COMMITTEE NOTES ...

HALF TON NEWS

Australian Championships - January 8th-20th, 1980

Next month the Notice of Race for the next Half Ton Australian Championships is to be circulated throughout Australia and it is hoped that a good response will be forthcoming, particularly from local boats - at least 9 or 10 entries are expected from S.A.

The Organising Committee will be commencing work shortly on further arrangements for the Series, including preparation of Sailing Instructions, Social functions, public relations and other requirements. Members interested who wish to assist in the organisation of this event, should contact Wilbur Tedmanson or Brian Snowden. Any offers of assistance would be very much appreciated.

State Championships - 1978-1979 Season

Final results of the State Championships held in conjunction with the R.S.A.Y.S. Programme are as follows:

1st - 'Redback'	-	Brian Snowden
2nd - 'Rouseabout'	-	Charles (Chook) Wall-Smith
3rd - 'Deja Vu'	-	Tom Foster
4th - 'Valkyrie'	-	Ric Ottaway
5th - 'Kaos'	-	Roy Hambour
6th - 'Crackerjack'	-	Murray Nielsen

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STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS

One of the nicest things that can happen to a Flag Officer's wife is to be able to contact other women in the Squadron. Through this column in the Newsletter, Dorothy, Molly and I feel we come right into your home while you are reading it. We feel there are many women, who for lots of reasons, are unable to come to the Clubhouse as much as they would like and we hope we "fill them in" with details of the Club's activities.

Since the last letter, however, very little of extraordinary interest has occurred. The Squadron is enjoying its usual well-ordered activities and at the moment, several yachts are venturing long distances to the Barrier Reef and further to catch the winter sun. Our best wishes to the seafarers.

On March 25th, eight skippers volunteered to take parties of Legacy children on board for several hours. This was a day of great happiness for crews and guests and, we were told, that for some of the children, this was a "first-ever" time to board a boat and actually go out to sea.

Our Club ladies prepared a delicious lunch ashore.

Easter came next, with enthusiastic competitors for the races and for the magnificent trophies. On the whole, the weather was very pleasant and made for races, with colourful sails - a sight to remember.

The Official Boats, as usual, with their many duties, were extremely active and busy and I send warmest thanks to all those wonderful "BIRDS" who helped with the entertainment of our officials and guests on board, on both Saturday and Sunday.

The last of our early Winter functions was the Inkster Memorial. Always a very happy occasion with delightful music and delicious food. This year it seemed more