



## *PRESIDENTS REPORT (February 2005)*

Now that the Nationals are over, it's time to reflect on how the Victorians fared and on the general direction of the continuing evolution of the Cobras.

Firstly, congratulations to all competitors at Lake Cootharaba. Yes, I know we didn't beat the Q'landers (results can be viewed on [cobracat.com](http://cobracat.com)) but everyone enjoyed the experience immensely. (except perhaps for Pete Marsh who had a terrible run of gear failure compounded by bad weather when his boat was useable and the destruction of his camp site by a tropical downpour).

As usual the racing took place in a huge range of wind conditions from 0 – 35 Kts. Unfortunately the sailing instructions precluded shortened courses, and the two light wind races were abandoned when Victorian boats were well in the lead. However, the winning boats did sail well in taking out the Championship, and they are to be congratulated on their success.

The combination of Cobras, Taipans and f18's created some tense moments in the windward / return courses, especially at the gates and I remember vividly two Capricorns with their kites flying doing the wild thing downwind at extraordinary speed whilst fighting for control of their boats, screaming "starboard, get out of the @#%\* way" at me. Suddenly my Cobra felt very slow. But I survived and even though most other Cobra sailors had similar experiences, once we understood the concept of speed differential, we all got on well together. The Taipan association was keen to continue the combined nationals format with us, but as they are in Port Stephens next year, we may not be able to comply.

So once again for everyone who was able to make the long trip north (including the support crews), thanks for keeping the dream alive

Next year our Nationals are to be held in Victoria and your committee is currently investigating a number of possible venues. It would be a tremendous boost for the Cobra Association to have a large fleet on display. The proposed dates will be between Sat, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2005 and Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2006, so put that into your diary and start preparing NOW!! To our newer sailors, you don't need to be a top sailor to compete – the competition is as much about developing as it is about winning, and like the state titles it takes place in a comfortable and friendly environment. More details in the next newsletter.

Our Lease Boats have had good use this season. Wildcat has been constantly in the water with Eric at the helm, and has now moved on to the Brad's TLC. Welcome aboard to Brad, Sue and family – I am sure you will enjoy the experience. Undercover has just come back at the end of Andrew's lease and is currently available. For those who have leased boats in the past and want to continue Cobra sailing (and why wouldn't you?), there are some excellent boats for sale on our website at ridiculously low prices. Now is the time to buy, and if you want information about any of the boats, give me a call before you purchase.

Welcome to the new skippers and crews – Wes (400), Glenn (YO-YO), Dan (who made a brief visit with his newly refurbished boat), Brad (WILDCAT), Meaghan's

friend Glenn who has been helping out on the crash boat etc and Kim and Nick who have been showing Colin how to sail. If every Cobra owner showed up at Parkdale on the same day, we would have a fleet of over 25 boats!! – wouldn't that be a memorable sight!

Unfortunately it may be some time before Chris Wells joins us again as he is still recovering from his mystery illness. We all wish him a speedy recovery and some of us even miss his jokes? Anyway, feel free to keep in contact with Ali and Chris – they make great coffee!

We considered holding the states over the Labour day weekend but it was too late to fit in. However, I would like some feedback on whether this is a good idea for the future or whether it is best to stay with the Easter option as the preferred date, (not necessarily at Boga.)

Speaking of competition, the championship race is wide open, with a number of boats pushing for the lead. Good to see Mal, David and Colin giving the establishment a hard time, with a couple of dark horses set to strike. Only one point separates the leaders at this stage, and if my diet works, I might be able to join them!

So in summary, the Cobras are looking good for the future. My thanks to the hard working committee for making this so and to all of you sailors who show up on Sundays to enjoy our favourite sport. Keep up the good work!



### THE COBRA CROSSWORD

When you're traveling to Queensland – three days of driving through some pretty uninspiring country- you need to while away the hours. So Kerry and I prepared a little test of your knowledge of the Cobra sailors (must be the teacher in us).

Take this with you on your next trip

Winner gets a bottle of the much sought after Cobra Red!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Here's the clues – Cross them off as you go on this sheet and the crossword*

*Eg Big truck = Laurie*

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| 1 Wet holes in the ground                     | 36 Something plumbers often fix           |
| 2 Naughty stone                               | 37 If you can't buy her, you can ....(x2) |
| 3 Turn this and it opens                      | 38 Son of a runaway horse                 |
| 4 She'll be apples                            | 39 .....on my mind                        |
| 5 Horses do this when out of control          | 40 Diminutive Amanda                      |
| 6 .....batts                                  | 41 ..... and the Argonauts                |
| 7 Tricky Dick                                 | 42 Knocked out a giant                    |
| 8 Wet and boggy                               | 43 End of digestive tract AKA poison pen  |
| 9 Pass through on the Newell                  |   |
| 10 Prickly slope                              |   |
| 11 Like hair on a babies bum                  |   |
| 12 Bring the plane back down                  | If you can't find your own name           |
| 13 Better than pushen                         | keep looking – I'm sure it's there!       |
| 14 Irish county                               | you will find the answers horizontal,     |
| 15 Twisted kneck .                            | vertical and diagonal.                    |
| 16 Legal action                               |   |
| 17 Steal from someone                         | <b>GOOD LUCK!!</b>                        |
| 18 ....Burns                                  |   |
| 19 Another bog                                |   |
| 20 Used to mean happy                         |   |
| 21 Prodigy of a crane                         |   |
| 22 AKA foghorn                                |   |
| 23 Latin for bad                              |   |
| 24 Has a lot of joy                           |   |
| 25 Synonym for happiness                      |   |
| 26 An annual event for Cobras                 |   |
| 27 Diminutive Caeser                          |   |
| 28 Big ....                                   |   |
| 29 Make it before you die                     |   |
| 30 Voice amplifier                            |   |
| 31 Charlie's aunty                            |   |
| 32 "the man"                                  |   |
| 33 Punch and .....                            |   |
| 34 A really awesome plumber                   |   |
| 35 The brains behind a really awesome plumber |   |

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X	Q	C	L	H	U	U	W	G	D	E	U	O	Z	I	T
F	E	J	L	N	D	E	R	E	K	A	H	O	O	T	A
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2004/2005 Aust Cobra & Stingray Championships

(Ties: S=Score R=Race B= Bettered. Penalties: B=BFD C=DNC D=DNE E=EXC F=DNF G=RDG L=Late Entrant O=OCS  
P=Protest Q=DSQ R=RAF S=DNS U=DUT Z=ZFP Y=SCP #=No Data "(x.y)" Discarded)

Scratch Results for Cobra up to Race 7 (Drops = 1)												
Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Agg Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		542	Spycatcher	Glenn Dale	9.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	[3.00]	1.00	1.00
2		579	Ronstan 1	Scott McVey	11.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	[2.00]
3		529	Crazy Diamond	Jon Bateman	13.20	1.00	2.20G	3.00	3.00	1.00	[18.00C]	3.00
4		574	Dreamworx	Rick Nixon	24.00	5.00	4.00	[6.00]	4.00	4.00	3.00	4.00
5		566	Live Wire	Laurie Bradford	32.00	[15.00F]	3.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	5.00
6		555	Cheetah VI	Colin Metcher	42.00	6.00	7.00	5.00	[16.00C]	10.00	7.00	7.00
7	4.0S	573	Win Der Race	Mal Winder	44.00	[18.00C]	5.00	4.00	6.00	11.00	8.00	10.00
8		578	Ronstan 2	Todd McVey	44.00	8.00	8.00	[9.00]	7.00	8.00	5.00	8.00
9		534	Centrefold	Richard Langtree	50.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	9.00	7.00	[18.00C]	12.00
10		549	007	Mike Lander	53.00	[15.00F]	9.00	11.00	11.00	9.00	4.00	9.00
11		561	Scream	David Badrock	58.00	[15.00F]	10.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	11.00	13.00
12		363	Witch Bitch	Peter Scott	67.00	15.00F	15.00F	7.00	[16.00C]	15.00F	9.00	6.00
13		563	Provocative	John Bolton	69.00	7.00	11.00	13.00	10.00	12.00	[18.00C]	16.00F
14		576	Foghorn	Derek Thornhill	79.00	15.00F	12.00	[16.00F]	13.00S	13.00	12.00	14.00
15		564	Dream Machine	Pete Marsh	84.00	15.00F	16.00C	16.00F	16.00C	[16.00C]	10.00	11.00
16		456	Witch Bitch	Terry Scott	108.00	18.00C	18.00L	18.00L	18.00L	18.00L	18.00LC	[18.00LC]
16		577	No Brakes	Grant Hunter	108.00	18.00C	18.00L	18.00L	18.00L	18.00L	18.00LC	[18.00LC]

**Scratch Results for StingrayMk2 up to Race 7 (Drops = 1)**

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Agg Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		423	Indecent Obsession	Chris Townsend	6.00	EXC	[4.00]	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2		300	Wild Card	Justin Forester	8.00	EXC	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	[2.00]
3		520	Rebel Yell	Tony Wickings	15.00	EXC	3.00	3.00	3.00	[5.00F]	3.00	3.00
4		589	Wet 'n' Wild	John Dowling	19.00	EXC	2.00	4.00	5.00C	3.00	5.00C	[5.00C]
5		482	Firewater	Bob Elliot	30.00	EXC	6.00L	6.00L	6.00L	6.00L	6.00L	[6.00L]

**Handicap Results for Cobra**

Sail No	Boat Name	Agg Score	Place	Awarded Place
529	Dreamworx	31	3	1
566	Win Der Race	34	5	2
555	Live Wire	35	6	3
573	Cheetah VI	36.5	7	4
578	Ronstan 2	39	8	5
534	Centrefold	40	9	6
549	Scream	46	10	7
561	007	48	11	8
363	Witch Bitch	64	12	9
563	Provocative	68.5	13	10
576	Foghorn	79	14	11
564	Dream Machine	83	15	12

### **Cobra Line honours**

1st Glen Dale	Spycatcher.
2nd Scott McVey	Ronstan 1.
3rd Jon Bateman	Crazy Diamond.

### **Cobra Handicap**

1st Rick Nixon	Dreamworx.
2nd Mal Winder	Win Der Race .
3rd Laurie Bradford	Live Wire.

### **Cobra Veteran**

Glenn Dale	Spycatcher.
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### **Cobra Masters**

Rick Nixon	Dreamworx.
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### **Stingray Masters**

Chris Townend	Indecent Obsession.
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### **Cobra Junior**

Johnny Bolton	Provocative.
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### **Cobra Club Teams trophy**

Parkdale Yacht Club	
Rick Nixon	Dreamworx.
Laurie Bradford	Live Wire.
Mal Winder	Win Der Race.

### **Cobra State Teams trophy**

Queensland	
Glenn Dale	Spycatcher.
Scott McVey	Ronstan 1.
Jon Bateman	Crazy Diamomd.
Colin Metcher	Cheetah VI.

Just a few snaps from the 2004/2005 Nats at Cootharaba.

