

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 8 APRIL 2013

There was another big field of 30 starters and a runaway victory to a Queensland visitor in the Yamba Surf Life Saving Club weekly Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim on Sunday.

The winner was Gavin Payne (off 30 seconds) from the rapidly improving Will Brighton (100 secs) and Ben Plunkett (110 secs).

The sea conditions were ideal with body surfing waves for the swim home although there were some potholes in the shallow water which caused several face plants.

Handicappers Belinda and Geoff Sanders will making start time adjustments for next Sunday's (April 14) event with registrations taken on the front steps at the clubhouse from 11am.

A spinal management course was held at the clubhouse on Sunday under the supervision of branch trainers Rod Balkin and Larry Platt.

Successful candidates Marc Adamson, Michelle Adamson, Andrew Bell, Will Brighton, Kealy Day, Harrison Fahey, Noah Hodgson, Kerry Lee, Sean Leonard, Jake Pitkin, Marty Rose and Matt Saunders.

There are likely to be further lifesaving award assessments for a surf rescue certificate group and for IRB driver and crewman trainees before the 2012/13 season ends on Sunday April 28.

The senior club championships will be held at Main Beach this Saturday April 13 from 10am which will give competitors a final hit out before the Australian Titles at North Kirra.

There will be 28 Yamba SLSC competitors in the "Aussies" which start on Monday April 15 with masters events and Wednesday April 17 for open and age group competitors and finish on Sunday April 21.

Yamba will 13 masters and 15 open competitors with three boat crews – masters, under 23 and under 19 boat crews – as well as swim, board, ski, ironman and beach event contestants.

A date has not been set for the Yamba SLSC nipper annual general meeting but there is a call for expressions of interest in the junior activities co-ordinator position which has been superbly handled by Kim McFarlane for the past 3 seasons.

Kim (mobile 0400 369 796) is the contact for more information on the position.

A date has also to be set for the senior club presentation and annual general meeting.

Yamba Chick-In in Yamba Street next to the ANZ Bank is supporting the Yamba SLSC with 5c for every \$1 spent by club members going to the club.

Yamba SLSC and held a highly successful fundraiser at the Yamba Cinema last week which due to the generous support of our community, who gave their time and donations, ensured a great time and much appreciated financial support for Trish Douglas and her family.

Supporting businesses were Yamba Shores Tavern (Matt Muir), Sunsarha Beauty (Jane Morrison), Ann's Pearls & Pieces (Ann Verran), Jeremy Walters Surf School, Yamba Skin Clinic (Dr Mark Groves), Yamba Post Office (Lynn Watson) and Yamba Cinema (Debbie McCredie).

A big thank you to the fundraising committee (Jo, Ray, Nicole, Linda and Janet) and the catering crew (Jo, Kari, Vicki, Mel, Sharon, Marina, Jacinta, Jaqui, Dannielle & Lyn).

Yamba SLSC nippers thank their sponsors for their support and encouragement during the 2012/13 season

The 2012/13 nipper sponsors are All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Fairways Restaurant @ Yamba Golf & Country Club, Jim's Mowing, Lower Clarence Funerals, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Signcraft, Maclean Variety Meats, Melay Independent Tiles and Waves Fitness & Squash.

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All club information, including monthly newsletters and weekly news columns, is available on the website www.yambaslsc.com.au

The weekly Yamba SLSC raffles at the Golf Club with 33 terrific meat trays this Saturday April 13 have Ray O'Brien, Rob McDermid, Steve Pettet & Rob Foster selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

Saturday April 13 9am-12.30pm Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Marc Adamson (vc), Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Ethan Durrington, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Jack Burton, Reilly Pickering.

Saturday April 13 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson(c), Luke Patricks (vc), Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett, Johanna Pettet.

Sunday April 14 9am-12.30pm Patrol 3: Phil Kelly (c), Nicholas Tarrant (vc), Alex Robison, Zac Robison, Daniel Connors, Kris Ryan Clout, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout.

Sunday April 14 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 4: Ray O'Brien (c), Zac Fraser, Mike Smith, Jo King, Leah Essex, Colleen Hage, Erin Johns, Helen Clare.

Mike Harvey