

Canoeing Report – Martin Fraser-Mackenzie

Evening Members,

Ken's report covers the basics of the happenings related to the paddling taking place at the club. We have done a few paddles from Buffs too. In November I was fortunate enough to paddle from Buffs with Ian Hanton, who unfortunately lost his battle with Cancer a few weeks ago. We had an amazing paddle and spectacular passage through the Heads. He will be Missed by the paddlers and polo players in particular where he was one of the stalwart 'Old Ballies' who got canoe polo on the map in Knysna and then made Knysna into one of the strongest canoe polo centers in the country.

So from Knysna we have National champions in both Kayaking and canoe polo and a World Champion in Surf Ski, in the over 40 category - Chloe Bunnet.

More detailed results and achievements will be posted on the noticeboard.

Chloe Bunnet:

Australia - November

* Perth Doctor 13th overall, first over 40 age category.

* Ocean racing Masters World Champion in Perth.

December South Africa

* 3rd at the Cape Point Challenge

April - Azores Portugal

* 3rd overall at European Ocean racing championships

May - Eurochallenge in Spain

* 3rd overall.

Tom Lovemore

2nd Breede

3rd Berg

Fish Top 10

Orange Descent 1st

LBV Clean Water Challenge 1st

Paarl - Skooltjie 1st

Gouda - BridgeTown 1st

EC Marathon Short Track 1st

EC Marathon Long Course 3rd

EC Marathon Doubles 2nd

SA Champs 6th Double

Canoe Polo achievements

The Knysna Yacht Club polo team has been growing over the past year. Most notably over the past 6 months.

We've had a fresh injection of new ladies into the club, as well as a few very young paddlers (aged 10)

We've kayo introduced a new coach, Jack Legeti, an old Knysna player.

And lastly, or head coach, Jamie Truby, has made the national men's team. Who are going over to China later this year to compete in the world champs.