

January News

Congratulations to Stephanie Hamblyn on her new baby boy Darcy. All is well and baby came in to this world missing Sub Juniors and going straight in to Juniors weighing in at 10lb,4oz. Stephanie is enjoying being a mum and we wish Mum and Dad all the best and look forward to seeing them all at the Nationals in April.



Georgia Groen spent five days over in Brisbane skiing with Gizzie at a girls barefoot camp. Georgia enjoyed her time over with the Aussie girls coming home with many shoe ski turns and is ready to go on her feet. Look forward to YouTube up dates.

Gold Coast in Brisbane had the super floods that nearly seeped John Prices boat down river, Luckily the moorings held. The river rose up by three meters in just hours and caught all by surprise.



New Year visit by the famous Warren Herbert at Robbie Groen's house saw that Warren has not lost his barefooting talent. After a long break of 15 years Warren still managed turns and power full back slalom. He even talked Noel in to shaving off Robs hair completely. So no more grays for Rob.

Gary Oakes had a very close call with death after miss timing the depth of the water from the 6m high bridge that he was jumping from. Gary hit the bottom knocking himself unconscious and nearly breaking his neck. Thankfully Gary is on the road to a full recovery and he is very grateful to Ben Groen ,Julian and Lorraine Oaks for doing all the right things in saving his life. Well done you three, you all deserve a medal.



Jeremy Linton got married on the 29th of January to Alice. The day was outstanding and we all wish them a fantastic future together. They are currently living in Australia on the Sunshine Coast and are enjoying the climate. Jeremy is missing his Sanger but his Uncle tells me that it's in good hands in his shed at home, but when I look in the shed on the weekend the shed is always empty.



Connor Findlay is off to ski with Brett Sands for three days on the Murray River. Brett is many times world champion and we look forward to seeing Connor skiing at the Waikato's.

Dean McGregor is back from Australia after doing a working stint in Melbourne. Good to see him back and see that you can't beat a Kiwi worker. Or did Dean return home because XXXX just does not taste like the Ranfurly Beer??

Jeremy's stag was a blast lasting more than 12 hours. The event saw Nick Hamblyn showing off his third brown eye to the local police man. Nick cannot remember too much but he does say that the police car window tasted pretty good as he licked it sitting cuffed in the back seat.

The Hickling Girls, Jaz and Shana skied in their first tournament last weekend and had a ball. Fantastic to see them in Wellington along with Craig Scotts two kids as well.

Peter Old finally got his biggest toy. A New Sanger DX2 with the newest Mere inboard 375hp, pulling a huge 50 mph plus towing a footer. He was so happy that Pete added another 70 meters to his lake. We look forward to the write up and photos

Rob Gardner also got his new toy. Rob managed to find the buy of the century. Bringing into New Zealand a 1999 Sanger DX2 with only 70 hours on the clock. Well done Rob and we also look forward to pictures and stuff.