



URC newsletter



WINTER 2019

From President Dorle Pauli

Kaiapoi Bridge-to-Bridge Long Distance Race, May 12

As always before the annual bridge-to-bridge long distance race, there were nervous glances at the Metservice site while we prepared to take four eights, two octis, a quad and a single over to Kaiapoi. As it turned out, the weather gods played along, and we enjoyed perfect conditions all morning. The turnout was great, so our friends from Cure had their hands full getting us all to the start line more or less on time, and safely back again. They also provided a last minute replacement for an injured rower in our quad, so could not have been more hospitable. As always, the race was tough, and each crew's success depended not only on the skills of the coxswains at the various turns, but also on holding it together for the duration of the race. Remarkably, line honours went to Greg McLaughlin, who defended his handicap against a strong NZ Defence Force eight.



The fastest masters crew was our mixed eight, which pushed a few younger crews out of contention along the way and our mixed masters/junior octi stayed just ahead of the masters women's eight. Of special significance to us was the spirited showing of our junior novice girls, who rowed a very tidy race in both boats they featured in. The prize giving was the usual fun occasion, but not so fun was the repeated and long-winded loading and unloading of the boats that weekend. That said, it was all well worth it, and we will be back. URC's Kaiapoi results and photos are in this newsletter. PS: Thank you STAC for the loan of your trailer.

Greg McLaughlin
Kaiapoi line honours

Kim Harris MVC
[Most Valuable
Coxswain]



South Island Masters Champs **Lake Hayes, Arrowtown, Queens Birthday**

As illustrated on our FB page, we not only faced formidable environmental challenges at this event, but it would also be safe to say that the organisers were somewhat overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of entries. Around 150 rowers had ventured to last year's event at Picton, this year there were just over 300 entries, some of whom had come all the way from Auckland and the Waikato. As a result, the launching and retrieving of boats at Lake Hayes especially was somewhat difficult, as there was simply not enough space to get the more popular events underway. The long distance race on the Frankton Arm of Lake Wakatipu also proved to be something of a logistical and H&S challenges, for the same reasons. Running the Saturday events at two different locations also meant a very early start to the day, and subsequent delays in the afternoon. Nevertheless, the long distance race was one of the highlights for me. Our women's octi launched early to avoid the rush, and although it was freezing cold on the water, it was quite a sight looking up to the snow-dusted Remarkables and watching all the other crews rowing up to the start line at sunrise.

The short races were a mixed affair, with a number of very pleasing successes, many spirited performances, some collisions with the giant marker boys at the edge of the course, a few crabs and frustrating incidences of equipment failure. It is never easy to compete as club crews against top-flight composites, but the URC spirit was alive and well and we supported each other as best we could. We loved our new marquee, made possible through a generous donation by CERT. It kept our personal gear dry, and was the focal point of our large team effort involving 30 rowers. Most trying perhaps was the biting cold, and walking up and down a hill between the boats and our cars and trailers in the mud, which was ankle deep in places. It made launching treacherous, and necessitated a major clean-up of all our gear once we got home. The Sunday night party at Coronet Peak was a highlight and very well attended, but hospitality services at Lake Hayes were somewhat lacking. That said, we want to extend our thanks to the small band of hardy volunteers who organised the event. It sure was a memorable occasion, and the drive home through a winter wonderland gave us all the time to process what surely needs to be rated as something of an adventure.

Cheers, Dorle



From Club Captain Deb Hymers-Ross

Thank you

1. To all of you who assisted with carpet laying, on the end of a shovel or baking for morning tea. Your efforts are appreciated. A special mention to Kim Harris who organised trailer, compactor and fill all free of charge.
2. To Brent Mirfin for the new speaker system for new Artemis and a refit for Olympia and giving of his time to install both systems.
3. To Wendy Duggan for her fundraising prowess, the Union Rowing Club is purchasing another quad / four from SL Racing.



Congratulations!

To **Kirsty Mahoney** - for her award for the top female sculler at the South Island Masters, [shown here with husband Dom at the SI Masters dinner].



To **Dorle Pauli** - who was presented the Terry Noonan Cup for outstanding volunteer services to masters rowing. Terry Noonan, like Dorle, was Club Captain of the Union Rowing Club. During his tenure, Terry was instrumental raising very significant funds to purchase plant and better Union's position, as well as the position of masters rowing in New Zealand. Dorle, along with other committee members, quite literally brought the Union Rowing Club out of the ashes, and

grew it to where it is today: two club houses, one full of plant and 84 members. This year, she delivered to the CRA a safety video for clubs and schools rowing at Kerr's Reach.



Dates for your diary

1. **August 4, 10 and 11-Rowing Camp at Kerr's Reach -Coach Raf Wyatt.** Dorle and I attended a rowing camp coached by Raf Wyatt, Duncan Holland and Rebecca Caroe; oh gosh back, when Rod McLennan was still rowing, that's when; and it was brilliant and refreshing. The cost is \$90 for the 3 days, you will row 2 x each day(if you so choose) and you can row in a crew you are training for Nationals or be individually coached in a boat with others. Once we know who is committed (paid) to the 3 days we will tighten up the itinerary and key focus areas. Please confirm commitment to dndross@xtra.co.nz or 021 273 8115.
2. **Coaches and rowers interested in coaching:** Duncan Holland workshops at Kerr's Reach from 6 to 8 pm
 - Tuesday August 6-Coaching Masters
 - Wednesday August 7- Programme writing
 - Thursday August 8 -Selection
 - Friday August 9-Coach Gathering, two speakers, discussion and social
 - Sunday August 11-10.30 - 12.30 or 1-3 - Rigging for athletes and new coaches
3. **September 14, 15 NZ Masters Champs -Twizel**
4. **September 22/23 9 am to 5 pm -Rowing New Zealand Coach conference.**
5. **Coaches and rowers interested in coaching:** Duncan Holland Workshops at Kerr's Reach from 6 to 8 pm
 - Tuesday October 1- Race preparation
 - Wednesday October 2 - Land based training
 - Thursday October 3 - Ergometer training
 - Friday October 4- Coach gathering as above
 - Sunday October 6 - 10am to 1 pm -rigging for experienced coaches

Expressions of interest to dndross@xtra.co.nz or 021 273 8115

Results

When we receive them, we'll post results for the South Island Champs on our [URC website](#). In the meantime, enjoy some pix from both events on the following page, including the idyllic shot above of the 30 crews assembling before the start of the Kaiapoi event. For the record, our **Kaiapoi results** [based on adjusted times] were: mixed eight: third; Greg [single]: 11th; women's eight: 15th; men's quad: 17th; mixed oct: 18th; novies oct: 23rd – and a special mention to our new junior novies who rowed brilliantly to come home in front of seven other crews!



Enjoy your rowing, Deb



Kaiapoi



South Island Champs



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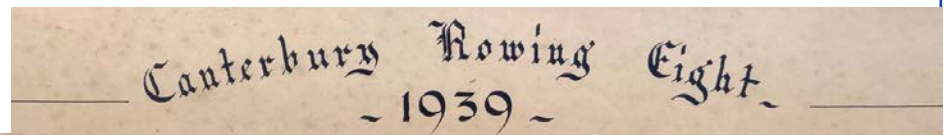


From the URC archives: Ash Parlane, Canterbury Provincial Rowing Representative

URC member Ash Parlane's 1939 Canterbury Rowing representative blazer is now in the safe hands of club archivist Pam Strong-Van Gestel after the blazer came to light via a family member's donation.

Ash rowed in bow seat for the successful Union senior four in the 1939/40 season, with the crew winning the Akaroa, Christchurch and Kaiapoi regattas as well as the Head of River event. In the same season, he was selected to represent Canterbury in the inter-provincial eight in three seat.

Ash passed away in 1997, aged 82.



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Christchurch, N.Z.
SENIOR FOUR — SEASON 1939-40



Green & Wren, photo © Christchurch, N.Z.
R. MORRIS (2) A. PARLANE (bow)
J. T. A. HARRIS (str.) R. SUTHERLAND Coach C. A. COOPER (3)
P. GRIGSBY (cox.)



Ash Parlane: back right in the URC senior four photo, aged 24, 1939 [left]; third from right in 3 seat of the Canterbury eight in the same year [above]; Ash Parlane's Canterbury blazer [above]

