

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

Yamba's Hugh Dougherty, competing for the Tugun club on the Gold Coast, won the open men 4km paddle at the 4th annual Jacob Lollback memorial board race day at Main Beach Yamba on Saturday.

Hugh, who also won the event in 2011, beat Tanynd Lydon from Northcliffe and Wes Berg from Burleigh Heads

There were 205 entries with top class fields in all races which were dominated by the big Queensland clubs.

Courtney Hancock (Northcliffe) went back-to-back with a win in the open women 4km beating Jordan Mercer (Noosa Heads) and Tara Coleman (North Burleigh).

Yamba SLSC club captain Joe Dougherty was 3rd in the 30-39 men 2km paddle.

There were lucky winners in random draws for Xcel, Kracka, Dolphin and InFront boards and Peppers at Salt accommodation while there were special awards for successful NSW north coast under 15 and for under 14 competitors.

Race winners were

Male: Open 4km Hugh Dougherty, under 19 2km Zachary Orchard (Surfers Paradise), under 17 2km Alex Wright (Mooloolaba), under 15 2km Harrison Stone (Manly), 30-39yrs 2km Zayne Hamill (Surfers Paradise), over 40 yrs 2km Gavin Hill (Northcliffe).

Female: Open 4km Courtney Hancock, under 19 2km Jordan Mercer, under 17 2km Georgina McDermott (Mooloolaba), under 15 2km Sara O'Leary-Whitney (North Burleigh), over 40 2km Heli Murray (Byron Bay).

Dash-for-cash male: Open Tanynd Lydon, under 19 Zachary Orchard, under 17 Jack Gray (Burleigh Heads), under 15 Ryan Beckett (Coffs Harbour), 30-39 Zayne Hamill, over 40 Michael Chan (Currumbin).

Dash-for-cash female: Open Jordan Mercer, under 19 Ellie Leaver (Cudgen), under 17 Georgina McDermott, under 15 Hannah Sculley (Northcliffe), over 40 Heli Murray.

Will Brighton (off 100 seconds – he'll be off 120 next start) celebrated his 16th birthday winning the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim with another rising star Charlie Bindon (70 secs) 2nd and a great swim from Sean Leonard (150 secs) for 3rd in a big field of 45 starters on Sunday.

There will be Carl Schaeffer swims this Sunday and Monday with registrations at the club house steps at 11am.

Yamba was part of the national life saving club open day on Sunday with a good roll-up of newcomers at Main Beach to watch working patrols and resuscitation demos, tour the historic clubhouse, join the club and sample refreshments from the kiosk.

There will be 11 Yamba surf lifesavers with Hugh Dougherty (Tugun) and Mitch Imeson in the 42km individual open event, a masters team in the 42km relay and two under 19 teams racing in a 30km team relay at the Schick Hydro Coolangatta Gold on October 19 and 20.

The masters team is Rob & Amy Imeson, Peter Rheinberger and Joe Fahey, under 19 team 1 Harry Fahey, Sean Leonard and Will Brighton and under 19 team 2 Kealy Day and Kelsey Wilkes.

Yamba SLSC captain James Ryan (m: 0400 353 792) will have another IRB captain and crew training course starting after the school holidays.

Rob Imeson has board training every Wednesday from 4.30pm and there is a bronze squad training on Sunday mornings with assessment on October 27.

Club education director Kim Morgans has plans for surf rescue certificate (likely October 5), 1st aid (likely November 30) and spinal management (hopefully prior to Christmas) courses.

Interested participants contact Kim Morgans (6646 2823, kmorgans5@bigpond.com) as soon as possible.

Training candidates can also enrol at the club office (ph: 6646 2462 during opening hours – see below).

Kim Morgans has also made a call for more training officers, particularly from the younger age groups, to help with the rapidly growing training program at the club.

The next patrol proficiency day will be on Saturday November 2 while the club will host a Combined High Schools surf carnival on Friday November 8

Yamba SLSC nipper 2013/14 season starts next Sunday October 6 9am-11am with co-ordinator Kerry Lee (m: 0413 536 944, e: yambanippers@gmail.com) and her committee ready for a big year.

Nipper swim proficiencies are on this Sunday October 6 and 13 while there will be a \$10 Sassafras Restaurant nipper of the week voucher award during the season.

Membership renewal forms are on the club website www.yambaslsc.com.au and available at the club house or Elders Real Estate in Coldstream St.

Yamba club members will provide water safety with IRB's, the jet ski and boards for the Yamba Bay and Whiting Beach swims at the 1st annual Yamba Triathlon on Friday to Sunday October 11-13.

The club is also preparing for the Yamba Ocean Swims starting from Convent and Main beaches on Sunday December 29.

A team of 12 Yamba club surf boat rowers and supporters will be involved in a 2 day/53km race as part of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing in Turkey in 2015.

The Yamba team of Mick Smith, Tim George, Ray Wiblen, Josh Ryan, Andrew Bell, Alan Schofield, Zac Robison, Caleb Ellem, Jo King, Leah Essex, Hannah Smith and Angela Eke will be in Turkey for 8 nights and 9 days.

A Turkey trip fundraising program is underway.

All club information, including newsletters, membership details, training courses and coming events, is available on the website www.yambaslsc.com.au.

As well the club office is open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 12 noon.

The Yamba SLSC weekly raffles at the Yamba Golf Club will have 33 meat trays this Saturday October 5 with Brian & Anne Jones, Bill Onslow and Ian Goodman selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Main Beach patrols for this long weekend are:

Saturday October 5 9am-12.30pm Patrol 9: Harry Fahey (c), Kealy Day (vc), Brendan O'Mahony, Jack Morrissey, Caitlin O'Mahony, Angus O'Mahony, Thomas Smith, Jake Pitkin, Zac Sullivan, Will Pitkin.

Saturday October 5 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Tony McFarlane, Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Kesley Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken, Clayton Marshall, Jesse-Clare Beresford, Brittany Smith, Xahlia Pashen, Teagan McFarlane.

Sunday October 6 9am-12.3pm Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Jack Burton, Reilly Pickering, Noah Hodgson, Marty Rose, Thomas Dougherty, Ethan Durrington, Jack Leonard.

Sunday October 6 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson (c), Luke Patricks (vc), Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morphett, Pierre de Billot, Patrick de Billot.

Monday October 7 9am-12.30pm Patrol 3: Marty Dougherty, Matthew Saunders, Brent Sahlqvist, Ben Kresevic, Daniel Connors, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout, Joe McGrath.

Monday October 7 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 4: Maddi O'Mahony (c), Ray O'Brien (vc), Zac Fraser, Mike Smith, Jo King, Leah Essex, Colleen Hage, Emmalee Jesser, Helen Clare, Phil Kelly.

Mike Harvey