

# The Bottom Line

Q E II UNDERWATER HOCKEY CLUB  
NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2004



## My Word!

Some of you may notice that *The Bottom Line* is a wee bit late. Quite unusual when you look at the distinct lack of content contained within. I hope no-one has been setting their body clocks to coincide with the output of the newsletter and therefore think that October is an exceptionally long month this year.

Bryn has generously offered the Thompson family home as the venue for this year's Christmas Function to be held on Sunday 12th December. I hope this date is suitable to everyone. Don't forget to take your togs to cool off in their swimming pool if it's a hot day

A note to all about the Annual General Meeting which is on Thursday, 25th November at 6.45pm in the Glasshouse Room. All members are urged to attend. Quite a few committee positions are up for grabs, so if you wish to be considered, or wish someone else to consider filling a vacant position, then please fill in the forms which are included as part of this newsletter and attend the AGM.

The logo competition has closed for entries and it is now up to club members to decide which logo they would like to see publicly displayed on our new club t-shirts to be produced in the new year. Don't miss the chance to vote and in doing so, please be serious about your choices. Thank you to the three people who took the time to submit entries.

Thankyou to those people who took part in the recent in-house competition. The convincing winners were the Crown Jewels. Well done to team members Allan Brown, Mark Heberd, Steve Brown, Denis Chen,

Dave White, Nicole Brown, Chris Glasson, Ben Heese, John Dunlop, Cassandra Thompson and Gary Sprague. Each of you will receive a small prize in the near future.

On paper the three teams were judged to be well matched but a lack of players turning up really hurt teams on each night's play. Hopefully next year the competition will be at a better time of year for people, especially school and university attendees.

I also feel compelled to mention that while it did bring out a good competitive nature in people, it also brought out some not-so-good tendencies as well. Referees were doing their best but errors can and will always happen (especially if they are unqualified). It's how we conduct ourselves that speaks volumes. We should refrain from arguing and abusing referees and each other. Thanks to the people who took the time to officiate the games.

Around twenty people turn up to the Twisted Hop for dinner on 30 October. I hope all enjoyed themselves and had a pleasant evening out.

Bryn Thompson was made a life member of NZ Underwater Hockey due to his outstanding contribution to the sport over the years and the Worlds this year. He has also been re-instated as Tournament Convenor and has a number of changes being implemented in the tournament format beginning next year.

Dave and Pam White have also been awarded for their outstanding contribution to the Worlds Tournament. Congratulations.

Congratulations also to Brendan Maxwell and Dennis Chen who are in training squads for the Trans Tasman tournament to be held in South Africa. Good luck guys.

Moosh

## Saturday Roster to Help Hamish 4-5pm

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE IT TO THE SESSIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO OR HAVE SOMEONE ELSE THERE IN YOUR PLACE. I WON'T DO THESE SESSIONS ALONE!**

13 November	–	4 December	–
20 November	–	11 December	Aaron Smith, Penelope Spencer
27 November	Steve Lee, Dennis Chen	18 December	Bryn & Cassandra Thompson

# Logo Competition Entries

This is what we have to choose from and it's up to you to decide which logo you like the best.

Each design is numbered from 1 to 12. Pick your top two choices you would like to see/wear on a t-shirt and give your vote to Hamish. The votes will be tallied and the winning design **will go to print**.

Please treat this seriously – the logo will be the club's public identity.

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1st preference: \_\_\_\_\_ 2.nd preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Member signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Now for Something Different ...

By Matt Neale

## Mountainbiking in the Mt Evans Hillclimb

Well, it's nearly summer, and for me, that means mountain biking season.

Saturday 30th October 2004 dawned cold, windy, oh, and did I mention - cold.

Anyway, as always, I sprung out of bed, lively as a sandhopper (whatever that is) at 7am, and proceeded to get ready for the Mt. Evans Hillclimb – a mountainbike race **up** a hill.

Just for a bit of background - Mt. Evans is situated on Banks Peninsula, it is a shade over 700 metres tall, and the race was on a track 5km in length, needless to say, it's just slightly on the vertical side of flat.

I was on the road by 8:15am, heading to Port Levy school which was where we would be based for the day. After a session of highly exciting country-road driving, I arrived at the Port Levy school just before 9am. First thing to do was registration, which is boring, and so I won't go into the mundane details of that.

The race briefing was at 10am, with the first riders expected to start soon after at 10:30 (we were having a staggered start - slowest riders first - at 30 second intervals).

Anyway, after registration, I had an hour to set my bike up, get changed, go for a bit of a warm-up ride, listen to some angry music, and get the last bit of food in before the race.

Our briefing was short and to the point, and immediately after, we set out for the start, which was 3km away and provided a good spin of the pedals to get warmed-up.

Just so you're aware, I'll repeat this: **It was windy, and cold.**

If you've ever ridden or walked the Rapaki track, take that, now make it twice as high, but keep the same length of track, cover the track with grass, and you've got Mt. Evans. Add to that a cold and windy day, and you have all the conditions for a tough ride.

The first part of the climb was reasonably easy, I had started around the middle of the field, and quickly settled into a comfortable pace. I caught and passed a few of the riders who'd started before me, and with the staggered start, soon had a couple of the Pro's closing the gap – they went past soon after the halfway point, and it was right about then that it started getting harder.

We had spent the first part of the race relatively sheltered in a valley with a smooth riding surface (grassed 4WD track), but from halfway up, it got noticeably steeper and we were out in the tussock, winding our way up a ridge.

While it wasn't totally exposed, I'm sure there are warmer places to be on a Saturday morning.

The wind up there was hard to describe, it was a southerly, which is cold anyway, but it was blowing so damn hard it was almost frightening, and resulted in several riders being inadvertently separated from their bikes (along with ensuing close-ups of the ground). Thankfully, I was not one of them.

I ended up (along with everyone else!) pushing my bike for some of the way, leaning on it to prevent myself from blowing over, all the while mindful that this wasn't your normal ride, this was a race!

All up, there was about 1km of pushing, and the last 500 metres or so was a relief to have a tailwind and to be back on the bike darting through the tussock to the finish (albeit still riding very much uphill!).

The stay at the top was relatively short-lived as it was, no surprises here, windy & cold.

The views on a clear day would be absolutely stunning, Saturday however was plagued by low flying cloud which obscured the view somewhat.

So after snapping off a few crappy photos of random rocks, bikers and various other things you find on the top of a mountain, having a quick "comparison of notes" with some of the other riders – which generally went like this "#^&\* that was hard", followed by nodding, I headed back down.

To give you an idea of the descent, it took 50 minutes to get up there and a shade under 15 to get down – great fun – and grateful for the spot prize I scored later on – a new set of brake pads...

If you're really interested in results, I crossed the line in 50:24 – some time off the fastest (37:05). But 34th over all out of 63 riders for my first race of the season, and with a mostly hardcore field, I was reasonably happy with the result.

Next race for me is on the 27th November and is a 35km cross country, and I'll be looking for a better result there.

Later,

**Matt**

*Sounds even harder than one of Bryn's magnificent four-on-four 'around-the-goal-before-you-score' sessions (if it's possible). -Ed*

# Christmas Function

This year's Christmas Function will  
be held at Bryn and Samantha's  
Normans Road, Papanui  
12.30pm, Sunday 12th December  
Bring a salad or pudding to share  
BYO Alcohol  
Everything else supplied

RSVP by 3rd December to  
[bryn.t@clear.net.nz](mailto:bryn.t@clear.net.nz)  
or ph: 356-3449

## Happy Birthday to:

Andrew Burnard	3 November
Gary Kearns	5 November
Ashley Mangos	10 November
Matt Harris	14 November
Alan Vickers	21 November
Penelope Spencer	29 November

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# Pool Bookings '04

<b>Tuesdays</b>	8.30 pm - 9.30 pm 5 lanes - 50 Metre pool (Nth end)
<b>Thursdays</b>	7.30 pm - 10.00 pm 5 lanes - 50 metre pool
<b>Fridays</b>	6.00 pm - 7.00 pm Dive Well Shelf
<b>Saturdays</b>	4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Dive Well Shelf
<b>Sundays</b>	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm 4 Lanes - 50 Metre pool

**No Hockey due to other bookings:**

### Friday:

12 November SI Water Polo Champs

### Saturday:

13 November SI Water Polo Champs

20 November SI Water Polo Champs

4 December U20 Women's Water Polo

### Sunday:

28 November Aquagym Challenge

# A Typical In-flight conversation:

Dan Rather of CBS news was seated next to little Tommy on the plane when Rather turned to the boy and said, "Let's talk, I've heard that flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passengers."

Little Tommy, who had just opened his book, closed it slowly, and said to Rather, "What would you like to discuss?"

"Oh, I don't know" said Rather, "How about politics? Should we have kept Bush as president or do you think we should have elected Kerry?"

"OK" said Little Tommy, "That could be an interesting topic but let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow and a deer all eat grass. The same stuff. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out flat pattys, and a horse excretes clumps of dried grass. Why do you think that is?"

"Jeez" said Rather, "I have no idea."

"Well then" said Little Tommy, "How is it you feel qualified to discuss who should be running this country when you don't know shit?"

**Christchurch Underwater Hockey Club Inc.**  
**Playing as QEII Underwater Hockey**  
**Annual General Meeting – 25 November 2004 @ 6:45pm**

**Where:**

The meeting will be held in the **Glasshouse Room** at QEII.

**How to get there:**

The Glasshouse room is to the left of the pool admission desk and overlooks the stadium.

**Nominations:**

**Nominations are required for President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members.**

**Support your club** and volunteer your services to help with the running of the club. New faces and fresh enthusiasm are required on the committee in all positions.

Nominations are required in writing to the secretary by **11 November**. Use the nomination form in this newsletter or ensure that the same details are contained in your nomination.

If insufficient nominations are received by 11 November, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

**Agenda details:**

The agenda will be sent to you on **12 November** along with details of nominations received.

This is an important meeting and we need a good turnout by members to ensure that we have a quorum.

**Remits:**

Any remits for the AGM must be sent in writing or by email to the secretary by **11 November**.

**Address for nominations or remits:**

Ray Hall, 10 Halsey Street, Christchurch 7.

Fax: 382 5680.

Email nominations to [ray.hall@clear.net.nz](mailto:ray.hall@clear.net.nz) are acceptable as long as the nominee and signatories have given their agreement.

Nominations can also be handed to Dave, Bryn or Ray at the pool.

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**Nomination for President / Secretary / Treasurer / Committee Member  
( circle or underline position applied for )**

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