

## Yacht club sails into culinary contention

Two of the region's top chefs joined forces in the seventh ACTTAB "Chefs on Show" extravaganza held at the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club last night.

Natalie van den Bosch and Chou Zhen, who have both been working at the club for the last four months, combined their diverse talent as they prepared a three course meal for a party of 20 people on a strictly limited budget.

They were judged on their creativity, innovation, presentation, flavour, wine matching and timing.

Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club has competed in the competition in the last three years, and although not having scooped the major prize to date, boasted an impressive combination this year.

Natalie van den Bosch featured in last night's ACTTAB "Chefs on Show" with 20 years of experience under her belt as she aimed to mix her talent with the theme of "earth, wind, fire and water".

The 38 year old mother of four began her career in Tasmania at the age of 17, but has been based in Canberra since 1989 and has plied her trade at a range of venues, including Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club, the Brassey and the Park Royal (now known as Crowne Plaza Canberra).

Van den Bosch said the show last night was an exciting time

"Chou and myself are both extremely competitive in the kitchen and because we are so passionate about our work, finding a menu in itself was a challenge", Van den Bosch said.

"Last night was an exciting occasion as we showed off our skills in the kitchen. I was very happy with how the Chinese/Japanese/ Mediterranean flavours revealed themselves in the finished product."

There will be two further ACTTAB "Chefs on Show" dinners before a winner is announced at the ClubsACT Awards for Excellence on 9 May.

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