

# Controversy!

## Who are the Club Champions?

The Woolaware Golf club was buzzing last Saturday as it hosted the Kurnell Catamaran Club Presentation dinner. The glittering night of nights was hosted by the jovial Craig Harden cutting a fine figure in his signature Hawaiian shirt. The evening kicked off with pre dinner drinks and all the ladies present added a touch of elegance to proceedings.

The debonair Barry Willis was our MC for the formalities. He first thanked Craig for his efforts in organizing the evening. Then followed a Tequila soaked message from our new president holidaying in Cuba. Antony thanked Barry for his many years of exemplary service to the club and hoped that Barry would continue to be involved and assist him in the future. The note was well received by all present and three hearty cheers were offered up for Barry.

The prize giving then commenced. Craig had commissioned personalized trophies for each competitor. He read out each sailor's name and their personal achievements for the season before presenting them with the club trophy and a personal trophy to take home. All the photographs for the winners will be on the website and the list of season results. This approach was well received and all sailors were impressed by their mementos and the trouble that Craig had gone to.



The Club Championship was awarded to Trevor Lowder and Richard Brewin. During the photographs Benny ran to the podium and in a bold move tried to steal the sacred trophy from the hands of Richard

Brewin! Commotion followed with Trevor stating that the trophy should also be shared with Chris Brewin and Benny as Richard did not sail all the races. This of course was just tom foolery to add to the festive air of the evening. Trevor Lowder, being the quintessential Australian larrikin, could not help but create some sort of amusement at the expense of his English crew. Trevor's acceptance speech was more serious. He sincerely thanked Richard for crewing even when he was, at times, very ill and said that the Trophy was rightfully his and well deserved. Trevor then went on to thank Barry for over a decade of amazing service to the club. He then expanded on Barry's achievements and dedication to the club. All present applauded.

Brian Lowder was brought before the group and awarded a lifetime membership to the club for his many years of service. Barry explained just some of Brian's achievements. Brian gave a heartfelt acceptance speech and all applauded with great enthusiasm. A more detailed account of Brian's contribution will follow in a future newsletter.

A sumptuous feast was served after the formalities. All the sailors relaxed and told tall tales of the season past and the plans for the next year on the water. We all loved our personal trophies and were very appreciative of Craig's meticulous work to create such an enjoyable evening.

See you on the water

Leanne Gould

