

The end of the season has come around already and the weekend of March 5 & 6 saw Round 5 and the State Titles going down at the Windsor Marine Stadium. Sixty one riders turned up for the weekend events with an even spread of 31 and 30 riders over the two days.

These two events saw the divisions back to age groups to coincide with AWWF standards and ensure all riders intending to ride at Nationals in April were exposed to the age groups that will be the standard at the Nationals event.

Round 5 on Saturday started off with heavy cloud and light rain but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the riders or the supporters and the day started on time with the U/9 girls hitting the water first. A moderate S/E breeze didn't unsettle the water too much and the U/9 girls were butter sliding and flat spinning their runs to the cheers of the crowd. Zahra Kell, only just back from a snowboarding trip in Utah set the standard again in this division and gave our newest young member and first time competition rider, Koda Noyce something to aspire to.

Changing the divisions back to age groups saw reduced numbers from our normal boys rookies to the U/9 boys but that didn't stop Sam Brown and Cohen Leese having a head to head battle all weekend.

10-14 Girls had Ashleigh Blake, Nina Brown and Teaghan Bartley exchanging grabs and 180's all day in a battle for the Round 5 title and to see who would be in the running for state champion the following day.

Our regular group of Advanced boys, with the exception of a couple of the lads were grouped in the 10-14 boys and continued to set riding standards which were that of past junior and open men only just a few years ago. Ryan Kitchen got his first taste of the weighted Malibu VLX moving up from Rookies to ride with the 10-14 boys leaving Ryan with a big smile and a little request to his dad later in the day for a new Malibu Wakesetter.

Five of our regular advanced riders, Michael Welsh, Brad Wallace, Jacob Ferguson, Callan Warden and Shaun Harris made up the Junior Mens division with Michael Welsh throwing down more consistent and stylish runs for the other boys to admire and contend with.

20-29 men saw the return of Ryan 'Raley' Daley from Newcastle taking on fellow Novacastrian Luke Webber and new member and first time competition rider from the South Coast, Matt Wallace in a challenge of North -v- South.

Open men, Tony lacconi had no competition on Saturday and used round 5 as practice in anticipation of competing against Sam Thomson on the Sunday.

Veterans aka 'Dodgey Dads' once again pitted the skills and style of Scott Bartley, Marty Blake and Rob lacconi against one another in an epic battle of body against mind to overcome the regular inconsistent riding and lack of ability that makes the dodgies what it is.

By the end of the day everyone was looking forward to our end of season presentation at the Hawkesbury Race Club to find out who made the podium for round 5 and who would be the summer series champion for 2010/2011.

Round 5 - Podium Results

U/9 (girls)

- 1st - Zahra Kell
- 2nd - Kyla Noyce
- 3rd - Koda Noyce

U/9 (boys)

- 1st - Sam Brown
- 2nd - Cohen Leese

10-14 (girls)

- 1st - Nina Brown
- 2nd - Ashleigh Blake
- 3rd - Teaghan Bartley

10-14 (boys)

- 1st - Joel Bartley
- 2nd - Aaron Gunn
- 3rd - Connon Campbell

Junior Men (15-19)

- 1st - Michael Welsh
- 2nd - Brad Wallace
- 3rd - Jacob Ferguson

20-29 Men

- 1st - Ryan Daley
- 2nd - Matt Wallace
- 3rd - Luke Webber

Masters (dodgey dads)

- 1st - Scott Bartley
- 2nd - Marty Blake
- 3rd - Rob lacconi

Pro / Open division

- 1st - Tony lacconi

The Round 5 encouragement award was deservedly given to Tiana Iacconi who is our youngest rider and at only 7 is continuing to follow in the footsteps of her older brother. Well done Tiana for all your smiles and being part of what is now, a growing group of young girl riders becoming part of our Wakeboard NSW family.

The end of season presentation had the crew rolling on after Saturday's riding to the Hawkesbury Race Club function centre where everyone got together for a few quiet drinks and a fantastic barbeque buffet dinner. The staff at the race club looked after everyone and put everyone in a great mood for the presentation. Tanya Bartley and Nadine Brown had a particularly good time and it was great to see them letting their hair down and feeling the love after a long season.

A big thanks to Jetpilot, Liquid Malisha and Macarthur Watersports for supporting the Round 5 event and podium winners with special thanks to Jetpilot for providing all the prizes for the overall summer series place getters and winners.

Summer Series 2010/2011 - Podium Results

Rookie (girls)

- 1st - Jess Brown
- 2nd - Ebony Anderson
- 3rd - Kyla Noyce

Rookie (boys)

- 1st - Brodie Parker
- 2nd - Ryan Kitchen
- 3rd - Mitchel Franzman

Straight Air U/16 (girls)

- 1st - Ashleigh Blake
- 2nd - Zahra Kell
- 3rd - Nina Brown

Straight Air U/16 (boys)

- 1st - Sam Brown
- 2nd - Jarrod Stewart
- 3rd - Lewis Wat

Straight Air O/16 (girls)

- 1st - Allison Rolfe
- 2nd - Rebecca England

Straight Air O/16 (boys)

- 1st - Rob Iacconi
- 2nd - Marty Blake
- 3rd - Scott Bartley

Inverter

- 1st - Jacob Ferguson
- 2nd - Lars Christiansen
- 3rd - Luke Webber

Advanced (girls)

- 1st - Caitlyn Blaauw

Advanced (boys)

- 1st - Michael Welsh
- 2nd - Joel Bartley
- 3rd - Aaron Gunn

Pro / Open division

- 1st - Tony Iacconi

2nd - Jobe Rech
3rd - Sam Thomson

During our presentation, Wakeboard NSW President, Rob Iacconi let us all know that he does not intend to stand for the position next season but will stay on as a committee member and judging advisor. As a result the president's position will become vacant at the next AGM. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else (with their consent) as president for next season make sure to give it some thought between now and the AGM which will be later this year. A big thanks to Rob for all his efforts and keeping the committee and Wakeboard NSW on track over the past three years and for the knowledge and wakeboarding experience he has shared with everyone involved.

Although the presentation wound up around 11pm, there were a couple of stayers who kicked on until the wee hours with a hallway and car park party back at the Hawkesbury Race Club Motel. Thanks to everyone for being well behaved and keeping the good times rolling without any dramas.

Sunday morning started off a little blurry for most that had been at the presentation with 7.30am registration and State Titles set up taking place a little slower than usual. Everyone was happy that Trevor from Espresso 2 Go was on site early and pumping out the caffeine. A bunch of bacon and egg breaky meals were also coming off the BBQ and hitting the spot before the first riders got underway. Thanks to Michael and Susan Farrar for helping out with BBQ duties all day.

State Titles saw all riders back on the water in age divisions again with most riders who had been amongst the action Saturday back for more, in an effort at attaining the State Champion status.

Unlike Saturday which had heavy cloud and light rain, Sunday brought clear skies and sunny conditions with another slight S/E breeze at our backs having little effect on the water conditions. Scotty Kell had the Black Diamond Malibu Wakesetter VLX back for it's last formal duties for the Wakeboard NSW season and on behalf of all the committee, competitors and spectators thanks to GRE Marine and Malibu for a season of trouble free riding.

The overall riding standard displayed by all riders at the state titles was probably the best all season and hopefully everyone can carry these standards up North to the Nationals where Wakeboard NSW will take on the other states wakeboarders in the usual battle for national wakeboard supremacy.

All riders brought their best tricks and style to the state titles and everyone should be happy with their improvement and ongoing development throughout the season. The season has seen some great action and talent throughout all divisions but the season stand out for most improved overall must go out to the little ripper, Sam 'Harley' Brown who is going to be one to watch in the future. Well done to all riders at the state titles and thanks for getting out there and giving it your best.

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3rd - Darryn Gunn

Open (women)

1st - Caitlyn Blaauw

Open (men)

1st - Sam Thomson

2nd - Tony lacconi

Thanks heaps to all those Wakeboard NSW friends and helpers who helped out with the various tasks and duties throughout the whole weekend and the season overall.

A huge thanks to all the committee who have given their time and efforts all season to make the season what it has been and give all the riders and spectators something worth coming for. In particular to the efforts of Donella Gunn, Nadine and Rob Brown for the amount of work and commitment shown to bring the year to a successful close.

Keep an eye on our website and FACEBOOK for more information about the pre-national training camp and nationals. Thanks again to our season supporters and sponsors who have provided support all season to Wakeboard NSW;

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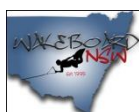
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