

Elbow Water Ski & Wakeboard Club Inc

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November—December 2008

A word from our new president...

A change at the top, a man of few words am I. Hope I can do as well as those before me. The start of another ski season, hope it gets warmer soon.

Opening Day dawned sunny and calm. A good turn out of the die hards for the working bee got all the jobs done, washed the outside of the clubrooms and the inside got a good clean as well. Thanks to all. We then dug into the fry up Brett had cooked for us.

Welcome to the new families that signed up. Great to see the regular's too. We all had a good day, some of us not going home till 6pm.

Next was our first coaching day. Great to see Bryan on the river to share his wakeboarding skills with those eager to learn. He was kept busy with two families and Brad taking in all they could.

Don't forget our Christmas Party and Coaching weekend coming up on the 6-7 December.

Well that's it for now. Told you I was a man of few words. See you on the river.

Scott Archer



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On the River with..... Jess Davies

In Brief...

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| Name: | Jessica Anne Davies |
| Nicknames: | Jess, Jay, Trouble |
| D.O.B: | The good old eighties! |
| Place of Birth: | Taupo |
| Marriage Status: | Single |
| Skiing since: | 1995 (11 years old) |
| Wakeboarding since: | 2003 |
| Work: | Creative Manager—Workz4U Part-time Vessel Hostess—Manukau Harbour Cruises |
| Likes: | A cold beer on a hot day Steak with mushroom sauce Being creative |
| Dislikes: | Rum Shellfish Being stuck in the office when it's sunny and hot! |
| Best experience so far this season: | Teaching Brooke Cassidy to ski |
| Ski Motto: | If your not crashing your not pushing yourself hard enough |

I first tried skiing at age 11 and spent the following **two** (!) years trying to get out of the water! After many coaching sessions from various people and a whole lot of determination I finally got up on two skis. I don't think I lasted long on two before learning to deep water start on a single ski. My skiing improved about 3 years ago after a summer spent skiing with a couple of local guys who knew what they were doing and had the knack to transfer that knowledge to the less experienced. About 5 years ago I gave wakeboarding a go and now try to divide my time evenly between both disciplines. I enjoy the social aspect of being part of the Elbow Ski Club, meeting new people with similar interests and I love to see the enjoyment on people's faces when they pop out of the water for the first time, especially if, like me, it's taken a few goes and a whole lot of effort to get there!



Feedback from Opening Day

"I went to the Open Day and met a few of the Club Members.

I met Tony, Lorraine, Bruce and a few others and was made to feel very welcome. I have not skied or barefooted for about 7 years due to an accident I had involving a submerged log when I was last barefooting.

On the day, I went out to "The Alley" with Tony, Bruce and Grant and managed to have a quick barefoot and ski. Its been a long time since I have done this and really appreciated the opportunity to be involved.

I liked the family atmosphere of the club as well as the clubs location and would like to become more involved. My wife has skied a few times in the past and our Son is 5 years old. I am certain Ryan will have a great time with the other kids as he too has a mini bike like some of the other kids at the Open Day.

We would be very keen as a family to be involved with the club albeit I no longer have a boat... I know I probably shouldn't be barefooting but had such a great time on the day it is a bit hard to resist!"



Coaching Day

The Coaching Day at the Elbow on Sunday 9th November was a great day for all involved. We had two families of keen wakeboarders booked in, so a quick call was made to Bryan Simpson to come out and coach, with the promise of a ride in return.

Unfortunately with a cool brisk north easterly blowing those of us who had happily set up camp at the club for the day were unable to watch the goings on. However out of the wind up around the island the water was flat and the air temperature warmer for those keen enough to get wet.

Callum and Bradon Langford, along with their dad Rob, had the first run in Nick and Mel Bain's boat Phat Sacks. After spending over an hour up around the island both boys have gained some valuable new pointers from Bryan. Callum's goal is to be able to flip by the end of the season so I think many hours will be spent down at the Elbow over summer by the Langford family!

Tony Brill and his daughters Emily, Vanessa and Farrah, along with his partner Jane also spent a good amount of time up around the island with Bryan in their boat, another family who I'm sure will spend a great deal of the summer practising and improving their techniques.

I think Bryan may have been struggling to move the following week after getting in a few good rides in return for his time, patience and knowledge. Thanks a bunch for coming down Bryan!

Thanks also go out to: Scott Archer, Brad Archer, Tony Reid, Lorraine Wymer, Anne & Brett Davies for coming down and adding that social aspect to the day. It's great to see the club looking busy and well utilised so early in the season. I'm looking forward to some more fantastic days down there over summer,

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Bridge to Bridge 2008

The Elbow Waterski and Wakeboard Club had a few club members in this years Bridge to Bridge, a few snippets of feedback from some of the members who participated follow for your reading pleasure...

Bruce Wallace

The time trial on Saturday is a key event as it sets the grid positions for the main race on Sunday. The time trial runs from Grantham Street in Hamilton to Ngaruawahia and back again with the boats leaving one at a time, one minute apart with the open boats going first, then MOC (Modified Open Cockpit) and then SMOC (Standard Motor Open Cockpit).

The first boat away was Warlord a 21ft Bullet with two Mercury 2.5L engines and capable of speeds well over 100mph. They were followed by Smash Palace (the old Under Siege) a 21ft Everingham with an inboard with over 1000 horsepower and Fish City a 21ft Sonic with a Mercruiser 525hp inboard that was built by Nic de Mey who has been a familiar face at the Elbow over the years.

Warlord had a good run down the river but lost a skier on the return leg when the water got a bit choppy so that was the end of their day. Smash Palace had engine trouble at the end of the first leg and didn't start the return stage. Fish City also had engine trouble on the way home (aka "ran out of gas") and this therefore left the podium wide open for the MOC boats. The first boat home was the Taupo based B'Jammin team followed by Final Worx and we (Hobbit Racing) managed a third place which was a great result.

Sunday saw the long race (From Cambridge to Taupiri and back to Hamilton – 82 kms) arrive with some controversy around the starting grid positions. The MOC boats had qualified first on the Saturday and while the boats are generally reseeded based on their classes for safety reasons, B'Jammin, final Worx and ourselves had all cross entered into Open class and were technically therefore entitled to start off the front of the grid based on how the rules are written.

A decision was therefore made to let us start at the front (which means you get the flat water and don't have to deal with any boats that have something go wrong) and the faster open boats (Warlord and Fish City) started behind us with a minute gap to ensure there was no passing in the narrow part of the river south of Hamilton. Again the boats leave one at a time, one minute apart and the one minute gap meant that no-one managed to catch us.

B'Jammin had issues at the start and didn't manage to get away so that left things open for Final Worx and ourselves in MOC and we both had good clean runs. Warlord and Fish City behind us also had clean runs and put in some good times. There were a large number of boats that didn't finish for a variety of reasons (falls, engine problems, blown gearboxes, blades coming off props, running out of gas) which showed just how hard it is to finish this race let alone make the podium.

Overall Warlord took out the honours (the 10th win for the boat) followed by Fish City and Final Worx. We managed 4th overall and a second in MOC behind Final Worx (which set a new record for MOC). All in all a great weekend and we were pleased to come home with a good result and no broken skiers or equipment!

Brett Seabrook

I got second place and was pipped for first place by 4 seconds in the Novice race (also cross entered into Masters) behind Team "Dirty" an 1850 bullet powered by a Merc 300x.

In the long race Tom Weldon (skier no2) and I missed our start at Cambridge and to be honest we f***ed up the whole race as a result however we managed to restart after the fleet had left for Taupuri from Cambridge and finished the long race without placing with a top speed on the day of 86.1 Mph.

Gareth Jolly

This was my first year competing in the drag skiing classes at the Bridge to Bridge. I was entered in the novice and the main race in the SMOC (standard motor open cockpit) class. My first race of the weekend was novice, we were skiing behind our 1850 Bullet with a Mercury 225 called Anti Cyclone, my dad Mike Jolly was driving with Allan Bedford (old owner of Anti Cyclone) observing.

The race started well with a clean start and a good run down the first straight, we soon had the boat at full speed (78mph down stream) heading towards Taupiri. We had a clean run and made it to Taupiri in good time. The restart in Taupiri was the low point of the race as I missed a start and lost about one minute. We got the second start and the boat at full speed the whole way home. We ended up finishing in fifth place in the novice class.

On Sunday we had the main race, using Anti Cyclone again with Mike Jolly driving, Mike Jameison observing and with Cole Varley and myself skiing. We were starting at the very back of the grid as we did not run in the time trial. In Cambridge we had a terrible start with a broken rope and then drifting into the bank. We made do with tying the broken rope, after the rope was tied we got a clean start and had a very clean run right through to Taupiri. At the restart in Taupiri we had a perfect start and a fast clean run through to Hamilton where Cole and I were happy but exhausted. We managed to finish ninth in SMOC and nineteenth overall.

I was happy with how my first Bridge to Bridge weekend went even with the several incidents that happened.



Anne Davies, Danielle Rose, Brett Davies: Team Frenz-Ski



Danielle Rose: Team Frenz-Ski



Gareth Jolly: Team Anti Cyclone



Mike Jolly, Allan Bedford, Gareth Jolly: Team Anti Cyclone

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Missing Ski

An black and silver HO Burner Free Ride Series ski with Venom bindings was stolen/taken from Tuakau on November 8th. If you have come across this ski or know who may have it, please contact me - jessica.davies@extra.co.nz or 0275 260 261 - so that I can get in touch with the owner.

Boat Hunt

I am on the lookout for a Haines 1800s ski boat which were built in the late 80's. They are hard to find and thought I'd drop a line to ski clubs to see if I might be able to track one down.

Any info would be really helpful.

Many thanks, Richard
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Elbow 50th Jubilee

Just a reminder about our 50th Jubilee which we're celebrating on March 14th 2009. We still urgently need photos, video, stories and people who have been involved in the club in the past to ensure this day is a great celebration of the Elbow Waterski and Wakeboard Club's history.

If you know of anyone who was previously a member, or if you yourself have any photos, videos or memories from past times spent involved in the club please contact me as soon as possible.

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Christmas BBQ & Coaching

A Christmas BBQ and Coaching Day will be held over the weekend of 6-7 December, more details of this event will be emailed out and posted on the website and Facebook as they come to hand.

If you are interested in attending this event please contact me:

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2008/2009 Calendar of Events

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| 1st Tuesday of Every Month | Committee Meetings 7.30pm @ Elbow Clubrooms (Summer) All club members are welcome to attend these meetings and have their say—we'd love to see you there! |
| 6-7 December 2008 | Christmas Party & Coaching Weekend |
| 1 February 2009 | Family Ski Race Day |
| 20-22nd February 2009 | Whakamaru Weekend away |
| 14th March 2009 | 50th Jubilee |
| 4th April 2009 | Cocktail Party Night |



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