

Fellow paddlers,

Most of our Browns river competitors and dedicated organisers have been doing battle on the Mersey and Forth rivers over the last week. Congratulations to our many DCC paddlers who have performed exceedingly well at the national championships. Results are up at the Canoe Tasmania website.

But this left the Browns river race to those who were either desperate for a paddle or those who saw it as a chance to take that elusive, highly coveted prize of winning at Browns. Not only was there the possibility of winning on handicap but also taking out the fastest time at Browns..... But then Bucks turned upand everyone else knew that they were battling only for the handicap honours!

The water level was high and Andy had cleared out most of the weed before the race started. He was sick of the ski paddlers complaining about the weed. A nice 10 knot SW wind kept us cool and gave us a nice tail wind in the final straight. But then the news broke that it was to be a marathon event. 4 lengths of the river! It was Chris Blackaby's idea. Interesting, as he was not even paddling!

After 4 lengths of the river the result was a great win for Paul Templar. It was a great dominating performance in the Time Traveller. This was the most significant win in a Time Traveller since Gerhardt Schmid posted the fastest time of any boat at the last Summer Survival! Paul can now bask in the glory of his victory. Bass came home strongly despite the 3 point turns around the buoy and repeatedly insisting that he could cut THAT corner in his Epic ski.

Results

Handicap race

- 1 Paul Templar 37.30
- 2 Bass Gamlin 39.47
- 3 Trevor Manning 39.57
- 4 Andy Maver 40.06
- 5 James Atkinson 41.28
- 6 Marty Demangone 41.26
- 7 Jodi Templar 41.35
- 8 Simon Fielding 41.47
- 9 Graham Mitchell 42.03
- 10 Andrew Buckley 43.11
- 11 Ash Noble 43.13
- 12 Erica Williams 44.37
- 13 James Jackson 45.57

In the fastest category Bucks's win was overshadowed by a protest. After seeing Bass's attempt at paddling thru the mud bank he portaged across it! Race organisers applied the mandatory 6 pack penalty. A great race by Jodi to finish 2nd fastest!

Fastest (1st lap time followed by overall time)

1 Andrew Buckley 14.55 30.11

2 Jodi Templar 16.10 32.35

3 Ash Noble 16.25

33.13

4 Paul Templar 16.27 33.30

5 Simon Fielding 17.00 33.47

6 Andy Maver 16.52

34.06

Marty Demangone 16.51 34.26

Bass Gamlin 34.47

James Jackson 17.05

34.57

Trevor Manning 18.50 37.51

James Atkinson 18.40 38.08

Graham Mitchell 21.50 42.03

Erica Williams 21.50 44.37

Thanks to Chris for starting and timing. Thanks also to Paul for collecting the buoy at the end of the race while doing his lap of honour.

Andy