

NZDBA, Calendar, Virtual Gold – (Again)

An interesting day; I flew down to Wellington at 7:15 [rewind]... I was supposed to fly down to Wellington at 7:15 but the plane was, as planes often are, delayed and didn't get off the ground till just after 8am. A hour and a bit later, following a bumpy landing I arrived in the capital city (some 10 minutes after the NZDBA AGM was due to start [engage stress mode]. Hopping into an extremely overpriced welly-cab (\$5 just to leave the airport) I headed for the AGM, which was being held at Sport Wellington.

Arriving at Sport Wellington at about 9:20 I joined the AGM [rewind]...Arriving at Sport Wellington at about 9:20 I discovered (due to the absence of any people other than a couple of pentanque players who didn't even know what Dragon boats were) that the AGM had been moved to the Westpac Stadium... Another cab ride and I arrived at the AGM at about 9:45

That's what adventures are all about...

The AGM itself was mostly just AGM stuff (I'm sure you've all been to one so won't bore you with details, other than Dr.T getting elected as Treasurer...) the interesting bit, well I think it's the interesting bit, was the agreement of the NZDBA to look into developing an **Official New Zealand Dragonboat League** (much like the ones on pages 40-41), an official ranking of all DB teams racing in New Zealand (Guess who got the job of developing it).

...And, re our, well my, claiming of the Virtual Gold for the Regatta that Wasn't (Pgs 15,16); Alisha disputed our claim, seems (on the day) several of the Auckland Teams had boat races at the pub and therefore had more claim to the virtual gold. Guess that one will have to go to arbitration.

The 2009/2010 Racing calendar is already looking pretty full already and there is the possibility that more events will be added before the season starts.

- Dr. T

2009 / 2010 Race Calendar

November				
Fri 20 th – 27 th	Waka	Vaka Eiva	Rarotonga	***
Sat 28 th	DB	Hamilton Super 12's	Hamilton Lake	Sprints
January				
Tues 19 th – Sat 23 rd	Waka	Waka Ama National Champs	Lake Karapiro	
February				
Sat ???	DB	Harcourts Super 12's	Tauranga	Sprints
Sat 6 th	Waka	BhuttiMoore-morial	Pilot Bay, Mt Maunganui	30/35 km
Sat 20 th	Waka	Bo Herbert Memorial	Tutukaka, Northland	30/40 km
Sat 20 th	DB	Auckland Fun Beach Day	Wenderhorn Regional Park	300m
Sun 21 st	Waka	Maungatapu Dash	Whareroa, Tauranga	10 km
Fri 26 th – 28 th	Waka	Takapuna Beach Cup	Takapuna	42 km
March				
Sat 6 th	DB	Auckland Regional Champs		500m
Sat 14 th	DB	South Island Regional Champs		500m
Sat 20 th	Waka	Trans-Taupo	Lake Taupo	
Sat 20 th	DB	Wellington Regional Champs		TBC
Sat 27 th	DB	NZ National Adult Dragon Boat Champs		500m
May				
25 th	Waka	IVF Va'a World Sprints	New Caledonia	
TBC				
	DB	9 th Asian Nations Championships	Perth, Australia	

*** Two mixed teams of six (12 people) are going to Rarotonga to compete in the Vaka Eiva regatta (23-27 November). The teams will consist of: Virginia Comer, Dan Butler. Sarah and Aaron Orchard, Ric and Dot Grocott, Emma Wright, Andrew Richards, Murray Mulholland, Maelene Brake, Jenny Davis and Allan Halse.

The events the team hopes to compete in are the novice mixed team 12 km ocean race and the Muri lagoon sprints. The teams will train at least twice weekly and compete in harbour/ocean races at least once monthly until the Regatta.

As you can see... The ocean races get a bit 'bumpy'. More photos are available at <http://www.ocpaddler.com/node/2925> (where this one was borrowed)

