

Dragons Abreast Tasmania

Newsletter - June 2003

Dragons Abreast Tasmania Inc 2nd newsletter. Please take some time to read the news and hopefully there will be something you'd like to participate in, something you're good at that you could help us with, or maybe you'd just like to follow our progress.

Fundraising

Saturday 15th March saw us hosting our first major fundraiser, a Quiz night and Silent Auction. The response from our supports and friends was overwhelming LRC 120 seats were full very early and mobile phones proved very useful to tell those not already at venue to go back and get chairs and folding tables.

There was a minor problem with the PA system but most seemed to enjoy the evening. My highlight was the double prothesis that was sent to the scorers in Q9.

We wish to Thank all our friends and supporters who attended, and our course our all important sponsors who donated prizes, silent auction items and of course Louise and Chris who went that little bit beyond the call and shaved their heads at half time.

You will be please to know that we raised approximately \$3,000.



Committee

There have been some new faces added to our committee in recent times, as Sarah Briggs left us for the Northern Hemisphere, we wish her well and hope to hear that she paddles in Canada, were Dragon Boat teams are very strong. New members are Anna Cazaly and Margaret Stafford, welcome aboard.

Grants

Dragons Abreast Tasmania Inc has once again been successful in obtaining another "Grant". This will definitely put a Dragon Boat on the water at Lindisfarne Rowing Club very soon so we suggest that you watch this space.

Major Field of Women - BCNA

Tasmania will play a significant part in Breast Cancer Awareness Month (Oct) events this year. As the Major Field of Women, will be held in Hobart on 26 October. For more information contact Karen Forster (BCNATas phone 6273 4422 Or email dforster @vtown.com.au)

Remember the Breast Cancer Network Australia is the national voice of Australians personally affected by breast cancer and supports the Dragons Abreast concept, they publish a quarterly magazine "The Beacon". www.bcna.org.au

Membership

Dragons Abreast Tasmania Inc currently offers 3 categories of membership -

- Competitive - anyone who has faced a diagnosis of breast cancer and wants to train and compete as part of a Dragons Abreast team.
- Sport - anyone who wishes to train in the dragon boat. (some restrictions may apply)
- Supporter - anyone who wishes to be a non-paddling member of our Association.

The annual membership fee for DATInc categories is \$20. Also important is that as we have a **partnership** with the LRC, our members are also **required** to become members of the LRC for example Adult Rower (non competitive) \$190 or social member only \$10.00. This partnership arrangement with Lindisfarne Rowing Club will ensure our paddlers are covered by insurance when "Dragon Boating"

Coming Events

31 Jul AGM Lindisfarne Rowing Club

8/9 Nov Aus Masters Games Canberra

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Look at the great paddling style of this team.

Australian Dragon Boat Federations - National Titles SA April 2003

I recently went to the National Titles at West Lake in Adelaide. Paddlin' and drumming for the first time.

Never having been in a Dragon Boat before I was surprised at the number of teams, their background and the variety of fitness levels on show.

There were teams competing for a place in the world titles in Shanghi for example a team from Darwin won the "Masters Div" and are on their way to Shanghi, there were school events with Canberra Grammar (Mixed teams) taking a clean sweep and of course the Dragons Abreast Teams. I competed in a composite Australian team, with other Survivors from Victoria, NSW, NT, Qld, ACT and of course Tas we won a Bronze Medal.

There are loads of photos and of course video footage, contact Louise if you would like to view. 6244 021



