

Queensland Sea Kayak Club Ye Olde Secret Santa Rules:

The Queensland Sea Kayak Club (QSKC) Secret Santa is a method for club members to redistribute Christmas booty while demonstrating their true nature, whether noble or conniving.

These rules outline how the QSKC Secret Santa shall be run. Variations on these rules shall not be accepted unless the person running the Secret Santa is run out of town on a rail after being tarred and feathered or lynched by popular acclaim.

The rules are as follows:

1. The Secret Santa shall be run at the QSKC Christmas paddle/camp.
2. Everyone who wishes to participate shall supply one wrapped package containing a gift or gifts not exceeding ten dollars (\$10.00) in value.
3. All Secret Santa Booty (gifts - hereinafter referred to as SSB) shall be given to the nominated organiser no later than one (1) hour before the Secret Santa is to be run.
4. Also returned to the organiser shall be the perpetual SSB, which shall be wrapped as per normal SSB. The perpetual SSB is a device of rare value that sustains the lucky chooser (some might say - winner) in a righteous fug of positive karma for the ensuing calendar year; it is also automatic entry into the next years Secret Santa.
5. The nominated organiser shall record the names of the members who have given SSB on slips of paper, which shall be placed in the SSB selection prioritisation device (or if you prefer - container).
6. At the nominated time and place for the Secret Santa the organiser shall ensure all members who have entered are present and then draw from the SSB prioritisation device a slip with a members name on it, this member shall be known as "The First". If the organiser chooses his/her own name they shall be The First
7. The First member shall then choose from the pile of SSB one (1) wrapped package, which the member shall then unwrap and display for everyone to comment on, criticize or covet. The First shall select a name from the SSB prioritisation device.
8. The member who The First chose shall be known as "The Second". The Second then shall choose from the pile of SSB one package, display he package and select a name of a

member who shall be named "The Third" and so on until the last member who shall be known as "The Last"

9. The organiser shall record the member's position and the SSB they obtained (this becomes important - wait for it...)
10. Any member who so covets someone else's SSB may forfeit their pick from the pile of SSB and claim the coveted item (this shall be known as "Stealing"). The member whose SSB is stolen may then choose another item from the pile of SSB. The member who stole the SSB shall still pick the next name from the SSB prioritisation device.
11. No item of SSB may be stolen more than twice. On the second steal the item becomes "Locked" to that particular member.
12. After The Last member has either picked or stolen his/her SSB the proceedings shall return to The First member who in deference to (a.) their inability to steal anybody else's SSB and (b.) their luck for being chosen first shall then have "The Choice"; which is the ability to choose any item of SSB they so choose, other than those already Locked.
13. The organiser shall be the sole arbiter of the Secret Santa and all complaints, arguments, good wishes or other business related to the Secret Santa shall be the sole preserve of the organiser, informed by these rules. No graft, corruption, goods in kind, cash or casual nudity shall be cause for the organiser to change outcomes from the Secret Santa - unless they really want to....