

MORETON BAY BOAT CLUB

DISABLED SAILING

NEWSLETTER

What great Christmas presents!
First off the Variety Club of Queensland has come on board with an initial outlay of over \$15,000 towards the cost of our first TWO boats plus a crane and sling for people confined to wheelchairs. This is the only the start of the Variety clubs commitment to disabled sailing so do not forget when talking to friends and parents or carers of other disabled people about sailing to mentioned the wonderful organization.

The second present was a 8m soling class yacht donated by King and Co. Our junior section has put in \$1,100 to purchase two sets of sails. This craft is an ex-Olympic class and is built for speed and to handle rough conditions.

Consequently it can only be sailed by experience sailors. However it will be a great resource to take disabled sailors and carers for a sail while waiting for their sail in the 303 dinghies.

The Xmas raffle at Farmer Pats raised over \$6300 and many thanks to the people who helped me sell tickets. These included my wife Debbie and son Ian, also Marie Chan and her son Ethan, Ros and the Bolderos. After 16 days and 8 nights I do not think I want to see a raffle for a year. However we have club raffles on Sunday 31/1/2010 and the following Wednesday and Friday. Anyone who would like to help it takes about 1 to 1.5 hours the first two days from 6.30pm and 6.30pm to 8.30pm Friday. If you would like to help then please contact me so I can slot you in.

We will also be running another raffle at Farmer Pats in March. Further news about this at a later date, Farmers Pats has helped a lot of community organisatio and for the Xmas raffle donated over three trolleys of goods. He also supplies about \$150 worth of groceries and fruit and veg each week for a weekly raffle, so please check out his store at the Zone Rothwell.

Other sponsors that donated to the Xmas raffle include

Magic Meats

Amart All Sports

Healthy Pharmacy

Loot Home wares

The Zone News

The Zone Bakery

Cartelli's Café

Kiddledinks

All at the Zone shopping centre

Clarke Rubber Rothwell

Genesis fitness centre R'well

Redcliffe Produce R'well

Moreton Bay Boat Club

Neli's coffee McDonnell road

Clontarf

Warrior Imports next to Neli's for the donation of the second prize of the inflatable dinghy

Toscani's restaurant North Lakes

Credit Union Australia Kippa-ring branch and

99.7 FM

Please support these generous sponsors if you get chance and thank them for their support for disabled sailing.

Finally an extra thanks to MBBC and Neli's for selling tickets in the raffle

Our first sailing for the new year will be January 30th starting from 9am. Hopefully we will have our new 303.s ready by then.

On Wednesday 20th January the Pine Rivers Disability Group will start sailing and any help would be appreciated.

I am still trying to find time to have some sailing during the holidays but so far have not been able to do so. However if any sailors want to come after 12md on the 20/01/2010 when I am finished with PRDG then I will be happy to take them sailing in a vagabond.