



## Water Ski Lake Hood Inc

Hi everyone...

Here's one, that could've been two newsletters... It's been a hugely busy month in the boat, instead of on the computer... and chauffeuring Neil who's been out of action following hamstring surgery. Pete and Gavin have also had some time out with physio, and ski wounds :(

However time on the water has been worthwhile for most of the club... Hood skiers have excelled, with so many great PB's across all levels I hardly know where to start.

Enjoy your read... Janeen

### Membership

Enquiries welcome...

email [greenies4@paradise.net.nz](mailto:greenies4@paradise.net.nz)

Great to have so many new skiers join

### Club Nights

**Every Thursday 5-8pm until Easter**

All welcome, club boat provided

\$20 per set casual skiers

\$15 per set for members

Half course slalom is also available

Its good to see skiers taking the opportunity to have a go.

### Websites

For skiing news & photos check out

Karls' [www.waterskilakehood](http://www.waterskilakehood)

Peters' [www.skishotz](http://www.skishotz)

Mikes' [www.NZTWSA](http://www.NZTWSA)



## Oz-Kiwi 2013

Lake Hood skiers successful in Canberra ... Hannah, George, Lana and Hugh ... Well done  
They stepped up when it counted, and have won 5 of the 19 medals awarded to NZ skiers.

NZTWSA have recently announced the next Australia vs New Zealand  
Championships are to be held at Lake Hood



## Oz-Kiwi 2014 Lake Hood

We're honoured to be hosting this event, and will have a busy year in preparation before hoisting the flags at the Lake Hood Tournament Water Ski Site.





# Aquafest

## Lake Hood

26-27 January



**Tom Green** flies through the air and is stoked with his jump pb of 30.6m... especially so as he'd had very little time over the jump lately with working :)

**Gabriella Woodman** ... landing her first ever tournament jumps with 10.3m. Scoring 3 pb's, with 3.5-34 and tricking 370 means she's now qualified to ski 3 events at Nationals ☺



**Most Improved Slalom... Blair Gabities** has shown that time on the water pays, making the trip up from Timaru most weeks... and with huge pb's this season, he's happy to receive his trophy from Chief Judge Janeen.

**Juniors Slalom Trophy... George** again consistently slalomming good scores



It was good to see Southlanders Phillipa, Bailey and Peter come up to ski Lake Hood, and Tom down from Auckland for the week. And with jump finished by lunchtime and flat water still, there was time to sit back and enjoy watching paired challenges in the ... **Head to Head Slalom**

Choices on boats & start speeds ... top seeds thru'

**Lana ... Womens Slalom & Head 2 Head Champ**

**Karl ... Mens Slalom Trophy & Head 2 H Champ**





# Oz - Kiwi Canberra



48 skiers brought their best, and enjoyed the calm Molonglo river site for some awesome results and pb's.

**Thank you** to the ACT water skiers, committee, and especially to Liat Davis. The Embassy welcome visit, the event, and the hospitality were all superb.



U14's the beginning of long friendships



17's and 21's mix it up at prize giving



21's Traditions... off water challenges, and shirt swaps as some oldies sadly say good bye to Oz-Kiwi for the final time...



## New Zealand's Results ...

### Under 14

#### George Donaldson

NZ's first medallist

**Silver Slalom** =pb 1-14m

behind top seeded Ozzy mate Jack,

and a jump pb for

**Bronze Overall**

#### Hugh Donaldson

**Silver Jump** with a pb of 25.5m



### Under 17

#### Hannah Wright

**Bronze Jump** 28.4m

**Jasmine** Gold Jump, Silver Trick

Bronzes Slalom & Overall

**James** Silver in Slalom



### Under 21

**Lana Donaldson ... Silver Slalom** with 0.5-12m

World U21 champ Jacinta top scored 3-12, 5950, 52.4

**Toni ... Bronze Slalom and Overall** **Emily...** Bronze Jump

**Georgia...** Silver Tricks and Overall

**Alex ... Bronzes Slalom, Jump and Overall**



# Canterbury Slalom

## Lake Hood

16 February



It was great to see the Hood boys moving on up to skiing competitions at Lake Hood.

**Leighton** aka 'burglar' so named by Chris :) for skiing to a shortening in his first comp, scoring 2-16 @58... well done.

**Anna Doig** bags a huge PB... by an awesome 6 bouys, skiing 2-14 @52

**Blair Gabities** also, 7 bouy pb 😊



**Karl Donaldson** nails the days top scores convincingly skiing 3 times on the 11m rope ... with a best of 2-11 @58

**Lana Donaldson** also skied 3 times on her PB 12m pass and increased her **South Island Record to 3-12 @55**

**George** claimed the top juniors score, pb's 2-14 @55 twice

Welcome **Gibson boys**... to their first tourney at Hood, and with 3 boys **Will**, and twins **Taine** and **Cody** all in JBoys the competitions' going to heat up... all pb'd today, well done !



**Lachie** slaloms a pb of 2-52, while **Peter** keeps the good action shots coming... Thanks

Lake Hood turned on the glam conditions, with flat water all day :) and skiers made the most of it...

PB's by all ... Well done 😊

(bar our two NZ record holders, and they came very close)

So many good scores... some of the days highlights include...



**Josh Hood** going down happy having run into his 3rd pass, with a PB of 3.5-49, in his first ever tournament .



**Tracey Woodman** also lined up for her first tournament, and claimed a pb of 2-46

### EXHILARATED - SCARED - SKIING AS A NOVICE

Canterbury Slalom was to be Leighton and Josh's first competition, and they joined me on the dock ! I'm sure I can speak for us all when I say we were a little scared, wondering what we were doing, but after our skiing were all feeling exhilarated and pleased with our performances as novices, all returning to the dock after 3 passes with personal bests. Turning up to Lake Hood to ski with some amazing tournament skiers is a little daunting but everyone is very welcoming and happy to share their knowledge. There are the half course or full course options, and you're given extra passes through the course when you're a novice. So if you've been a slalom course skier before or new to slalom, I'm sure we would all recommend you try... Join me on the dock ! Tracey



# Canterbury 3 Event

## Lake Crichton

2 March

**Lana Donaldson ... South Island Record 3.5 -12m @55...** awesome skiing, with another two scores on the 12

Crichton turned on the good conditions, and slalom pb's kept coming ...

**Jack Engel** reaches the 16m in tournament for the first time, with 3 bouys  
Likewise **Molly** and **Hannah** both reach the 13m line, scoring 1 bouy each

**Gabby** and **Josh** bump up slalom scores, and **Bryan** has a seasons' pb.  
It was good to see **Rachel King** giving tournament a go, **Mason Gardiner**  
joining us from Northbrooke, and subbie **Sophie Fitzgerald** running her  
first tourney pass ... ☺

**Leighton** and **Josh** scored their first jumps ... and now needing bigger skis



**Wanted ... Jump Skis** 82 - 84's

Contact Hoods 03 308 0287

**Lost ... Loose Unit Ski Vest**, black zipped

Contact Bruce MacPherson 03 308 3660

**Wanted ... Learner Ski Inflatable**

Contact Blair Gabities 021 427 240



## Congratulations Kiwis

**Ryan Baldwin**

**Bronze ... U17 Jump 52.8m**

An awesome injury comeback  
& NZs' first medal in jump since  
Fiona Nairn won gold in 1996

**Jasmine Hiini**

Girls Jump finalist, 9th

**Landon Wade**

Boys trick finalist, 10th

**Ben McFadden**

Trick and Jump pbs

**Junior Worlds ... Mulwala ... Australia**

