

DRAGONS ABREAST NORTHERN TASMANIA Inc.

DANTI

May – June Newsletter 2009

A big welcome to Linda Hall. As a former Devonport *Nipples on Ripples* member it's great to have Linda's experience in the boat and her generosity out of it.

Lake Barrington

Our special event for May was a day at Lake Barrington. We were invited to share the lake with the masters rowers from North Esk and it was a marvellous experience. Paddling without a tide is lovely and we had superb autumn weather in a fantastic wilderness setting. We were lucky to be joined for the day by some of the Devonport girls and a few of the master rowers had a paddle as well. The facilities at the lake are outstanding. When we visit the lake it is possible to paddle all day in the area south of the rowing lanes and in the rowing area during our events! It's a long way to travel, so we need to make the most of such a super site. Many thanks to Ian and Suzanne for getting the boat there.



Into the pontoon



Salute to the Barrington Dragon

Meetings

We have also been able to access the upstairs section of the new clubhouse (*The Boathouse*) for our meetings. This is much more comfortable than amongst the gym equipment downstairs! We have decided to alternate the meeting venues: *The Boathouse* one month, *the Riverview* the next. The July meeting will be at the *Riverview*, beginning at 5:30pm with the meeting, then dining afterwards.

Training at the Launceston Aquatic Centre

June has seen the inaugural use of the fantastic new Launceston Aquatic Centre (LAQ) for Tuesday evening training. We have the exclusive use of the very warm pool and also the spa for 1½ hours, with Ange's wonderfully experienced instruction. Everyone works really hard and thoroughly enjoys the experience. Originally it was decided to use the LAQ on alternate Tuesdays but it has been possible to add other sessions, much to everyone's delight.



Keeping fit and WARM at LAQ

Warm DANTI Rugby Top

Now is the time to order your long-sleeved DANTI top. You will need to try them on at the Tasmanian Clothing Company in Wellington St so they can order the correct size. The tops are navy blue, a warm knit and will have pink collar, tab and buttons with individual names and our special DANTI dragon. So they are a club top rather than a DAA top. Perfect for this weather. Please let Christine know when you have had your fitting and also ensure that she has your name written and spelt as you want it to appear on the top.

Social News

Don't forget that *the Boathouse* is open on Friday evenings. Members can bring a friend. There are full bar facilities and food is available.

Events coming up include the dinner at *Steve's Grill* **this** Saturday 27th June. Have you let Barb know? (63273145)

Dragon Boating Tasmania (TasDBF)

Four of us attended the meeting in Hobart on 2nd May and a lot was achieved in a really positive setting. The dragon boat club is the *Derwent Storms* and with Hobart, Devonport and Launceston DAA clubs we are the 4 clubs which comprise TasDBF. They are very keen to come paddling with us at all our venues and already have 2 dragon boats. They are also busy organising courses to train and accredit dragon boaters.

Priorities for TasDBF are accreditation of coaches, sweeps and officials; more regattas; more money & sponsorship; state titles in 2010; & publicity.

TasDBF will provide us with personal insurance, as well as expertise on dragon boating. At present I am the DANTI representative and act as the conduit between DANTI members and TasDBF. Enquiries welcome!

DANTI registration forms for 2009/2010 will be available very soon.

Happy Paddling

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