



Water Ski Lake Hood Inc

Memberships

Welcome... email greenies4@paradise.net.nz

Aquafest

3 event tourney on Saturday 11th Feb...
Sunday if needed, call Janeen 0272 941891

Club Nights

Thursdays... 4 - 8 pm all welcome
Club boat ...\$20 per set, or \$15 per set members
Putting in half course bouys soon

Buy/Sell

Sell Radar 65" slalom blank, ph Geoff 3026107
Found Wakeboard bag, ph Gavin 03 3026939



Donaldson-Lake Hood team heads to Chile

Neil, Karl, Janeen and Lana along with north island team mates, enjoyed what has to be one of the worlds' best water ski sites... Thanks to the Miranda family for developing Laguna Los Morros. Chief Judge Jeff Smith ran a very slick tourney... a few run offs added drama. With everyone enjoying the worldwide camaraderie... roll on next one :)



Karl... slalommed close to PB and his 3.5@12 was just 1/2 bouy off making mens final... which Pepe won in an exciting runoff.



Lana... happy to stand up both trick passes, sadly top seed Iris went from 8000 pts to zero in final.

Pepe Miranda... home site champ wins Overall, Adam Pickos second... Karl heads to Pickos' Florida Ski Site to drive and ski when Purdue Uni ends in May

University Worlds Santiago, Chile...11 Jan



Congrats Kiwi's ... 4th Overall

Emily, Lana, Karl, Tom, Stacey, Toni, Janet (m)



Traditional dancers entertained during the Championships Opening Ceremony



Awesome lakeside skiers clubhouse, with skier lockers, and undercover boat dock



Neil and Les enjoy 'famil with comfort' with the clubhouse's 180* glass and lake front deck



Tommo leads in NZ, for Opening Team Parade



Hot, Hot, Hot... trees wrap around this ski lane and jump... calm water and 10am starts a dream



Oz - Kiwi Wanganui



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Ashburton's Kiwi contingent for the OZ-kiwi waterski challenge in Wanganui, (back from left) Anna Doig, Shay Cousins, Hugh and George Donaldson, (front) Hannah Wright, Lana Donaldson, Rachel Donaldson (who has had to withdraw) and Ben McFadden.

Waterskiers set to take on Aussies

By Amanda Durry

Seven Mid Canterbury waterskiers will put their skills to the test this weekend in the Oz-Kiwi waterski challenge being held in Wanganui.

Twenty-four skiers will represent New Zealand in three teams to take on the skilful Australians in under 14s, under 17s and under 21s.

Mid Canterbury is making its presence felt in the under 14s, with Waterski Lake Hood members taking four of the spots.

Twins George and Hugh Donaldson have taken part in the trans-Tasman battle before,

Hugh twice before and George once, and will be joined by debutants Shay Cousins and Anna Doig.

Ben McFadden is back in the under 17s along with Hannah Wright, who individually claimed first overall in the under 14 girls last year.

Rachel Donaldson was selected to appear in her fifth Oz-Kiwi, stepping up into the under 21s but has had to withdraw because of a slower than expected recovery following knee surgery last year. Older sister Lana has returned from Santiago, Chile, where she has been competing for New Zealand in the World University Water Ski Championships, to be part of the under 21 team in what is her fourth Oz-Kiwi.

The tournament sees teams consisting of six skiers from each country in each age group with the three best scores from the slalom, trick and jump events taken for the overall team scores.

In last year's event at the Mulwala Water Ski Club in Australia, the New Zealand teams all came second but Janene Donaldson, who is travelling with the team, said the teams had a reasonable shot at it.

"Last year, they had three world champions in their team and the teams are usually pretty competitive so we can't be ruled out. We're just looking forward to a good challenge," she said.

The tournament will begin tomorrow and wraps up on Sunday.

What a talented group...

8 Ashburton skiers selected to the 24 skier NZ Teams



Kids were pretty keen to catch up with their facebook mates, and soon had a game of bulrush on...

Hugh Donaldson's time on tricks has paid off... scoring 3220 twice for 3rd, and a new South Island Junior Boys record



Henley Wayne an awesome slalom of 2@11-55 to set a new NZ U14 Boys Record

Landon Wade also makes the most of JnBoys being extended an extra year, & jumps a new NZ U14 record of 5.3m & U14 Overall Champion



U14... Janeen (m), Hugh D, Anna D, Landon W, George D, Jake (r) Henley, Nick (r) Shay C



Anna Doig second in slalom

Jump PB's by George Hugh, Nick Shay and Landon



Under 14 highlights...

3 new caps... 3 records... 7 medals... and PB's by all



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U17... Hilary M (r), Alex K, Georgia O, Ben M, Curtis W, Ryan B, Jasmine H, Hannah W(r), Lee



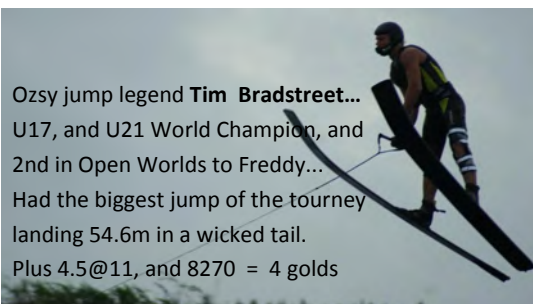
Alex King jumps 40.4 for U17 gold and Overall
Ryan Baldwin second overall
Georgia O'Connell golds slalom trick and Overall
Jasmine Hiini silver slalom
Hilary Munro trick PB 2910 and bronze



U21... Stacey G, Dave(m) James(r) Toni A, Nick B, Molly(r) Lana D, Aaron B, Emily D, Kaye(m)



Lana Donaldson skied 4@13 first round, and held on to her U21 second placing in the windy womens slalom after a gutsy effort from Oz champ Jacinta Carroll, with Toni 3rd



Ozsy jump legend **Tim Bradstreet**...
 U17, and U21 World Champion, and 2nd in Open Worlds to Freddy...
 Had the biggest jump of the tourney landing 54.6m in a wicked tail.
 Plus 4.5@11, and 8270 = 4 golds

Days of gale force tail winds rocked the tents, and still greeted jumpers at 6am ... they chose to try it...

Aaron Baldwin silver jump and Overall

Stacey Gilbert second overall

Toni Atkinson 3rd Overall

Emily Donald silver tricks



Ozzy World Champ **Jacinta Carroll** also won 4 golds, with 1@12, 5890 and 36.6



Kiwi U21's had a charge to tie in the 'Boat Race' ... and Ozzy's finished on a high note with their skiing version of 'Australia Fair'