

Lakesea Classic 27 - A Sweet Deal with a 'Cherry' on Top

Earlier this month the first event of the Australian Waveski surfing circuit for 2014 was held here on the South Coast .

Run over two days at one of the East Coast's most stunning locations, quiet, beautiful and unspoilt, South Durras Beach.

We had a contestable swell with some exciting waveski surfing on offer. By the end of the weekend all the new chums had been introduced to a now infamous sweep, inches deep sandbank and ever changing waves.

With wild thunderstorms hanging around most of the weekend, luckily we only got wind and rain midnight to dawn and two classic beach days .

Due to the biggest rollup for a comp in years, 15 min heats were all the go, with 20 min ones for the Open semis and final.

We had semis in the Masters, Grand Masters and Novices .

Speaking of novices, amongst them we had three blokes enter who had never been in a competition or club and were all lone surfers.

They all became interested in the Lakesea after discovering the website and facebook page, so more power to Albert and the crew for their web input.

It just goes to show ... turn over a rock on a beach and you find a waveski rider.

We had a great weekend, a bit of surf, a gathering of the tribe, an easy going comp and crew. Saturday night everyone enjoyed a good feed and a bit of a kneesup.

There were a few surprised (bemused?) faces in the crowd when the music kicked off after the spit roast with everybody getting into the swing of it.

It was great to see travellers from Vic and WA, one from the Busselton, Bunbury area not just Perth and of course our regular bunch of looneys from Qld on their annual road trip.

Thanks to all for your attendance, great to see non-surfing Col Samways (our top judge) chauffeur Adam Gavenlock to his first comp for about 10 years.

A real big welcome back Lyn Furbank, the Lady who ended up surfing nearly every division or so it seemed, in a comp after 12 years out of the water and a full shoulder reco.

The finals on Sunday were hard fought after the rather laidback approach to the Saturday heats with some excellent surfing.

Surprise packet David Bunt came 4th in the Open. None too shabby for a first attempt, which deserves special recognition, congratulations David.

Tony Cherry made it two in a row, but was pushed all the way by the likes of Dave Howard, Gerry Buckley, Garry Ross, Gra Roberts, Ben Buckley and Victoria's Craig Fouracre. Another impressive result was Adam Gavenlock's 2nd placing after about a 10 year layoff. Adam has lost nothing and in my humble opinion has found a certain smoothness that has enhanced his use of the whole wave face to the betterment of his unique style.

Cherry better look out the opposition is on the up and will be cutthroat from now on.

In all, the south coast had a great weekend and waveskiing a great event, can't wait for the next ones. Special thanks to Lakesea Park for nearly 30 years of sponsorship, the sport of waveskiing would be much poorer without this ongoing support.

2014 LAKESEA CLASSIC



SOUTH DURRAS BEACH
8TH - 9TH MARCH



COMPETITION RESULTS

OPEN

1st Tony Cherry
2nd Adam Gavenlock
3rd Gary Ross
4th David Bunt

MASTERS

1st Tony Cherry
2nd Adam Gavenlock
3rd Craig Fouracre
4th David Howard

GRAND MASTERS

1st Russell Zahn
2nd Stephen Howarth
3rd Lyn Furbank
4th John Lemon

VETERANS

1st Gary Ross
2nd Graham Roberts
3rd Mark Buckley

SENIORS

1st Gerry Buckley
2nd Michael Peters
3rd Scott Murnain

NEW AGE

1st Ben Buckley
2nd Niall Quinn

NOVICE

1st Michael Jones
2nd Scott Murnain
3rd Derrick Inglis
4th Shane McIntosh

B GRADE

1st Brett Titterton
2nd Brandon Small
3rd Lyn Furbank