

VARIETY NT

BASH 2010

A Beach Party Bash

Newsletter No 6



This newsletter has a lot of really important information on theme nights, our very own 'Idol' competition and ambulance fees – just to name a few – so read on. Also no Bash Buddies in May – we will be getting together again at Bogarts on Thursday 10 June and will again have a special guest from interstate – think those dreaded 'flu' shots from last Bash!!!!

Importantly for those who missed scrutineering you will now need to organise to get a sign off from your own qualified mechanic against the Bash Worthiness form. A fully signed and completed copy of this form **MUST** be provided to the Variety NT office by 1 August or you will not be bashing!!!! Remember this is about helping all of us to ensure the Bash runs smoothly and we have a great time.

Variety NT welcomes a new film crew for our Bash in 2010 – KIK FM. This is a fabulous team based in Darwin who are brave enough to head out Bashing with us!!!!. They have lots of great ideas and we look forward to having them along. Many thanks also to Mark and the crew for their very generous sponsorship of the filming of the 2010 Bash.

For those keen on having their own golf clubs for the Variety NT Beach Party Pro Am golf tournament in Nhulunbuy, there will be room for some sets of clubs on the baggage truck. We hear there are some pretty spectacular golfers (including a couple of virgins) coming this year so you might need your own clubs to be in with a chance.

As with previous Bashes there will be a number of meals where we will be catering outside of a restaurant environment. As a result you are welcome to bring your own cup, plate and cutlery. However, if you prefer, we will have sufficient disposable items available for all Bashers so you can just rock up and eat.

You will need to bring your own folding chair for use at lunch and even a dinner or two, or for retiring at the beach at night.



Cheers

Sharon Winks

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For information on the Variety NT Bash 2010, please call the Variety office on (08) 8981 2544 or email variety@varietynt.org.au or visit our website on www.varietynt.org.au



Due date for Monies (All Monies)

All Bash fees including car registration, participants fees (for all participants) and all fundraising **MUST** be received at the office or through our bank by close of business on Friday 6 August 2010 or you will not be Bashing. This will also be the cut-off for recognising the highest fundraiser (Top Hat Winner).



Extra guests in Nhulunbuy

You are welcome to invite extra guests to join you in Nhulunbuy. If you wish to do so you will need to find your own accommodation for the nights they are in town (that is they will not be able to stay in the Bash accommodation provided by Rio Tinto Alcan as we are already limited on room).

The Walkabout Hotel is across the road from where we are staying and has a special Variety price of \$135 per double per night. Accommodation is very tight in town and books out very quickly, so if you are looking for a booking then get onto it asap. The number at the Walkabout Hotel is (08) 8939 2000.

The cost for extra guests at the Friday night and Saturday night dinner will be: \$120 per person for both nights. This must be paid when you pay your participants fees and covers entertainment, buses to and from events and dinner both nights.



So who has registered?



Please also ensure you have your registration forms in so we know you are coming with us asap – only three months to go. The teams who are in so far: Beach Boys, Toons & Heros, Spiderman, Batman, Dodgey Beach Boys, The Pink Ladies, Camellers, Bush Brides, Corkettes, Magnificent Woo-men, Critters, Telford Steelers, CFI, Caddyshack, Sweethearts, The Dungars and the Bubbly Girls. Your team not on this list?? Does the office have your registration form??



Safety First

Remember you need to ensure you have appropriate safety equipment that is current and operational on your vehicle, including a properly secured fire extinguisher, dust lights, UHF radio, strong tow rope and First Aid kit.



Ambulance Cover

For the forthcoming Bash we are travelling with an ambulance and team provided by St John's Ambulance in the NT, however you need to know the following:

If you are transported to Darwin or another city or elsewhere in the ambulance that will be on the Bash, this will be free of charge. However if you need to be transported in another ambulance (e.g. if the Bash ambulance does a half-way meet with a ambulance from Darwin, or another ambulance has to be called to assist with the transport) then there will be a charge to the person being transported for the use of the additional ambulance (that is other than the Bash ambulance).

It is therefore recommended all Bashers have one of the following:

1. Health insurance that covers ambulance transport costs, or
2. An ambulance subscription.

If you do not have number 1 above and **choose** to, St John's are happy to provide an ambulance subscription at \$15 person to cover the duration of the Bash. All you need to do is contact St John's Ambulance on 8922 6200 and ask for 'holiday cover' and give the dates you would like to be covered for. This is a 30 day cover only. You will need to pay St John's directly for the service.



Theme Day

As with other Bashes we are having one theme day. Based on feedback on what has been popular previously, this day will be a RED DAY and will be held on the day we travel from Noonamah to Goanna Park. You can come in anything red and there will be prizes – of course - for the best team outfits on the day. So put those thinking caps on and come up with something exciting, in red, that fits our Beach Party theme.



Pine Creek 'Idol' Show



With the talent show phenomena sweeping the world, Variety NT will be holding our very own 'Pine Creek Idol' to be hosted at the Lazy Lizard in - you guessed it - Pine Creek!!!!!!

Nominations will be called for on the first night at Dundee Beach so make sure you have your act, outfits, stage set, musical score and road crew ready to go. There are fabulous prizes and gifts for those who show they really do have talent and fame and fortune awaits you – well maybe just a good laugh or two!!!!!!.



Visits with Children

Visits along the way will include some time with children from Pine Creek, Nhulunbuy and Katherine.

From **Variety NT** we have packed some fabulous little gifts and giveaways for the kids, but for those Bashers who may also wish to bring something along - there will be about 100 children we will see along the way.



Freighting or Barging Bash Cars

Just remember if you are not interested in driving back out on the Monday from Nhulunbuy, Chris from Nhulunbuy Freight Services has very generously offered a very special Variety price for freighting any Bash car back to Darwin. This price is only \$440 (inc. GST) and is less than half the usual price for this service!! All you need to do is call Chris on 0437 711 655 to book and pay for your vehicle – easy!

If you do this we recommend also booking your flights ASAP. The flights from Nhulunbuy to Darwin or across to Cairns are VERY popular so we suggest getting this confirmed as early as you can.