owners.

As is becoming the norm, the petrol tunnel classes are very intense, exciting racing both the 16-25 and the open Class are great to watch and fun to be a part of, so I have been told. Paul Saniford takes the prize for the most aerobatics, with both his cats, well done Paul, although I believe the aim is to finish as well - just a thought.

Petrol Hydro is another hotly contested class. There were some tightly fought races and some nail biting moments, especially when Steve Louts boat made an unscheduled pit stop in the reeds.

Justin "Grub" Antoni's x mono was flying last race day - a 1.03 was my highlight!

The mono classes were a motley event with drivers doing a great job dodging dead boats, Des Neilson is still coming to grips with his new boat and Frank, Sarah and Peter did a great job to avoid my boat, which I am very grateful for.

Hopefully we will have our AGM next month and elect our new "brains trust", with a new race day crew to help us set up so we can get racing at a reasonable time.

Also presentation of all the winners from last year.

Well that's about all for now, I am looking forward to next race day.

Happy Boating

Stace

### **2007 - 2008 Racing Season**

Lots of races held, lots of points scored, lots of time spent with our great mates - a pretty successful year all round I'm sure you'd agree !

In an effort to not have too thick of a club rag, I'd just like to take the opportunity to thank all those who contributed to making last years racing season as successful as it was. They are (in no particular order);

- The hard-working and tireless Committee,
- The volunteers who look after the rescue boat motor and fuel (i.e. the Lenton Boys !),
- The wonderful Canteen helpers and in particular Dy Holmes who without we'd really be in the soup and (of course)
- All the wonderful competitors !

Without each and everyone who contributed, participated, volunteered, gave time or money or basically did their bit for the club, we'd be snookered !

Thanks to all of you - you make our club great - and make sure you give yourselves a collective pat on the back next race day !

Also, just in-case you thought I'd forgotten a full wrap of class winners (& grinners) is towards the back of this newsletter (on the second-to-last page).

### **Club & High Points Championships**

Well I tried to hide it down towards the end of the newsletter to keep everyone in suspense but, alas, the time has come to announce the winners of the Championships for Season 2007 - 2008.

Similar to last year we have two awards - the Club Championship which goes to the competitor who amassed the most points with just one boat and the Club High Points Champion to reward the

competitor who accumulated the most points across a maximum of three (3) boats.

### **Club Champion -**

Although not many people would have guessed the class because it tends to fly under the radar a little bit, our new club champion was absolutely dominant in winning this class this year. With a total of 14 heat wins and a massive total of 8450 points our new club champion is.....



Well done Justin and congratulations on such a dominant display - Hip, Hip, Hooray ! (Hey that rhymes - I'm a poet and I didn't know it !)

### **High Points Champion -**

As I said earlier, this award goes to the competitor who, across a maximum of three boats, accumulates the most points for the year.

After a full season of consistent racing (including two class wins) I'm happy to report that the new High Points Champion is that wily old fox we know and love best as.....



Well done Frank - 18215 points is a pretty good effort for an old timer (wished I could do it !).

For anyone wondering how they went a full list of the results for the season appears overleaf.

2007 - 2008 High Points Championship	
Frank Jones	18215
Justin Antoni	17675
Jamie Anderson	14517
Paul Sandiford	12819
Mark Jordan	12435
Daniel Schaffer	12150
Jeni Ansell	11114
Stephen Louat	11067
Sarah Brookes	10324
Mike Nowland	9219
David Kelly	8919
Ashley Bagdonas	8351
Greg Cook	8298
Alastair Ansell	8025
Barry Clarke	7892
Simon Lenton	6575
Jessica Brookes	5688
Peter Antoni	4900
Ed Sala	4650
Jamie Cook	4194
Tony Jones (E)	3825
Des Neilson	3546
John Koosmen	3300
Troy Berghofer	3290
Chris Lenton	3275
Stacey Anderson	3090
Dave Bevern	2606
Lee Kirkwood	2550
Daniel Sala	2313
Denis Beresford	2129
Eric Arlitsch	2100
Troy Marland	2000
A. Gilchrist (E)	1975
Tony Schadel	1782
John Simm	1675
Roger Brookes	1600
Peter Bird	1469
Shane Birch	1025
Ryan Chesser	925
Josh Salter	625
Ray Holroyd	619
Brad Thorne	300
Neil Marland	250
Glenn Kinsela	25

### **August Race Meeting**

Don't forget that the next race meeting is Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> .

Because we will need to hold the AGM and re-elect the committee on this day, it is highly likely that we will only get through two rounds of racing on the day but I'm sure we'll have plenty of fun just the same !

### **Club Race Calendar - 2008 / 2009**

An updated calendar is attached to the newsletter so you can stick it on your walls to make sure that you don't miss a minute of model boat racing action this season !

Please note that the calendar includes all of our race days as well as the current sanctioned events.

Laminated copies will be available once the new Committee is elected.

### **2007 Hunter Valley Champs**

That's it - it's just about time for one of the biggest (and best we say modestly !) events on both the H.V.M.M.C.'s and the A.M.P.B.A's annual calendar.

Entry forms will be out shortly and remember the earlier you can get them in the easier it is for the organisers. Look out for the pre-Champs working bee too !

### **So Long, Farewell....**

Well, that's it for this month.

The updated year-to-date points table is shown on the last page so you can all see how you are travelling. Take care everybody and I look forward to seeing everybody on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August !

All The Best  
David Kelly

**2007 - 2008 Hunter Valley Model Marine Club Final Pointscore**

A Mono		
1	Justin Antoni	8450
2	Frank Jones	6569
3	Ashley Bagdonas	3988
4	David Kelly	3219
5	Lee Kirkwood	1725
6	Daniel Sala	1575
7	John Koosmen	1300
8	Jessica Brookes	1000
9	Tony Jones (E)	900
10	Eric Arlitsch	875
11	Peter Antoni	750
12	T. Jones (E)	725
13	A. Gilchrist (E)	200

B Mono		
1	Frank Jones	5300
2	Justin Antoni	5125
3	Sarah Brookes	2925
4	Dave Bevern	2606
5	John Koosmen	2000
6	Jessica Brookes	1888
7	Lee Kirkwood	825
8	David Kelly	600
9	Chris Lenton	25

X Mono		
1	Justin Antoni	4100
2	Tony Jones	2200
3	David Kelly	1300
4	Al Ansell	1200

Open Petrol Mono		
1	Jamie Anderson	2725
2	Troy Berghofer	1975
3	Denis Beresford	975
4	Troy Marland	425
5	Neil Marland	250

A Hydro		
1	David Kelly	4400
2	Barrie Clark	3200
3	Ashley Bagdonas	3088
4	Daniel Schaffer	2775
5	Sarah Brookes	2725
6	Stephen Louat	1675
7	Alastair Ansell	400

B Hydro		
1	Ed Sala	3450
2	Sarah Brookes	2900
3	Simon Lenton	2875
4	Eric Arlitsch	1225
5	Barrie Clarke	825
6	Tony Jones (E)	450

1/8 <sup>th</sup> Scale Hydro		
1	Alastair Ansell	5750
2	A. Gilchrist (E)	1775
3	Justin Antoni	1750
4	Des Neilson	1525
5	Jamie Anderson	594
6	Brad Thorne	300

16 - 25 Petrol Mono		
1	Frank Jones	6346
2	Sarah Brookes	4499
3	Peter Antoni	3225
4	Des Neilson	2021
5	Stacey Anderson	1815
6	Ed Sala	1200
7	Jamie Anderson	1050
8	John Simm	725
9	Daniel Schaffer	675
10	Mark Jordan	625
11	Ray Holroyd	619
12	Troy Berghofer	475

Open Nitro Hydro		
1	Jamie Anderson	3850
2	Jeni Ansell	1950
3	Simon Lenton	1675
4	Roger Brookes	1600
5	Ashley Bagdonas	1275
6	Al Ansell	1075
7	Shane Birch	1025

Open Petrol Hydro		
1	Stephen Louat	5925
2	Jamie Anderson	5548
3	Mark Jordan	4213
4	Daniel Schaffer	2300
5	Paul Sandiford	1600
6	Greg Cook	475
7	Barrie Clarke	450
8	Peter Antoni	27

Open Petrol Sport Hydro		
1	Paul Sandiford	5544
2	Jeni Ansell	4970
3	Mark Jordan	4878
4	Mike Nowland	3925
5	Barrie Clarke	3867
6	Greg Cook	3463
7	Daniel Schaffer	2775
8	Troy Marland	1575
9	John Simm	950
10	Troy Berghofer	840
11	Peter Bird	344
12	Stephen Louat	250
13	Ryan Chesser	25

A Tunnel		
1	Jessica Brookes	2800
2	Stacey Anderson	1275
3	Peter Bird	1100
4	Chris Lenton	375

B Tunnel		
1	Simon Lenton	2025
2	Peter Antoni	925
3	Peter Bird	25

16 - 25 Petrol Tunnel		
1	Paul Sandiford	5675
2	Mike Nowland	5125
3	Jamie Cook	4194
4	Daniel Schaffer	3625
5	Chris Lenton	2875
6	Tony Schadel	1782
7	Greg Cook	925
8	Ryan Chesser	900
9	Daniel Sala	738
10	Mark Jordan	625
11	Barrie Clarke	25

Open Petrol Tunnel		
1	Daniel Schaffer	5750
2	Jamie Anderson	5119
3	Greg Cook	3910
4	Steve Louat	3467
5	Mark Jordan	3344
6	Denis Beresford	1154
7	Josh Salter	625
8	Barry Clarke	477
9	Mike Nowland	169
10	Glenn Kinsela	25

2008 - 2009 Hunter Valley Model Marine Club Pointscore (as at July 2008)

A Mono	
1	Frank Jones 875
2	Daniel Sala 750
3	Justin Antoni 725
4	Eric Arlitsch 594

B Mono	
1	Justin Antoni 700
2	Frank Jones 650
3	Dave Bevern 450
4	David Kelly 50

X Mono	
1	Justin Antoni 800
2	Al Ansell 600

16 - 25 Petrol Mono	
1	Frank Jones 725
2	Peter Antoni 425
3	Sarah Brookes 275
4	Ed Sala 250
5	Des Neilsen 50

Open Petrol Mono	
1	Denis Beresford 1100
2	Troy Berghofer 700
3	Barry Craven 550

A Hydro	
1	Tony Jones (E) 1000
2	David Kelly 650
3	Stephen Louat 300
4	Ashley Bagdonas 250
5	Barrie Clark 225
6	Daniel Schaffer 25

B Hydro	
1	Ed Sala 1150
2	Sarah Brookes 900

1/8 <sup>th</sup> Scale Hydro	
1	Des Neilson 425
2	Alastair Ansell 25

Open Nitro Hydro	
1	Simon Lenton 650
2	Jeni Ansell 500
3	Ashley Bagdonas 275
4	Jamie Anderson 150
5	Roger Brookes 25

Open Petrol Hydro	
1	Barrie Clarke 725
2	Jamie Anderson 700
3	Mark Jordan 150

Open Petrol Sport Hydro	
1	Mark Jordan 1100
2	Paul Sandiford 900
3	Greg Cook 225
4	Troy Berghofer 169
5	Troy Marland 25

A Tunnel	
1	Chris Lenton 400

B Tunnel	
1	Peter Antoni 1000
2	Simon Lenton 625

16 - 25 Petrol Tunnel	
1	Chris Lenton 925
2	Daniel Sala 750
3	Jamie Cook 725
4	Denis Beresford 465
5	Tony Schadel 373
6	Paul Sandiford 350

Open Petrol Tunnel	
1	Steve Louat 900
2	Jamie Anderson 700
3	Mark Jordan 569
4	Greg Cook 450
5	Denis Beresford 344
6	Paul Sandiford 52