



UNION'S 150th



CELEBRATING A CENTURY AND A HALF OF ROWING
UNION ROWING CLUB 150TH JUBILEE 12 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

NEWSLETTER 4

JUNE 2014

Now is the time! Register for our jubilee by 8 August

In our fourth 150th jubilee newsletter, we profile Union and NZ rower Dale Maher as well as feature news of the South Island competition results for both for our masters and adaptive rowers.

Early bird registrations close just over a month away on 8 August. Registering seems like a small job that can always be put off to next week, but can I encourage you to make **now** the time to register for our jubilee! The form is on the back page and at www.unionrowing.co.nz. While we're aware that our newsletters are being forwarded to many past Union rowers, I would certainly appreciate if you could think hard about your old URC contacts and either forward the newsletter by email or phone them about the jubilee. All the information they need to register is on our website www.unionrowing.co.nz or via Union Rowing Club on Facebook. Looking forward to seeing you at the jubilee.

Brendan O'Dea, URC President



Above: Rower Brian Streeter competing with the support of former NZ adaptive rowing rep Robin Tinga and coach Simon Swaffield
Below: the new adaptive four in the URC shed



URC success at South Island Adaptive Rowing Comp

The adaptive rowing programme has been operating from the Union Rowing Club since 2007. It was going strong when the earthquakes made it difficult to continue and both our indoor and outdoor adaptive rowing programmes struggled to keep going. We had a core group of three dedicated rowers who have battled on through these obstacles to continue to pursue their passion for rowing. This year

Christchurch had the opportunity to host the South Island Adaptive Indoor Rowing competition, an event on the rowers' calendar for the last six years. Our three rowers, Matthew Swaffield, Graham Adams and Brian Streeter, have trained hard to improve their skills and times and did well. They have raced

rowers from Otago and Southland over the last few years and have built up a great rivalry and camaraderie. The rowers were cheered on enthusiastically by supporters as they pushed themselves to achieve their best. Graham's times were 3.49.4 for 1000m, 1.46.5 for 500m, and 51.9 for 250m. Matthew's times for these distances were 4.18.1, 2.00.6, and 55.5 (which was a personal best). Brian rowed a PB of 5.38.6 for 1000m, 2.37.7 for 500m and a second PB of 1.14.7 for 250m. A highlight was Robin Tinga's support at the event and his assistance with the prizegiving. Robin was one of our first URC adaptive rowers and was the first ever adaptive rower to represent New Zealand when he competed at the Poznan World Champs in 2009.

The adaptive rowers have also successfully completed raising funding for a new rowing boat. They organised and gained sponsorship for the boat through a rowathon, where the small team of past and present adaptive rowers and coaches rowed 50k in a relay and raised \$2,000. This money, combined with a generous grant from the Canterbury Community Trust enabled us to have enough money to purchase the four oared touring gig. This boat will be used by adaptive rowers and novices and the rowers hope to launch it soon.

Karen Rickerby



URC profile: Dale Maher

Dale Maher's rowing CV is pretty impressive: title winning club oarsman, NZ rowing representative, coach at NZ, club, and school levels, masters rower. With a CV like that, you might expect him to pick a prestigious representative crew he's either rowed in or coached as a career highlight. Not true. From a forty year rowing career his top crew is from Union, the Jim Little coached four with Gary Hay, Geoff Perry and Kim Calvert that "never rowed a bad race." It was a crew that just clicked, according to Dale. A crew of two lightweight and two schoolboy rowers swept all before them in the 1989 season to eventually row second in the premier four to Waikato at the national club champs.

Dale started rowing for Union in 1975. As a 16 year old novice after spending the winter rowing a single, he won the Haberfield Trophy, a handicap event, against much more seasoned opposition. His first club nationals was in 1978 and after several silvers, he eventually took gold in 1984 in the lightweight double and then in 1986 in the single. There have been several 'firsts' in his career. He represented NZ at the 1986 Edinburgh Commonwealth Games, the first and only time that rowing has been included. His introduction to rowing for New Zealand was in the 1983 lightweight four. He broke new ground as a member of the first lightweight crew to attend a world champs event, rowing with Alan Rowe in the double at Hazelwinkel in Belgium in 1985.

After health issues curtailed his elite rowing career, Dale turned his attention to coaching for his country, a stint which eventually ran for 16 years. In 1993 he coached the NZ lightweight four then the double in 1994. A gold coaching the U23 single at the Worlds in Brandenburg, Germany in 2008 was a highlight. He last coached a NZ crew in 2009, an U23 women's four. Dale is also one of the country's most successful secondary school coaches. He's coached Rangi Ruru to five under 18 eights titles, including four in a row from 2007 to 2010. Under his tutelage, Rangi won the Star Trophy three times, the award for the top performing school at the highly competitive Maadi Cup.

Dale's own rowing career hasn't stopped. He's rowed at World Masters events in 1997, 2002 and 2009, winning gold in the Category A single [rowers aged 27 -35] in 1997. He's also a regular competitor at South Island and NZ Masters events. Where to now? Retirement is not even a consideration. Dale is keen to focus on his own rowing and "to stay in a boat as much as possible." You wouldn't expect any other answer from a lifetime rower.



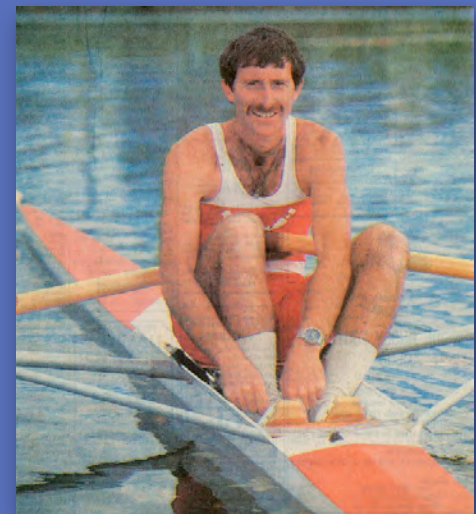
*Dale Maher:
New Zealand oarsman, coach and Union rower*



*Dale [in bow seat] in his first NZ crew: men's
lightweight four, 1983*



The Union crew second in the premier four, 1989



*Preparing for the Edinburgh Commonwealth
Games, 1986*

South Island Masters Champs Dunstan Arm, Queens Birthday



Above: the URC Dunstan squad. From top left: dawn at Dunstan; Dorle on the way to gold in the single; Mandy, Denise, Wendy, Dorothy; Stephane and Rod; Brent, Malcolm, Graham, Simon; the coach. Bottom: Liz - also on the way to gold

A Central winter is a real winter. After experiencing Queens Birthday at Dunstan Arm with a solid layer of ice still on the boats at 8am followed by a comparatively balmy 4 degree Sunday high, there will be few complaints in future about the cold at a morning row on the Reach.

It wasn't the cold that held back Union's 20 strong contingent though. The rowers had again benefitted from Jim Little's excellent preparation programmes and were looking forward to putting it to the test at the regatta. It really was a case of 'what if' for Union at the 2014 Masters South Island Champs. After a great set of results in the morning session, the afternoon programme was abandoned due to wind. Yes, it would have been good to get those quads and doubles on the water – until next time...

GOLD

Dorle Pauli | Sally Burgess | Deb Hymers-Ross | Wendy Lawson | Dorothy Paton | Liz Blair | Denise Smith | Amanda Buerki + Clare Fowler (cox)

Long distance event: womens masters D coxed eight

Liz Blair: **womens masters novice single**

Dorle Pauli | Deb Hymers-Ross: **womens masters D double sculls**

Brent Mirfin | Malcolm Burgess | Graham Russell | Simon Huntley + Jason Cowles (cox): **mens masters D coxed four**

Dale Maher: **mens masters D single**

Dorle Pauli: **womens masters E single**

Mike Fowler: **mens masters E single**

Malcolm Burgess | Neville Youngman: **mens masters F double sculls**

SILVER

Stephane Chretien | Mike Fowler | Brent Mirfin | Malcolm Burgess | Rod McLennan | Danny Blair | Graham Russell | Neville Youngman + Jason Cowles (cox)

Long distance event: mens masters E coxed eight

Dorothy Paton | Wendy Lawson | Denise Smith | Amanda Buerki + Jason Cowles (cox): **womens masters D coxed four**

Dale Maher | Simon Huntley: **mens masters D double sculls**

Danny Blair: **mens masters E single**

Mike Fowler | Danny Blair: **mens masters E double sculls**





REGISTRATION – URC 150th Jubilee

Programme: 12 – 14 September 2014

Friday 12 September 6pm: Meet and Greet, Winnie Bagoes [city], cnr Madras & Allen Sts

Saturday 13 September 10am–2pm: Jubilee Regatta, drinks, barbeque and photos, Kerrs Reach

6.30pm [for drinks]: Jubilee Dinner and Dance, Elms ,456 Papanui Rd

Please register early for the dinner as numbers for this event are capped at 150

Sunday 14 September 10.00am: Elevenses at the club, Kerrs Reach

Further details will be confirmed closer to the Jubilee.

Register now:

Name:

Partner's name:

Email address:

Postal address:

Preferred phone contact number:

Brief details on your association with URC [details will go on your name tag]:

Eg: *Club member 1980 – 85*

1 Registration fee:

[Tick]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration before 8 August: \$45.00 – Registration includes finger food for Friday night [NB: drinks are at own cost on Friday night], commemorative cap, Saturday lunch barbeque and drinks. Partners do not need to pay a registration fee. Registration after 8 August: \$65.00 	Number registering
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2 I wish to attend [NB: costs for two events are covered by registration]:

[Tick]	Event	Cost per person	Number attending
	Meet and Greet Friday	Covered by registration [No cost for partners wishing to attend meet and greet]	
	Jubilee Regatta Saturday	Covered by registration [No cost for partners wishing to attend regatta]	
	Jubilee Dinner Saturday	\$85.00 per person [covers dinner and wine with dinner] [NB: The Elms Hotel, the venue for the dinner, is also offering a 10% reduction to \$157.50 (Inc.) per room per night. When booking at the Elms, please inform reservations that you are attending our event.]	
	Elevenses at the club Sunday	Nil	

3 I wish to purchase:

[Tick]	Item	Size required / cost per item	Number required
	150th polo shirt	XS/S/M/L/XL/8/10/12/14 \$35.00	
	150th T shirt	XS/S/M/L/XL/8/10/12/14 \$30.00	
	Extra caps [one free with registration]	One size \$20.00	

4 Payment / sending your registration form: PLEASE PAY WHEN REGISTERING

[Tick payment method]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online bank payment [preferred method]. Cheque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union Rowing Club / Account 030802 0096251 00. You must include your name in the reference field. Post cheques [and registration forms if sending by post] to Union Rowing Club PO Box 1839 Christchurch. 	Total amount paid [from 1, 2, 3 above]
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Scan and email your registration form to Des Borgfeldt [borgfeldt@clear.net.nz]