

# Ski Connection Race Team Newsletter

## Special points of interest:

- Byron Howes Memorial Wisemans Ferry August 13
- The Inaugural Hawkesbury 120 September 2 & 3
- Metro Country Challenge Wisemans Ferry September 16 & 17



## Race team Ready to go for 2006/07

The Boat has been sign written, The engine has been serviced, the Stern drive overhauled and polish has been applied.

Season 2006/07 is just a couple of weeks away and the Ski Connection team is in their final stages of preparedness for the first race on August 13.

Paul Novak signs has done all the sign writing for our sponsors and the boat is looking magnificent.

Thanks Paul for all your hard work it is very much appreciated.

This will be the new boats first season of full competition since it was purchased and going on our results from the end of last season we are looking for a very good showing this year.

The skiers have been training hard to be fit for the first race, Ryan has been with a personal trainer 3 times a week and Adam



The Boat Ski Connection all sign written.

doing up to 2.5 hours per day on a bicycle riding to work and back. The commitment these two guys are showing to the team and their training will definitely pay off in the long Run. Graham the Observer has just recently retire after 35 years in the Fire Brigade and now has much more time to work on the boat. Entries go in for the seasons first 2 races this Fri-

day. The first race is the Byron Howe's Memorial at Wiseman's Ferry and then the Inaugural Hawkesbury 120 at Windsor on September 2 and 3.

Hopefully we will see some good competition at these races and put on a good show.

## Major Team sponsor announced.. M & J Financial Services



**M & J Financial Services**, has signed as major sponsor of Ski Connection Race Team for season 2006/07. Mark Jensen and his team from Liverpool in Sydney's West are excited about being involved with Ski Connection for the upcoming

season and are looking forward to coming along and seeing what Ski Racing is all about. M & J Financial Services do all kinds of finance from Business finances, Mortgages Leases etc. If your after a better deal give Mark a ring

on 0418438655. The team at M & J Financial will soon be relocating to Penrith so accessing their services will become even more hassle free.

Welcome aboard guys we look forward to your involvement.

## The Inaugural Hawkesbury 120 2 & 3 Sept.

On the Weekend of September 2 & 3 will be the running of the inaugural Hawkesbury 120. This is the longest Ski Race in the country at 120kms and enters the Ski racing Calendar for the first time in 2006.

The format for this race is different to most races as it will feature the start at Windsor Marine Stadium, racing

60kms to Wiseman's Ferry stopping and then returning from Wiseman's Ferry back to the finish line at Windsor.

The Weekend will also see racing on Saturday with Tadpoles, Jnrs, Veterans, Disabled and social classes competing. In the afternoon we will see the Super Class "Sackville Sprint" with the top ten boat competing in a

dash from Sackville to Windsor for pole position. Also new for this race will be the presidents invitational shootout which will see the next 20 fasted boats also race for starting

position.

This weekend is going to be huge.

There will be Trade displays, Food and Drink Stalls< kids Rides and so on at Windsor Marine Stadium.

Hawkesbury Ski Connection and Ski Connection Race Team will also have a trade display at this event.

If you would like to know more Contact Shane on 0245775464.



**Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd September**

## Race Handle Development

Hawkesbury Ski Connection is working side by side with Just Straps marine at Castle Hill to develop a new Race harness which will hopefully become the standard handle that the ski racer must have.

Peter from Just straps has also come on board for season No.2 and we welcome their support once again.

The idea for a new harness came after discussing some ideas with a few skiers and interpreting their ideas into a workable harness which will suit their needs. To ski at speed for long periods of time, such as what skiers will face in the Hawkesbury 120, rear hand comfort was identified as an issue. As skiers are skiing faster and faster

more pressure is applied to the rear hand. What we are developing in conjunction with Just Straps is a harness which delivers far superior rear hand comfort reducing fatigue and enabling skiers to hang on longer and give them an edge over their competitors. Our skiers will test and develop these harnesses.



## Engine Development

Ski Connection Will campaign season 2006/07 with two engines magnificently prepared by Roland Jahn Performance Engines.

Both engines are small block Chevs built for speed without sacrificing reliability. Although similar configurations each engine is different from the other. We have a high Horsepower high revving engine for the fast river races and for the series

races we have an ever strong reliable grunter.

The number 1 engine is at Rolands workshop now where it is undergoing refreshment in preparation for the Grafton and Sydney Bridge to Bridges. These two races are flat out wide open full throttle engine breakers. With Rolands expertise we hope to attack both race records.



ROLAND JAHN  
*Performance Engines*

## Stock 6 Litre—What does it mean

**Ski Connection Ski Race Team** will campaign the 2006/07 series in the stock 6 litre or restricted 6 litre category. This category is similar to stock car racing in the USA where all cars are designed to run equal and it comes down to who has the best preparation and per-

formance on the day who will take the victory. The engines are the item that are “restricted” with limited engine modifications allowed. The idea is to have an affordable engine class where everybody can compete on a level playing field.

- Maximum 6 ltr capacity
- No racing legs, only commercially available stern drives
- Must run on pump fuel, no avgas or additives
- Engines must be assembled in front of a scrutineer and sealed.
- No means of forced air induction allowed

And so it goes. So as you can see these restrictions are designed to keep everyone the same and allow different engine manufacturers to run equal.....or so they say

- Only cast iron heads allowed,
- No porting or machining of heads or manifolds
- One specific type and model of carburetor



Stock 6 Litre Engine from Ski Connection

## Welcome Aboard

Ski Connection Ski Race Team would like to welcome aboard, **Paul Novak signs, Bligh Park Butchery, and Gormo's Trim**, to the team this season. This is a new adventure for each of these family owned businesses and we look forward to their participation this year. Ski Racing is an expensive sport and cannot survive without

the commitment and loyalty from supporters such as these.



## Like To Be Involved at events?

**Ski Connection Ski Race team** is always on the look-out for helpers and team members at race days. If you think you would like you become a team member or helper then please give Shane a call.

If you would like to be our team helper for the season we will provide you with a Ski Connection team shirt to wear at these events. Your task will be to help out in

judging and even watching the racing from on course. Some of our helpers last season even Drove the rescue boats and had a ball doing it knowing they were actively involved with the successful running of a Ski Race.





A sample of Paul Novak's Exceptional Art work.

**PAUL NOVAK**  
**SIGNS**  
I'll Sign it & Erect it  
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