

## BOLLYWOOD COMES TO BYRA - STARS PARADED

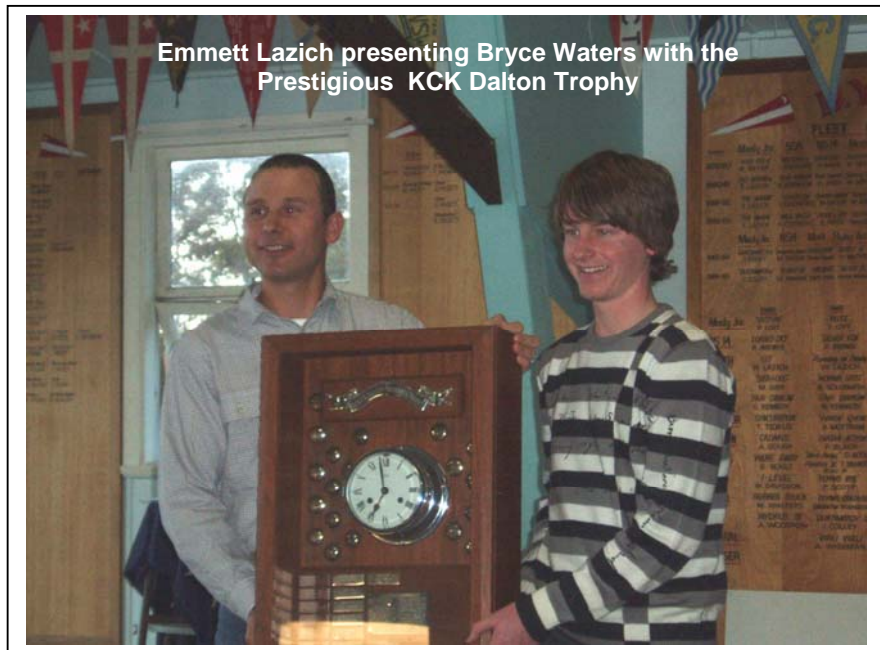
Burler decided to start the new season on a positive note of BYRA successes before we degenerate back to the normal level of derision and gossip. Last weekend BYRA paraded its champions and shared in their barely disguised humility with the results from last years events. Unfortunately, not all were able to make it, but don't worry, we celebrated in your absence and as usual BB will not let the facts get in the way of a good story.

The list of champions was long and occasionally boring, although it is not BB style to go there, save for a few notable awards:

**Bob Young** not only a stalwart of BYRA but also a champion sailor was rewarded for his many years of dedication to the club on his retirement from official duties and a truly deserving recipient of the WH King Memorial Trophy.

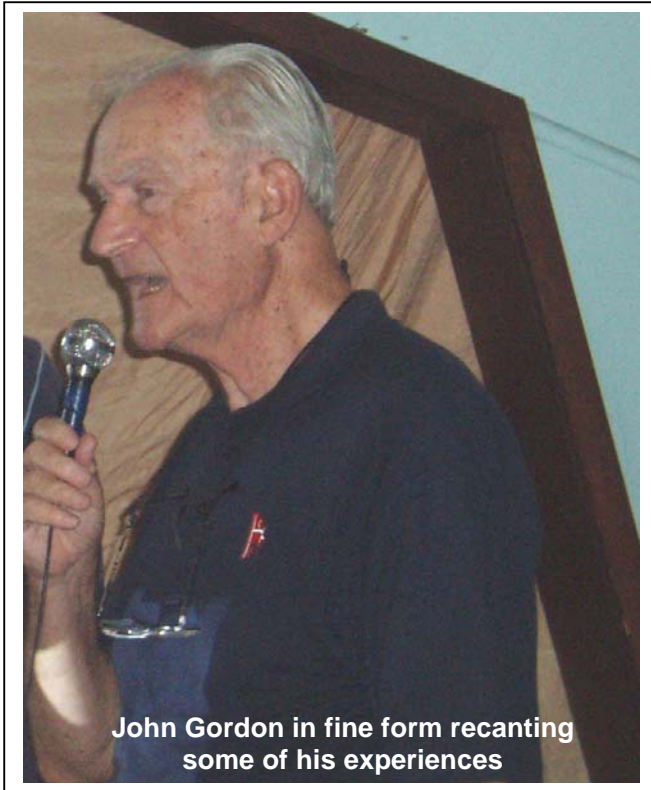
**Bryce Waters** (BB Ed self interest declared but hey, there has to be some privileges) made the move into the Spirals, and did an enormous amount both at BYRA and at various regattas to represent all the good that BYRA stands for and was awarded the prestigious KCK Dalton Memorial Trophy.

**Sarah Kellaway** in recognition of her outstanding personal efforts especially at the Spiral State Titles on Lake Illawarra.



**Carolyn Keegan** for her persistent and quiet achievements since graduating for the LTS program and we WILL catch her with that spinnaker up one day.

Well done to everyone who featured in this years Hall of Fame and especially those sailors that turned up every week and produced consistent results.



John Gordon in fine form recanting some of his experiences

## How Good is BYRA History!!!!

The day could also not pass with some comments on some of our stalwarts who helped us reflect on the strong history and family values of BYRA.

### John Gordon

Anyone who has been at BYRA for just a little while will know John and his long association with the Training Programs at BYRA.

This year he kept us enthralled with the pride with which he was dragged out of recluse to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sydney to Hobart Race. John is one of only a handful of participants in the first race who are now able to share their story and we are so lucky to have him with us

John finished his account by trying to set himself up for more great food and wine for

the 70<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. As always, a gentleman and a wise counsel for all that happens at BYRA.

### Jenny Rosen

Jenny told of her early days of sailing STARS on Pittwater and gave some illuminating accounts of post race events at a place called Williams Boatshed. If anyone has any photos, BB will pay highly, especially if they are incriminating of any current BYRA member.

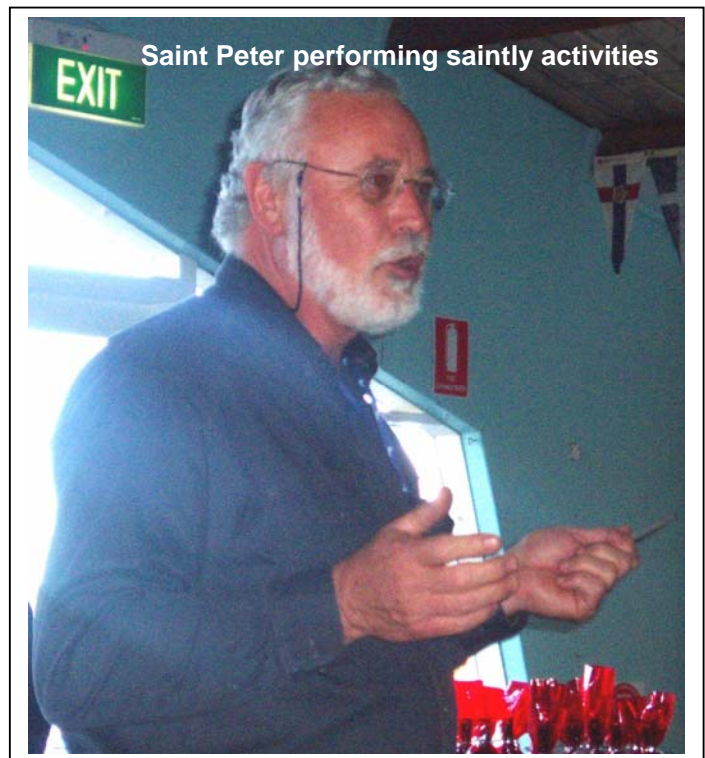
Jenny told us of her Dad's efforts to build part of the existing clubhouse all those years ago and his memory at BYRA is maintained by the W H King Memorial Trophy, which Jenny presented to Bob Young this year.

Thanks Jenny for sharing your time with us again this year.

### Emmett Lazich

Proudly supported by his BYRA parents Joan and Alec, Emmett recounted some stories of his misspent youth at BYRA when space at the beach was hard to find.

Emmett's stories of his success and on-going sailing activities with various Olympic campaigns and 49er's, were fantastic lessons for all of our juniors and a true inspiration as to what can be achieved in this wonderful sport.





Mark Philips presents the NS Trophies  
Winners are gridders Kate & Jeff

Not sure about the stories about

- Sharks in Taylor's Bay
- Electric stingrays (who have obviously morphed into friendly versions)
- 3000 races per year for Olympic training.

Great stories and we are really proud of Emmett for memories of his time at BYRA and especially plans for 5 year old daughter Lucy joining the Burlblers soon.

Don't worry Emmett, all our kids have a great time and we teach them lots of really exciting sailing skills like:

- how to sail and shoot a water pistol at the same time.
- how groups of PJs can gang up on trainers.
- really bad dress sense with brightly coloured wigs.
- how to get parents to do all the hard work without lifting a finger.

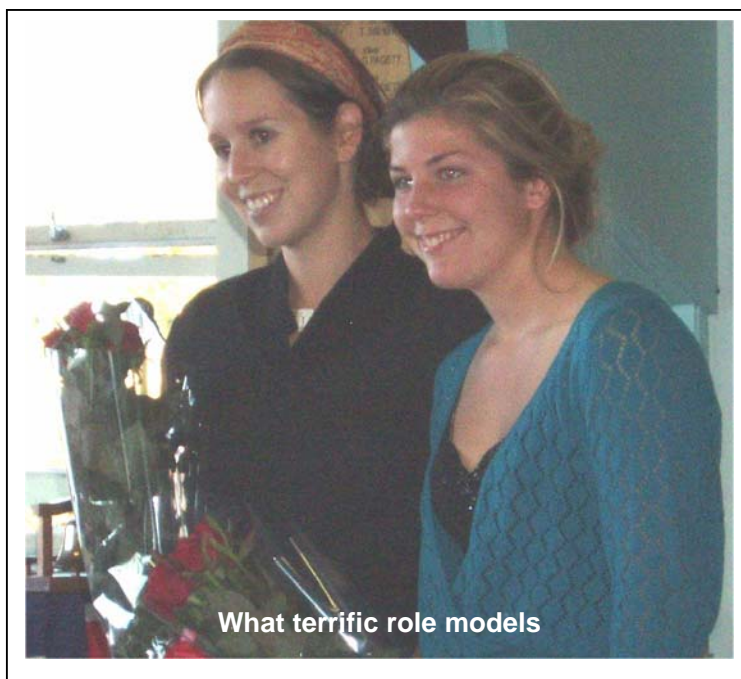
We hope Lucy joins us soon and thanks for your time and stories.

### Nina Curtis

Nina is known to most of our F11 sailors, and entertained us with a story on how her grandmother. (Jan Curtis, proud BYRA member of many years) built her Dad an MJ on their living room floor and made sails on her sewing machine. Nina, thanks heaps and good luck in the 29er.

### Jeni Whalan

Demi Saint and soon to be departed champion for our kids last year. Jeni shared many great thoughts with us, but never as important as those that reminded us that BYRA is a community and not just a sailing club.



What terrific role models



Bryce showing some of his winning form

Jeni is soon to depart Australia for the bleak UK having achieved the privilege of being offered a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford which for the uninitiated was the training ground for many world famous leaders/scholars and beer drinkers.

We are very sad to lose her to a bigger cause, but Jeni goes with all of our thanks and gratitude for her fabulous efforts and best wishes for a great time and many future successes.

## **BYRA renovations**

For those who have been to BYRA, you would have noticed the really major

changes which were the result of much hard work. There is a lot more to come. St Peter was heard to say that the stairs are now a stairway to heaven – which should give us a challenge next year to find some who qualify to enter.

## **Burbler Program This Year**

Our program starts on Sunday 9 October and this year will comprise two main stages:

- (i) Burlers: Business as usual starting at 9am each Sunday.
- (ii) Advanced Burlers: This year we are putting our efforts into the afternoon race program and we will actively support those who want to have a go at racing getting up to and around the course.

## **BYRA Website**

We have rebuilt the BYRA [www.byra.org.au](http://www.byra.org.au) which has now been launched. The website will now be used for all communications with members. This also includes **BURBLER** distribution and major contacts for all activities. Check out our rejuvenated website now.

## **Boats for Sale**

There are a number of F11's for sale from our kids who have moved into other classes. These range from basic entry boats (around \$1,000) to Race entry boats and represent greater value as prices have generally fallen in this class. Talk to Greg or Peter, if you want to discuss these or other classes or check out the class websites.

## Great News – Youth Training Squad

Karen and Bryce have been selected for the YA NSW Youth Training Squad and will participate in a very intensive on and off water program during September/October.

Congratulations to both of them and good luck.

Both were nominated by the Spiral Association for results achieved during last year, so a big debt of gratitude to Graeme Baker and his fellow Committee members.



This also proves that with a lot of commitment and hard work, great things are possible.

## Don't Forget

Burbler will continue to treat all interesting news without fear or favour, and will handsomely reward any tips, so feed these to BB ED and sources will not be revealed.

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