



J. B. SHARP MEMORIAL REGATTA SERIES

Established 1924

86th J. B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series

Sponsored by LEA Insurance Brokers

REPORT

OVERVIEW

The 2010 series was a memorable one given the need to support a generous sponsor and accommodate the financial management responsibilities involved. A management structure was established together with a Constitution formalising what had been tradition and accepted custom.

We were undoubtedly blessed with fine weather for all regattas and momentum gathered as the series progressed.

COMPETITION

Five regattas were conducted; Glebe on 13th June (at Drummoyne R.C.); Drummoyne on 27th June; Balmain on 11th July; UTS on 25th July and Leichhardt on 8th August.

COMPETING CLUBS AND SCHOOLS

The following clubs and schools contested the Series :-

Balmain, Brisbane Water, Drummoyne, Glebe, Hunter, Leichhardt, MacArthur Anglican, Mosman, North Shore, Old Ignatians, Pymble L.C., Shoalhaven, Sydney, Tara, University NSW and UTS. (16)

It was pleasing to again see an increase in competitors to a record 250 boats competing across the events.

The following is some entry numbers :

WU16 1x	38	MU16 1x	23	WN 1x	22	MN 1x	11
WO&I 2x	18	Handicap 1x	47	WO 4+ & 8+	6	MO 8+	10

It was an impressive sight to see a field of 10 men's eights contesting the finale to the series.

The sponsorship allowed for the inclusion of a new point score perpetual trophy the "LEA Insurance Brokers Trophy" for the Women's Novice Scull.

Series race trophies were increased from 26 to 46 with the inclusion of the women's and men's quad scull at each regatta funded by the sponsorship.

Balmain got away to an early lead in the point score however Mosman came home with a determined finish to nearly take them at the post.



Balmain Captain Liam James receives the Memorial Cup from John Sharp

POINT SCORE TROPHY RESULTS

- I. The J.B Sharp Memorial Cup - overall point score – Balmain 198, Mosman 189, Glebe 146.
- II. The Sid Sharp Tray - men's Novice & U16 point score – Sydney 36, Balmain 30, Glebe 23.

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Sydney's Peter Ireland receives the Sid Sharp Tray from Balmain President David Longhurst

- III. The Kayser Shield - women's Open & Intermediate point score – Mosman 62, Balmain 21, Drummoyne 18.
- IV. Glebe Centenary Shield - men's Open & Intermediate point score – Glebe 53, Balmain 48, Drummoyne 40.
- V. The Walker & Hall Challis - Handicap Scull point score – Sam Carroll (Balmain 13), James Waldersee (Balmain 13), Elizabeth Blower (UTS 12). Sam defeated James in a row off.



Sam Carroll receives the Walker & Hall Challis from Les Engelbrecht of LEA.

- VI. The Kevyn Webb OAM Cup - men's Novice Scull point score – Glebe 30, Balmain 28.
- VII. The John Sharp Trophy – women's Novice and U16 point score – Mosman 65, Tara 45, Balmain 39.



Thomas Harry congratulates Mosman President Mark Williams on winning the John Sharp Trophy

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VIII. The Lea Insurance Brokers Trophy – women's Novice Scull point score – Balmain 32, Mosman 26, Leichhardt 6.



Joe Grech & David Longhurst hold the LEA Insurance Brokers Trophy having received it Howard Murray of LEA.

LEA INSURANCE BROKERS SCHOLARSHIPS

An exciting new dimension was added to the series with the introduction of the LEA Insurance Brokers Youth Scholarships which were awarded to 2 emerging rowers and a coach.



Amber Bailey holds her cheque with Les Engelbrecht, Joe Grech (coach) Thomas Harry & Howard Murray Club Captains and school Rowing Masters were asked to submit formal applications (maximum of 2 in each category) from their aspiring young rowers and coaches for two \$ 1,000 scholarships (boy & girl) and \$ 500 for a coach. The applications were evaluated by the Sharp Series Committee. As they say "a picture tells a thousand stories."



Jesse Guilfoyle holds his cheque with Thomas Harry, Ian Craig (coach) Les Engelbrecht & Howard Murray



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Much of the success of the series can be directly attributed to dedicated coaches who devote themselves to teaching and improving young rowers. Laura Brienesse of Tara is one of those many coaches and was awarded a \$ 500 scholarships for 2010.

Congratulations Amber, Jesse and Laura and best wished for the future to you and the other applicants.

MANAGEMENT

The Committee met on two occasions and the following Committee and Executive were appointed :

Terry Maher (Convener & Chairman), Barry Moynahan (Treasurer), Barbara Ramjan (Balmain Rowing Club & Custodian of Trophies)), George Andrews (Drummoyne Rowing Club), Tim Drinkwater (Glebe Rowing Club), Christiaan Fitzsimon (Leichhardt Rowing Club), Georgia Koutts (UTS Rowing Club) & Tim Wainman (NSW Union of Boat Race Officials). Anne Craig has agreed to act as Honorary Auditor.

A Constitution was adopted and a interest bearing Community Bank Account was opened with Westpac.

Polo shirts and Rugby tops were purchased as part of the sponsorship support package and a programme to refurbish the perpetual trophies has commenced. Considerably more is planned and quotations for this work are being sought. Thank you Barbara Ramjan for taking this important job in hand.

A PA system was purchased and was used at 4 regattas. Thankyou Tim Drinkwater for the loan of your system in the interim.

In the coming months the Committee will apply to the NSWRA to become an 'Affiliated Kindred Body' in the same category as the NSW Union of Rowers; the NSW Union of Boat Race Officials and the NSW Union of Ex-Oarswomen.

The programme has been set for the 2011 Series and the Committee will be discussing a number of new initiatives in the coming months



Mosman's Ina Marshall-Davies receives her U16 Scull trophy from Leichhardt's Deanna Fekete

LEA INSURANCE BROKERS SPONSORSHIP

Rowing is universally recognised as a character building with involvement in our wonderful sport reaping benefits to the young rowers in their sporting, family, career and community aspirations for the remainder of their lives.

Our sponsor LEA Insurance Brokers recognises this and is keen to support this philosophy and our endeavours. We welcome them in their first year with us and will work with them and our Patron John Sharp for a mutually rewarding long term relationship.

APPRECIATION

Without the support of the NSW Union of Boat Race Officials the regattas would not be possible. It was very encouraging to see a number of trainee BROs taking to the water for the first time during the series; just the place to learn. Thankyou Barbara Ramjan, Jenny Cole, Allen Turner, Brian Guthrie, Greg James, Tim Wainman, Greg Smith, Steve Sherry, Phil Titterton, Randall Hayles & Scott Buttenshaw.

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Our commentators Barry Moynahan and Owen Nix, thank you for a very professional job.
Rowing's IT man Stephen Croot, thank you for the electronic timing at UTS and Leichhardt regattas.
Union of Rowers David Sollom, Ken Wright, Brian Guthrie, Russell McLean and the Leichhardt Balcony Boyz for catering for the presentation luncheon.
Geoff McIntyre AM and Dr. Phil Sharp for being the perfect hosts as always.
Kim & Robyn Mackney for running the handicap scull.
Norma Perry NSWRA President for joining us to celebrate the series.
The many volunteers from the host clubs for boat marshalling, judging, umpire boat driving, course laying, catering and all the other unseen jobs that make regattas happen.
THANK YOU!

We wish all rowers and coaches a successful 2010-2011 regatta season and look forward to your participation in the 87th J. B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series.

Terry Maher
Convener.

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