

Western Australian Rowing Club (Inc.)  
Riverside Drive,  
PERTH.

# THE POPPET

JULY EDITION.

Welcome once again to our edition of "The Poppet" brought to you from the Western Australian Rowing Club (Inc.).

**CLUB HISTORY** The Editor, Guy Negus, is seeking anecdotes and short rowing stories for inclusion in this booklet. Both old and new members are urged to sit down and write out that funny incident that occurred in 1902 or 1962 or 1968 too, for that matter. (Who got lost in the fog !!!)

## OFFICE BEARERS

Captain:	D. Ninham
Vice Captain:	R. Webber
Secretary:	D. Italiano
Asst. Secretary:	T. Scock
Hon. Treasurer:	R. Ballentine

## Executive Committee:

1. R. House	3. J. Vcs
2. A. Lightermoet	4. R. Hannaford.

## Social Committee:

1. D. Ninham	4. A. Lightermoet
2. R. Hannaford	5. R. House
3. M. McHarry	6. D. Italiano

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At the last meeting the following matters were discussed:-

**FINANCIAL** Subscriptions should now have been paid (at least to the extent of 50%). Everyone should do his part to help build up our fleet and equipment. We cannot order that urgently needed new racing four until we have a good percentage of that \$200 or \$300 outstanding subs in our bank account. Don't leave the club debt until last, back up those old members who helped finance that Henley trip, remember you have used first class equipment for many months now, so do your part and get out that cheque book !!!

**RACING** Team work and good preparation of equipment helped our Maiden 8 to win through in that most important Fremantle to Perth Marathon Race. It wasn't just luck, it was really hard work and the whole club extends congratulations to the winners who have put the "Sprock Langley Trophy" in Wests shed for the first time. The Junior 8 was well placed and right in front of the field when two waves swamped them !

Our wins position is the best it has been for many many years and the points position too is good. Everyone has really pulled his weight and great credit goes to winners and losers alike for the great fighting spirit shown. Seven regattas only remain to be fought out and the half way mark has now been passed. It is at this stage where persistent effort will pay dividends, so let us build on the solid foundation laid and finish off the season with a flourish.

**TRIP AWAY** Other sporting bodies go on interstate and overseas trips and we know how it is done after our "Henley Venture". Planning long range is necessary, as everyone knows, and it is also necessary to go in a group to obtain maximum discounts. Tony Dixon has obtained the following details for us and as you can see, even the longest trip is possible with proper forward planning.

If you are interested in any of the trips on the attached schedule see Terry Scook, or come to the next club meeting where initial plans can be made.

The Melbourne trip, as you know, cost about \$125 per person of which each member put in \$50, and this can be compared to the following:-

New Zealand: \$150 fare plus, say \$50 for expenses over a two or three week absence.

Canada: \$630 group fare (or \$900 excursion) plus say \$50 for expenses over a two or three week absence.

England: \$720 (Pacesetter, under 26 years of age) or \$760 group travel, plus \$50 expenses over a two or three week absence.

Using a basis of raising half and putting in half yourselves with saving at the rate of say \$4 a week; a most interesting and educational trip could be organised and an even greater improvement in your own and the State rowing standard would also result. It would take you 6 months to save for New Zealand; 18 months for Canada; and 24 months for England. Of course a good deal of extra could be raised if everyone really set their minds to it. Rowers all the world over put themselves out to help their own kind and expenses could be kept right down if desired. Anyone wanting to stay longer than normal holidays could also be catered for, as extended return times are not difficult to arrange.

**BOAT MAINTENANCE**

Everyone knows how much the extra schoolboy membership fees have helped in the provision of new boats, oars, and last, but not least, THE TRAILER. It is not fair to enjoy the benefits of these school subs without putting in some effort to maintain the boats being used by the boys. Guy Negus did ask for help to spread the maintenance burden, but only one or two members have bothered to even look at the boats allocated to them. If one man can maintain 17 boats himself, then surely each member can keep an eye on ONE boat !! The allocation is repeated again and will also appear on the club notice board. To keep the four schools going your help is essential, so don't begrudge that 15 to 30 minutes per week to fix a seat swivel, poppet or sill. There are plenty of tools and equipment available and advice too, if needed!!

**Tuart Hill:**

Gray bottom bar on riggers  
 Gray band on oars.

**Churchlands:**

Gold bottom bar on riggers  
 Gold band on oars.

**Applecross:**

Dark Green bottom bar on riggers  
 Dark Green band on oars.

**Scarborough:**

Light Green bottom bar on riggers  
 Light Green band on oars.

Tuart Boats and Gray Banded Oars

Ex. A.N.A.	8
Don Fraser	8
Romsey	4
O.J. Negus	2

To whom allocated

J. Liddell	) As a team headed by D. Ninham.
C. Williams	
G. Power	
D. Italiano	

Applecross Boats and Dark Green Banded Oars

Scimitar	8
Carl During	4
G.G.S.	4
Old tub pair	2

R. House	) As a team headed by R. Webber.
R. Hamley	
R. Spurling	
A. Ligtermoet	

Churchlands Boats and Gold Banded Oars

J.H. Best	8
Ed. Negus	4
Old Timers	2

R. Hannaford	) As a team headed by R. Hannaford.
R. Currie	
K. Gardner	

Scarborough Boats and Light Green Banded Oars

Thetis	8
Aspire	4
Banks 1 (when rep.)	4
J. Banfield	2
Sprok Langley	4

D. Rowbottom	) As a team headed by G. Negus.
G. Hepworth	
G. Negus	
J. Booker	
J. Vos	

West's Club Racing Boats and Oars

Bill Ninham	8
Norm Golding	8
Bill Hare	4
Terry Scook	2
George Rogers	2
L.E. LeSouef	

Junior 8.	In charge - D. Ninham.
Maiden 8.	In charge - J. Vos
E. Drok, R. Ballantine, D. Hunt.	
T. Scook.	
B. West.	

Spare - L.E. LeSouef	8
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R. Webber.
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**TRAINING**

Our "Rain, Hail or Shine" arrangement, has meant that no crew has missed a training row even despite pouring rain wind and cold. The days will be getting longer from now on and the weather too should improve. Even those few who have slept in on odd occasions or decided that the rest of the crew could manage without them, should really begin to enjoy the calm clear morning air from now on !!! We have little trouble with flu and colds and everyone has kept remarkably fit and well, so keep up the good work.

## REPORT ON SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

1. The A.N.A. Dance held at the Carrington Hotel was attended by : T. Scook, D. Ninham and D. Italiano.
2. The King's Cup Ball. The Western Australian Rowing Club was only represented by five members of the club. The five being:- T. Scook, D. Ninham, B. Smith, M. McHarry and D. Italiano.

## THE HUT

A dance has been held regularly and a good night's entertainment has been experienced on every occasion with the "Salty Dogs", a pop group from U.S.A. and the swinging "Formula" providing the swing at our last dance.

We like to order a new racing four and this costs \$ \$ \$ and one way of reducing this burden off our shoulders is by creating an outside interest in our club, this can be achieved through social activities such as dances, car trials, raffles etc.

There are approximately 30 - 35 active club members, and if each individual made sure that ten of his friends (girls or boys) came to our dances we would have approximately a group of 300 to 350, and this means that we could have a new racing four within two or three months.

Our next dance is to be held on

SATURDAY, 13TH. JULY, 1968.

Be there early and help make our dance a success,

Please, please, please make sure that you will bring  
at least TEN of your friends !!

SEE YOU AT THE DANCE.

D. ITALIANO.

Don't forget B Y O G

B - BRING

Y - YOUR

O - OWN

G - GIRL (Hic!)

GENERAL BUSINESS arising from our monthly committee meeting:

1. Finance - this is slow and subscriptions should have been paid to date.
2. Correspondence - Mr. D.H. Fraser was nominated by the Wests Rowing Club for the position of Co-selector on the selection panel for the 1969 King's Cup Regatta.
3. Mr. A. Williams has been made "Life Member" of the Western Australian Rowing Club (Inc.) in view of his excellent support of the above club.  
Mr. Williams' name now appears on the bow of one of our old rowing boats, which is kept in the club rooms.
4. Our thanks to Mr. Liddell for helping out at the club house whenever required.

BITS and PIECES

- After the last regatta held on Saturday, 6th July, our club is now three (3) points behind the leaders. Our thanks to the MAIDENS and other crews.
- \* The Sprint Regatta is on the 20th July. The distance ONLY 500 metres. Let's make every race count.
  - \* Car Trial is coming up - I will inform you of date as soon as it is available.
  - \* A dance is held on Saturday, 13th July at the HUT. (Don't forget B.Y.O.G.)
  - \* Our Centenary Ball - coming up.
  - \* Our club's regatta - coming up.
  - \* Our thanks to the Ladies Committee for providing us with a warm cup of tea and eats after a cold day ex Free to Perth.

Reporter -

THE SPY.

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CHAMPION JUNIOR EIGHTS

Wests were well represented by last year's Champion Maiden Eight against very strong crews from Perth and Fremantle and although this crew did not win they fought on gamely to the end. The time of 6-34 for this race was exceptional considering the 15-20 knot head wind. All crews got away to a good start and West and Fremantle showed out slightly from Perth. At the 500 metre mark West were in front by a canvas from Fremantle and Perth half a length back in third place, the time for the first 500 was 1-37. At the 1000 metre mark Wests had increased their lead to 1 length to Perth and Fremantle two lengths behind, the time to the 1000 metre mark was 3-15. From the 1200 metre mark Perth and Fremantle, being heavier crews, drove their boats into the head wind with plenty of length and long driving rowing. Perth went on to win from Fremantle in the time of 6-34. A terrific effort by a good crew.

Our congratulations go to Perth for such a popular win. They had been unlucky to date because they had won two previous Junior Eights but were disqualified both times through technicalities. The Fremantle crew were the same crew that won last year's Champion Junior Eight and they were naturally disappointed to lose their title.

The West juniors were obviously disappointed in not winning, but we can't all win and let's be big and say the best crew won. Remember good competition lifts the standard of rowing and if you've helped to lift that standard in one race than it's up to each and everyone of you to set the standard in the next race. This has got to be a combined effort to win the pennant so we must now compete harder in Junior fours and pairs.

This is a verse which all sportsmen should know, for it brings out the whole essence of competition.

"The Sportsman's Prayer"

Dear Lord, in the struggle that goes on through life,  
I ask but a field that is fair.  
A chance that is equal with all in the strife,  
The courage to strive and to dare.

If I should win let it be by the code,  
With my faith and my honour held high,  
But if I should lose let me stand by the road,  
And cheer as the winner goes by.

T. SCOOK.

W.A.R.C. (INC.)

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V/Captain: R. Webber.

Secretary: D. Italiano.  
Treasurer: R. Ballantine.

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SCHOOLBOY SUPPLEMENT:

HAVE YOU READ YOUR ROWING BOOKLET?

At the pennant regatta on 1st. June both Tuart and Applecross entered crews. The Tuart 8 which included some club members to make up numbers was 3rd in the N.8 event. The four was unplaced in the maiden grade where it rowed to avoid heats in the novice fours race. Applecross and a few Tuart boys made up another 8, but seat trouble caused withdrawal. The boys were going to row with 7 men, but the umpire ruled otherwise !! Anyway, well done to those who at least tried; their race experience will be valuable in the future.

Entries close 10 days before each fortnightly regatta, so let us have more crews in these races boys; it is the only way to learn, to race.

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Don't forget to be careful with thumb screws (35 cents each) straps (35 cents each) and oars (\$32 each). Any broken oar pieces should be collected and tied to the oar to assist with re-gluing, broken straps too, can be mended provided the buckle is saved. Try and repair damage you do yourself, otherwise report this damage to the club member who is looking after your boat; his name is on the club notice board.

Allocated boats and oars only should be used and kept in their proper sets and racks.

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CLUB TRACK SUITS AND SINGLETTS: See D. Italiano, or R. Webber. Track Suits with crest cost about \$10-\$12 depending on size. Singletts with crest cost \$3.

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Boys should remember that they are on trust when they are out on the river. It just is not possible, or desirable, to have someone out watching you all the time, so make it your personal aim not to betray that trust, cover as many miles as you possibly can, look after the rather delicate boats and gear entrusted to your care and do yourself a good turn both physically and mentally. You have taken up a sport that requires teamwork, some sacrifice, self control and leadership, but it is up to you.

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To those who raced in the Fremantle-Perth marathon - well done! The Churchlands 8 particularly did well and led all the way to about Point Resolution with Tuart not far behind - then the rough water - and oh boy!!! It took six or seven members until 7 p.m. to get all the boats housed again, fortunately very little damage was done and all boats are now back in action. Applecross entered an 8 for the first time and the boys did a wonderful job battling on with a broken rudder to Point Walter.

Congratulations to all those who took part and remember it was basically an ex high school eight that got through to win in great style. The first time the coveted cup has been in "Woots" shed for ten years.

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BOYS!! DON'T FORGET THE SCHOOL REGATTA.