

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB
Established 1910



Newsletter – March 2015

Commodore's Corner

Jim Parkes

Social News – January & February

 **Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for February were –**

04	Peter Martin No68	R216
11	Barry No No57	R194
18	Peter Mol No46	R122
25	Ian Price No99	R186



 **Our Friday Lucky Draw Winner for February was**

Mikey Price, who won R850. Looks like the Price family really were on a winning streak!

EVENTS for Your Diary (Blue = Sailing; Red = Social) (Blue = Sailing; Red = Social)



Sunday 01 March: Mackinnac Trophy



Wednesday 04 March: New Members Evening



Saturday 07 March: Michaelides Trophy – Active Cup 6



Saturday 14 March: Fastnet Trophy 1



Tuesday 17 March: St Patrick's Day Pub Evening



Saturday & Sunday 21-22 March: Interschools at GLYC



Sunday 22 March: Buffalo Bay Challenge III



Sunday 22 March: Evening Club Bring 'n Braai

Don't forget Wednesday Happy Hour !

Keep track of what is going by registering your number on our SMS system or look up on Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub?ref=hl> to be updated on Events and see all the Club photos!

Inshore Sailing

Allan Waterston

The South African Sailing Councillors met for a braai at KYC on Friday 6 February and thoroughly enjoyed the Club facilities as well as their meeting on Saturday and watching a bit of sailing in the afternoon for Knud's Cup.

Knuds Cup was dominated by the Lasers:

The first 3 placings all Open Laser 4.7's:

1st Colin Mathiesen, 2nd Siya Msindo and 3rd Patrick Wilson

Knysna Yacht Club were the host club for the **Interclub Regatta** held on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 February, and what an exciting regatta it was. Excellent organisation skills exhibited by the Knysna Yacht Club team, ably led by Sailing Secretary Andrew Finn, made it both exciting and enjoyable. Knysna's good reputation for good Regattas led to 80 entries, and with all their various sails it was a very colourful event, which made it enjoyable for the many spectators of this charming town. 5 Sailing Clubs participated, Mossel Bay Yachting and Sailing Club, Algoa Bay Yacht Club, Redhouse Yacht Club, George Lakes Yacht Club and of course, Knysna Yacht Club.





Hobbies having lots of fun. Brilliant to see a fleet of Oppies on the water

With 50 boats in the senior fleet, and 30 in the junior, the competition was fierce, and the water crowded. With the weather threatening to spoil the fun, the start of the first race for the seniors was very exciting with 49 boats competing for the start line in a 20 knot (32k/h) wind. The reason for it being only 49 was that a visiting sailor "borrowed" the tiller off a Knysna development sailors' Laser, which was sad, as he missed the first race. With the strong wind there were several capsizes, the first even before the start of the first race, and the rescue boats were kept busy. With boats moving at speed four races were completed on the Saturday, before a dramatic sunset signalled the end of the first day.



With the wind continuing to blow strongly during the night, and rain thrown in for good measure, the hardy sailors camping on the Yacht club boat parking lawn had an unpleasant night, but the weather gods had mercy, and Sunday morning dawned with light wind and the sun breaking through. With light winds the yachts glided smoothly across the water making a beautiful scene for the people of Knysna to enjoy. 3 races were completed on the Sunday. The two different days tested sailing skills in heavy and light winds, and ultimately the first prize in the senior fleet went to Anthony and Ferdinand Parker of George Lakes Club on their Fireball, and the Junior Prize went to Christopher Kennedy and Luke de Villiers on their Dabchick.

It being an Interclub Regatta, the positions of the competing Clubs was of importance. The Senior Interclub Trophy was won by Redhouse Yacht Club, George Lakes coming in second place and Algoa Bay taking third place. The Junior Interclub Trophy was won by George Lakes Yacht Club, the second place by Redhouse Yacht Club, and Knysna Yacht Club coming in third.

Pictured left: Anthony Parker receiving the Cup from Jim Parkes, Commodore KYC, for First Prize Senior Fleet and on the right, Luke de Villiers and Christopher Kennedy who took the First Prize Juniors.



Pictured above, The Junior Interclub Trophy was won by George Lakes Yacht Club and below, The Senior Interclub Trophy was won by Redhouse Yacht Club



Once again proving to be an event not to be missed !

And while we were competing at home Douglas Edwards held the name of Knysna Yacht Club high by winning the Hobie 14 Western Cape Province Champs - CONGRATULATIONS.

As sailors we need to be familiar with the fundamentals and the need to perform penalties when called for. The game is self regulated and if we all pull together there is no reason why this should change.



Copies of the ISAF 2013 - 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing are available from the club and can be downloaded from the SA Sailing website at http://sailing.org.za/race_management/pdf/ISAF%20RRS%202013-2016%20Final%20layout.pdf

The club has a couple of wooden Dabchicks that need a little work to be able to bring them back into service, if anyone has any suggestions as to how best to get this work done or would like to volunteer to

do the work your input will be appreciated. Having these boats available in the club fleet will assist the development of our junior sailors.

Great to see our new Novices for this year on the water with Coach Mike Pogodin - welcome to Simone Jesse, Mika Van Rijssen, Jason, Gordon and Loren Sprenger.

And Good luck to our Juniors who are taking part in the 39th Coca-Cola Eastern Cape Interschools Regatta at Redhouse on the 7th & 8th March. May the wind be with you !



Offshore Sailing

The keelboat activity has been fairly quiet so far this season with the Bar closed (and not Asches') for both the scheduled Buffalo Bay races so far.

The Keelers are definitely hopeful that Sunday 22, when the next Buffalo Bay challenge is due to be sailed, will produce conditions which will allow participants to exit the Heads and enjoy sailing off Buffalo Bay.

Canoeing



March saw our 'fleet' of 4 x 4-man Canoes back on the water after being repaired by Knysna Racing Canoes. These will be used during the Time trials on a 6-weekly basis – join up, the Canoe Club always welcome newcomers to their sport.

The Dusi Canoe Marathon is a big event in the Canoe Annual Calendar – this year, having won almost every title in paddling the 2-time Dusi winner and 5-time Marathon World champ, Hank McGregor and his wife Pippa added the Doubles title to his list. So strong were the



McGregors that their overall time of 9:03.06 upended the mixed doubles race records set in 2006 by husband and wife combination Marc and Debbie Germiquet by 4 minutes. 24 year old Andy Birkett further etched his name into the Dusi record books when he clinched a fifth race title Men's Single win and the Ladies Gold was won by by Laura O'Donoghue in the elite women's race where she dominated from start to finish.

Pictured left Double's winners and left below Laura O'Donaghue with Andy Birkett below right



Administration

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Tracey Young

Please remember our Annual Club Subs are due 01 April ! Invoices for subscriptions for the year 2015/2016 will be sent out by email where possible. This will ensure that you receive your accounts timeously and also is more cost effective for the Club. To this end **please ensure that we have your up-to-date details.**

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

So much interesting information going through archives in the Asche's Library –

Another snippet of ol' World news, taken from Newsletter notes:

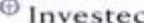
On 11th February 1913, it was resolved ` *that all bathing shall be from the Annex after 8.30am on weekdays and after 10 am on Sundays, ...that no bathing be allowed during the progress of a Club Race fixture; and that bathing costumes to be worn by all bathers from the Club premises.* " I do wonder what they were wearing.....

Please remember to bring borrowed Library books back within 3 months of lending them so that other members can enjoy them too, and don't forget to sign out. There are regretfully many books unaccounted for. Thank you

Thought for the Month

“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. **What you do makes a difference**, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” —Jane Goodall



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