

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 12th March 2012

The 5 Yamba SLSC competitors all won medals with 4 gold, a silver and 2 bronze at the NSW masters titles at Kingscliff last Thursday and Friday.

Gold medals went to Joe Fahey in the 35-39 years iron man and ski, Ben Plunkett 35-39 2km run and Chris Outteridge in the over 40 years board riding.

Joe Fahey, Peter Rheinberger and Jim Dougherty took silver in the over 100 years (combined age) surf teams and bronze medals went to Chris Outteridge in the 45-49 board and Peter Rheinberger in the 50-54 years rescue tube.

In the open section of the NSW titles Jake Pitkin reached the semi finals of the under 17 years surf race, board race and iron man events.

The under 19 and under 23 boat crews swept by Rod McSkimming were eliminated after 3 preliminary rounds with the U23's missing the quarter finals by a point.

Long service certificates were awarded to Yamba officials Max Godbee for 50 years and Don Lee for 40 years officiating at surf carnivals at the NSW Surf Lifesaving officials dinner at Kingscliff on Saturday night.

The Yamba SLSC nippers closed their 2011/12 season with a fun day at Main Beach on Sunday with lots of activities, awards presentation and a BBQ.

Perpetual trophies were awarded to under 10 Jorden Elabassi for water points, under 12 Liam Foster beach points, under 9 Tyler Essex team person and under 8 Hayley Fischer the nipper champion with the highest points score.

The age group winners and runners-up were:

Under 6 boys Ben Morris & Will Bruggy, U6 girls Breah Fischer & Laynie Rheinberger, U7 boys Liam Croft & Ochen Hinton/Malik Elabbasi, U7 girls Kalani Ives & Sieena Gilbert, U8 boys Cameron Varcoe & Eli Currie, U8 girls Hayley Fischer & Prea McCormick.

Under 9 boys Tyler Essex & Josh Morris, U9 girls Alanna Colwell & Mia Symons, U10 boys Jorden Elabbasi & Ethan Foster, U10 girls undecided, U11 boys Shannon Colwell & Jack Cooney/Max Gilbert, U11 girls Brianna McFarlane & Lyteeka Currie.

Under 12 boys Liam Foster & Lachlan Barnes, U12 girls Shae Symons & Madeline Ringland, U13 boys Mitchell Johns & Angus O'Mahony, U13 girls undecided, U14 boys no awards, U14 girls Erin Johns & Julie Hodson.

Most improved medallions went to under 6 Lucas Becker, U7 Jorja White, U8 Isaiah Gold, U9 Reilly Wunderlich, U10 Aimee Fleming, U11 Elaina Cormick, U12 Lachlan Barnes, U13 Ellie Felmingham, U14 Caitlin Cooney.

The date for the Yamba SLSC annual meeting has yet to be decided but they are already looking ahead to the 2012/13 season to have all committee and age manager positions filled to ensure the continuation of the outstanding program for junior surf life savers.

Job descriptions will be sent out shortly and any questions can be answered by nipper co-ordinator Kim McFarlane on 0400 369 796 or email: tkmac1996@bigpond.com

The senior club championships will be held this Sunday March 18 from 10am with board, surf and ski races, the ironman, beach flags, beach sprint and the very popular snake race.

There were 12 starters in the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim on Sunday with a win to 12-year-old Charlie Bindon, off 30 seconds, who rode the Craigmores rip to the buoys and came home strongly.

Charlie is a son of Jim and Meg Bindon and a grandson of Peter and Pam Dougherty all of Grafton.

The very handsome club captain Joe Dougherty off 210 seconds worked hard to catch and ride a way to the beach to receive much cheering and applause was second and Peter Rheinberger off 150 seconds followed his NSW titles success with a third placing.

A fundraising program is underway to send a Yamba SLSC team of 2 sweeps and 8 rowers to Turkey in April 2015 for an 80km boat row from the Dardenelles to Anzac Cove as part of the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.

The unique and special event is expected to draw 100 Australian, New Zealand and Turkish boat crews – for more information contact Yamba boat captain Rod McSkimming (mob: 0427 275 742).

Training co-ordinator Kim Morgans (6646-2823 - kmorgans5@bigpond.com) has a surf rescue certificate awards for 13 to 14 year-olds and IRB captain James Ryan a drivers training program underway.

There was also a new group assessed for their bronze medallions on Main Beach on Sunday.

There is also board training with club captain Joe Dougherty at Main Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.30pm and Saturdays at 8am.

The 2011/12 patrol season ends on Anzac Day April 25.

The Yamba SLSC main club 2011-12 sponsors are Clarence Valley Council, Elders Real Estate Yamba, Yamba Golf & Country Club, Yamba Bowling Club, Grafton District Services Club, Yamba Shores Tavern, Westlawn Finance, Nortec, Coastal Views, Daily Examiner, Clarence Valley Review, Radio 2GF, Yellowtail Wines and Coopers Brewery.

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The club office number is 6646-2463, email: office@yambaslsc.com.au and the office on the 1st floor at the back of the clubhouse is open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 12noon.

The weekly Yamba Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays from Yamba Fair Butchery are on this Saturday March 17 with Jim and Jan Saunders, Mick and Sue Smith selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols this weekend are:

- Saturday March 17 9am-1pm - Patrol 4: Morgan Bramwell-Baker (c), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Bell, Marc Adamson, Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Julia Hodson.
- Sunday March 18 9am-12.30pm - Patrol 8: Pat Ridgway (c), Jim Wheeler (vc), Linda Horton, Simon Worboys, Jo Worboys, Lynette McQueen, Maddison O'Mahony, Emmalee Jesser, Keiran Jones, Caitlin O'Mahony.
- Sunday March 18 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 9: Brendan O'Mahony (c), Luke Patricks (vc), Joe McGrath, Jack Morrissey, Kealy Day, Thomas Dougherty



Hayley Fischer - Yamba 11-12 Nipper Champion