

## Parker Siegle – 2009 IWWF World Championships – Chuncheon City South Korea

It all started back in July when I left South Australia to travel north and train in warmer weather as a lead up to the worlds. Things were going pretty well riding most days until early August I sustained a hairline fracture in my tibia. This meant that I had to have some time off of the water and there was a chance if it didn't heal I could not go to Korea. This was a massive disappointment to me. Fortunately a week and a half of intense physio and rest saw it mend to the point I could get back on the water. This gave me a few days back on the water before flying out to Seoul.

On reaching Seoul the Aussie team travelled to Chuncheon and had a few days of getting to know the town and its people. The heats and semis started and I progressed through to the finals. The day of the finals saw huge winds and really choppy water, after being perfect all week.

I reached the podium and came third in the finals. The Aussie team scored the gold team medal against 26 countries. The night carried on with the Aussie team all getting pushed in the pool by fellow team mates. Australia winning the gold and me getting on the podium was definitely one of the highlights of my wakeboarding.

Next for me – heading back to South Australia (home) and back to school. In October I will start my training for SA competitions and the Junior Pro Tour, it has been a huge ride!!

*Parker*

### Pictures from Korea



On the water – Lake Uiam Chuncheon, South Korea



Podium presentation    Enjoying gold with  
fellow team members

Team Gold



In the pool!!!!