

CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

As of today, we have only half the member clubs' renewals in for the current membership year. This means that for those not renewed, insurance will not be available for club reps or members acting on behalf of the club.

Please get your memberships in as soon as possible, to safeguard your club and yourselves. At the same time, please check that the details for your club contacts are current and correct.

The membership form is available on the 'For Clubs' menu of the PNSW website.

AGM : SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

Yes, it's time to count your factional numbers and get rid of the old management committee. Seriously, PaddleNSW needs your help to run the organisation, whether as part of the Management Committee, Paddlesport Technical Committees, or as volunteer officials or administrative staff. Don't be shy. Nomination forms will be emailed out shortly to members.

The annual report is a great opportunity to publicise the activities of your club. Please send in a paragraph or two outlining your **club's major achievements** over the last year, or any other newsworthy club items up your sleeve!

NSW PADDLE SPORTS AWARDS


It's time to nominate for the Paddle Sports Awards for 2010. These awards will recognise achievements and outstanding contribution to canoeing, kayaking and related paddlesports in NSW.

Nominations guidelines:

- Nominations close August 30.
- Nomination period 2009 – 2010 Paddle Year
- A financial PaddleNSW Club must submit the nomination form (attached with this newsletter).
- Each Club may submit only one nomination for each category.
- All fields must be completed on the nomination form and additional documents submitted will be considered.
- It is highly desirable that each nomination is accompanied with one high-resolution photo of the nominee/s
- PaddleNSW may use information provided in/with the nomination for publicity and for PNSW nominations to other awards, like the AC awards, Sports Federation awards, NSW Institute of Sport Awards. By submitting a nomination the organisation gives permission for this information to be released.
- PaddleNSW reserves the right to add nominations and also cancel an award if insufficient nominations are received.
- Nomination forms can also be downloaded from the PNSW website
- For further information, please contact admin@paddlensw.org.au

Male Paddler of the year – awarded to the individual paddler who has achieved outstanding results in 2009 -2010 paddle year





Female Paddler of the year – awarded to the individual paddler who has achieved outstanding results in 2009 - 2010 paddle year

Young Male Paddler of the year – awarded to the individual junior paddler who has achieved outstanding results in 2009 - 2010 paddle year

Young Female Paddler of the year – awarded to the individual junior paddler who has achieved outstanding results in 2009 - 2010 paddle year

Paddler with a Disability Award – awarded to a paddler (male or female) who has achieved their paddling goals during the year

Team of the Year: awarded to a team who has achieved outstanding results in 2009 – 2010

Masters Paddler (or Veteran) of the year awarded to male or female who has achieved outstanding results in 2009 – 2010 paddle year

Coach of the year – awarded to a coach who has achieved outstanding results with athletes in 200-2010 paddle year

Official of the year – awarded to a club official who has achieved outstanding results to the Club or paddlesport during the 2009 – 2010 paddle year

Administrator of the year – awarded to an individual (male or female) who has displayed outstanding leadership in management and/or administration of the sport during the year.

Event of the year – awarded to the Club for delivery or hosting an outstanding event in NSW during the year

Clubs Charity Challenge Cup – awarded to the Club that has made the greatest contribution to events that support a major charity.

Volunteer of the year – awarded to an individual (male or female) or organization/committee to acknowledge outstanding volunteer contribution to the sport during 2009 – 2010.

Distinguished Long Service Award – awarded to an individual (male or female) to acknowledge long service (30 +) to their sport

WINTER PADDLING ACTIVITIES

As winter draws to a close, we welcome an upsurge in interest in water-borne activities that usually accompanies the warmer weather. Of particular note is the new regulation for the wearing of PFD's in all areas more than 100m from an accessible shore in protected waters, and at all times when offshore. Please adhere to these new regulations, which come into effect in November. Exemptions are possible where aquatic licences for competition specifically state they are not mandatory.

New construction and certification of PFD's will replace the current type 1, 2 & 3 PFD,s with a new standard relating to the amount of buoyancy provided by the device.

TRAINEE COACHES : Get your paperwork in so we can finish off your qualification process!





PADDLER SUPPORT

As you are aware, PaddleNSW has funding to assist your club junior athletes to participate in training or competition, where long-distance travel is concerned. We would like to spend this funding before we have to give it back, so please send details of the out-of-pocket expenses of your juniors, using the attached claim form. The money will be back in their pockets before you know it!

MURRAY MARATHON

For the last two years, Lane Cove River Kayakers have entered an unrestricted relay team in the Murray Marathon. It provides a great way to experience the event from both sides; paddler and land-crew, and the excitement of the changeovers is something not to be missed. The speed of the surf ski makes the effort all the more rewarding.

The challenge is made to other clubs to enter a team, using racing surf skis with quick adjustable footrests, or unrestricted kayaks with adjustable seats. Paddlers have to change every checkpoint, meaning the longest leg to be paddled is 25km, and some are as short as 6km. Some changeovers were made last year in less than 7 seconds, so every second counts.

If you haven't experienced the Murray, this is the perfect introduction. Email committee@lcrk.org.au and take up the challenge.

GATEWAY TO SPORT

A new on-line resource has been developed on NSW Sport and Recreation's website and will provide entry-level information to the general public about individual sporting activities. It is largely aimed at non-participants of sport or those seeking information on sports and activities that they are not familiar with. The fact sheet attached provides further information about its purpose and development.

Here is the link to the **Gateway to Sport** web resource <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/gatewaytosport/> There is a link to our PaddleNSW Clubs page from this website, so it may pay you to check it out and make sure we have described your club's activities to your own satisfaction. You have only one line, so make every word count!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DILIGENT

Yes, some diligent clubs are reaping the benefit of applying for their education assistance grants. Congratulations to Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club, Burleigh Griffin Canoe Club, River Canoe Club and Dubbo Canoe Club. What are you others waiting for? Get those applications in and get trained up.

Please note the forthcoming instructors courses: Sydney, Lismore, Dubbo and Kangaroo Valley. Here's your chance to get qualified and get refunded.

And while on the subject of spending our grant money, PaddleNSW has a new policy for the assistance of National Representative Athletes. Send a request for assistance to admin@paddleNSW.org.au, and we will put it to the new Representative Athlete Support Committee, who will assess each application on its merit and distribute funds from a combined PaddleNSW / Paddlesport fund account accordingly.

The **Representative Athlete Support Policy** is available for viewing on the PaddleNSW website 'Archives' Menu, under....policies!

